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“A gentleman does not motor about after dark” Joseph Lucas

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## EMC Tech One

**Vicksburg MS** – On Saturday, February 15 the traveling mechanics and spouses from the Jackson MS area gathered at the Clinton MS Welcome Center for a trip over to the garage of Pat and Barbara Cashman for a day of fun, food and a bit of wrenching. Often we'll catch a group of local blue grass musicians jamming at the center on the third Saturday but they'd been released for other duties this



Richard Greene up to his elbows in Jag 420.

particular weekend so we didn't dally too long. After coffees and rest breaks we struck off down the Trace. It was a bit cool and the countryside continues to suffer under mostly overcast skies so the landscape of earth tones paints a pretty somber picture. The one benefit is you can get a really unobstructed view of the topography of the area. Not a bad thing but I'm ready for spring to get rolling. On arrival in Vicksburg we were welcomed into the old downtown Dodge dealership by Pat and Barbara. There's plenty of room inside and most were able to park in the garage area. Lunch was first up and as usual, it was a spread fit for a king. Thanks to all for the great food. Winter must pass soon or that bachelor's droop of Ole Red may move the driver's seat a bit closer to the road. John Turbeville, missing

during the January meeting presented Lynn Williamson with the Big (not burnt for 2014) Piston award for all that Lynn did and does for the EMC. Lynn really assisted the EMC during our rather British weathered 2013 show keeping up with entrants and directing traffic. We really appreciate all that Lynn and Tommy do to assist the EMC. Following additional announcements including bookkeeping and



John Turbeville presents Lynn Williamson with the Burnt Piston Award.

schedule announcements the mechanic folk move to the garage for a bit of wrench time. First up was a reset of the timing on Pat's Jag 420. This was defiantly a two man job with Keith Anderson working from the top side as Richard Greene worked from the bottom. Following the timing reset the 420 was loaded up and taken out for a test drive with about half the crew. Good thing it was a 420 and not a Morris Minor but it still looked a bit like an unloading at a Ringling Bros. event. Next up was the evaluation of a fuel tank extraction on Pat's Armstrong Siddeley Station Coupe. Thru its life the tank mounting had been modified. Some of it amounted to the proverbial painting of oneself into a corner but with all of the EMC's brain trust in gear, well mostly, following the great lunch a plan was hatched however with the day drawing to a close we had to leave it up to Pat to expedite. With the wrap up, Kent Turner pointed the north bound travelers a more rural route for the return to the Jackson area on Hall's Ferry Road to Fisher Ferry Road and back to the Trace. He and Becky even traveled with us to the Trace. A great ride home was had by all. Thanks Pat and Barbara for hosting tech session one. We had a great visit! Check out Donna's latest You Tube version of the day at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XZVgu-3NUzg>.

## Tops Down!

**Rocky Springs MS** – Although I was sorry to miss the inaugural event I just couldn't make the March 15<sup>th</sup> Coffee and Cars event at Primo's in Flowood. Mike Marsh's newest auto offering was indicated to be a booming success with several less often seen cars in attendance. EMC members that made the early morning gathering for EMC's traditional Tops Down indicated that in the future it's a can't miss event.

It's on the local calendar and I'll include in future OSU's and club notices. A total of ten cars made the 10:00am rendezvous on the Trace just outside of Clinton for the drive down to Rocky Springs. Although



Gathering for drive to Tops Down 2014.

the predominate shade of the vegetation remains earth colored there are beginning to be peeks of green with a few daffodils, Bradford pear and the occasional rosebuds beginning to add a bit of highlight.



Keith Anderson leads the way to Tops Down.

Anderson led us south in his Rover at a leisurely pace which was a good thing as we did run across one officer out making rounds. Arriving at Rocky Springs we were met by several early arrivers. We set up



camp in our usual location under the trees and greeted additional members until the group had grown to twenty-seven! A great turn out and in spite of, or in just plain disobedience of, the weather person's



The ladies gathering at Tops Down.

prediction of rain by 2:00pm was way off the mark. We even got a few glimpses of sun during the afternoon. Food of course was present with many dishes prepared with the celebration of St. Patty's day in mind.



The Beavers dressed out in their green for Tops Down. Yes, they've multiplied!

Mmmmm cabbage, corn beef, beef stew. Ohhh too many to name and it was all great. Following lunch bonnets were raised, petrol properties and other very upright automobile topics were discussed by the men

folk while the ladies lounged about under the trees. Why even a top or two were dropped in celebration of the coming spring, actually upcoming in five days. Cannot wait! With thoughts of brighter weather coming we broke camp and traveled home to close out another great gathering for the EMC. Thanks to all that contributed to a day well spent.



This Leprechaun arrived in style.

### **Other Exhaust Rattles**

During Tops Down Keith started a contemplation of which EMC member had purchased a LBC new and currently retains ownership. An interesting topic as this is a very limited group of individuals dedicated to ownership and preservation. Several names were tossed about but as best we can tell, Steve Whitlow, 1974 MG Midget and Pat Cashman, 1974 Triumph TR-6 are in the group. We'll have to check pink slips at a future event to pinpoint the dates of purchase to name the one with the most "stick-to-itiveness" in the EMC. If there is a member that can show ownership from 1974 or earlier, please let us know, we'd like to recognize your tenacity.



Interior work continues on my MGB GT. John Turbeville has been by a couple of days to lend a hand, and extra set of eyes and advise on the process.

Keith Anderson continues retirement indicating that he should complete the re-build on the bug-eye engine but the one currently in use just keeps running He is in no hurry.

I ran by Jake Weaver's place a few weeks back and he's progressing thru maintenance on the cars in his garage with particular focus on his TR-6. Body work is nearing completion and soon it will be off for painting.

John Turbeville attended Tech Session 1 and Top's Down in his new Jag. I can attest that it's a very nice ride.

Dominic La Valla has his Healey 3000 down currently for an interior rebuild. No delivery date currently.

Karen Whitlow took a smack from a tractor rig in Mid-March. Steve has indicated that Karen is on the mend as is the Mini. We're glad to hear that both are OK.

Saturday April 26 is the start date for the Cajun Sprints at Jackson Motor Speedway. Additional dates are May 24, June 28 and July 26. For a very fun evening check them out in Byrum MS. Details are located at [www.jacksonmotorspeedway.net](http://www.jacksonmotorspeedway.net). I imagine that some EMC members will take in one or two of the weekends. We'll keep you posted.

That's it for this edition of the OSU. Spring is just around the corner and there are lots of fun activities on the calendar. Be sure to check us out at [www.msemc.org](http://www.msemc.org)

Happy Motoring

The EMC

### **Calendar of Events**

**March 29, 2014 - EMC/DSARC Fun Rally** - It's been promised that you won't leave the state during this rally unless you read from right to left. Then just reverse your direction to re-enter the state and have a great time at the ending ceremony. Members of the English Motoring Club and the Deep South Alfa Romeo Club have put together a great event again for 2014. Additional information will be forthcoming so stay tuned. When you receive notice, act quickly to ensure your entry. [2014 Fun Rally Entry Form](#). Details: Steve Whitfield (601) 918 – 9947 or Andy Menapace (601) 857 – 2829.

**April 19, 2014 – Coffee and Cars / Flowood MS** - There will be a gathering of auto owners at the Primos on Lakeland Drive from 7:00am to 10:00am. From the sounds of the March C & C you should put this event on your calendar. Details: Mike Marsh (601) 946 – 1950 or [mike\\_marshall@bellsouth.net](mailto:mike_marshall@bellsouth.net).

**April 25 - 26, 2014 - Brits on the Bay / Pensacola FL** - The 2013 Brits on the Bay had a record number of entrants. For the 22nd annual show they'll fill the field with friends, fun and automobiles. Make plans to attend a great weekend this time promised to be in the sun. Travel down to Pensacola with the EMC to join us for this yearly migration to sunny Florida. The Friday night gathering is a do not miss so make plans early. Details: [www.pbca1.com](http://www.pbca1.com). Travel plans with the EMC: Gene Johnston (601) 201 – 0801.

**April 26, 2014 – Car Day / Pass Christian MS** - Buddy Clarke has arranged the 2014 gathering of autos at the Pass Christian Yacht Club from 9:00am to 12:00pm. The address is 120 South Market Street in The

Pass. The yacht club will be open to those in attendance. Details: R.S.V.P. Buddy Clarke  
[clarkejamesrasso@bellsouth.net](mailto:clarkejamesrasso@bellsouth.net)

**May 17, 2014 – EMC's Drive thru History** - 2013's event was one to be remembered with a trip to the BB King Museum in Indianola a stop in Greenville for the 1927 Flood Museum and ended our trip with a great supper at Doe's Eat Place. We had a great time thanks to our host Tommy and Kathy Hart. Plans are in the making for another great event so stay tuned for additional details.