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Brit's by the River is Back!

Natchez MS – High on a bluff above the Mississippi River the English Motoring Club held the 2011 Brits by the River car show over the weekend of September 23 thru September 24. The event began Friday night with a reception across Main St. from the Grand Hotel at the Bowie Tavern. Following the hors d' oeuvres, fun and frivolity some folks went out for dinner while others took a walk about downtown Natchez prior to tucking in for the evening.

Saturday morning broke bright and clear with the usual car rinsing and then down to the show site at City Park under the magnificent oaks overlooking the Mississippi River.



Terry Trovato's 1959 Triumph TR3A

Photos Courtesy EMC

Fifty one cars along with owners, families and a large group of visitors enjoyed the cool breezes

and the new location for the show. The fall sun was well filtered thru those oaks and made for a great setting for this year's Brits by the River.

The Grand Hotel provided soft musical accompaniment for most of the day and also set up a hamburger and hot dog grill along with all the sides to ensure that lunch was available at the show site. Downtown Natchez was a big draw for the ladies and over the weekend, including Saturday they were able to take in all of the sites and shops that Natchez has to offer. You could tell from the smiles that everyone seemed pleased with the return to Natchez for Brits by the River.

By mid-afternoon the recognition and awards presentation was completed and the 14th annual Brits by the River was a wrap. This year marked the 30th anniversary of the English Motoring Club and the 2011 Brits by the River was one that we've received many compliments on. Thanks to all of the club members that were able to take an organizational role in making the 2011 show a success.



Bob Manske's 1955 MGTF

Photos Courtesy EMC

Thanks most of all from the English Motoring Club to all that traveled to and made the 2011 show a huge success. Fifty one automobiles is a high attendance mark for our show and we appreciate that you gave us a look and hope that you will spread a promotional word for the 2012 show.

Here are the awards presented at the 2011 Brits by the River:

Austin Healey

1st - Rick & Mary Lynne Huber / 1964 Austin Healey 3000. 2nd - Terry & Meridith Trovato / 1960 Austin Healey 3000. 3rd - Richard T. Harris / 1954 Austin Healey 100-4.

Sprite – Midget

1st - Steve & Karen Whitlow / 1974 MG Midget. 2nd - Steve & Karen Whitlow / 1976 MG Midget. 3rd - Tom Daughdrill / 1970 MG Midget.

MG T

1st - Vincent J. Dantone / 1951 MG TD. 2nd - Robert Manske / 1955 MG TF – 1500. 3rd - Cappy Stahlman / 1954 MG TF.

MGA

1st - David Crawford / 1959 MGA.

MGB Chrome

1st - John & Cindy Manone / 1973 MGB. 2nd - Blake Sonnier / 1972 MGB. 3rd - Gene & Martha Johnston / 1971 MGB.

MGB Rubber

1st - Keith T. Vezina / 1976 MGB + Trailer. 2nd - Tommy & Kathy Hart / 1980 MGB LE. 3rd - Deryl Brown / 1980 MGB LE.

MGB GT, C, & V-8

1st - Jim Enzman / 1974 MGB GT. 2nd - Jason Grey / 1973 MGB GT.

Triumph 2 – 4

1st - Walter & Kathy Mashburn / 1960 Triumph TR3A. 2nd - Terry Trovato / 1959 Triumph TR3A. 3rd - Don Woodward / 1956 Triumph TR3A.

Triumph 250 - TR6

1st - Allen & Sue Bradley / 1971 Triumph TR6. 2nd - John Buquet / 1972 Triumph TR6. 3rd - Dave Whitfield / 1974 Triumph TR6.

Triumph TR7 – 8

1st - Barry Schmidt / 1975 TR7.

Triumph Spitfire – GT6

1st - Grady & Donna Wilkerson / 1978 Triumph Spitfire.

Jaguar Sports

1st - Keith Anderson / 1967 Jaguar XK E-Type. 2nd - John Wells / 1995 Jaguar XJS.

Rolls Royce & Bentley

1st - Richard Branyan / 1949 Rolls Royce Silver Wraith. 2nd - Judy Stahlman / 1973 Rolls Royce Corniche. 3rd - David Bailey / 1990 Bentley Turbo R.

Empire Sports

1st - Bill & Melissa Silhan / 1967 Aston Martin DB6. 2nd - Joe & Cynthia Speetjens / 1995 Morgan +8+. Pat Cashman / 1964 Gordon Keeble GK1. 3rd - Ted Glover / Morgan.

Empire Economy

1st - Tom & Jeanne Schmitz / 1967 Mini Cooper S. 2nd - Tom & Jeanne Schmitz / 2011 Mini Cooper S.

Best of Show

Bill & Melissa Silhan / 1967 Aston Martin DB6.

Renaissance Euro Fest 2011

Ridgeland MS – I've not been able to attend the Renaissance Euro Festival held in Ridgeland since its inception in 2009 but had been advised that I'd really missed a great time.



Rolls & Bentleys at 2011 Euro Fest

Photo Courtesy EMC

EMC member Michael Marsh has promoted the show to everyone within ear shot and it was very evident in the number and quality of cars that attended the October 8, 2011 show. William Jeanes of Car and Driver fame was the guest of honor at this year's Euro Fest and everyone enjoyed his company during the event. Being this was my first I must say that I was overwhelmed by the cars and the crowds that were in attendance at the 3rd Annual Renaissance Festival.

The best count that I've been able to get to date is that approximately 100 cars made this show and the sight and sounds of these beautiful cars in the classic architectural setting of the Renaissance Center was great. Congratulations to Mike on putting together a great event in Central Mississippi.

EMC Monthly Meeting

Eddiceton MS – The very next weekend fifteen members of the EMC gathered at the center of all things British in South Mississippi. Jim and Faye Enzman were kind enough to invite the EMC into their home for Tech Session III. Summer hadn't let go of its grip so it was quite warm but five travelers made the gathering in their LBC's. Recent members Tommy and Kathy Hart made the longest drive of a little over three hours from Greenville to join the group for some fine eats and some tinkering with the resident MG's in Jim's collection.

A brief meeting was held to wrap up notes on BBTR 2011 and start plans for 2012's show. Calendar items were discussed for the remainder of 2011 and we're beginning to look ahead to the 2012 schedule.

Don't forget that we're still looking for bios from members, how you got tangled up in LBC's, got untangled or other tales of enjoyment or woes. Just about any idea is welcome for submission. Also, don't forget at the 2011 Christmas party we're looking for your awards. Get your mind churning over the events of 2011 serious or funny and attach an award to it for presentation at the December 3rd Party. This promises to be a great time so make plans to attend.

Other Exhaust Rattles

In addition to exceeding the half century mark at Brits by the River the EMC set a new membership mark in 2011 with a total of 71 memberships. Thanks everyone for getting the word out. Recent members added include Ernie and Mary Clarke of Brookhaven with a brace of Jaguars, Douglas McClelland hailing from Starkville also with a brace of Jaguars and Jim Pace from Ridgeland with an E-type coupe. October is obviously the month of the cat. Richard and Pamala Harriss, first place in class at BBTR in 2011 with their 1954 Austin Healey BN1 have re-signed with the EMC. Thanks everyone and welcome to the EMC.

That's it for this edition of the OSU. If you have suggestions for corrections or improvements please send those along. We're looking to a great end to 2011 and 2012 should be a banner year so stay tuned. If you are not receiving the OSU via e-mail please let contact me, or one of the

other EMC officers listed at www.msemc.org. We'll do our best to ensure that you receive timely updates.

Happy Motoring,

The EMC

Events Calendar

October 21 - 22, 2011 – South Alabama British Car Festival / Fairhope AL

It's a nice drive down the ribbon of licorice to Fairhope AL so join the caravan to the lovely city by Mobile Bay. The Friday night meet and greet is always fun and the food is fantastic. The show on Saturday is right on the bay with a great array of British Cars. Details: www.sabcc.org. Travel plans with the EMC: Gene Johnston (601) 607-7021

October 21 - 22, 2011 - Scarecrow Cruise and Car Show / Madison MS

Are you going to be around town on this weekend? This is a the car show that you've got to get on your calendar. Cars of every variety are present and it's guaranteed that you'll see something you like and some great folks to share your ride with. Details: www.msclassiccruisers.com

If your going and want to ensure that your parked with other LBC owners Keith Anderson has agreed to head up the LBC contingent that'll be leaving from Primos on Lakeland at 8:30am sharp. Note this is the auto gathering place for early risers on Saturday. The doors open at 6:30 am and breakfast is offered. Additional LBC details: Keith Anderson
601 519 7402 cell (for day of show only), 601-829-2573 home

November 19, 2011 – EMC Tech Session IV / Ridgeland MS

We'll have the chili on the stove and a wrench ready for stirring. We'll put together a project or two or perhaps take one apart. Hope you can make the final tech session of 2011. Lunch starts at 12:00pm. Details: Gene / Martha Johnston (601) 607-7021

December 3, 2011 - EMC Christmas Party / Vicksburg MS

We return to the place that started the 2011 EMC tech sessions. Make plans to join us at Pat and Barbara's to wind down 2011 with our year end gathering. Again in 2011 we will be sharing the table with the Deep South Alfa Romeo Club so bring a dish and join what's become a great gathering. The party starts as 2:00pm. Details: Pat / Barbara Cashman (601) 638-3240