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Way Fun

Vidalia LA – A large turnout of thirty – eight drivers made the 2010 Brits by the River one of the best in several years and from what I gather everyone had Way Fun. Most showed up for the Friday night reception along the banks of The Mighty Mississippi. The party went on to into the wee hours but most everyone made it up in plenty of time for the group drive down the levee to the show sight for the start on September 25, 2010. We couldn't have asked for more beautiful weather albeit a little on the warm side so everyone rested under the shade of canopy's and of the nearby oaks waiting out the mid-day heat. By 3:00pm ballots were counted and by 3:30pm awards were completed and everyone made off for the cooler environment of the host hotel.



MGs looking for shade at BBTR 13

Photo Courtesy EMC

Following rehydration and visitation dinner plans were made and groups broke off to enjoy the some fine company over dinner. A special thanks to everyone that made the 2010 show.

The membership of the EMC appreciates your participation and we hope that you'll come back for a visit in 2011.

2010 Brits by the River awards

Class #1 – Austin Healey: 1st, Richard Harriss, 1954 Austin Healey 100-4.

Class #2 – MGA: 1st, Paul Hornsby, 1960 MGA 1600. 2nd, Danny Vanardo, 1958 MGA 1500. 3rd, David & Jo Ann Crawford, 1950 MGA 1500.

Class #3 – MGB Chrome: 1st, Tom Warren, 1964 MGB. 2nd, Blake Sonnier, 1972 MGB. 3rd, Clay & Debbie Johnston, 1972 MGB.

Class #4 – MGB Rubber: 1st, Keith Vezina, 1976 MGB. 2nd, Kathy Sonnier, 1977 MGB. 3rd, Rick & Mary Lynne Huber, 1975 MGB V8 / John Wilkerson, 1978 MGB.

Class #5 – MGB GT: 1st, Jim Lynch, 1974 MGB GT. 2nd, Gene Johnston, 1973 MGB GT.

Class #6 – Triumph TR 2 – 4: 1st, Wayne Pangburn, 1963 Triumph TR 4. 2nd, Terry Trovato, 1959 Triumph TR3A.

Class #7 – Triumph TR6 & 250: 1st, Allen & Sue Bradley, 1971 Triumph TR6.

Class #8 – Triumph TR7 & 8: 1st, Barry Schmidt, 1975 Triumph TR7 Coupe.

Class #9 – Triumph Spitfire & GT: 1st, Grady and Donna Wilkerson, 1978 Triumph Spitfire.

Class #10 – Jaguar sports: 1st, Pat & Barbara Cashman, 1963 Jaguar XKE Coupe. 2nd, Wally & Margaret Friloux, 2001 Jaguar XK8. 3rd, Dave & Menda Hayden, 1994 Jaguar XJS Coupe / John & Dot Wells, 1995 XJS Convertible / Robert Herman, 1969 Jaguar XKE Coupe.

Class #11 – Empire sports: 1st, Howard Laramy, 1953 Morgan Plus 4. 2nd, Michael Dempsey, 2006 Lotus Elise. 3rd, Mike & Alice Glore, 1991 Lotus Elan.

Class # 12 – Empire luxury: 1st, Bill & Melissa Silhan, 1951 Daimler Empress. 2nd, David Bailey, 1989 Bentley Turbo R.

Class #13 – Empire economy: 1st, Cliff Hughes , 1957 MG Magnette. 2nd, Keith Anderson, 1959 Rover P4.

Class #14 – Italian: 1st, Charles & Sherilyn Durning, 1982 Alfa Romeo Spider Veloce.

Best of Show: Bill & Melissa Silhan, 1951 Daimler Empress.



Abby Sonnier's Way Fun MGB at BBTR 2010

Photo Courtesy EMC

Eddiceton MS – Our October 16, 2010 gathering at Jim and Faye Enzman's went off without a hitch. The crowd was a bit smaller than we'd seen in 2010 but the good food and fun was second to none. Jim fired up the grille and cooked some great burgers and dogs for everyone. After lunch we went out and ogled Ken Dolhonde's nice 1973 TR6 and we gave Brother Clay's MGB an alignment check. There were a lot of tales exchanged before we dismissed the gathering and headed for home. We haven't given a Tough Luck award out at Brits by the River but for 2010 it surely would have gone to Ken. He left from home in Sandy Hook MS and at made it to within 50 or so miles when his TR6 started missing. He was able to diagnose a broking rocker arm, disabled the cylinder and to limp back home. Ken's now a member of the EMC and from my count that brings the membership to sixty two for 2010. Thanks for joining Ken we can always use someone with your resourcefulness.

Other Exhaust Rattles

There's been a lot going on with the EMC since the last report. Mike and Alice Glore made it up to the 2010 Memphis Euro Fest put on by the British Sports Car Club. Brother Clay and I made

it over to Atlanta for the Petit Lemans and did run across a somewhat road weary TR6 driven from the Mississippi Gulf Coast during our infield wanderings. Members Keith Anderson, Dennis Loftin and David Bailey made it over to Road Atlanta for the 2010 SVRA final race on October 15 – 16 and I consider that a justifiable reason for missing the Eddiceton gathering. During Martha and my wanderings after the Eddiceton gathering we happened to get off the interstate near Crystal Springs looking for the road less traveled. Heading toward Calling Panther Lake, our destination we ran across a whole kit and caboodle of LBC's sitting along the road side. Martha did a quick u-turn and when we stopped we gave ourselves the old forehead wack, we'd run across Jim Trunzler's shop. Should have known with that many examples sitting around what we'd happened across. After a visit and walk around with Jim we were back on the road headed to Calling Panther Lake and then turned sights to home. In addition to Ken Dolhonde joining the EMC, Jimmy and Teresa Eames from Ferriday La have also joined the EMC during the last 30 day. Jimmy owns a machine shop so if you're in need of a machinist give him a call. Make the count for 2010 sixty three memberships and the years not over!

In car news, Charles Durning has been assisting John Turbeville with the diagnosis checks on the TR8, nothing definitive as of yet. John's also been chasing some electrical gremlins on his MGB and from his last update it appears that the warning flasher switch is in need of replacement. In other Durning news, Charles has purchased a MG Magnette out of Texas and is expecting deliver during the next few weeks. We're looking forward to updates from his survey of his new purchase.

Well, I think I've included all the updates that I have for a very busy month. If I've forgotten or missed anyone or thing I apologize.

The weather is making the turn toward fall with cool mornings and comfortable evenings. Please, do yourself and your LBC a favor and get out and enjoy the ride. If you are out and around be sure to check out the events on our Events Calendar.

Happy Motoring!

Events Calendar

October 22 - 23, 2010 – S. 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

October 23, 2010 – Renaissance Euro Fest Car Show / Ridgeland MS

Last year was the first 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 2010. Make plans to attend you'll see some cars that you don't get a chance to enjoy every day. Additional details to follow. Details: www.euro-fest.net

November 20, 2010 – 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 2010. Lunch starts at 12:00pm. Details: Gene / Martha Johnston (601) 607-7021

Other Notable Events

November 5, 2010 – Mississippi Automobile Manufacturers Association / Ridgeland MS

Area car clubs are invited to participate in the 4th annual Cars Under the Stars, a social event and car show of the Mississippi Automotive Manufacturers Association. The event is scheduled from 6 - 8:30 p.m., Friday, November 5, 2010 at Copeland, Cook Taylor Bush law offices at 1062 Highland Colony Parkway in Ridgeland. Food, beverages, door prizes are planned along with featured speaker John Emory, a local car enthusiast who has appeared at several antique car events locally and nationally.

Make plans to be there with your car to make this event a BIG success. Car arrival time is scheduled for 5:15 - 5:30 p.m. in front lot of CCTB offices. Security will be provided. Please contact Robert Jackman 601-937-5314 or Dave Boyer 601-291-9757 for questions.

If you are interested, I am keeping a count of attendees that I'll submit on Monday October 25, 2010. E-mail me and I'll include you in our count.

January 8, 2011 – Birmingham British Car Club Polar Bear Run / Birmingham AL

The drive will leave Birmingham that morning and drive to the new National Infantry Museum at Fort Benning Georgia. The museum opened in the summer of 2009, and it's really impressive. Aside from the museum's exhibits, there's an rifle range simulator, just like our troops use in training, and an IMAX theater. The museum also features a full-service restaurant and bar, where we'll have lunch. Check out the museum's web site for more information:

www.nationalinfantrymuseum.com

Entrance to museum is free, but donations are requested. There are charges for the rifle range and IMAX discounts will be provided to Polar Bear participants.

If anyone wants to spend the night in Columbus for a Sunday drive back home, we are recommending 2 hotels in the area: the Marriott in the historic district of Columbus has a \$99 advance-reservation rate. They're right in the heart of town, with access to restaurants, shopping, and the Riverwalk area. Also, the Hampton Inn in North Columbus (not the Airport Hampton), is recommended. The Hampton offers a free breakfast and a little lower rate than the Marriott, but without the nearby attractions.

Stay tuned for further updates on this drive, it will be equal to a Rolling Car Show and meet to entertain the troops at Fort Benning.

January 21 – 22, 2011 – Ladies Getaway Weekend / Vidalia LA

THERE'S JUST SOMETHING ABOUT NATCHEZ/VIDALIA

That makes me hate to leave and can't wait to go back. I love the place, the show, and most of all the people. The group of women who go year after year are some of my favorite women in the world. For years I've talked about an all girl weekend at the Comfort Suites. Well, 2011 is the year. Claire Nell from the hotel and I have been talking and we are gonna do this. January 21st and 22nd is the weekend. SO, PUT YOUR BIG GURL PANTIES ON, AND COME PARTY LIKE YA USED TO!!!

We will have a Friday night opener party, using an indoor conference room. We will have access to the Bar right next door, or you can bring your own drinks. We will have catered sandwiches from Pig Out. Love those little fancy sands. We can bring our own chips and favorite dips and desserts. Also bring your bokinis as the pool is indoor and heated, and has a Jacuzzi.

Sat. morning before breakfast Claire is going to arrange for the Yoga teacher from the spa to come do stretching on the River. Then of course we can enjoy the breakfast buffet. The afternoon is for shopping till you drop OR 10% off any of the spa treatments next door. See what is available on line at www.RiverFrontSpa.com. Sat. evening dinner reservations can be made where ever you would like to eat. And suggested time is 5:30. We want to be back at the hotel for the Martini Therapy Pajama Party. This will be held in the conference room. Lot's of fun things planned for that night.

Sunday morning will be breakfast and long sad good-byes.

The rooms she is saving for us are the double beds and River Views will be \$99.99 a night. The parking lot side rooms will be 89.99. We can team up making this a \$50.00 a night deal.

Please contact me if you are interested in joining us. Menda Hayden @ 337-937-4929 or email me @ dandmhadyen@cox.net

Boys this would be a wonderful Christmas Gift for your favorite girl. I know it's what I'm getting for Christmas and I am so happy!!!! Can't wait to see you there.

Thanks again,

Menda