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NEWSLETTER
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CALENDAR

- June 23-24 SCCA Magnolia Classic
Info: 956-8888 (Tippy Garner)
- July 7 British Car Day (CMC-VTR)
Smith-Wills Stadium
10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Info: 825-9611 (Alex Wade)
- August 16-19 VTR National Convention
Troy, Michigan
- November 1-4 Vintage Grand Prix (SVRA)
Regional Triumph Meet (GTA)
Road Atlanta

"Rally Almost-to-the-River" by Craig House

Yes sir, we did it! Had no idea what to expect on May 12 - Jane and I imagined everything from hornados or being the only ones to show up at Howard's, to news helicopters reporting the progress of hundreds of sports car enthusiasts as they tooted through the beautiful central Mississippi countryside! As it turned out, we found a happy medium - beautiful clear weather, thirteen sports cars at Howard's, and a few more waiting for us at Vicksburg. The only real disappointment all day was that a couple of our CMC-VTR officers couldn't make the trip. We all missed Scotty, Maria, Alex, and Tere - next time guys!

One thing I'll never understand - Britishers are known for being punctual, but their cars sure aren't! You'll have to check out the list of participants, though - a really nice selection of ragtops. Well, there's one in every crowd . . . here we are, all pouring on the sun screen while like, Bitsy, and Tom are fine-tuning their quad around and air conditioning in that little blue Italian job! Troppo Molto! (Please excuse the syntax, Mike). We gathered around Roy to get the route details at 9:15 am - what I translated was

"follow the leader and if you get lost, GO WEST!" Actually, Roy and Penny had found some marvelous roads to Vicksburg - sure beats the blistering old four lane monster! All the cars stayed together for the trip over - even on our around-the-block detour in Flora led by Roy and Frank (was that a right or left turn back there?). Jeff had a little electrical trouble with the 3A, but rolling starts did the trick. We were glad to see that Joe and Mary trusted their recently-rolling Healey Hundred enough to come with us - more glad that they made it with no trouble!

Jim and Sharon were waiting for us with soft drinks, coffee and doughnuts when we arrived at 11 am. That's a nice shop; I was impressed with Jim's inventory - everything from a master cylinder for a Lotus Europa to a complete VW motor, and all of the British parts in between! At 1 pm





Frank & Tricia Peel, TR-6
 Steve & Julia Cappello, TR-3B
 Bubba Brown, TR-6
 Jeff & Paula Williamson, TR-3A

From Vicksburg:

Jim & Sharon Karel, TR-4A
 Pat Cashman, TR-6
 Norm Scheffner, XK-E

The MG you'll surely remember,
 Won many a race in November,
 The drivers profess,
 That their T-Type's success,
 Was all totally due to a Kimber!

Jim and the chapter raffled off a few prizes:

- Mike & Bitsy Hemsley won a one year CMC-VTR membership
- Keith Anderson won a case of oil (Jag's don't suck oil, do they?)
- Richard Hobbs won a half case of oil (I know TR-7's don't use oil!)

Instead of a picnic in the park, Jim led a dozen of us to a small lake outside of Bovina that his father-in-law owns - it was worth the trip! Almost lost Roy on the way, but our "Traveling Mechanic's Show" managed to keep his alternator on for the rest of the trip. Once at the spot, we ate under some trees on a slope overlooking the lake and swapped stories. The youngsters got in a little fishing and Keith's girl was treated to a horseback ride. Mike passed around his albums containing vintage European races he had seen to help us drool our way through lunch. Mid afternoon saw most of the troops heading back to their points of origin.

It was a good trip, informal and relaxing, with hardly a hint of trouble. Same time next year? Or better yet, how about a Rally to the River in the Fall?

Participants

- Mraig & Jane House, '54 AH 100-4
- Mike & Bitsy Hemsley, '76 Alfa - Alfetta Berlina
- Tom Henry (with the Hemsley's)
- Don & Lea Ann Warren, '79 MGB Lim. Ed.
- Richard & Connie Hobbs, '80 TR-7
- Roy & Penny Schooler, '73 MGB
- Joe & Mary Ann Speetjens, '55 AH 100-4
- John & Linda May, AH 3000
- Linda Newman, MGB
- Keith, Pat, Brien Anderson, '66 XK-E

British Car Day

Don't forget our British Car Day to be held July 7 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at Smith-Hills Stadium!

Any British vehicle in any condition that can be driven, trailored, towed, or shipped UPS to the Stadium will be heartily welcomed. All members are encouraged to enter the "People's Choice" contest for award eligibility and to help defray costs. There is no charge for attendance by the public or for those who do not wish to enter the contest.

During the day, contestants may come and go as they please. Although we prefer that you bring a picnic lunch, there are several restaurants and fast food stores in the area for your convenience. You may also wish to visit the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Museum and the Dizzy Dean Baseball Museum which are both located next to the stadium.

For further information, refer to the enclosed flyer or call Alex Wade at 825-9611 evenings.

