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‘A gentleman does not motor about after dark.’ —Joseph Lucas

Time To Do Some Catching Up

It's been a very busy few weeks since EMC's Brits on the Bluff, EMC's drive to Kirk Hill's Model T restoration shop the following weekend and a trip down to Fairhope Alabama for the final regional British car show for 2024. So here goes:

Brits on the Bluff 2024

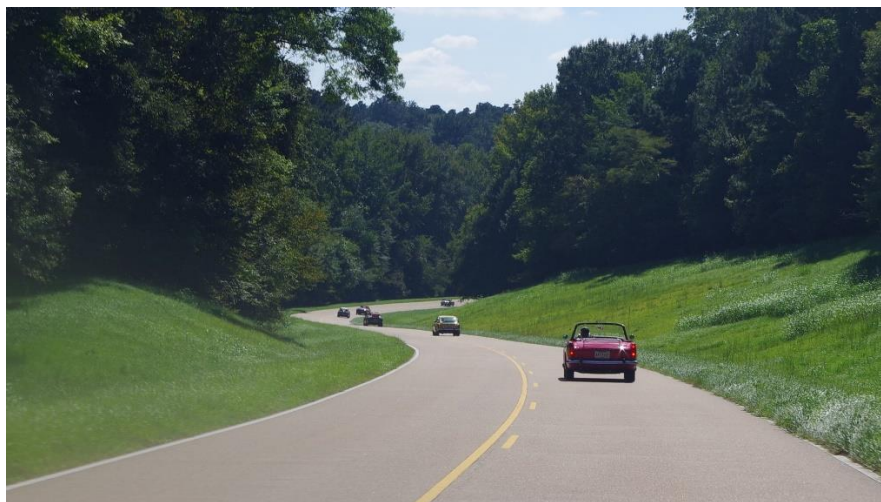
Story by Gene Johnston

Photos by Benard Stiegler and Christopher Savoy

Prior Brits on the Bluff the British Motoring Club of New Orleans altered EMC members of a drive that they had planned in and around Natchez on Friday, September 20, 2024. Several EMC members were up for the late summer drive. We joined the BMCNO in Lorman MS at the Old Country Store for a great lunch. Claimed to be the best fried chicken in the state we had a great lunch with all the trimmings and dessert also.



Following lunch, we left Lorman and traveled backroads over into Clairborne County for a visit to the Windsor Ruins. This is a beautiful stop and one that has an engaging history. From Windsor Ruins the group returned to the Natchez Trace made a quick rest stop at Mount Locust Inn which was closed prior to making the final on the road stop at Emerald Mound. It was a great day drive and thanks to members of the BMCNO for allowing us to tag along.



We made it back to Natchez and attended the Friday night reception that was arranged with the Natchez Grand Hotel. The food and drinks flowed, and we had a great time visiting with friends that had driven in for the show. Next day started off with breakfast then setting up the show field which was easy to do since the city of Natchez allows the EMC to block off the street right outside the hotel.



Flags flew and music was played as forty cars along with owners and friends were welcomed by the site seers that were in town for the show and those that just happened to be in the area. We had a great time visiting with everyone. Oh, once again for 2024 Richard Greene aka. Bobby Bobby was present to keep the peace and ensure that a good time was had. If you would like to take a trip to BotB and a tour of the event visit:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hbWCWLpV71E>

From Brandon to Model T's

Story and Photos by Charlie Durning

We couldn't have asked for a better day for a drive. To kick off the driving season it was decided to revisit a drive Kirk Hill's Model T restoration shop in Mendenhall. The reason for the revisit is because the weather scared off some folks last time.



The day started with 10 folks in attendance and 8 cars ready for a spirited and scenic drive. The drive through Rankin and Simpson counties was without incident to our first stop at the Smoky Mountain BBQ in Mendenhall. After gorging ourselves on excellent BBQ, we gathered in the parking lot for further instructions. After some discussion, it was decided to take the long way around to Kirk's shop.



Upon arrival, Kirk had his shop and storage buildings open for inspection. Kirk's shop is a step back in time. In the restoration shop there were 2 projects under way for our inspection. One was a bare frame ready for assembly and the other was a partially finished "hack". Around back were more projects to be completed. Dr Poole arrived in his 1926 Model T, complete with bullet holes. In tow were his buddies in their Maxim fire truck powered by a sweet-sounding Mercury flat head V8 engine. Next up we roamed up to see three of Kirks beautifully restored cars. By then Walt Grayson from WJTV Channel 12 News had arrived. Walt is a lifelong friend of Kirk's and agreed to do a human-interest piece on our visit. He spent time visiting with the folks and filming. The visit can be seen on the WJTV website.

<https://www.wjtv.com/author/walt-grayson/>

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Kirk demonstrated the art of hand cranking (without breaking his arm) on his restored race car. Once he got it started he offered rides. There were 3 takers. All returned with smiles on their faces. Gail Buzardt was sure giddy upon her return. In all, a day well spent. Hope to see all of you out for our next event.

SABCC British Car Festival

Story and Photos by Gene Johnston

Several members of the EMC converged on Fairhope AL for the October 18 - 19 British Car Festival hosted by the South Alabama British Car Club. The weather was perfect all weekend as Papa Bear would say "not to cold and not too hot" and nary a drop of rain. Friday night's reception was given another A+ for the SABCC as the food, door prizes and fun was top notch. Many folks that had not pre-registered completed that process which only took a few minutes prior to and following the reception. This is nice feature and makes for a stress free day on show day. Good work SABCC.



Show day arrived bright and early and following a light dusting of the B GT we made our way to the show site which is in the Fairhope United Methodist Church parking lot. We took our usual spot in the back of the parking area which we have come to enjoy. We get to park on grass and there is plenty of shade. Check-in with complementary photos and parking was easy. Another A+ for the SABCC.





The featured car for the event was the vintage and modern Mini Cooper and there was a plethora of those along with a great field of Triumph TR-6's and other Triumph models along with several models of MG's. There was a food vendor on site and mote food in the old town center which is only a few blocks away. On site we were all entertained with very competitive valve cover races. The show closed out with presentations of awards, handshakes and farewells to most until show season 2025.

The SABCC produced another great event for 2024, I believe their 33rd year?

Happy Motoring from the EMC!