Bring your kids or grandkids!

After rides in the EMF roadster which doesn't (yet) have a top or windshield, Gordon, our oldest grandson, likes people to notice his windswept hair which he proudly calls his "EMF hair-dood". As you can imagine, his enthusiasm makes me smile all over, and it gives me hope that some day he, or one of my other grandkids will want to cherish the EMF as much as I do.

Although I've never conducted any serious research on the topic, I am willing to bet that almost all the younger adults involved in the brass car hobby grew up with it and were encouraged to start, drive and look after the family antique cars at very early ages.

This brings us to the Outing in 2016. When the registration materials come out, the tour committee hopes you will see we're making it very attractive to bring your kids or grandkids. In fact, there will be no registration fees for those aged 15 and younger. And once they're here, we'll try our very best to make them feel welcome and special.

So bring them along. If they're old enough, teach them how to crank the EMF, or least how to adjust the controls after you've started the engine. There might even be a quiet back road just right for a driving lesson. And anyone old enough to read can be a navigator. Let's get those kids involved.

When I said I'd lead the organization of the 2016 Outing, I was told there weren't likely to be many, if any, kids on tour. It's time to change things up. Plan now to bring the young people in your family to EMF 2016: An Outing in Lake Country.

Yours in the brass car hobby,

John