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“A gentleman does not motor about after dark” Joseph Lucas

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## Kick – Off

*Ridgeland MS* – No, not the kick-off that you imagine with football season well into swing, the kick-off of car show season. We are at the start of the fall 2012 British Car Show season in the Southeast. The Shoals British Car Club, Northwest Alabama held their car show on September 7 thru 8 and I understand their turnout was very good. The English Motoring Club’s Brits on the Bluffs will be held on September 21 thru 22 in Natchez Mississippi.



Drive Time

Photo Courtesy EMC

We’re looking for a good turnout and from the current weather prognosticators it appears that the weather will cooperate quite nicely, hopefully with low humidity, lots of sunshine and a cool breeze off the river.

Speaking of low humidity if you haven't had the chance to get out in your ride now is the time to get out and drive. Last week's morning drives were super and the evening cruises weren't bad either. There are plenty of upcoming shows within a few hours' drive for weekend adventurers but there are plenty of rides in the area to satisfy your need for a drive. The main objective should be to get out and enjoy your LBC. For longer distance suggestions for those that travel take a look at the events calendar at [www.msemc.org](http://www.msemc.org).

As the out of towners catch up with the EMC thru the British Marque the 2012 Brits on the Bluff will be behind us. We're hopeful that a few new EMC travelers will have made the trip to Natchez, including Club President Charlie During in the Chick Magnette and hopefully Scotty Marsh in his recently acquired Triumph TR-6.



Tom Schmitz MGA Coupe at BBTR 2009

Photo Courtesy EMC

### **Blast from the Past**

I mentioned in the August OSU that the British Car Day hosted by the Central Mississippi Chapter of the Vintage Triumph Registry (pre-EMC) included weather that required foul weather gear. It seems that 1983 must have been a real wet one based on this entry that ran in the August 1983 newsletter.

#### **Rain Maker for Hire**

CMC-VTR has a proposition to make all drought-ridden states: Let the CMC-VTR plan an event in your area and we will guarantee thunderstorms and floods of biblical proportions!

Check our track record: the British Car Day on May 21, the Summer Party on June 25, and the Vicksburg Tour on July 16. Each occasion drew heavy rain, including a major flood on May 21.

Our next work shop may be on weatherproofing. We can attempt to answer the eternal question: “Are the terms weatherproof and Triumph mutually exclusive?”

We will hold it indoors, of course.

### **Other Exhaust Rattles**

I continue work on the engine overhaul on the MGB GT it’s been a slow process. With cooler weather hopefully I can get my priorities in the correct order.

Keith Anderson has been working on the re-hab of his bugeye and I understand that Mike Glore will be showing off his Lotus Elan at upcoming events.

Jim Enzman has reported that he has resolved an oil leak on his MG and is excited about Brits on the Bluff. I reminded Jim to check the oil.

The EMC has added two new members. Ted and Pat Oster from Covington LA don’t currently own but are shopping to fill a spot in their garage. Welcome to the EMC Ted and Pat we are looking forward to seeing you at an EMC Event.

That’s it for this edition of the OSU.

Happy Motoring,

The EMC

### **Events Calendar**

#### **September 21 - 22, 2012 – EMC Brits on the Bluff / Natchez MS**

We had such a good time in 2011 returning to Natchez that we could resist the invitation to return in 2012. We’ve also returned to the original Brits on the Bluff title for 2012. We’re looking for a great turnout for The EMC’s 2012 show. We hope that friends from near and far will join us. For details and registration form click: [BOTB 2012](#). Additional details: John Turbeville (601) 940 – 5288, Gene Johnston (601) 201 – 0801.

#### **October 6, 2012 – Renaissance Euro Fest Car Show / Ridgeland MS**

Last year was the third for this show located state center. The cars were great and the crowds and participants alike all enjoyed it so it’s back on the calendar for 2012. Make plans to attend. Details: [www.renaissanceatcolonypark.com](http://www.renaissanceatcolonypark.com).

#### **Oct. 13, 2012 - Nashville British Car Club Show / Nashville TN**

Friday evening reception for Saturday's show participants. Car show open to the public for viewing 100+ British cars on the lawn of Nashville's full-sized Parthenon replica! Pre-register to save money, help establish car classes, and to qualify for a unique door prize. Featured Marque is Sunbeam. Details: [www.nashvillebritishcarclub.org](http://www.nashvillebritishcarclub.org). Contact Mike Long @ 615-790-2169 or email [myriley4@bellsouth.net](mailto:myriley4@bellsouth.net)