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This 'n That

By Charlie Durning

Brits on the Bluff is now in the books. It could not have happened without the hard work of volunteers. They are listed later in the newsletter. It was a good time of fellowship, wonderful cars and, a beautiful setting. Over all there were 39 cars present and the competition for the awards was hot. Editor-et Donna has compiled a slide show of the event. You can find the link in "From the Passenger Seat" on page 12 of this newsletter.

As the weather turns cooler there are lots of upcoming events.

Don't miss Euro-Fest in Ridgeland. Mike Marsh has worked hard to make this a successful event.

<http://www.euro-fest.net/ridgeland/>

Next there is the British Car Festival in Fairhope, AL. This is always a fun time. The folks from the EMC usually stay at the Baron's Inn.

<http://www.sabcc.org/bcf2017.htm>

<http://www.baronsinn.com/>

And our next tech session at Bro Gene and Martha's place in November.

Hope to see you all there.

Exhaust Rattles

by Charlie Durning

Mike Hemsley has his 1949 Austin Dorset for sale Contact him for the complete story and list of modifications at giuliasupermike@gmail.com. Mike Hemsley, 571-239-7288



Article Submitted by Keith Anderson

I had Greg Matheny design and build a "catch pan" to fit under the gearbox opening (with the cotter-pin) for Robert Watson's Healey 100 after we confirmed with many Healey owners, racers and mechanics that there is no way to stop the rear main seal from leaking, even with the after-market seals from Moss and others.

I am so impressed with Greg's craftsmanship that I wanted to share a photo (above) of his work. Thanks so much for you having invited him to the Cashman's garage gathering last year. We have enjoyed our friendship with Greg and also Gary, his employer. (Gary Williams Racing Carbs; they build carbs for Andretti motorsports).



Brits on the Bluff 2017



Brits on the Bluff was once again time well spent. The Friday evening kickoff at Bowie's Tavern was rife with conversation and good fixn's. It was good to see old friends and meet some new ones. The folks at the Natchez Grand did a good job as the host hotel. They provided comfortable accommodations, water to wash the cars, and a roped off parking area.

On Saturday about sun up, tech guy Keith was busy laying out the spaces in the display area at the nearby city park. By midday the temps started getting toasty. It's a good thing there are several trees for shade. The ladies were able to escape the heat at the Queen's Luncheon organized by Merideth Trovato. It was nice to not have rain as we had last year but frankly some of us would have appreciated a little rain to cool things off a bit. Still it was a good time of conversation and LBC inspections.

Because of the expected heat it was decided to do the door prizes and awards an hour earlier than usual. That was a welcome decision so we could get in and out of the heat. Terry Trovato was our M/C once again this year.

The list of winners and workers are listed below. I would like to thank the folks from BMCNO for their participation and our sponsors for some of the door prizes: Moss Motors and British Parts Northwest.

Hope to see you again next year.





And the winners are...

A-Class MGA	1st Danny Varnado	1958 Yellow MGA
B-Class MGA Chrome	3rd Blake Sonnier	1972 Yellow MGB
	2nd Gene Johnston	1973 White MGBGT
	1st Mark Huber	1966 Dove Gray MGB
C-Class MGB Rubber	3rd John Turbeville	1977 Red MGB
	2nd Deryl Brown	1980 Black MGB Limited Edition
	1st Keith Venezia	1976 Maroon MGB
E-Class Rubber Bumper Midget	1st Steve Whitlow	1976 Maroon Midget
Chrome Bumper Sprite	1st Benny Stieger	1967 Silver Austin Healey
G-Class Austin Healey	3rd Richard Harris	1954 Green BN-1
	2nd Dominic LaValla	1966 Light Blue BJ-8 Austin Healey
	1st Rick Huber	1964 White/Blue 3000 Austin Healey
I-Class Triumph TR2-TR3	2nd Terry/Merideth Trovato	1959 Green Triumph TR3
	1st Burt Ballard	1954 White Triumph TR2
J-Class Triumph TR6	2nd Karen & Ronnie Palmisano	1976 Blue Triumph TR6
	1st Stephen Turner	1972 Silver Triumph TR6
K-Class Triumph TR7	1st Barry Schmidt	1975 Rust Triumph TR7
M-Class Jaguar Pre 1974	1st Milton Franklin	1969 British Racing Green Jaguar E-Type
N-Class Jaguar Post 1974	3rd Henry Larose	2002 Green Jaguar XKR
	2nd John Wells	1995 Brown Jaguar XK8
	1st Cathy Greensfelder	2001 Green Jaguar XK8
O-Class Jaguar Sedan	3rd Doug Thomas	2005 Blue S-Type
	2nd Martin St. Romain	2005 Blue XJ8

	1st Barbara Cashman	1967 Black 420G
Q-Class New Mini	2nd Merideth Trovato	2005 Green Mini Cooper
	1st Jack Kennedy	2005 Orange Mini Cooper
R-Class Empire Sports	1st Mike Glore	2012 Orange McLaren
U-Class Empire Roadster	2nd Richard Green	2005 Silver Lotus Elise
	1st David Bailey	2002 Green Aston Martin DB7
V-Class Saloons	2nd Bob Adams	1996 Black Bentley Turbo R
	1st Richard Branyon	1949 Beige Rolls Royce Silver Wraith
Hard Luck Award	Keith Anderson	Broke down in TR6 on the way to Natchez and ended up driving a Miata
BEST OF SHOW	Burt Ballard	1954 White Triumph TR2



Best of Show Burt Ballard

Pictured above left to right: David Hayden, Burt Ballard (center), John Turbeville

Thank you to all who helped out with this year's show!

Hotel contact

Pres John

Registration

Dr. Word and Clay Johnston, Stephen

Turner

Vote Tally

Stephen Turner and Pres John

Field prep and car class organization

Tech Guy Keith

Car class organization and trophies

Pat Cashman

Set-up

Bro Gene

Regalia

Pres John, Martha and Faye

Organized the port-a-potties

Editor Charlie

Local publicity, park reservation local relations

Terry Trovato

Transport of event equipment

Martha

Coordinate goodie bags

Bro. Gene

Photography

Editor-et Donna and Barry Schmidt

Slide Show

Editor-et Donna

Terry Trovato coordinated with local newspaper and his efforts netted a front page story

Letter from Karen Murray, BMCNO

English Motoring Club Mississippi,

WHAT AN AMAZING WEEKEND!!!!!!!!!!!!!! On behalf of the British Motoring Club New Orleans, I would personally like to congratulate your club on another wonderful show. Our club always looks forward to your show in Natchez. The city is amazing, food delicious, venue unbeatable, friendships inspiring, and beautiful cars. What more could a person want??? Your Southern hospitality and charm are on display from the moment we arrive until we leave. What a great weekend with friends.

Thank everyone in your club for an awesome job well done. Looking forward to our trip next year!!!! Please don't change a thing.

Sincerely,
Karen Murray, President
British Motoring Club New Orleans

Membership News

by Stephen Turner



We would like to welcome these new members to the MSEMCI!

Burt Ballard who just bought David and Menda Hayden's Triumph TR2

Henry LaRose who has a 2002 Jaguar XKR

Blake, Kathy, and Abby Sonnier who have multiple MGB's, an MGBGT, and MGA

David Williams who owns a 2005 Lotus Elise

Blast from the Past

by Terry & Merideth Trovato

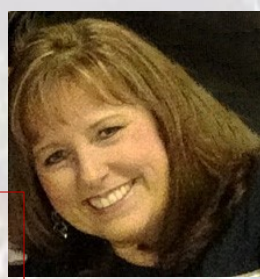


As British car enthusiasts, more often than not we tend to believe we know about every car manufactured in England within Her Majesty's empire. But then EMC's Pat and Barbara Cashman will surprise us with a "never seen one of those before," like this 1960 Armstrong Siddeley Star Sapphire Saloon.

Only 902 Star Sapphire Saloons were ever produced, and the Cashmans' car came with an interesting history. "We bought it from a dentist in North Carolina who had purchased it from Hazel Sharpe, whose husband, Selwyn, was the publicity director for Armstrong Siddeley for many years," Pat relates. The vehicle was powered by a four-liter hemi head six-cylinder engine with dual carburetors.

A three-speed Borg Warner automatic transmission and power steering were also fitted and, of course as a non-export vehicle intended for the home market, it featured right-hand drive. "We bought it in the late 1990s and sold it a few years back," Pat continues, "and I truly regret letting go of it."





Brits on the Bluff is always a fun weekend. This year's event was no exception. There is always a variety of activities to keep everyone entertained. Here is a slideshow from the weekend! Enjoy!

Photos by Donna Durning and Barry Schmidt

[Click here for the Brits on the Bluff 2017 Slideshow](#)

Natchez is rich in history. Let's look at the Rosalie Mansion near the grounds of the car show.

Rosalie Mansion



I love finding out where a place got its name. Here is the story of Rosalie....

Rosalie Mansion is near the site where the French massacred the Natchez Indians on the Mississippi Bluff. The French built a fort on the bluffs of Natchez in 1716 and called it Rosalie in honor of the Countess of Pontchartrain. (*Does Pontchartrain sound familiar?*)

Peter Little arrived in Natchez from Pennsylvania when he was 17 years old. He purchased the land for the mansion as well as some land in Louisiana in 1798. . He kept the name Rosalie in honor of the fort and its settlers.

Peter used the ferryboat at Natchez Under-the-Hill to cross the Mississippi River when he went to check on his land in Louisiana. On those trips he became close friends with the ferryboat owner, Jacob Lowe and his family.

Yellow Fever struck in 1806 and killed Jacob, and his wife soon became ill with the disease. When she realized she was dying, she asked Peter to take care of her daughter, Eliza. He kept his promise to take care of Eliza and decided that the best way to do that was to marry her.

In 1816 Eliza helped found the Natchez Children's Home, and many of those children found a loving home at Rosalie. Peter and Eliza also raised Peter's niece after his sister's death. The couple was married for 45 years, but never had any children of their own. Eliza tragically died in 1853 of Yellow Fever. She was 60 years old. Peter passed away three years later at the age of 74. Since he did not have a will, the estate was auctioned.

In 1857, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wilson acquired the house. They too, welcomed orphaned children into their home at Rosalie. They adopted one of the girls who later married and had 6 children, all born at Rosalie. Two of the daughters continued to live in the mansion for the rest of their lives.

In 1863 Rosalie became headquarters to the Union Army under General Walter Gresham and local commander General Thomas Ransom, who protected the house and its contents, including furniture, toys, books, scrapbooks, and clothing. They also insured most of the buildings in the city remained unscathed. Today, Natchez is home to more surviving ante-bellum mansions than any other city in the South.

Rosalie remained in the Wilson family until 1938 when it was purchased by the Mississippi State Society Daughters of the American Revolution.



The Queen's Luncheon



Many thanks to Merideth Trovato for organizing the Queen's Luncheon!

Our fearless ladies marched downtown with the Queen's flag to descend on the Cotton Alley Café'. We especially enjoyed our visiting friends from the New Orleans Club!

Cotton alley did not disappoint. The food and service were great, but the conversation and laughter were even better. Hope you enjoy these photos from the luncheon.

—DD







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Upcoming Events

English Motoring Club 2017 Calendar

October 7 - Renaissance Euro Fest Come to Ridgeland Mississippi and enjoy the 9th Annual Renaissance Car Fest. The 2016 event was one to remember. Lots of participation from EMC members as well as friends from surrounding clubs will be the order again for 2017.

When posted get your entry in early and make plans to attend. You'll see cars that you don't get a chance to enjoy often and in the surroundings of the Renaissance it's just magnificent. Details: www.euro-fest.net.

October (check for dates), 2017 – South Alabama British Car Festival / Fairhope AL - It's a nice drive down 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. Join EMC members to drive and celebrate this show in its 27th year. Details: www.sabcc.org.

November 4, 2017 – EMC Tech Session / 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 2017. The garage opens early and lunch starts at 12:00pm. Details: Gene / Martha Johnston (601) 607 – 7021.

December 2, 2017 – EMC / DSARC Christmas Party / Vicksburg MS - We return to the place that started the 2016 EMC tech sessions. Make plans to join us at Pat and Barbara's to wind down 2017 with the EMCs year end gathering. Details: Pat / Barbara Cashman (601) 638 – 3240.

Reminder: January (date to be determined) will be the annual business meeting and awards luncheon.

***** We are looking for a volunteer to organize the 2018 Drive Thru History in May. *****