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

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The Get Away

Points North NW – Full of the spirit of adventure and the excitement of being out on the road we left on a mid-week morning for the first leg. Heading thru the flat and level landscape we anticipated we'd see, we made good time running across few implements and no obstacles we couldn't overcome. We crossed on the new passage that had raised its silvery wings to get us to the other side.



Eager steeds at Nimrod Dam AR

Photo Courtesy EMC

After a stop and following a few interviews that accompanied us most everywhere over the five days of travel we continued our trek toward the hot city of springs. Aware that we had quite a few miles to cover on day two we called the gathering in early.

Day two we pressed to higher ground picking up the pace and leaving little behind as every corner presented something new. We stopped to peruse some fellow rides in an abode built for trusty rides and in search of the next meal we took flight as we continued to the northwest end of our second days run. One unexpected bump occurred at lunch but that didn't dampen the rider's spirit. Thru nearly 30 miles of 1 -2- 3 twisties we challenged our rides on to the next crest or along a ridge or down at speeds only necessary to execute the next change of direction. From the sun at our back in the early hours to facing the bright light of the afternoon setting we continued to make progress. The hour was getting rather late when we agreed that we'd prefer the road but our overnight lodgings were near and necessary. We enjoyed the last meal of the day in the midst of a rowdy two wheeled fun bunch that appeared to just be starting their day's celebration. We all enjoyed the eureka at the end of day two.

Day three arrived with one rider down in a clutch from the prior day's escapades but help was only a call away. One rider stayed behind to lend support while three departed for a morning of roads that took us thru wide pastures and up to scenic overlooks and thru pleasant gathering places of dusty memories. We continued to the point where civil roads ended and only a faint trail continued past fields of self propelled two wheelers out enjoying themselves. Back to day three's point of origin and all riders met for a short ride on a great iron horse squashing small trinkets along the way. We took afternoon instructions from the conductor who directed us to narrow lanes that crossed rock lined beds over bridges designed for only one. We took a brief rest as we watched the sunset at the end of day three. We remained down one rider but were assured that he'd join us for day four and the turn toward the highest ground.



The Road Less Traveled

Photo Courtesy EMC

Day four and four of five struck out on the ribbon that took us winding up to an area traveled by boars and quick ones they must be. The steeds strained on the uphill runs but canopied by branches above and the cool mid-morning air they never indicated heat or exhaustion. Up top we waited our turns patiently

for openings that allowed for full tilt progressions as we made the crest and started down the slopes on the other side. Switch back upon switch back came in rapid succession to everyone's thrill and surprise. Out of breath at the end and with hearts beating rapidly we watched as two or more dozen of a Bavarian make took to the higher roads. Onto lunch at the height of day four and the view from the point was just as promised in the magazines. Down the steep inclines to the flat land below we returned to our first gathering point where our fifth driver caught up for a final night of feast and fun.

Day five and we turned toward to home. Although a few breaks were thrown our way during the five days of travel it was nothing that couldn't be overcome with an application of contemplation and resourcefulness. We returned to the windblown fields of differing hues. Across the dividing waters and thru the lands of great pride we continued on home exhausted but satisfied.

Blast from the Past

Here's another shot from the past provided by Terry and Meridith Trovato. The event was the 1987 Tourist Trophy Run. Can anyone provide details of the event?



Tourist Trophy Run 1987

Photo Courtesy Terry Trovato

Other Exhaust Rattles

Brother Clay and I are in the throes of B preparation in advance of our trip to MG 2012 in Dillard GA. John Turbeville had also indicated that after a brief rest his B will be up from some maintenance. President Charlie is laying to on the Chick Magnette with both hands. Stay tuned for more updates in the next issue of the OSU.

Trey Decell continues to collect parts for his GT.

Royce Boyer has recently re-shod his tiger with a new set of B.F. Goodrich tires. I can hardly wait to see the latest update.

While speaking of tires and specifically tire safety, take a moment to consider the tires on your daily and your LBC. I was a bit surprised recently noticing the crazing along the seams between the sidewalls and the cap on the set of tires on Old Red. They've been pushed a bit since being installed and on checking the dates they were approaching seven years old. Although there was plenty of tread left the cracking along the upper side walls made me decide that the tires on Old Red were in need of replacement. Normally you'll see the tread wear down before you see the usage date pass on your daily driver but perhaps not if your classic car sees fewer than 10,000 miles a year. Sometimes when examining tire caps along the highway slow down a bit and notice how many of those discarded caps have what appears to be pretty good tread on them. Please be sure that you take a moment to check the condition of your tires. The fender, and perhaps more, you save maybe your own.

That's it for this edition of the OSU. We ended the April Membership drive with 61 members. We never turn down a member so if you haven't joined or re-joined please get your check in the mail. Membership information is available on the web-site at <http://www.msemc.org/membership-information>.

Also while there, take a look at our upcoming calendar and make plans to join us.

Happy Motoring

The EMC

Events Calendar

May 19, 2012 –BMCNO / EMC D-day Museum Tour / New Orleans LA

The British Motoring Club of New Orleans will host the 2012 Drive Thru History. The EMC will be traveling down the back roads for a second 2012 visit with the folks in the Big Easy. Initial plans include the D-day Museum and The Cars of Yesteryears Collection. Details: Gene Johnston (601) 201 – 0801.

June 16, EMC / Taylor Big Red Fire Museum / Louisville, MS

If you always dreamed of being a fireman here's your chance. Charlie has arranged for a drive up to Louisville MS to visit the Taylor Big Red Fire Museum. Lunch will be at one of our favorite locations, Lake Tiak 'O Khata and a fun drive home on the roads less traveled. We depart Primos on Lakeland Drive at 8:30am. Details: Gene Johnston (601) 201-0801.

July 21, 2012 – 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 Glone (504) 231 – 5801.