

**THE FIRST ANNUAL - MERIWETHER LEWIS  
NATCHEZ TRACE PARKWAY - BRITISH CAR RALLY.  
SATURDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER, 2008**

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We hope you will find the time to join us on what promises to be a most delightful Autumn drive along one of the most unspoiled roads in all the United States, The Natchez Trace Parkway that stretches from Nashville, Tennessee to Natchez in Mississippi.

The rally, which is more of a leisurely afternoon drive than a rally, is a pre-cursor for the 2009 celebrations honoring the 200th anniversary of the death of legendary American explorer Captain Meriwether Lewis of Lewis & Clark fame who mysteriously died on October 11th 1809 on the Natchez Trace Trail, while returning to Washington DC. Was it suicide or was it murder !

In 1925 President Calvin Coolidge issued a Presidential Proclamation establishing the Meriwether Lewis National Monument. In 1843 the State of Tennessee created Lewis County in Lewis's honor, and in 1848 erected a monument over his grave which is alongside the Natchez Trace Parkway and a few miles from Hohenwald, Tennessee. Many people to this day are unaware that Lewis is buried in Tennessee.

This will not only be a great time to educate both young and old about Lewis & Clark, but also to give the old car one good run before the winter. It will also be a great time to unite the British Car Clubs both North and South of the Meriwether Lewis grave and monument which will culminate in an afternoon picnic and barbecue with fish and chips, Cornish pasties, cucumber sandwiches and tea, all of this with live music, and a chance to meet the Amish of Lewis County who will sell fresh bread and produce. But remember, this is a British Car and motorbike event only.

The aim is to arrive at the monument and grave site around 12.45pm until 1.30pm. The time you leave your destination will determine how far from the monument you live, and how long it will take you, but from Nashville it is about an hour and fifteen minutes. But the beauty of it is that you can join at any of the entrances onto the Natchez Trace Parkway from Nashville down, and from Natchez up. We will then circle the monument and grave site before heading West along Summertown Highway (Highway 20) to The Industrial Park at Hohenwald for the celebrations.

If you are planning to attend, it would help considerably to let us know by e-mail so as we can prepare food enough for all. There are two small motels nearby should you wish to stay, and others can be found in Columbia, or more information can be obtained about the County on the Lewis County Chamber of Commerce website at [www.hohenwaldlewischamber.com](http://www.hohenwaldlewischamber.com) or by calling Graham Kilsby at (931) 796-1441 or e-mailing: [graybrstl@aol.com](mailto:graybrstl@aol.com)