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

Weather or not!

By Gene Johnston

For days the local weather had predicted widespread rain for the days leading up to the British Motoring Club of New Orleans's British Motoring Festival scheduled for March 29, 2025, in Covington La. Boy were the weather persons ever wrong. Martha and I left midday on the 28th under overcast and threatening looking skies from Jackson MS. We plugged in a route into the GPS that kept us off the interstate system and on the back roads of Mississippi and Louisiana. And along the way? No rain! We checked into the



Cars parked in Tammany Trace – Covington Railhead Park

host hotel and visited with other attendees until Friday afternoon work traffic tapered off then drove to the Friday evening reception in Covington's Firehouse Event Center. We dined on jambalaya and slider muffalettas until we could hold no more. Then back to the

host hotel a few libations and then off to bed for a full Saturday that was predicted to be a rainy day. Next morning, following breakfast there was a bit of water on the cars, not too much, just enough to soften the road grime and smashed bugs for an easy wipe down. Then off to the show site and a full day of tire kicking and visiting with friends. The show is held in the Tammany Trace-Covington Trailhead area which is the historic area of Covington. The car count was similar to the 2024 inaugural Covington show which was nice noting that it appeared likely that some owners heeded the weather warnings and stayed home. Oh well, it's more fun for us risk takers. The car check-in



TR6's on N. New Hampshire St.

and parking was efficient with cars parked along the streets and in parking lots. Some great automobiles attended and were posed picture perfect. The crowds were out in large numbers, and I noted that the EMC's very own Bobby Bobby was on hand to assist the



Off duty Bobby Bobby.

local police contingent with vehicle assessment and crowd control. There are many excellent restaurants in the area. Several EMC'ers gathered and ate lunch at the Covington Beer Garden and Grill across the street from the TR6's assembled and near the central park where the valve cover races were held. This seemed to be one of the favored spots as there was a consistent stream of show attendees joining us. While we weren't at the valve cover races we could judge by the size of the crowd and the roars of enthusiasm that some close action was taking place. OH, and still no rain! Yep, not nary a drop. The judging was done by teams this year which seemed to work very well.



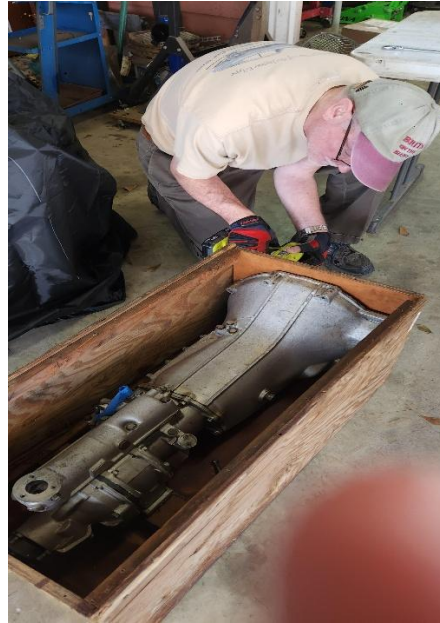
The EMC had six cars entered, those rascally risk takers and were recognized with three awards!

The handing out of the awards was completed by 3:30pm. This was a well-organized show. Thanks to the British Motoring Club of New Orleans and congratulations for a great 2025 show. And guess what? NO RAIN! We are looking forward to seeing you again in 2026!

Out of the box

by Gene Johnston

MAGEE, Miss. — It was just too nice a day not to spend some time in a garage, so I loaded up the overdrive transmission that had been rebuilt and stored away since 2010 and headed down to Charlie Durning's. The plan went to perfection.



The unboxing of the gearbox!

We filled the gearbox with 20-50 oil, about seven pints, and hooked up a speedo, pressure gauge and Charlie's drive adapter to the input shaft. We then attached then attached an electric drill to the input shaft and ran the transmission through its paces to



Ready for lift off!

ensure that the overdrive was engaging. We were successful in getting the engagement switch working and the overdrive engaging properly. A win for the team! After cleaning up, we stored the transmission and will look for the next weather break to pull the engine and transmission in Ole Red and replace everything from the rear engine plate back to the driveshaft. As best I can tell from my records the clutch has been in service since some time prior to 2010. Not too bad! It might be wishful thinking, but I hope that I can get 15.

Get Rid of the Oil Cooler and Clean Up the Engine Bay