



## Slow Ride

**Ridgeland MS** – After a couple of weeks of non-MG travels it's been nice to be home for a week or so. I got the GT running a few days before leaving town on business pursuits. I did get the rebuilt distributor back in before I was called away. If your idea was similar to mine, when in need of a replacement distributor I had gone down the local parts purveyor and purchased one of their mass rebuilt distributors. Do yourself and your ride a service and get your next one or the one you're running now re-built by a reputable rebuilder. I found the price to performance improvement to be astonishing. After reading several complimentary reports and after Brother Clay took the plunge first I had Ole Red's (MG tourer) rebuilt over the winter. I was very pleased with the result so I sent off the GT's in hope that it would correct a plug fouling issue that I'd been chasing for months. It took about three weeks to a month from sending to receiving it back but I did send it at the start of the busy season and the rebuilder was in the process of relocating the business to a larger shop. On completion I got a call with an outline of the issues that were present with the distributor including an incorrect vacuum advance, advance springs, a wobbly shaft (bad bushings) and a miss-cast cap. The first 3 issues were all acquired from the afore mentioned mass rebuilder. Pre-rebuild I was about at the point to pull the lump and start the rebuild process. It would foul plugs, idle erratic, smoke and had no power. It was a real slow ride. Now it's clean plugs, consistent idle and it even pulls relatively well for an engine with 78k on the clock and after sitting on blocks for ten or so years.

During my travels I missed the British Car Week festivities. I hope that you were able to get yours out and enjoy it during the May 29 thru June 6. I've been in the GT just about every day since enjoying the trip on The Trace back and forth to work. It's beginning to warm up, atmospherically speaking but what the heck.

Don't let it collect dust. Get it out and exercise it.

### Other Exhaust Rattles

In the March OSU I mentioned that Mike Glore had made to the Live Oak Concours d'Elegance near Baton Rouge LA over the weekend of April 16. Mike had passed me a photo and note indicating that the turnout of cars for the 2010 was very nice and included a photo of the star of the show, my words, the Chaparral 2E 'flipper' car.

As a kid I had models of some of Jim Hall's Chaparral cars and was impressed at a very young age seeing the 2D at the 24 Hours of Daytona in 1966. Maybe one day I can line up a visit to their show place at the Petroleum Museum in Midland TX.



Chaparral 2E “flipper”

Photo Courtesy Mike Glore

Royce Boyer recently e-mailed indicating that he was sorry that he had been tied up with other activities and would not be able to make The Tire Kick’n this year as he’s on the road. The Tiger is in the process of acquiring new tie rod ends and an alignment so hopefully he’ll be back on the road soon. We’re looking for you Royce.

It’s been a couple of years since Alex and Tere Wade have been able to make one of our local gatherings but it sounds as though they are enjoying themselves as remote ambassadors for the EMC in Yuma AZ. Alex indicates that they’ll miss the July Lotus Weekend by a couple of weeks.

In case you missed it in the June 2010 British Marque EMC member Howard Laramy from Natchitoches LA was noted as having donated his 6/10 scale 1965 Morgan + 4 to the British Transportation Museum in Kettering OH. To see the contents of the museum visit [www.britishcarmuseum.org](http://www.britishcarmuseum.org). Sorry we didn’t get Howard over in the EMC central area for a closer inspection prior to sending the car up north. Road trip?

And in closing, during the 2010 Drive Thru History member John Turbeville indicated that he had been out recently taking photo shots of a couple of his cars. John has a nice collection of photos of his cars and agreed to send a shot or two for members to take a peek

at. The one that particularly caught my eye was John's very nice TR-8. John indicated that during the process of staging the shot he drew the attention of a passerby that was convinced that he was putting his car up for sale. John indicated that he had to be quite stern with the interloper "the car is NOT for sale" who finally said that if he ever did decide to sale he wanted to be notified. Thanks for the photo John. It's a looker.



John Turbeville's TR-8

Photo Courtesy John Turbeville

Happy Motoring Everyone!

Gene Johnston

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## **2010 EVENT CALENDAR**

### **June 19, 2010 – Jake's Picnic and Tire Kick'n / Clinton MS**

We'll be halfway thru the 2010 EMC calendar and there's plenty more. The food is great, Chef Pat is back in full service so the burgers and dogs will return to their usual level of tastiness so you don't want to miss the 2010 edition of the party at Jakes.

Bring a dish or side and get a free burger or dog. What a deal! Lunch starts about 12:00pm. Details: Jake Weaver (601) 924-4367

**July 14 -17, 2010 – EMC Road Trip / Little Rock AR**

It'll be a hot one I guarantee. We'll be leaving in the early hours of Wednesday July 14 for a whirlwind trip over into Arkansas to travel some curvy road and see some lovely sites. Plans are open so everyone can have some input. If you are interested let me know. We'll return in time to make it to the 2010 Lotus Weekend in Braxton. Details Gene Johnston (601) 607-7021

**July 17, 2010 – EMC Lotus Weekend / Braxton MS**

Travel down to the Piney Woods to Mike and Alice's place in the woods. A great trip is in store for the drive down and as well as a great meal and lots of fun and frivolity. Bring a dish and enjoy whiling away a lazy afternoon with the EMC. Lunch starts at 12:00pm. Details: Mike / Alice Glore (504) 231-5801

**August 21, 2010 – EMC Tech Session II / Brandon MS**

There's enough room and AC for everyone at David and Jo Ann's place. Come on over, the atmosphere is great. David's got lots going on in his garage and it's always of interest so bring some of that along with a dish and enjoy the fun. Lunch starts as 12:00pm. Details: David / Jo Ann Bailey (601) 992-8566