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A little foul weather can't keep us down. It was just like home for the autos involved.

Fifteen hardy EMC supporters attended our final and very successful Tech Session IV last Saturday, November 20th at the crossroads of EMC'dom in Eddiceton, Mississippi. We had a great turn out and are sorry that other members weren't able to attend the last gathering of the mechanical wizards and their lovely wife's for 2004.

But don't worry there'll be plenty of opportunity to reunite in coming months and if your really up to having these lovers of British Iron descend on your project just give us a call or an e-mail and we'll arrange to assist.

For Tech Session IV Jake Weaver brought over the head from his TR6 project and we pulled the valves examined the seats and reached various hypothesis as to why number 5 cylinder was slightly down on compression. Since Jake has indicated he wanted a bump in the HP area it was decided to forward the bits on to the machine shop and let them do the final cleaning, surfacing and assembly.

Pat Cashman brought us two projects. First was his TR3 and it's fits, kicks and generally disagreeable SU's. After everyone concluded that the spark plugs really.. really... really were not in question, Jim and Pat after playing with not one but two Color Tunes got the TR3 purring like a kitten. Then Pat, in proper British style donned his yellow mack and took that car down the road....of course with the top down....it was only a drizzle we all heard him say on his return with water on both sides of the windshield. Pat's second project was a tire change on the trailer and the loading of the TR3 to get it home before the weather got really bad.

Keep an eye out on the website for the posting of photos from Tech Session IV. www.MSEMC.org

Jim and Faye were kind enough to provide grilled burgers and with all the fixing's once again I went home a few pounds heavier with an ear to ear grin.

May have been a bit cloudy outside but it was quite sunny from my prospective.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

December 4 - The EMC's Christmas Party

After some consternation at Tech Session IV we have

that the 2004 Christmas Party will be held on

Saturday, December 4th beginning at 2:00pm. The party

will be held at Pat and Barbara's garage in downtown Vicksburg.

Please bring a dish and come as you are.

Food, fun and frolic will be the order of the day.

Hope that everyone can attend. Directions follow:

Exit Clay Street (Exit 4B) from I-20. West on Clay Street to Cherry Street.

Left on Cherry Street ~1 to 2 blocks

The party entrance will be on the right between Pelican Cleaners and Skates Auto Glass.

Pat will have one of Briton's finest parked out front.

For those wishing to stay in the Vicksburg area overnight Pat and Barbara have offered lodging to members interested. Please contact Pat or Barbara at:cashman@vicksburg.com or 601-638-3240 home or 636-4545 work.

Thanks in advance Pat and Barbara.

Happy Motoring everyone and have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

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We went, we saw and we all had a great time.

Four members and spouses of The EMC traveled to Fairhope Alabama on October 29th for the 14th Annual British Car Festival as guest of the South Alabama British Car Club.

Friday night everyone had a whole lot of fun at the legendary Friday night reception. They put on a full meal with all the trimmings for everyone, the bar-b-que was to make legends of.

Although the area had been host to "Ivan" about a month earlier there was no major damage noted in the area and the show went off without a hitch.

The crowd was excellent and although I didn't get an accurate count the entery appeared to be up to past years. There were a couple of salvage entries...a couple of sailboats had washed up on the shore along the parkway.

Two EMC'er placed in class: Pat and Barbara Cashman with a 3rd place with their '56 Jag XK 140 and Jim an Faye Enzman tied for 3rd in class with their '76 MGB.

Other notes of interest, club member Allen Spragins took the award for longest drive from Greenville MS. Wilbert and Jean Easom's '68 MGB now owned by Tom Schmitz took 1st in class.

For additional info on the show check out the SABCC from the link on our website www.msemc.org

Followup notes? Allen has his replacement starter and is looking for a moment to return his MGB to starting without a push or pull in the very near future. I spoke to Pat Cashman earlier this week. His knee surgery went well and he is making plans on attending Tech Session IV indicating that since we worked wonders on his Lotus Europa he going to put the fate of his TR 3 in our hands.

Other notes: Pat and Barbara did make the 8th Annual Brits at the Renaissance Faire show in Florence Alabama with their Gordon Keeble. They indicated that had a great time and my understanding was that the folks with the Northwest Alabama British Sports Car and Motoring Club really enjoyed having them in attendance.

Well after an unusually mild fall it looks like winter has decided to make it's presence known. I've now resigned myself to driving the B GT with only brief fair weather trips in Ole Red. Although the heat.. heat?... in the GT is questionable at best at least it reduces the amount to cold air that whistles around your head on those cold mornings. Notice I said reduces. After having several of on or off heater valves on MGs taking to diverting water to the ground like an excited puppy I've learned to only attempt the twist of the wrist under extreme cold weather driving. So if you see me out in either the GT or Ole Red don't laugh if I look like Randy Parker from A Christmas Story, I'll still be smiling under the ski mask.

Happy Motoring

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## Gene Johnston

## **EVENTS CALENDAR**

November 20 - TECH SESSION IV

This is the last one of 2004 so bring your apetites and projects. The location will be at the hub of British Cardom for Mississippi

Eddiceton MS at Jim and Faye Enzman's. Jim and Faye have

offered to cook burgers so we need a count of attendees.

This should be a good one folks so everyone come on out. Projects

may include a head disassembly for Jake Weaver, a carb

project or two we will enjoy.

for Pat Cashman and I'm sure that Jim's got a

Starting time will be about 12:00pm

but I'm sure that early arrivee's will be welcome.

WE DO NEED A COUNT.

To have your name added to the list and for directions please call or

e-mail back.

Details: Gene Johnston - (601) 607-7021/(601) 952-2653

Jim/Faye Enzman - (601) 532-6293

December 4 - ENGLISH MOTORING CLUBS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Pat and Barbara Cashman have invited everyone to the warm confines of their garage in Vicksburg for this years party. We hope that all members will be able to attend so we can begin arrangements for next years activities and have

a great meal and fellowship to boot.

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