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May 31, 2004

Hope everyone has had a happy and safe Memorial Day weekend.

I spent most of mine backing up. On Friday I left Ole Red out at work with the tonneau cover on. The weather man indicated little chance of rain...wrong....!

When I waded out and rolled back the tonneau I had two to three inches of water standing the driver's floor board. I live about 5 minutes from work but in the time to took me to get home, still in a drizzle with the top down I was soaked with shoes full of water.

After I keep the carpet rolled back with a fan on it Friday night and in the sun all day Saturday, Sunday I realized the hot water insulation was not going to dry so yesterday I pulled the seat and replaced the insulation and carpet.

I did make one improvement. I now have the tracks cutout of the insulation and carpet so if it does happen again I won't have to pull the seat.

Lesson learned.

Anyway I hope you were able to get yours out the week of May 22 - 30 for British Car Week. I did run across a rather taddy yellow rubber bumper B during lunch last week at the Cherokee here in Jackson. Left a card in hopes of getting another member.

David Crawford has forwarded some updates for the website. Al Adams and I have looked over them and are very excited by the new look and updates that David has in mind. Today I received an e-mail from the web provider indicating that during the week of May 24 thru May 30 that the web site had 160 hits. That's more than I would have thought. There are folks out there looking and an updated web site should be good for the future of the EMC.

On the Calendar for June and July please note the following and plan on attending as may as possible.

June 19 Tech Session 3

We return to Pat and Barbara Cashman's shop in Vicksburg.

I'm not sure what polishing or wrenching that Pat and Barbara have planned but I'm sure we'll have a great time.

Don't forget we'll begin planing for our show in September so we need as many folks as possible to attend and bring your idea's.

Pot luck lunch begins at 12:00pm.

Details: Gene Johnston (601) 607 - 7021

Pat Cashman (601) 638 - 3240

July 9 - 11 Car Quest World of Show and Go
Jackson Trade Mart / State Fairgrounds

Last year The EMC had 10 cars present in the show and the organizers were accommodating to place all our club cars in the same area. It made for an excellent presentation. We'd like to do at least as well this year.

Here are some specifics: The cars have to be at the show site between 9:00am and 7:00pm on Friday and can be removed from the Trade Mart on Sunday after 5:00pm. BATTERIES MUST BE DISCONNECTED. The entry fee is \$25.00 for clubs with 5 or more entries mailed together and received by July 3rd. We'll meet at the Trade Mart on Friday at 12:30pm to ensure as many of our cars as possible can be grouped together. Dash plaques, class awards, and 2 passes are included in the entry fee. If you want a copy of the entry form please contact Barry or me. I'll also have copies at the June 19 tech session.

Barry Schmidt and I will coordinate getting our early registration in.

Details: Gene Johnston (601) 607 - 7021

Barry Schmidt (601) 992 - 9196

TBA July Party

I'll be getting back in touch with Jake Weaver to set a date and time for

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a July get together at Jakes. I've never been over but Jake's indicated to have all sorts of interesting toys. We'll do some grilling and supplant with some pot luck.

TBA August Meeting

Sept 25 Brits By The River

This is the 1st big show of the fall car show season. At our June meeting we'll begin discussions on assignments and followup meetings.

Again everyone's input and assistance will be appreciated to make

our's one

of the best.

Oh on the weather again.....I noted a chance of rain for the next week or so on the Weather Channel this morning. Stay dry, I know I'll be keeping a closer eye out.

Happy Motoring
Gene

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May 17, 2004

The English Motoring Club's Blues Cruise

The EMC group really had a great time traveling thru the Delta during the weekend of May 15th. Pat and Barbara Cashman setup a great route and for the most part kept the weather at bay.

Six faithful left Flora, MS about 8:30am and after a brief stop to hoist tops near Satartia motored on at an accelerated rate behind Al and Debbie Adams. Al swears there's no overdrive in his MGB GT and the speedometer was only showing 55mph, HA! Next stop was in Leland and after a relaxing tour of Jim Henson's Muppet Museum everyone popped the bonnets for a quick check and off we went again arriving in metro Merigold for lunch at the Gallery Restaurant (great food and atmosphere) and a tour of McCarty Pottery Works.

Allen Spragins had driven his newly acquired MGB down from Greenville and toured from Flora back up to Merigold with us but had to depart our little group after lunch heading back home. The Delta Turnaround King.

Jim and Faye Enzman led us on up Highway 61 to Clarksdale in their recently acquired MGB GT. Jim's having too much fun with his collection and assisting everyone that comes near. John Turbeville was present in his TR 8. I had understood that the two of them had done some first rate tuning on John's car. John indicates it hasn't run this well in two years.

We arrived in Clarksdale at the Delta Blues Museum and enjoyed the exhibits and just laying about downtown. We did get a chance to sing a minor case of "Da Blues" with our only breakdown requiring the replacement of parts, not on Dennis and Mary-Katherine Loftins's E-Type but the brake light switch on Mary-Katherine's Mercury. Bonnie Bonner did the navigating for Dennis and he didn't get lost one single time.

Saturday evening we all gathered at Morgan Freeman's juke joint Ground Zero. The music was LOUD and the food was great. Pat and Barbara did a great job of providing celebrities for our visit with Mr. Freeman being present during the evening as well as Rachel Ray (The Food Channel) there filming her \$40.00 a day show. Not sure when the show will air but keep an eye out for Ron and Haven Stuckey, their daughter Ronni (Happy 30th Ronni) and John Turbeville out there on the dance floor shakin' it up with Rachel and Morgan.

Sunday we staggered our starts from the Best Western heading home. I had an excellent drive down Hwy 49 from The Cross Roads in Ole Red meeting along the way several early American vintage automobiles. I mean real vintage, circa early 1900's stuff. I understand it was a car club from the Nashville TN area that had traveled to New Orleans and were northbound to Clarksdale. They made Ole Red feel almost new.

Thanks again to Pat and Barbara for putting together an excellent Drive Thru History 2004 Tour. If you didn't get to make it you missed some great times. Barbara's Tour Guide is a must read.

Coming up on EMC's activity list are:

May 22 - 30 British Car Week
Get 'em out and drive 'em.
We don't have anything planned but if anyone is getting out for a leisurely drive let me know I'll get the word out.
Details: www.britishcarweek.org

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TBA Jake Weaver has invited everyone over to his garage during July.
When we firm up a date I'll get the word out.

I'll start filling in the upcoming fall calendar and getting that out.

It's been a great 1st half of the 2004 season. Hope we can meet you out on the highways soon.

Happy Motoring

Gene

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April 26, 2004

The EMC'er's were spread out all over the state this past weekend. Here's the latest.

Dennis and I drove up to Kosciusko for the Trace Festival and had a great drive up the Trace. Enroute we met Joe Speetjens headed south in his Morgan but we didn't get to stop as a Federal Officer was in the area herding cattle. We met Ron Stuckey at Gasoline Alley.

Euro's were Dennis's E-Type and Ron and I with our MGBs....there was also a VW Beetle there. Many other very nice cars of American heritage and lots and lots of bikes. The crowd was enormous by Kosciusko standards with lot's of vendors present.

We did find a restaurant on the square that made a great shrimp PO-boy for lunch. Someone in south LA missed a turn.

I've checked with Jim Enzman this evening and he along with Pat Cashman and John Turbeville had a tech session on John's TR8 in Eddiceton. They didn't get too rambunctious with John's car however they did general sorting and tune-up and Jim indicates that it's running much better.

This coming weekend Dennis, Keith and I are leaving early Friday for the Walter Mitty Challenge at Road Atlanta....there's still time to sign on if your interested.

The next weekend is the Sports Cars at Tannehill Park near Birmingham. I'm planning on going over midday on Friday. Should be a good show. E-mail or call for details.

And the next weekend May 15 is the EMC Drive Thru History. Pat and Barbara have put together a great tour of the Delta. Hope that you can make it. I'll get out info when it comes to me.

Happy Motoring and keep those dust bunnies out from under your LBC.

Gene