

The Off-Side Undo

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A SPRING TO REMEMBER

In the last update we we're just finishing up with the EMC's annual Tops Down ceremony and we've been rolling along ever since.

Another visit to Tops Down is in order with a photo of Pat and Barbara Cashman's 1953 Triumph Mayflower. A real cruiser.



Photo Courtesy of David Crawford

During the weekend of April 16, 2005 EMC members and Morgan owners Joe and Cynthia Speetjens put together a big weekend for the Morgan Owners' Group South in Natchez MS.

Fellow club member Terry Trovato submitted the following write up of the weekend activities:

Joe and Cynthia Speetjens, Mal and Lana Morgan and Merideth and I served as hosts for the annual meeting of the Morgan Owners' Group South here in Natchez this past weekend. Fifteen Morgans -- one all the way from Quebec and, yes, he drove his car -- showed up for the event.

Friday night there was a hospitality suite/welcome reception at the Eola Hotel followed by dinner at Natchez's newest restaurant, Center City Grill, which is a New Orleans-styled eatery which happens to be located in the exact center of the city.

Saturday began with a whirlwind driving tour of antebellum homes, with stops at Elgin Plantation for Bloody Marys and Richland Plantation for lunch. The afternoon was free for shopping and sight-seeing. At 5 p.m., the

Morgan owners parked their cars on the handsome grounds of Dunleith Plantation in front of the mansion, where mint juleps were served. Then, it was off to dinner at Magnolia Grill at river's edge "under the hill" to observe the sunset.

Sunday morning, the group congregated at The Main Street Marketplace for coffee and Beignets before heading off to their respective destinations.

The weather was picture-perfect for the three days and all had a great time.

Thanks for the update Terry.

Also on the weekend of April 16 John Turbeville and Dennis and Mary Katherine Loftin make a visit to the Pensacola Beach Bash indicating that the turn out was great as usual with lot's of good times in the sun. See last months BM for the update. EMC's Bill and Melissa Silhan took top honors with the Peoples Choice Award with their 1949 Triumph 2000 and David and Menda Hayden were awarded 2nd in the Britannia Closed Car with their 1973 Lotus Europa. Congratulations guys and gals.

On the weekend of April 20 Dennis Loftin, Keith Anderson and I made what has become our annual partially wet trip to Atlanta for the Walter Mitty Challenge. Keith ran across some old racing buddies from the past and really enjoyed the visit. Keith was shocked when he learned the amount of capital in time and money that it now takes to be involved in vintage racing so he'll keep his MG A street able for the future. While at the track we also ran across fellow members David and Menda Hayden, I understand that David may have been bitten by the bug? It only takes money? Oh yes and time.

Upcoming events for the EMC are the EMC's Drive Thru History on May 21, we'll update in the next ish. On June 18th The Annual Jake Weaver's tire kicking, grease slapping, paint polishing cookout in Clinton MS is scheduled.

Latest membership count is at 41. If you haven't signed up, there's no better time.

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Hope everyone get's theirs out and about. Fine driving weather is here.

Happy Motoring

Gene Johnston

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