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## This 'n That

By Charlie Durning

The weather is finally starting to cool off a bit. This begins a busy LBC season. There will be lots to do in the coming weeks and months. September is also the month for Brits on the Bluff in Natchez, MS. Brits on the Bluff is open to all British cars in any condition. We would love to see your projects, works in progress, barn finds, and pristine examples of fine British engineering. We'll even welcome Italian cars and our friends in **DSAROC**. It's always a good time in a fabulous setting. More on Brits on the Bluff later in the newsletter.

In the coming weeks, among others, there is Euro-Fest in Ridgeland in October, the British Car Festival in Fairhope, AL in October, the Air National Guard Family Relief Fund in November, our final tech day of the year in November, and we'll round out the year with the **EMC/DSAROC Christmas party**.

The most important of the above events is the comradery and connecting with folks who we may not have seen for a year or more.

Hope to see you all at our upcoming events.

# Exhaust Rattles

by Charlie Durning

**Bro Gene**, with the help of **Bro Clay** has stripped down **Ole Red** for a repaint. When finished Ole Red will be as pretty as **Bro Gene's** white GT.

**Bro Clay** has a new polished Tourist Trophy exhaust system for his MGB. The change out was quick and easy with the help of **Bro Gene** and **Editor Charlie**. The old system was very loud. The new system is a pleasant relief from the drone at highway speeds of the old system.

On Sept 3 **VP Steve** organized an impromptu drive on the back roads of Simpson County. A **total of 3** attended. Lots of fun discovering new roads, some good and some not so good. All in all it was lots of fun exercising our LBC's prior to heading down to Natchez. **VP Steve** did an excellent job of eradicating the love-bug pollution from the front of our cars.

## A Day at the Bailey's

Once again **David and JoAnn Bailey** opened their Museum for our August tech day. **David** has all sorts of British and Italian cars on display. He even had a few projects for us to view. Our thanks to **David and JoAnn** for opening their place for us.

By noon **David** called our attention to a great spread for a yummy lunch and more conversation. After things had settled **Pres. John** called us to order for some business.

David and Joann were thanked for inviting us into their museum/shop, future business was discussed, Bro Clay said we have money in the bank, and visitors Henry Larose and Janette deBoever were introduced. After the meeting it was time to put together the goody bags for Brits on the Bluff. Once again our thanks go out to the Bailey's for hosting the August meeting.

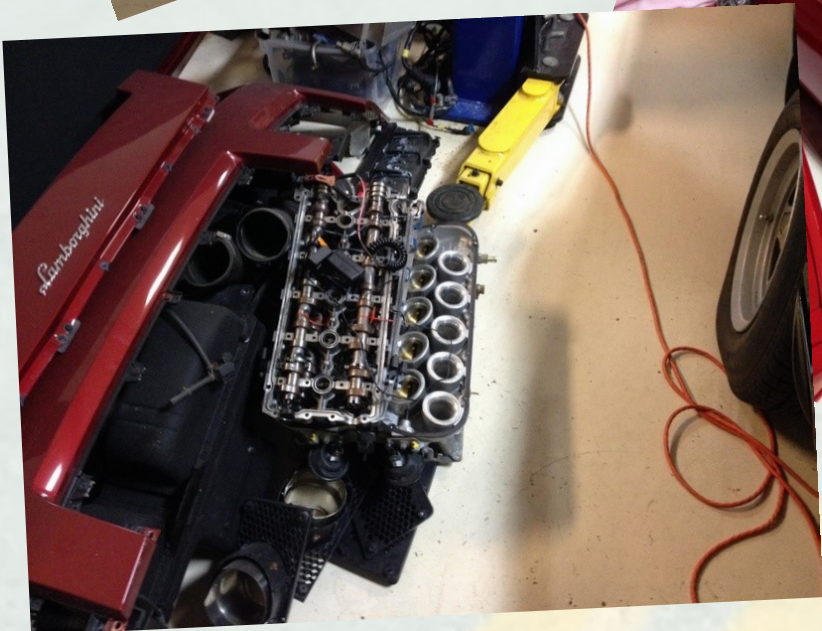
David & Joann











# David Neely Makes Moss Motors Cover

Fellow EMC member **David Neeley's** car made the **Moss Motors** cover. His **brother Johnny** is in the picture. The picture was made in the Blue Ridge Mountains on the way to the **Moss Motorfest**.



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# Blast from the Past

by Terry & Merideth Trovato



TR-7's and TR-8's were well represented at the 2002 edition of EMC's Brits on the Bluff held on the grounds of the Rosalie Mansion in Natchez. And gorgeous weather was the order of the day.



## 2nd Annual 2017 Wings and Wheels

Although the Wings and Wheels is not an official EMC event, several of our members are supporters. Bob Jackman is working on details for EMC members who would like to show their cars. He will provide information for dropping of your car so you can attend the tech session at the Johnstons' and pick up your car at the end of the event.



**FOR SHOW MANAGEMENT ONLY**

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**EVENT DETAILS: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wings & Wheels 2017 In Support of the 172d Airlift Wing Family Relief Fund. This is a "closed event" limited to the first 225 vehicles**

**LOCATION: 172d Airlift Wing, 141 Military Dr, Jackson, MS 39232**

**DATE/TIME: Saturday, 4 November, 2017 / 0800 - 1430**

**AWARDS: Dash plaques and awards presentation at 1400.**

- CLASSIC CARS    HOT RODS**  
**TRUCKS            MODERN MUSCLE CARS 1995-PRESENT**  
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Please prepare a separate registration form for each vehicle to be registered. Make photocopies as needed. Proof of Insurance is required upon arrival. To register, please read the rules and regulations located on the back of this form. Complete and sign the form. Please return the form along with your payment. Checks may be made payable to "MS Classic Cruisers/172 Family Relief". Mail completed form and check to Mississippi Classic Cruisers – PO Box 592 – Madison, MS 39130. Please add the notation 172 Family Relief in the check memo box. The registration fee is \$25.00 for the first vehicle and \$20.00 for each additional vehicle. Registration deadline is 31 October 2017. Absolutely no registrations will be accepted after 31 October due to security requirements. Passenger's personal information is required as well.

**PERSONAL INFO:**

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PHONE #	EMAIL		
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ADULT PASS DL #		STATE	

**VEHICLE DETAILS:**

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INSURANCE CARRIER	POLICY #		



## **2017 Wings and Wheels Rules and Regulations**

All registered vehicles must carry automobile liability coverage with minimum limits of \$25,000/\$50,000 bodily injury and \$25,000 property damage. The Undersigned acknowledges and understands that no insurance is available for coverage to the Undersigned unless otherwise provided by private insurance obtained by the Undersigned.

**Entry and Advertising Release:** In consideration of this entry, car owner and spouse/guest agree to permit Mississippi Classic Cruisers the use of their names and pictures, and pictures of their cars for publicity, advertising and commercial purposes (including newspaper, magazines, radio and television) before, during and after the event and do hereby relinquish rights to any photos taken in connection with event, and give permission to publish or sell or otherwise dispose of said photographs to Mississippi Classic Cruisers. All publicity and advertising rights reserved by The Airman and Family Relief Fund.

**Operation:** Event management reserves the right to restrict entrants to acceptable behavior during any and all activities of the show. Open headers, unnecessary tire spin, loud music, or any other reason an entrant on his/her vehicles, their appearance or conduct are deemed objectionable by event management, entrant and his/her vehicle will be subject to eviction from the premises. This reservation includes persons, things, conduct, printed matter or any action or item of poor character which management considers objectionable to the event's wellbeing. Alcohol and illegal substances are prohibited anywhere on the installation. The driving or operating of any vehicle under the influence of alcohol or any illegal stimulant or substance is prohibited. In the case of any eviction or restriction, The 172d Airman and Family Relief Fund is not liable for refunding entry fees except at its own disclosure. Event details subject to change without notice.

**Liability:** In consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate, entrants, and participants by execution of this entry for , release and discharges The 172d Airman and Family Relief Fund, the 172d Airlift Wing, Mississippi Classic Cruisers, and their officers, directors, trustees, employees, members, agents, representatives, volunteers, organizers, promoters, and anyone else connected with the management or presentation of The 172d Airman and Family Relief Fund, from any and all known or unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgements, and/or claims from any cause whatsoever that may be suffered by entrant to his person or property. Further each entrant expressly agrees to indemnify all of the foregoing entities, firms, persons, and bodies of and from any and all liability occasioned or resulting from the conduct of entrants or any contests, games, or activities may be limited.

# From the Passenger Seat

By Donna Durning



I hope you have enjoyed the history lessons from the 2017 Drive Thru History. This is the last installment of the series. I plan to take closer looks at some other interesting places in Mississippi in up coming issues. Stay tuned! - DD

## Sumrall

Sumrall is a quiet town located 15 miles west of Hattiesburg in the northern part of Lamar County. The town was named after **Dan Sumrall**, who came to the area after the Civil War. Mr. Sumrall had traveled through the area during the war, when he was an **officer in the Union Army**. He liked what he saw and returned after the war. He bought a water mill from **Author Lott**, which was located on what is now Highway 42. Arthur Lott was the son of **Watts Lott**, who first settled the area.

Mr. Sumrall maintained the mill and built a cotton gin and trading post. In 1890, he applied for a post office for the trading post. It was approved and named the **Sumrall Post Office**. In 1891, the **J.J. Newman Lumber Company** bought the water mill and gin from **Mr. Sumrall**. The community quickly grew into a large trade area.

On **July 22, 1903**, a group of men sent a letter to **Governor A.H. Longino**, petitioning for the incorporation of the town. The men were not pleased with the name **Sumrall**, so they wrote the Attorney General asking what the town should be named. The Attorney General replied that they could name the town whatever they wanted, but the post office would always be named **Sumrall**. They felt there was no choice but to keep the name Sumrall, even though most Southern towns during that time were named after some great Southern gentlemen, not a "**Yankee officer**". The town was incorporated on **October 6, 1903**.

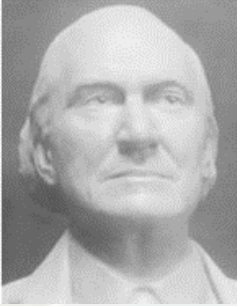
*A Busy Day at  
Sumrall, Miss.*

1908



The Sumrall jail and courtroom, were named as Historical Landmarks. **The courtroom was the site of the first all women jury in the state.** Sumrall is also home to several parks, including the Lions Club Park and recently improved Town Park on Rocky Branch Road. **The Long Leaf Trace**, a designated National Recreation Trail, begins in neighboring Hattiesburg and continues through Sumrall ending **40 miles** later in Prentiss. Bikers and joggers alike can enjoy the pristine beauty along "The Trail". Over 100 retail businesses and restaurants call Sumrall home.

## Hattiesburg



**Captain William Harris Hardy**, founder of Hattiesburg, was born at Collerine, Alabama on February 12, 1837. He received training in education, law, and surveying. During the **War Between the States**, he served as **Captain of Company H of the 16th Mississippi Regiment.**

In 1868, he conceived the idea of building a railroad from Meridian to New Orleans. The preliminary survey was completed in 1872, and the next several years were spent in promotion and organization.

Captain Hardy, a widower with six children, met **Hattie Lott** on a visit to Mobile in April of 1873. He was so impressed with Hattie's kindness of heart that he cultivated the acquaintance, and they married on December 1, 1873. The couple was extremely happy and made a home in Meridian, Mississippi, where their two sons and a daughter were born.

In August of 1880, during a survey trip from Meridian to New Orleans, Captain Hardy stopped to rest and have lunch. This lunch spot was on the north side of Gordon Creek near a large Oak tree and several Hickory trees. This location is now in the downtown section of Hattiesburg, across the street from the United States Post Office.



While resting, **Captain Hardy** spread a map of Mississippi on the ground and studied the surveyed line of the New Orleans and North Eastern Railroad. He drew a line through the virgin pine forest and intersected the New Orleans and North Eastern Railroad where the city of Hattiesburg is now located. Hardy decided to locate a train station here and named it "**Hattiesburg**" in honor of his second wife, **Hattie Lott Hardy.**

Tragically, Hattie died in 1895 without ever visiting the city named for her. To make a fresh start, a grief-stricken and now Senator Hardy moved his law practice to Hattiesburg. In 1900, he married **Ida Viola May**. Three boys were born to the couple while they lived in Hattiesburg. The now Judge Hardy died on February 17, 1917, at 80 years of age. He is buried in Gulfport, terminus of the Gulf and Ship Island Railroad, which he founded in 1887. There is a collection of William H. and Hattie L. Hardy papers in the **McCain Library Archives at The University of Southern Mississippi.**

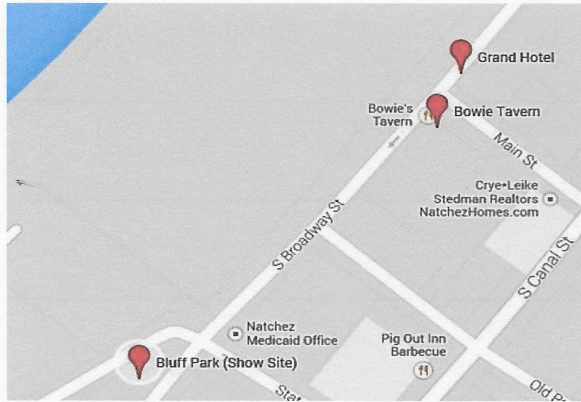
## Brits on the Bluff Sept. 15-16, 2017 Natchez, Mississippi

The English Motoring Club of Mississippi proudly announces its annual all-marque car show and celebration to be held in Historic Natchez, Mississippi, the weekend of September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Bowie's Tavern – Welcome Reception: Friday evening, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.** Join us at “Bowie’s Tavern,” an 1852 Cotton Warehouse converted to an “antique pub.” It is located at 100 Main Street at Broadway (across the street from the Grand Hotel and just up from the show site), and offers tasty appetizers, specialty pizzas, salads, sandwiches and a full bar.

**Natchez Bluff Park - Show: Saturday 10 a.m. -** At 303 South Broadway Street, just a few blocks from the Grand Hotel, located on a magnificent 200-foot bluff containing shade trees and picnic tables. Awards presentation 3 p.m.

**Overnight Accommodations -** A block of rooms has been reserved at the Natchez Grand Hotel, located at 111 Broadway Street. The EMC has negotiated rates from \$119 to \$169 plus fees and taxes per night. See [natchezgrandhotel.com](http://natchezgrandhotel.com) for hotel information, call 866-488-0898 or 601-446-9994 for reservations, and be sure to reference “English Motoring Club of MS” for the group rates.



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City St, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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In consideration of this entry, I waive any and all claims for myself and my heirs against the English Motoring Club, their officers and any sponsors of this event for injury or illness which may result directly or indirectly from my participation. I give my permission for use of my name and/or picture in any published or broadcast account of this event.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose check for \$25 per car (\$10 for additional cars) payable to English Motoring Club and mail to: EMC MS, 498 Old Hwy. 49 N, Mount Olive, MS 39119.

Though **Brits on the Bluff** is fast approaching, it's never too late to enter and attend. Brits on the Bluff is great for rubbing elbows with folks of a like mind and to see some wonderful cars.

Once again **Merideth Trovato** has put together the Queen's Luncheon for the ladies on the day of the show. See the details below. In addition the Natchez Grand Hotel has arranged for hamburgers at the show site. The show is scheduled for the City park just south of the **Natchez Grand**. Should there be rain, the show site will be on the street in front of the Natchez Grand. Rain or shine we will have a good time.



### Third Annual 'Queen's Luncheon' Planned during Brits on the Bluff

As a usual thing, at a British car show the gentlemen enjoy whiling away the hours discussing such obscure subjects as the history of Skinner's Union and their intricate S.U. carburetors, while the ladies are stuck on their lawn chairs with, unfortunately, not a whole lot to do.

**Merideth Trovato** has again decided it is time to rectify the situation by creating the 3rd Annual Brits on the Bluff **Queen's Luncheon** the day of the show. Arrangements have been made for a private dining room at **Natchez' Cotton Alley Cafe**, located an easy walk just a few blocks from the show site. It will commence at 12 noon sharp so that we can all get back in time for awards.

Regrettably, **Her Majesty** may not be able to attend, but to be sure, she will be properly honored and represented, with the restaurant proudly displaying the Queen's "Royal Standard" flag that day, which signifies that she is on the premises—at least in spirit on this occasion. This flag is also the new official **EMC Ladies' Flag**.

All EMC Ladies and Female Guests at the show are invited to attend this fun event; if interested please email **Merideth Trovato** at [merter@bellsouth.net](mailto:merter@bellsouth.net). We will need a close as we can get headcount by September 8th so that Cotton Alley will be ready for us. Hope everyone can participate (that means you Lurline in Full Regalia!)

# Upcoming Events

## English Motoring Club 2017 Calendar

**September 15 - 16, 2017 – EMC Brits on the Bluff / Natchez MS** - We have the promise of a perfect weekend for the 20th Annual BOTB. Hang out on the bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River starting with our Friday night party and spend Saturday with us under the oaks at City Park. There will be lots to do on your visit with us. Information and registration information is located on the website. Details: John Turbeville (601) 940- 5288, Gene Johnston (601) 201 - 0801.

**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](http://www.euro-fest.net).

Now, for a bit of soap box. The Off-Side Undo is the fuel that keeps the EMC going. It's full of fun events and occurrences that your fellow members are into. It keeps everyone in touch and aware of what has gone on and what's ahead. The EMC is looking for articles and photos of your automobile or near automobile adventures. Please give some consideration to submitting an article or photos to **Charles or Donna Durning at [durningcharles@gmail.com](mailto:durningcharles@gmail.com)**.

If you wish to be a ghost writer just request and your wish will be granted in the utmost of confidentiality.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Happy motoring,

The members of the EMC