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A FINE TIME IN VIDALIA

Brits By The River was a hit from all the feedback receive. Great weather, food fun friends and 48 British cars took to the banks of the Mississippi River on the Louisiana side just south of the Natchez/Vidalia bridge. Hold on a second I'm getting a bit ahead of myself.

Friday night attendees were treated to some great refreshments the River View Camp Ground home of the Jim Bowie Festival and associated Brits By The River. The weather had cooled down sufficiently that everyone made an evening of it with food, drink, laughs and tall tales that would have made old Jim a very proud guest.

For the late night crowd the party moved to the nearby Comfort Suites.

The night was great for watching the tug's ply their way going north and south on the old man. Moon over the

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river, the low hum of diesels good friends and you have the makings of a very magic close to our first evening.

Following a great breakfast at the hotel most of those 48 cars I mentioned earlier made their way down the levee to the show site taking their place on the river side of the levee for the show. It was a great day for lazing by the river with great crafts, entertainment and fair food all close by. After being off one year due to hurricane interruptions everyone enjoyed the visit and the crowds attending the festival really enjoyed our return.



The Gallery along the banks at BBTR '06

Photo courtesy The EMC

Notable at this year show was the large turn out of MG's of all sorts, Triumphs TR 3's, 4's and 6's, three big Austin Healeys, McKenzie Toney's 1959 MGA, John Wilkerson attending from Texas, the large group of attendees from the New Orleans area as well as Florida and Alabama, Richard Crichton making it in for the visit and having two past presidents The Honorables Mr. Al Adams and Terry Trovato of The EMC join us again this year. I could go on and on. I won't mention all the awards here other than to note that best of show was awarded to Bill and Melissa Silhan for their beautiful 1951 Daimler. Other award winners will be posted on the web site www.msemc.org



The first line at BBTR '06

Photo courtesy Ronnie Stuckey



The second and third lines at BBTR '06

Photo courtesy of Ronnie Stuckey

Following the show everyone set off to the hotel for a rest, some air conditioning and off to local eateries for dinner. It was great touring the old town of Natchez on a comfortable late summer evening with the top down.

On behalf of the members of the EMC I want to thank all attendees for making BBTR 2006 a huge success and hope you'll visit with us in 2007.

I've received a couple of notes regarding BBTR '06. This one from EMC member Menda Hayden who along with hubby David were kind enough to bring over their Triumph TRA and their recently acquired 1974 Mini Cooper for our show.

An open letter to lovers of our hobby;

I told Dave on the way home, I don't know why anyone in the world with a British Car does not show up for