

The English Motoring Club had a great turnout for our 8th annual show, Brits by the River held in Vidalia LA on September 24-25, 2004.

Friday night arrivals had a great time at the eatery next door to the hotel, Lorraine's. A few arrivals had to dodge liquid weather but made it to Vidalia safe.

Saturday morning we started bright and early with 40 cars taking part in the Cruise of Vidalia arriving at the show area along the banks of the Mississippi River.

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A great showing of 45 cars had registered by show time so we had a cross section of makes and models for everyone to enjoy.

This years show was held in conjunction with the Jim Bowie Festival and Bar-b-que dual.

A large crowd was on hand for the festival and a majority made it thru our show site. Everyone had a great time conversing with the festival goers and we look forward to seeing them again next year.

Award winners at this years show included:

MGA 1st-Carolyn Hornsby 2nd-Danny Varnado 3rd-David Crawford

MGB Chrome 1st-Blake Sonnier 2nd-Susan and Allen Bradley 3rd-Gene Johnston

MGB Rubber 1st-Keith Vezina 2nd- William Harness 3rd-Dawn Gonzales and Ray Williams

TR6 1st-Carl and Marie Stocker 2nd-Bill Karam 3rd-Nicki Edrington

TR 7-8 1st-Bill Breitoff 2nd-John Turbeville 3rd-Patty and Barry Schmidt

Spitefire 1st-James White 2nd-Michael Ross 3rd-Grady Wilkerson

Sprite/Midget 1st-Vincent Gulley 2nd-J. T. Seal

Jag Sports 1st-Keith Anderson 2nd-Bob McAnaly

Rolls/Bentley 1st-Richard Branyan 2nd-Cappy and Judy Stahlman

Empire Sports 1st-Mal Morgan 2nd-Terry and Meridith Trovato 3rd-Dave and Hayden

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Empire Saloon 1st-Robert Rougclot 2nd-Andy Miller 3rd-Ted Glover

1st in the Healey 100/3000 was Ted Glover for his 1960 Austin Healey 3000. Ted also to the Long Distance award traveling from Plano Texas to join us.

Best of show went to Danny Varnado for his much modified MGA (including AC).

Show Stopper went to Mal Morgan for his 2003 Morgan Plus 8.

The Blue Light Special was awarded by Frank Webb, Vidalia's Police chief and went to Bob McAnaly for his 1954 Jag XK140 with the explanation that it looked fast just sitting there and to be real careful leaving town (HA!).

The hard luck award went to Allen Bradley for various miss starts on his way to the show and Tom Warren was awarded 1st place in the Lorry Class for his 2004 MG F-150 (as in Ford). Although Tom's MG was never officially recognized by the factory however he is easily recognized in our area as an asset to all gatherings he makes. He promises he'll have his MG, the factory recognized model ready for next years show.

Thanks to everyone that joined us to make our 2004 show a success and we look forward to seeing everyone and

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more next year.

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Pat and Barbara Cashman traveled to Fayetteville Arkansas for the Third Annual Brits in the Ozarks show with their Gordon Keble. Barbara indicated that they had a great time and were treated great food and fun. Both got to spend time with the Burt "BS" Levy self proclaimed "world's greatest ride mooch" and really enjoyed his company.

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On Saturday, October 16 several club members gathered at the home of Patti and Barry Schmidt for a short notice tech session. Officially Tech Session 3B. Keith Anderson, Pat Cashman, Jim Enzman, Joe Turbeville, Al Adams several of the lady members and yours truly gathers to pay homage to the Lucas Gods of Barry's MGB. Barry has had a beautiful blue paint applied to the car and is in porcess of reassembly. We hope to see it on the road soon.

Two area shows will be completed by the time this hits the press. Club members have indicated attendance at Brits at the Renaissance Fair in Florence AL and The British Car Festival in Fairhope AL.

British Marque,

This additional story is being submitted by the English Motoring Club of Mississippi. The story was written and submitted by past EMC President Terry Trovato.

If you could include it in an upcoming edition we'd appreciate it.

Thanks  
Gene Johnston  
President  
EMC

In a message dated 10/6/2004 1:45:31 PM Central Standard Time, ttrovato@callon.com writes:

Yes, a lot of vintage car owners visit Mississippi on a regular basis, but on Monday October 4th, a very special and unusual group of motorists arrived: members of the Jaguar Enthusiasts' Club of England, driving their own cars!

The Club sent some 59 of their cars via container ship from the Mother Country to Texas, and they are beginning a "Deep South U.S. Tour" which began in Galveston and will conclude in Charleston, South Carolina. The oldest car in the group is a 7-horsepower, 40-mile-per-hour-top-speed 1929 Austin Swallow (the Swallow company being the forerunner of Jaguar) with the newest being an XK 8. Most are 1950s, 1960s vintage. Several XK 140s/150s and 3.4 and 3.8 saloons, plus a gaggle of E-Types. A nice assortment. They also have a 60th vehicle in the procession: a lorry/truck loaded with extra parts and driven by Jaguar mechanics.

They motored into Natchez Monday afternoon, and that evening, Cappy and Judy Stahlman and Merideth and I served as "official" greeters (selected by the Chamber of Commerce) to welcome them at a champagne reception at the antebellum mansion "Dunleith."

They left Natchez Tuesday morning for the Vicksburg National Military Park where they were greeted by Pat Cashman, who pointed out sites of interest. Then, this afternoon, the group left Mississippi for Memphis, where they plan to party on Beale Street and tour Graceland. The tour concludes in Charleston on the 17th, and it cost each couple/car \$12,200 to participate (including shipping the car from England to the U.S. and back), and that does not include food, drink and petrol.

Please know we made it a point to tell these folks from across the pond about EMC and our various activities.

Terry Trovato