

British Motoring Club New Orleans Morris Gazette

January - February 2017

Official publication of British Motoring Club New Orleans



BMCNO Members at the 2016 Memorial Palace



BMCNO is affiliated with

North American MGB Register (NAMGBR)

and

Vintage Triumph Register (VTR)

If you are member of these or any other national club or register, please let us know.

We strongly encourage all members to join the registry for their marque!

Inside This Issue

<i>February Calendar</i>	<i>Page 3</i>
<i>Past President's Message</i>	<i>Page 4</i>
<i>President's Message</i>	<i>Page 5</i>
<i>2016 BMCNO's Event Tally Sheet / Thank You</i>	<i>Page 6</i>
<i>What's happening</i>	<i>Page 7</i>
<i>Calendar at a Glance</i>	<i>Page 8</i>
<i>South Shore Meeting Minutes (October / November)</i>	<i>Pages 9-12</i>
<i>Do you speak used??</i>	<i>Page 12</i>
<i>Baton Rouge Gathering (November / December / January)</i>	<i>Pages 13-15</i>
<i>Baton Rouge Area Flood Update</i>	<i>Page 16</i>
<i>Memorial Drive</i>	<i>Pages 17-21</i>
<i>BMCNO Annual Christmas Party</i>	<i>Pages 22-25</i>
<i>Harahan's Annual Children's Christmas Parade</i>	<i>Page 26</i>
<i>Middendorf's Cruise</i>	<i>Page 27</i>
<i>December, January, and February's Birthday's</i>	<i>Pages 28-29</i>
<i>BMCNO Annual Car Information</i>	<i>Pages 30-37</i>
<i>BMCNO Membership Application</i>	<i>Page 38</i>
<i>Report from Track Side!!!</i>	<i>Pages 39-42</i>
<i>British Spares and Restoration Services and Classified Ads</i>	<i>Pages 43</i>
<i>2017 BMCNO Board Members / Area Coordinators</i>	<i>Page 45</i>
<i>Other Club / Organization Announcements</i>	<i>Pages 46-47</i>

BMCNO Newsletter Editor

Ronnie Palmisano

Newsletter Submissions, Free Classified Ads, and Articles wanted

Email to ronniep@cox.net,

Bring to meeting,

Or

mail to

BMCNO Newsletter Editor

Ronnie Palmisano

P.O. Box 73213,

Metairie, LA 70033



February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		January 31 BMCNO General Meeting	1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Board of Directors Meeting	8	9	10	11 Middendorfs Gulf Coast Cruise
12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15 Baton Rouge Area Gathering	16 North Shore Area Gathering	17	18
19	20	21	22 BMCNO General Meeting RE-SCHEDULED	23	24	25 <u>Acadiana Gathering</u>
26	27	28 Mardi Gras				

Tues. Feb 7th, Board of Directors Meeting - Karen and Ronnie's home 6:00—8:30 p.m. **NOTE - DATE CHANGED DUE TO VALENTINE'S DAY.**

Sat. Feb 11th, Gulf Coast Group—Leaving Sam's Warehouse Gulfport parking lot at 11:00 a.m. to convoy to Middendorfs

Sat. Feb 11th, Middendorfs—see newsletter page # 8 and 27 for more information.

Wed. Feb 15th, Baton Rouge Area Gathering - Dinner 7:00 p.m., Meeting 8:00 p.m. - Louis Deangelo's Italian Restaurant, 7570 Bluebonnet Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA

Thurs. Feb 16th, Northshore Area Gathering - **Member Appreciation Month** Casual Meeting 7:00 p.m. - Abita Brew Pub - 72011 Holly Street - Abita Springs, LA 70420 Since Abita Brew Pub doesn't serve pizza, the club will contribute cash to each member to show it's appreciation for them being BMCNO members. The club will not pay for spouses or children.

Tues. Feb 22nd, General Meeting - Meeting 7:00 p.m. - Italian Pie Restaurant - 5650 Jefferson Hwy. - Harahan, LA **NOTE - DATE CHANGED DUE TO MARDI GRAS ON LAST TUESDAY.**

Sat. Feb 25th, Acadania Meeting/Cruise - Acadania Monthly Gathering - **Member Appreciation Month** Contact Area Coordinator for details FREE PIZZA AND SOFT DRINK TO MEMBERS AT THIS MEETING



Past-President's Message for the New Year

Ronald Palmisano



Merry Christmas,
Happy Hanukkah
and Happy New
Year to everyone!!!

Karen and I would like
to take this opportuni-
ty to thank everyone
for their support
throughout the past 3

years.

This is the time of year when everyone stops and
ponders what they have to be thankful for. We
would like to share our blessings with you.

**"God gave us a second chance at love after
the loss of our first spouses"**

**"Our beautiful, kind, and professional 4
children and their wonderful spouses"**

**"Our amazing 9 angels that call us Grammy and
Honey"**

"Our good health"

**"A roof over our heads, clothes to wear,
and food in our pantry, when so many people
around the world do not have these basic things"**

**"To live in a country where we get to elect
our officials, have freedom of speech, the right to
own guns, the right to choose our religion, the
right to assemble, the right for a free education,
the right to drive a British car, and so much
more"**

**"The love and support of our families in-
cluding the in-laws from our first spouses"**

**"AND last but certainly not least the
members of BMCNO. This is not just a club with
meetings and events once a month, it is an ex-
tended family that is always there for each other**

in good times and bad. Without children to raise
what an unexpected gift these friendships have
become in this phase of our life."

It has been my honor to be the President of
BMCNO for the past three years. I have worked
with great board members that only had the
club's success in their mind. I will miss the posi-
tion, but will continue to support BMCNO as the
Club Newsletter Editor, a position that I have
held since 2007.

As I close my Presidency, I would like to thank
not only the board members but also all of the
club members for supporting BMCNO through-
out the years. Any club is only as strong as it's
weakest member and our club is one of the
strongest in the south.

It has been a privilege to represent such great
people that are not only club members but also a
second family to each other. We are there for
each other in good times and bad throughout the
years.

Congratulations to the incoming board and may
they have continued fun and success.

Cheers,

Ronnie





President's Message by BMCNO President Karen Murray



As we start the New Year I'm sure many of you will have made the normal resolutions, to eat less, lose weight and renew the annual membership at a local gymnasium. How about adding two more to that list, make the BMCNO monthly club meeting a

standing date on your calendar and have that little British classic up and running for our British Car Show in March.

At the start of my term of office I would like to take the opportunity to wish all members and friends a happy, healthy and hopefully peaceful New Year. I must also thank the outgoing president Ronald Palmisano, my husband, for the efficient manner in which he steered the club to a very successful year.

As a former American History teacher, I believe that each new President should have a plan of action or ideas to work on and hopefully accomplish during their term. Here are some of the ideas this board has started working on for the 2017 year:

The theme for this year will be COMMUNICATION!!!! Communication among the board, area coordinators, and members. With this in mind I have asked your Newsletter Editor to send out reminder notices no later than one week before any event. I have also requested that ALL newsletters are finished and out before the end of each month. I would also like to hear from all members. I am sending out a questionnaire to get your opinions to help make this a better club for everyone. Please let me hear from you and I will share with the board.

The board has been tasked with getting speakers for all South Shore meetings. Any topic that you would like to hear about contact a board member.

Every meeting will have a designated 'GREEN TABLE' for members to bring whatever they want to dispose of or sell. The Green Table will be a sharing table for all members.

Another goal is to have more participation at all meetings and events. I will be working with all area coordinators to hopefully achieve this goal. Remember you do not have to own or drive a British car to participate in the monthly events.

The South Shore will also have 3 rescheduled General meetings this year. Wednesday, February 22nd instead of February 28th (Mardi Gras); March 21st instead of March 28th (car show last minute details) and October 24th instead on October 31st (Halloween).

The Gulf Coast group does have 2 new Area Co-ordinators—Andy Switzer and Gene Gillam. They have agreed to meet every 4th Sunday at **Sam's Warehouse Gulfport parking lot for 1:00 p.m.** The gathering will consist of a cruise ending at a designated restaurant for lunch. Every month will be a different cruise and lunch destination. We are hoping that all Gulf Coast members will take one month to plan the cruise and lunch. During lunch members will be updated on upcoming events of the club.

Unfortunately Bill Nix will not be able to host the British Breakfast this year for our Annual Car Show. He and his wife will be attending an out of town wedding. The club will definitely miss his hospitality and delicious scones. **We will look for next year's British Breakfast.**



2016 BMCNO Event Tally

Month	Activity	Number attending
January	Baton Rouge Cruise	47
February	Middendorf's	56
March	Goody Bag Stuffing	27
	Welcome Reception	63
	Annual Car Show	83
	N.O. Food and Spirit	27
May	Crawfish Boil	69
	Kessler Air Force Base	47
June	Jack & Mike Tech Session	11
	Cars of Yesterdays	100
July	Barber Motorsports Museum	6
August	Rock 'n' bowl	40
September	British Tea Room and Eatery	32
November	Memorial Rallye	34
December	Christmas Party	80
Cars & Coffee	Meets all year every Sat. on the North Shore	520
	TOTAL PARTICIPANTS FOR 2016	1,242

As you can see from the chart above BMCNO is extremely active throughout the year with a club sponsored event every month. Mark your calendars and join us for club events this year.



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU by BMCNO Board

There comes a time in our life when we evaluate the direction we are on and maybe just want to slow down. Unfortunately for BMCNO Peter and Melissa Brauen have decided to step aside as the Gulf Coast Area Coordinator.

On behalf of the British Motoring Club New Orleans, we would like to thank Peter and Melissa Brauen for helping to organize the Gulf Coast Satellite.

Ronald and Karen presented the idea to Peter and Melissa of opening a satellite on the Gulf Coast. Although they were still raising a junior high student and working fulltime both agreed to try. Every month for 5 years they made time on the second Saturday to meet and discuss club events with our Gulf Coast members.

Peter is a well respected restorer of British cars that our club is fortunate to have as a member. He is also our technical advisor for the annual car show. Whenever a car enters with questionable placement he is the person we call. Peter graciously sponsors the Preservation Class at the car show every year. Very few members have not been to his garage at one time or another.

Thank you both for your unwavering time and dedication not only to these beautiful little cars but also to the British Motoring Club New Orleans. The Gulf Coast would not have started without you.



What's happening by Karen Murray, President in lieu of Vice -President



Many of you know Mark Ferketish was elected Vice President of BMCNO. Fortunately for him but unfortunately for us he accepted a new position in the Marines stationed in Stuttgart, Germany. He left in a matter of 3 weeks. The position is a new promotion and higher rank

but will last for 3 years.

We will miss his smile and Shannon's fun personality. Both have assured me that they will be back and active in the club 3 years from now. Let's keep him and all of our military in our thoughts and prayers.

Next month new Vice President, Jim Clark, will be writing this article.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, February 11th. Annual Middendorfs / Cruise Lunch. Pictures will be taken at 12:30 p.m. allowing ample time for our 1:00 seating time. It is much easier to take the picture first and not have to wait on everyone to finish eating.

This year a later lunch has been scheduled to allow time for browsing or shopping at the antique shops and Farmer's Market in Ponchatoula. We always try to do this after Middendorfs but everyone is generally too tired and just want to go home and sleep.

For those who do not want to shop meet at Middendorfs for the 12:30 picture.

Convoy info:

- North Shore: 11:00 a.m. Scooter's Madisonville

- New Orleans: 10:00 a.m. Leaving Café du Monde on Veterans. If you want café au lait and beignets please arrive early.
- Baton Rouge: 10:00 a.m. Bass Pro Shop
- Mississippi Gulf Coast—Sam's Warehouse Gulfport parking lot 11:00 to convoy to Ponchatoula. Contact Andy Switzer or Gene Gillam for more info.

Hope to see everyone at Middendorfs on February 11th

Wednesday, February 22nd - Rescheduled General Meeting on the South Shore due to Mardi Gras on the last Tuesday of the month.

Monday, March 20th—Goody Bag Stuffing at Delgado Community College City Park Campus 6:00 p.m. Food will be served.

Tuesday, March 21st—General Meeting on South Shore. Rescheduled due to the Car Show

Friday, March 24th—Annual Car Show Welcome Reception 6:00 p.m. Ramada Inn—I-10 Service Rd. Causeway.

Saturday, March 25th—27th Annual Car Show Delgado Community College

On-site registration 9:00 a.m. till 12:00 noon

Show time (cars must remain on the field)
Noon—3:00 p.m.

Judging (Popular Choice) 12:30 p.m. –2:30

Queen's Tea

Ladies only 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

Awards 3:00 p.m.

New Orleans Food & Spirits Dinner (Dutch treat) 5:30 p.m.

*Calendar at a Glance*

Month	Event	Date	Time	Place	Contact
January (2017)	General BMCNO Meeting – Member Appreciation Month	Tues. 31st.	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA	Board of Directors
February (2017)	Board Meeting	Tue. 7 th	6:00 –8:30 p.m.	Ronald and Karen	
	Gulf Coast/MS Meeting	Sat. 11 th	11:30 a.m.	Cruise to Middendorf's (See article for convoy info)	Gene Gillam / Andy Switzer
	Middendorf's	Sat. 11th	12:30 p.m.	See newsletter pg. 8 and 26	Jim Clark
	Baton Rouge Meeting	Wed., 15th	7:00 dinner 8:00 meeting	Louis De Angelo's Italian Rest. 7550 Bluebonnet Blvd.	Rick Huber
	Member Appreciation Month North Shore Meeting	Thurs. 16th	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Abita Brew Pub 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs	Cliff Hughes
DATE CHANGE	General BMCNO Meeting	Wed. 22nd	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA	Board of Directors
	Acadiana Cruise Member Appreciation Month	Sat. 25th			Dave Hayden
March (2017)	Board of Directors Meeting	Tues. 14 th	6:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.		
	Baton Rouge Meeting	Wed. 15th	7:00 dinner 8:00 meeting	Louis De Angelo's Italian Rest. 7550 Bluebonnet Blvd.	Rick Huber
	North Shore Meeting	Thurs. 16th	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Abita Brew Pub 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs	Cliff Hughes
	Goody Bag Stuffing	Mon. 20 th	6:00 p.m.	Delgado Community College City Park	Car show Co-Chairmen
DATE CHANGE	General BMCNO Meeting	Tues. 21st	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA	Board of Directors
	Welcome Reception	Fri. 24 th	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Ramada Metairie - I-10 Service Road and Causeway	Karen Murray
	British Motoring Club Car Show	Sat. 25th	8:00 a.m. - till	Delgado Community College	BMCNO
	Club Dinner after Car Show	Sat. 25th	5:30 p.m.	New Orleans Food & Spirit Rest. 210 Old Hammond Highway	Karen Murray
	Gulf Coast/MS Meeting	Sun. 26 th	1:00 p.m.	Sam's Warehouse Gulfport parking lot. Cruise and lunch	Gene Gillam / Andy Switzer



October 25th South Shore Meeting Minutes by Cathy Greensfelder



New Members:

Dan Summers has re-joined the club after a long absence. Last week, **Dan's MGA died close to O.J. Williams's** house and a neighbor said O.J. could help.

O.J. came out, helped him get it running and told him about the upcoming meeting.

David Whalen joined at the meeting. He has a TR250 that has been sitting for 30 year and he recently decided to get it running. He met O.J. who gave him a BMCNO card and invited him to the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cliff Hughes reported on the North Shore meeting. Six members were present and voted for all the candidates for club offices. (There are no opposed races.) Cliff also reported on plans for the upcoming Memorial Rallye on the North Shore (See article).

Ronnie Palmisano reported on the Baton Rouge group. Our flooded members are doing better and slowly recovering. BMCNO has distributed over \$8,000 in donations from clubs around the region. While the money was welcome, most flooded members say the moral boost was even better.

A few members when to Crusin' the Coast. O.J. Williams saw a "triple" vintage tractor – 3 matching tractors mounted side-by-side on a single set of axles!! (See article)

Mark Ferkitish and Jim Clark reported on the NOLA Motorsports event. Ronnie Palmisano said he sent the notifications for the event within the hour of receiving the information but he

only got it the day before the event. (See article)

Cliff Hughes reported that the Cars and Coffee meeting is doing very well with ten to fifteen members every week. Several members have suggested that the Northshore meeting be combined with C&C but C&C is not restricted to British cars.

Karen Murray reported on the Fairhope show. Twenty-one BMCNO cars participated. (See article)

Allen Bradley is working on the Harahan Christmas Parade. The club usually has several cars drive in the parade.

NEW BUSINESS:

The 18 members present voted for the following slate of officers. (There were no opposed races.) These votes will be combined with the votes from the Northshore, Baton Rouge and MS Gulf areas.

President: Karen Murray

Vice-President: Mark Ferkitish

Secretary: Cathy Greensfelder

Treasurer: Mark Greensfelder

Member at Large: Jim Clark, Tom McMillan, Cliff Hughes, Linda and Martin St Romain and Chad Wicker.

Plans for the Memorial Drive on Saturday November 5th were discussed.

Plans for the Christmas Party on Saturday, December 3rd were discussed. (See Calendar)

Mark your calendars for the 2017 Car Show events:

Goodie Bag party: Monday, March 20 at Delgado



October 25th South Shore Minutes continued...

Welcome Reception: Friday, March 24 at host hotel

Show and Queens Tea Party: Saturday, March 25 at Delgado

Mark Greensfelder gave the treasurer's report. The club needs to spend \$2,500 before the end of the year to not make a profit.

The board proposed purchasing Grill badges for sale to members. The badge will be the BMCNO "Knockoff" logo about 4 inches across, which is much bigger than the previous badge. They will sell for approximately \$40 plus shipping. Ronnie sent an email with the design to all members. Fifteen members wanted to order badges, so the board will proceed with the minimum order of 40 badges.

PROJECTS:

Jack Kennedy had to repaint the engine of the **Morris since Audrey didn't like the current color.** The MGA engine is back from the machine shop and he is close to putting the head on.

Steve Lindsey brought his MGB in to Keith Vezina because it was popping out of third gear. They looked and the shifter was way out of position because the motor mount was busted! You must pull the steering rack on an MGB to get to **the driver's side mount. This was the second busted mount he's seen recently. But the rubber boot on the rack and pinion was reduced to**

shreds so he needed to pull the rack to clean it anyway!

Allen Bradley found a small puddle of fuel under his TR6. It was leaking from the carburetor. After a few gentle raps with a hammer, the leak stopped!!

Harold O'Reilly hit a large bucket on the interstate with his Jag. He has damage to the grill.

Ronnie Palmisano bought a TR7 from Harold O'reilly 2 years ago. **He is finally feeling better** after his health issues and went to look at the 7. All the tires had rotted and they essentially fell off when he moved the car. Ronnie bought new **15" wheels and tires. All other items, including** brakes and a complete interior was purchased from Rimmer Brothers in England. Since there is no import duty on purchases under \$800, it **was cheaper to ship them "across the pond" then** to buy them in the States, and that includes shipping. Then he moved the TR6 to prepare it for Fairhope and found no brakes! Turns out he had set the battery charger in the engine compartment last time he was working on the car. When he closed the bonnet, the charger smashed the reservoir. They drove the SUV to Fairhope!!

50/50: Mark Greensfelder won \$17. Jimmy Hoppe, Mike Anderson, Mark Ferketish, Keith Vezina and Cathy Greensfelder won Halloween

November 29, South Shore Meeting Minutes

Twenty-four members and guests were present for the meeting. President Ronnie Palmisano welcomed new members Fred Duplechin and Freddie Hebert from the Houma area and Jay Lee from Metairie.

OLD BUSINESS: Rick Huber reported that the

Baton Rouge group is recovering very slowly. Everyone is in that phase where they are **waiting on contractors, checks, materials....** Rick said that the nine members who were flooded are still stunned by the response of the area car clubs. Over \$10,000 dollars has been distributed along with meals, labor, and tech sessions to



November 29th South Shore Meeting Minutes continued...

recover flooded cars.

Several BR members have bought back their **“totaled” flood cars and had questions about the salvage title.** Freddie Hebert discussed titles. (See article.)

Cliff Hughes reported on the North Shore – 8 people were at the last meeting.

The Memorial Drive was discussed. (See article last newsletter.) It turns out that the car that broke down had a wiring problem with the after-market fuel pump. (It did not run out of gas.) Cliff Hughes reports that we will do this again next year with a *different* set of winding, hilly Northshore roads.

NEW BUSINESS: Karen Murray discussed plans for the Christmas Party. Checks will be presented to the Delgado scholarship winners. (See article)

Vice President-Elect Mark Ferketish reported on upcoming events. (See calendar.) Keith Vezina mentioned that the 2017 Car Day is not on the web site next. Chad Wicker will correct this.

Freddie Hebert invited the club to NOLA Motorsports for a day of Autocross on Dec 4. (The event was cancelled due to rain.)

Allen Bradley discussed the Harahan Children’s Christmas Parade coming up on Dec 17th. He passed out sign up forms. There will be a BBQ at Allen’s house for all BMCNO participants.

Plans for the Baton Rouge Scenic Cruise on Sat Jan 28 were discussed. Milton Franklin is the primary organizer and plans to make this an annual event in memory of member Wayne Pangburn who passed away this year. The cruise will start with a tour of the USS Kidd

Jim Clark, co-chairman of the 2017 car show, asked the members about ordering show shirts with pockets. T-shirts would increase from \$15-17 without pockets to \$20-23 with pockets. The show polo shirts would increase from \$22-26 to \$24-26 with pockets. The members present voted to stay with no pockets and the lower cost. (See article for more news.)

PROJECTS: Keith Vezina is working on a client’s MGC that has body work issues. It should be ready to paint next month. He had to have both brake boosters and the master cylinder rebuild by Apple Hydraulics and it cost \$1,500!! **Wow. He has started work on another client’s TR4A.** The client is the 2nd owner and bought it from his mother. It had been sitting long enough to grow cobwebs between the seats and for the gas to turn to sludge. After new gas, cleaning the carb and filling the points it started up after only an hour!! On a personal note, **Keith’s MGB had developed a clunk in the rear end. O’Reilly’s had a U-Joint** but it was so old it was rusted. After changing the U-Joint and the fiber washers inside the differential all the clunking is gone!

Jim Clark’s engine has arrived.

Cathy Greensfelder’s MGB needs a new fuel pump. (Fuel pump arrived and Keith got the car running.)

Jack Kennedy has finished the MGB engine and tranny and is fabricating a rear engine mount. He expects to get the B engine in his MGA within a week.

Floyd Friloux reported that he saw former member **Butch Frutos recently.** **Floyd bought Butch’s Jaguar many years ago.** **Butch’s wife Cindy** passed away from a heart attack last year.



November 29 Minutes South Shore Meeting Minutes continued...

Dan Melesurgo has finished painting his Jaguar E-Type Signal Red and it is for sale.

Rick Huber's 1969 Jag E-Type coupe is running again and he managed to drive it about ½ mile. There were lots of little things wrong which were fixed over the past week. Today the car made it 6 miles – progress!

Karen Murray reported she received a luggage rack for her TR6 “Dixie” as an early Christmas present from her husband Ronnie Palmisano. Ronnie bought a TR6 master cylinder and reser-

voir from Rimmer Brothers (England) to replace the one he crushed with the battery charger last month.

Mark Ferketish's car was steering “wildly” at the last event. Keith Vezina fixed it and it looking for the wiper-parking switch. Mark has gotten good at timing when he turns off the wipers to get them at the bottom of the windshield.

50/50: O.J. Williams won \$16 and Karen and Keith Vezina, Dan Melesurgo, Mark Greensfelder, Audrey Kennedy, Ronnie Palmisano and Linda St Romain all won Christmas theme prizes.

Do You Speak Used?

"Used," of course, is the international language of the used car classified ads. Those fluent in Used can decipher the critical modifiers and clauses that sellers use to convey subtle details about the condition of the vehicle they're trying to sell -- or unload, as the case may be.

Those who don't speak “Used” can get into real trouble -- just like the ignorant Americano who doesn't know the difference between “Hombres” and “Senoritas” when it's time to hit the bathroom South of the border.

Here, then, is a practical guide to Used:

"Must see to appreciate" --What a brutal life this car has suffered.

"Runs real strong" -- For a car with more miles on it than Joan Rivers.

"Program car" -- Former media test car subjected to more repeated floggings than a French Quarter mule.

"Clean" -- Recently washed by sulky teenager with a dirty rag in a bucket of dirty water.

"Concours condition" -- Waxed (and dipped in Armor All) by same sulky teenager. The engine compartment has been pressure washed and the undercarriage “detailed” -- that is, spray-bombed with black paint to hide all the rust.

"Rebuilt engine" -- New spark plugs and a can of "Motor Honey."

"Body solid" -- The car needs a new engine or transmission.

"Illness forces sale" -- I'm really sick of this car.

"Selling for a friend" -- The car was bought at a fleabag auction and the seller hopes to turn a fast buck by selling it to you for \$1,000 more than he

paid for it.

"A true classic" -- An old, tired, high-mile car one step away from the crusher.

"Loaded" -- The engine's shot, but the car has AC and power windows.

"Need a little work" -- Bring a tow truck.



November 16th Baton Rouge Gathering by Rick Huber



Twelve of us gathered at Deangelo's on Wednesday November 16th for our monthly get together including 4 members who's houses or businesses flooded. There was plenty of flood recovery frustration talk while we ate dinner.

Nobody new this month, so Bobby went right in to a description of the Fairhope show weekend and the travails he and his Mom had driving over and back by themselves, primarily a flat tire and a fruitless search for a new tube. Fortunately when they arrived in Fairhope, he saw Alan Bradley, who had one in his boot, and he gave it to Bobby for the ride home. Rick and his brother and new member Mark went over as bachelors in the Healey and MGB and really enjoyed the outing together.

Rick talked about the Memorial Rallye in early November, a great turn-out, a surprisingly quaint little church in the country outside of Folsom, and a very nice little remembrance ceremony for the three club members we lost this year. Fun country road driving and Abita Brew Pub eating too, and John Baldwin's garage was something to behold, a highlight of the day. Rick talked about the Datsun 510 built for racing by Bob Sharp and raced and owned by Paul Newman, right there in John's collection of cars, complete with the display board from Amelia Island telling about it's history. Many other fabulous racing and street cars too.

Dick talked about the Flood Recovery Tech Session we had at his warehouse on Nov 12th, and how thankful he was for the 6 of us who helped rescue 11 of his cars, so thankful in fact that he surprised us by buying us dinner. Including Dick and his son Don, 8 of us did some flood recovery CPR on 10 of Dick Prestridge's little British cars, and one 68 Datsun 1600 convertible (Japan's answer to/copy of the MGB). Dick and Don were delighted to have Bill Avery, Charlie Brown, Larry Joubert, John Pearson, Bobby Spann and I join them to drain water out of engines, transmissions, and differentials and put oil/gear oil/diesel back in them. Besides the Datsun, there was an MG TF, two MGAs, an MGB, an MGC, two AH 100s, one AH 3000, one Spitfire, and one TR6. We seemed to have the right combination of floor jacks, jack stands, creepers, things to lay on, tools, oil, gear oil, diesel, drain pans and containers - good planning Dick. Of course, there is much more work to be done, on houses, businesses, and cars but it was good to get the water out of mechanical parts so they don't get ruined. Dick brought his 7/16" square key (a ground down 1/2" socket extension), for us to use on Reg's MGB differential on Saturday.

Upcoming events are another Tech Session Saturday Nov 19th at Reg Dunbar's house to do the same thing for his MGB and MG TD, the club Christmas party on December 3, and our Baton Rouge Cruise which we scheduled for January 28th. We made some tentative plans - Milton & Karen have talked about going to see the USS Kidd and then driving to New Roads for lunch. More on that as the date approaches.

Rick had a few more things to add to last



November Baton Rouge Gathering by continued...

month's discussion about Bob Riley and his new book "The Art of Race Car Design". Last month Bill Avery and Tom Miller talked about their association with Bob, in fact Bill and Bob shared a garage in the 50's and together built a home made race car pictured in the book. Rick added that in the first chapter, Bob talked about his next door neighbor in Lafayette and good friend Jack Robertson, who when they were 17, bought a few cars/trucks and made hot rods together. Jack Robertson is Rick's uncle in Welsh that introduced Rick to little British sports cars, giving him a ride/drive in his 63 E-Type right here in Baton Rouge when Rick was 15. Amazing list of connections and personalities with this sporty car hobby of ours!

Bobby's tool/part for this month's installment of Bill Avery's Tool Box nobody guessed - it was a

home made aluminum pivot point for an MGB sun visor.

Bob Nicolle told us about his project to put a 3.9 ratio chunk in his MGA differential (replacing the original 4.3 ratio) to make it a better cruising car. He was about half way finished with the project that we'll hopefully hear more about later.

Baton Rouge traffic is particularly bad in the area approaching 6 pm, so we were in unanimous agreement to back-up the eating start time to 7 pm and the meeting to 8 pm. We all like Deangelo's - nice room to ourselves, good food, diverse menu, it's just the location and traffic aren't optimal, so we'll give a later time a try. So, see you there next month, but not until 7 pm!

December Baton Rouge Gathering by Rick Huber



Well, we tried our new time, starting at 7 pm, but the traffic on Bluebonnet wasn't any better. After we got started, we talked about it, and concluded that it was likely worse than normal because it was Christmas week, and the Deangelo's is right

across the street from a shopping center. We'll try the 7 pm starting time again next month to see if it's any better before deciding whether to switch back.

So we had a reasonable turnout, with 13 of us

getting together to have a little little British car revelry during Christmas week. We had a couple of new faces, with Rick's nephew Patrick joining us on his Christmas vacation from Austin, and Patricia Steed joining husband Bill for the first time.

After a nice dinner, Rick started the meeting and talked about the annual BMCNO Christmas party and his surprise with Milton talking about the flood and how thankful all 9 of our flood survivor families are for everything the club has done to support them, and to Rick particularly for his coordination role. Rick brought and passed around the humanitarian award plaque that the club presented to him after Milton's talk.



December Baton Rouge Gathering by continued...

For upcoming events, Milton talked about the New Roads/Wayne Pangburn Tribute Cruise planned for January 28th, looking to have a good turnout for a visit to the USS Kidd, then a drive over to Morel's Restaurant in New Roads. Brian Pangburn, Wayne's son would like to join us, at least for lunch. Look for more details in a separate article.

Rick invited Bill Avery, Bill Steed, and Milton Franklin to give us an update on their flood recovery, and we heard some harrowing and amazing stories of survival, perseverance, faith, hope, and determination they have all shown in getting through this ordeal - and none of them are through it yet. All are very thankful to Rick

and the club for all they have done to help and keep their morale and spirits positive.

Rick had sent out a note before the meeting saying there would be a prize for the best Christmas hat. Only 4 people had hats, and the top prize went to Patricia Steed with her lights flashing, bell ringing Santa hat, a pretty amazing, attention grabbing contraption. Bill Steed got a second prize for his similar looking but not so automated version of the same hat. Congratulations and enjoy those Subway and Harbor Freight gift cards!

We all said Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and headed home to continue preparing for our Christmas celebrations.

January Baton Rouge Gathering by Rick Huber



Membership appreciation night brought out a bigger than usual crowd for our monthly Baton Rouge gathering on Wednesday the 18th of January. Mighty nice of Karen and Ronnie to join us again, and

mighty nice for the club to pick up the tab for all-you-can-eat pizza. Twenty-four of us indulged and had a good evening together. We had another flood survivor couple, Bob & Mac Gullic join us for the first time since their house flooded. It's good to see them out having some fun again. Karen talked about the show and brought license plates and grill badges and shirt sign up forms getting ready for the car show and of course told us all about the upcoming

club events. We had a couple of new faces, or faces we haven't seen in awhile as Brian Pangburn and his son Jack joined us from New Roads. Brian is Wayne's son, and now the owner of his dad's beautiful red '63 TR4. Lawrence Corts also joined us - he has a '78 Lotus Esprit that he's working to get ready for this year's show. We were happy to see Brian, Jack, and Lawrence join us for dinner. Milton and Bobby have planned and so they talked about the upcoming USS Kidd/Wayne Pangburn Memorial Cruise this Saturday January 28th. We talked about other upcoming events, too. The later start time worked out pretty well, traffic had pretty much calmed down for our new 7 pm dinner/ 8 pm meeting schedule, so we'll keep doing that for awhile.





Baton Rouge Area Flood Update as of November, 2016 ***by Rick Huber***



Hello everyone,

Three months today since the great flood of 2016. 13 weeks of our 9 flooded club members and their families working to get back in the houses and it's safe to say that nobody is

back to normal again despite a few people that are actually living in their houses again. Some are thinking Thanksgiving, others Christmas, others sometime in the New Year.

Some good news is with nearly \$10,800 in donations, each flood survivor will receive \$1,200 (I still haven't delivered all of the last donations). Both are astounding numbers, and all of them remain unbelievably appreciative for the generosity of so many people and clubs across the country. Recent donations that I haven't mentioned before are Bob Pennington of the Texas Triumph Register, \$400 from the club Texas Triumph Register, \$200 from the South Texas Triumph Association, \$100 from the Vintage Triumph Register, and \$200 from BMCNO for the last two flood survivors we identified late.

Some good news on the cars front. 8 of us yesterday did some flood recovery CPR on 10 of Dick Prestridge's little British cars, and one 68 Datsun 1600 convertible (Japan's answer to/copy of the MGB). Dick and his son Don were delighted to have Bill Avery, Charlie Brown, Larry Joubert, John Pearson, Bobby Spann and

I join them to drain water out of engines, transmissions, and differentials and put oil/gear oil/diesel back in them. Besides the Datsun, there was an MG TF, two MGAs, an MGB, an MGC, two AH 100s, one AH 3000, one Spitfire, and one TR6. We seemed to have the right combination of floor jacks, jack stands, creepers, things to lay on, tools ,oil, gear oil, diesel, drain pans and containers - good planning Dick.

We're planning to do some CPR on Reg's MGB and MGTD next Saturday. See separate email.

Some good news on the family front. Our daughter and her family are happily back in their home for the last two weeks, but it'll still be a long time before things are back to normal. Still have contractors finishing work and still have many boxes to unpack, but she said they're all happy to be back and camping out at home.

I've talked with or seen almost everybody since the last update and all are in it for the long haul - making progress, but the pace is remarkably slow with contractors, floor installers, cabinet makers all overwhelmed with the amount of work to be done. Almost everyone is resigned to being patient and not having expectations of getting anything done quickly. It is what it is.

Blessings to everyone struggling to recover and who are helping them to do that.

Rick

Memorial Drive by Cathy Greensfelder



Saturday November 5 dawned with good weather for the annual Memorial Rallye – sunny skies and temperature below 80 for most of the day! The club met at Scooters in Mandeville then took a short drive

to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Folsom. Known locally as the “Little Cathedral in the Woods”, the church was built in 1900 as the chapel for the Chinchuba School for the Deaf in Covington. After a fire destroyed the school in 1940, the building was moved to Folsom. It was taken apart, moved in pieces, and reassembled at its current location. The church has beautiful early-1900’s stained glass windows and altar. For more information go to <https://sjbcatholicchurch.wordpress.com/>

The club held a short memorial for Max Benson, Wayne Pangburn and Richie Cunningham, BMCNO members who passed away this year. Karen Murray remembered how she had always loved the twinkle in Max’s eyes. He always made her think of Santa Clause. Keith Vezina shared that he and Richie had had a standing bet for years on the LSU vs Alabama football game: 5 pounds of boudin vs 5 pounds of gulf



shrimp. Keith figures that with dry ice and shipping, that boudin cost about \$40 a pound!! Rick Huber said a prayer for all our departed friends and we released red, white, and blue balloons. **Max’s blue balloon caught briefly in the oak tree, as if he wasn’t ready to leave, but then moved on into the sky.**

Cliff Hughes had marked out a beautiful two-hour drive from the church to the Anita Brewery on tree shaded, winding roads. To make things simple, he passed out maps with the route so anyone who got separated would know how to catch up. We had one break down - **Milanya and Bill Jackson’s Austin Healey quit**





Memorial Drive by continued...



and several members stayed behind with him to get it running again.

We arrived late to the Abita Brewery. At that point, the group split up. Some went on as planned to the Abita Brew Pub for lunch and the food was great as usual. About half decided to stay at the brewery to sample the beer and enjoy lunch from the Stuff Stream food truck. Stuff Stream is housed in a shiny silver air-stream with global food options like Banh mi sliders with BBQ brisket and Korean smoked pork tacos with chipotle coleslaw. The food was excellent and we have approached them about coming to the 2017 British Car Day.

Turns out one of his mechanics has a flair for baking, and made cookies and three kinds of fruit tarts! What a way to end the day!



After lunch, we drove to John Baldwin's garage in Covington to see John's collection. Over a dozen wonderful classic cars from a Shelby race car to a Morris pickup truck were on display. In addition, John graciously provided desert.





Memorial Drive by continued...





Memorial Drive by continued...





Memorial Drive by continued...



**WHAT A GREAT NIGHT FOR BMCNO!!!!!!** *Saturday, December 3, 2016*

The Annual Christmas Party is a night to get together and celebrate our year's accomplishments.

The club thanked and acknowledged retiring Board members; Jack Kennedy, and Reg Dunbar for their years of service and work on behalf of BMCNO.

Rick Huber was presented a Humanitarian

Award from the club for his tireless work helping our flooded members in the Baton Rouge. Milton Franklin gave a very inspiring speech on behalf of the Baton Rouge Area club members. Rick was speechless and **moved by all of the thank you's** and praise directed toward him. As many of you know, Rick is a very humble man not requiring accolades for his help. It was a very moving moment for our club.

AND THEN..... The stars of the evening came out. The 5 Delgado Scholarship Winners were introduced and spoke to our members. If ever you needed tissues this is the time listening to these aspiring young men and women. This year for the first

time our first place winner and recipient of a \$750 scholarship was a single mother raising a

young daughter. The other 4 recipients each received \$500 scholarships.

The scholarship money is from the proceeds of our Annual Car Show. What a moving moment to meet and listen to the recipients of our hard work at the car show. This year Delgado submitted 14 applications for scholarships. The recipients are individually voted on by the Board of Directors and Area Coordinator based on GPA, teacher recommendations, and a written essay. The board sends their rubric results to Karen Murray to be tallied. At the next board meeting the results are shared showing the highest top 5 scores. From there results are sent to Delgado for the students

to be notified. The board does not meet the students until the Christmas Party.



I know every club uses their car show profits for many different things but I am so proud of what BMCNO does with its proceeds.

All 80 members and guests feast-

ed on delicious food including 3 fried turkeys, 2 baked hams and mouthwatering salads, casseroles, and desserts. There was food left over that members packed up for home.

Fun time included the drawing for 30 door prizes. Every food item donated to Second's Harvest Food Bank members received one raffle ticket. People donated 261 pounds of food and \$60 in cash this year. The door prizes were well received and suggestions were given to me on what to buy for next year. Every table centerpiece, a live poinsettia plant, was also won.

AND... to finish the evening!!! All members received a Christmas present. This year the pre-



2017 BMCNO Annual Christmas Party continued ...

sents were clay ornaments in the shape of our logo hand made by a lady in Belle Chase. Members then stayed to talk and visit with other members.

Looking forward to next year!!!





2017 BMCNO Annual Christmas party.

A FULL HOUSE



*2017 BMCNO Annual Christmas party continued...*

BMCNO 2017 Board of Directors. From left to right. Ronnie Palmisano, Newsletter Editor. Chad Wicker, Webmaster. Cliff Hughes, Member at Large. Jim Clark, Vice President. Mark Greensfelder, Treasurer. Cathy Greensfelder, Secretary. Karen Murray, President. Mark Ferketish, Vice President before he transferred to Germany, Martin St Romain, Member at Large. Linda St Romain, Member at Large and Tom Mc Millan, Member at Large.



2017 Delgado Community College Scholarship Recipients and instructors. From L to R— Amanda Breaux, Yair Iglesias, Donzell Dukes, Jason Roy, Justin Azee, Donald Davenport, Director Delgado Motor Vehicle Technology Department, and George Torlage, Instructor, Motor Vehicle Technology Department.



Harahan Christmas Parade



The Annual Harahan Christmas Parade rolled down Jefferson Highway December, 17th. The parade, which is hosted by the Harahan Police Department, included a roster designed to entertain Harahan kids ahead of the holidays.

Marching bands, dance groups, police officers and Santa Claus paraded down Jefferson Highway.

The parade began at Noon on Jefferson Highway and traveled 2.7 miles.

British Motoring Club New Orleans member Allen Bradley organized club members to participate!

BMCNO had the following members participate with their cars:

Allen Bradley

Ronald and Karen Murray Palmisano

Pete Weber and Denise Petit

Jay Lee and grandchildren.

After the parade Allen & Susan Bradley invited everyone to their house for a meal of hamburgers, and chips.



NOTE: All four cars traveled the route without any mechanical issues.





MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Middendorf's Cruise / Lunch

Saturday, February 11th, 2017

Cruise information:

New Orleans Group leaves Café du Monde, 4700 Veterans Memorial Blvd, Metairie, at 10:00 am

Baton Rouge leaves Bas Pro Shop at 10:00 am

Bay St. Louis / Gulfport leaves Sam's Warehouse Gulfport at 11:00 am and will drive directly to the Restaurant.

North Shore leaves Scooter's Madisonville at 10:15 am

Lafayette Area, Contact Dave Hayden or meet in Ponchatoula for 11:00 am

We will all meet in Ponchatoula at the intersection of Hwy. 51 and Pine St. (Hwy 22) at 11:00 am

Then our Wives/Ladies will shop till they drop!

We will all leave Ponchatoula promptly at 12:00 noon and meet at Middendorf's at 12:30 p.m..

Group Picture at 12:30 before we are seated for lunch.

Middendorf's Seafood, 30160 US-51, Akers, LA 70421



Birthday's by Vice- President Karen Murray

Happy DECEMBER Birthday

wishes to the following

BMCNO members:

Carol Benson
Reg Dunbar
James Favrot
Col. Mark Ferketish
Anne Friloux
Cathy Greensfelder
Cleve Hardman
William Harris

Charles Hirling
Gail Horning
Mark Huber
Robert Hughes
Larry Joubert
Karen Murray
Robert Rougelot
James Wade
Mike Zorbrist



©wondercliparts.com

"I'm a little Tea Pot lost and scared

Please bring me to my forever home"



Please, please, please search for this little tea pot to become part of our Annual Car Show Ladies Tea decorations. All of the decorations that we used last year will not be available again. You could donate a tea pot or just loan for that day to put on show. We do have a secure home for all of the lost teapots and tea cups. Contact Karen Murray at karenmurray@cox.net.





January and February's by Karen Murray, President

*Happy January and February Birthday
wishes to the following
BMCNO members:*

JANUARY

Milton Franklin
Judy Huber
Melania Jackson
Audrey Kennedy
Cort Musgrave
Bill Steed
Oneil J. Williams Jr.

FEBRUARY

Mike Anderson
Deryl Brown
Bernard Stiegler
Justin Clark
Wally Friloux
Butch Healey
Bruce Rogers
Jamie Schober



British Motoring Club New Orleans

27th Annual British Car Day

Saturday, March 25th 2017

On-Site Registration: 9 a.m. to Noon

Show: Noon to 3 p.m.

Awards at 3:30 p.m.

All British Cars & Bikes Invited

Spectators Welcome at No Charge

LOCATION

Delgado Community College City Park Campus

Orleans Ave. between City Park Ave. & Navarre Ave.

For more information contact:

Jim Clark (504) 638-1054 jclark6@gmail.com

Cliff Hughes (985) 966-0492 hugh8709@bellsouth.net

Tom McMillan thos.mcmillan@gmail.com

Registration form available at our web site: www.bmcno.org

Online registration available at BMCNO.ORG

Host Hotel

Ramada of Metairie

3400 South. I-10 Service Rd W

Metairie, LA 70001

(504) 833-8201

Ask for special BMCNO room rate available until 3/4/17

Friday Night Reception at host hotel starts at 6:00 p.m.



Official entry form

27th Annual New Orleans British Car Day

Saturday, March 25th, 2017 New Orleans, Louisiana

Name	Guest (for name tag)	
Address		
City	State	Zip
Telephone	Email <small>e-mail for Entry Receipt</small>	
Club Affiliations		

Cars / Motorcycles entered

\$25.00 early registration

\$30.00 after 3-18-2017

#	Year	Make / Model / Type / color	Entry Fee
1			

Additional Cars add \$10

Special Pre-Order Show T-Shirt Pricing: (without pockets) Size through XL \$15. size 2XL \$16. 3XL \$17 (Show Price \$2 more per shirt)

2			
3			
4			
		Show layout and classes based on pre-registration	

M:	L:	XL:	2XL	3XL	Shirt Total:

I plan to attend the Friday night reception with _____ total people.

I plan to attend the Saturday Queen's Tea 1:30 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. with _____ total people.

FREE- Ladies Only.

Grand Total

\$

In consideration of this entry, I waive any and all claims for me and my heirs against the British Motoring Club New Orleans, Delgado College, their officers and any sponsor of this event for injury or illness which may result directly or indirectly from my participation. I also give my permission for use of my name and / or pictures in any broadcast, telecast or any other account of this event.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Payment by PayPal or Credit Card available: [HTTP://www.clubregistration.net](http://www.clubregistration.net)

Search Club Registration for "British Motoring Club New Orleans"

Make check payable to: "British Car Day"

Mail to: Car Day, P.O. Box 73213, Metairie, LA 70033



Chef's Corner

By Karen Murray

Annual BMCNO Car Show

Welcome Reception

Ramada Inn

3400 I-10 Service Rd. , Metairie

Friday, March 24, 2017



It's that time of year to start planning what "wonderful" dish you are going to share with our guests at the Car Show reception on Friday, March 24th. Let's pull out the recipe books and tantalize our guests with exceptional New Orleans cooking. Serving starts at 6:00 P.M., so please try to have your food at the hotel by 5:30 P.M.

Don't forget that we need members to bring mouth-watering appetizers, casseroles, main dishes, and of course desserts to the Friday Night Reception!!!!!!

We have had 70—100 people attend this event with all food donated by our members. The club will provide drinks and all paper items. The ballroom has been reserved and has a patio opening to the pool area. It is always a fun night but we do need to rely on our members for their generous donations of food.

So....please join us for this Pot Luck dinner to meet and greet our out of town guests and to catch up with each other. We want our guest to walk away knowing that better food could not be bought in local restaurants. **DATES AND TIMES TO REMEMBER**

Friday, March 24th Welcome Reception 6:00 p.m. Ramada Inn—I-10 Service Rd. Causeway. Please have your food there by 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 25th—27th Annual Car Show Delgado Community College

On-site registration 9:00 a.m. till 12:00 noon

Show time (cars must remain on the field) Noon—3:00 p.m.

Judging (Popular Choice) 12:30 p.m. –2:30

Queen's Tea Ladies only 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

Awards 3:00 p.m.

New Orleans Food & Spirits Dinner (Dutch treat) 5:30 p.m.



British Motoring Club New Orleans
Cordially invites
Ladies to the
Queen's Tea Party
Honoring all ladies attending
the
Annual BMCNO Car Show

Date: Sat., March 25, 2017

Place: Delgado Community College

Time: 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

British (Hot tea), American (Southern Ice Tea), and desserts will be served.

Favors and Door prizes



2017 BMCNO British Car Day T-Shirt design





Sponsor Contest

27th Annual British Car Day

2017 SPONSOR CONTEST (Due Date 3/18/2017)

ONE MONTH TO GO!!

Four short weeks until the show.

Time to get those sponsors/donors/vendors identified and the money and donations in.

Deadline for Sponsors - March 18, two weeks before the show.

Deadline for Donations - March 18, one week before the show

Bring all donations to the goody bag stuffing party on 3/20/2017

Why wait - bring sponsor forms/money to the club meeting on Tuesday.

Class Sponsorships are \$50 or more. See Sponsor Registration Form for details.

The club will have a contest for the number / dollar value of sponsors brought in by club members.

The member who brings in the most sponsor points (one point for each \$50) will win First Prize. This will be a nice, unique gift from the club.

All club members are eligible to donate \$50 or more, sponsor classes, and enter the contest. All club members (except Sponsor chairman) who bring in non-member sponsors will have their names put into a drawing for additional prizes. Each member will have their name put in the hat as many times as the number of sponsor points they bring in, i.e. bring in one \$50 sponsor and your name goes in the hat once, bring in five \$50 sponsors (or one \$250 sponsor) and your name goes in the hat five times.

If you'd like to approach a potential sponsor, or a company for donations, please call or email Jin Clark jclark6@gmail.com or 504-638-1054 to put your name on the potential sponsor list. This will avoid more than one member soliciting the same potential sponsor. Please also ask for other donations of door prizes or goody bag items.

Sponsors may request a particular class and these will be assigned on a first come basis as best as can be done. Classes may have more than one sponsor.

Likely prospects for sponsors:

Auto Supply or Repair Services,
Auto Dealers

Your bank or credit union

Insurance Agents and Brokers

Real Estate Agents

Beauty Salons or Barbers
Lawn care or pool suppliers and
services

Restaurants

Retail Stores

Businesses you
regularly patronize

Continued on next page



British Motoring Club New Orleans

P. O. Box 73213

Metairie, LA 70033

www.bmcno.org

2017 SPONSOR REGISTRATION FORM

27th Annual British Car Day – March 25th, 2017

Due Date for sponsorship March 18, 2017

Class Sponsor: \$50 or more

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE GOODIE BAG ITEMS, DOOR PRIZES, OTHER AWARDS, TROPHIES or be a VENDOR: Contact BMCNO Representative or Jim Clark, 504-638-1054

SPONSOR

Organization/Company _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Contact Name & Phone(s) _____

Class (if desired) _____

Payment must accompany application

Make checks payable to “British Car Day” & give to a BMCNO representative or mail it with this printed form to:

BMCNO

P O Box 73213

Metairie, LA 70033

SPONSORSHIP WILL INCLUDE PUBLICITY ON THE WEB SITE AND AT THE SHOW, PRODUCT OR SERVICE DISPLAY BY SPONSOR (if requested prior to show), TROPHY PRESENTATION, INVITATION TO THE FRIDAY EVENING SOCIAL AND THE SINCERE THANKS OF ALL THE MEMBERS OF BMCNO AND THE CAR SHOW PARTICIPANTS.

BMCNO Representative _____ Date Paid _____ Ck# _____



BRITISH MOTORING CLUB NEW ORLEANS 2017 TENTATIVE SPONSOR CLASS LIST

27th Annual British Car Day – March 25, 2017

Aston Martin
Austin-Healey 100, 100-6 & 3000
Austin-Healey Sprite & MG Midget
Display Only Class (Trailers, Restorations, For Sale) - NO TROPHIES
Empire Sports
Jaguar Sedans
Jaguar Vintage & Classic Sports (Pre-1974)
Jaguar Modern Sports (1975 and newer)
Jaguar XJS
Jaguar XK8/XKR
Longest Distance Driven
Lotus
MGs Pre-War
MG TC, TD, and TF
MGA 1500
MGA 1600
MGB/C Chrome Bumper (1962-1969)
MGB/C Chrome Bumper (1970-1974)
MGB Rubber Bumper (1975-1976)
MGB Rubber Bumper (1977-1980)
MGB/C GT
Mini Cooper, Classic (1959-2000)
Mini Cooper, Modern (2002 and newer)
Modified Class (Race cars, Engine swaps, significant mods to British vehicles)
Motorcycles



BMCNO Membership Application

Print this form to submit your application.

Name: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Address: _____ Birthday month _____ Day _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail: _____ Occupation: _____

Where did you learn of BMCNO? _____

What other car clubs do you belong? _____

Include information in the Online Web Directory yes____ no____

Please list me as ICE, (In Case of Emergency) willing to render assistance to members who break down in my area. yes____ no____

BRITISH CAR INFORMATION

1st CAR

Make: _____

Model: _____

Year: _____

Body Style: _____

Color: _____

2nd CAR

Make: _____

Model: _____

Year: _____

Body Style: _____

Color: _____

3rd CAR

Make: _____

Model: _____

Year: _____

Body Style: _____

Color: _____

Membership - \$24 per year due July 1st.

Payable as follows:

⇒ Check **payable to "British Motoring Club New Orleans (BMCNO)"** and return to:
British Motoring Club New Orleans, P.O. Box 73213 , Metairie, LA 70033

⇒ PayPal - www.clubregistration.net (click on British Motoring Club at this web site)

⇒ Cash or Check at any monthly meeting.

All payments need to be accompanied by this completed application form. It is imperative that we have your correct and active email address because this is how all communication is now processed.

"I agree to abide by the rules and regulations as set forth by the Club Officers under The British Motoring Club New Orleans, Inc. [Charter and By-Laws](#)."

Name _____ Date _____



Report From Track Side !!

Jim, Donna and Justin Clark were accompanied by Mark and Shannon Ferketish when attending the Sports Car Vintage Racing Association (SCVRA) on 15-16 October at the NOLA Motorsports Park New Orleans. The event was billed as Mardi Gras in October and proved an exciting weekend of racing and individual activities. We **showed in time on Saturday to enter Jim's 1976 TR6 and Mark's 1986 Alfa Romeo Spider Veloce** Quadrafoglio into a car show. The other cars entered were Corvettes, Mustangs, Cobras, and various muscle cars.

After situating the entries we walked over to the paddock behind the race car garages. The Jaguar Driving Team established a autocross track beginning with a short straightaway and many hairpin turns the first turn is figure 8 effect turn opening into another straightaway across the paddock. The big thrill is each of us was at the wheel accompanied by a professional driver.

After completing the first run of the motocross track we changed cars from an S-Type Jag to the F-Type Jag and then drove the track again. We were flying on this closed-course-track enclosed in the power and luxury of the Jag sedan and coupe.

After this thrill we walked over to the all-terrain course and did some low speed laps in the brand



new Land Rover. The course demonstrated the handling, the comfort, and the agility of the Land Rover. Accompanied by another professional driver we climbed a short hill and looked into the blue sky and clouds as we pulled up this steep obstacle followed by a crawling descent.

No foot on the brake at this obstacle. On the straight away the LR moved confidently while tilted at 22 degree angle. Donna was at the wheel smiling all the time. The computer controls adjusted the vehicle traction brakes and power at every turn of the wheel. All of us received a black Jaguar / Land Rover Ball Cap for our efforts and skill.

Donna here...Spending the day behind the wheel of any vehicle other than the one I arrived in was quite a surprise. I had never driven a Jaguar and never autocross, but what a thrill. I will definitely do that again. Feeling confident with my newfound swagger, I was eager to jump into a Land Rover and take it for a different experience altogether. An audio/visual tech on the scene asked permission to film my drive and mic my experience as well. Sure, I said, why not. So first things first, how do I get into this large vehicle which rides high off the ground? My pro-driver pushed a button and the Land Rover lowered for easy entry...sweet. After adjusting the seat, buckling up and a quick rundown of some of the awesome features, we were off. Slow and





steady just steer, the computer senses the terrain all the while adjusting accordingly. What **do you need me for, I'm on three wheels and can't see a thing!** I was careful to control my language (swearing), contain my excitement (anxiety), remembering I had a microphone on my every word (rapid breathing). This was crazy, but yet another thrill and our day had just begun.

The track racing was thrilling to watch from our vantage point seats above the final turn we watched as the racers accelerated out into the **5,200' straight away**. What excitement!! Two cars spun out on different laps, a BMW sliding into the infield and a Corvette sliding into the retaining wall by pit row and breaking the body

in two pieces. No one was hurt in the crash but later as we walked through the other paddock area we saw the damage to the Corvette was extensive. Jim captured some great images ...

Jim here, One of the great thing about this event is the access allowed, as we strolled through the pit and paddock areas our attention was drawn from one attraction to another. The front row was a line of car transporters, cars stored on the upper level or sitting on the elevators while crews scurried around in the garages below. Large tents shielded the cars from the sun as teams made final adjustments. The back row consisted of weekend warriors in smaller motorhomes acting as their own crew, and driver. We spoke with many of the owners and **crews', without exception, they took time to engage in conversation and answer our questions.** A driver and a mechanic who were preparing a Austin Healey Sprite to run on the track took **time to "heat cycle" the 185 HP engine for our enjoyment.** The owner giving full credit to his mechanic for the powerful sounding engine. The mechanic sharing his tip on how to oil the shafts of the SU carburetors by drilling a oiling hole in the bushing to keep them from wearing. Moving on we next encountered another driver who informed us that the most dangerous thing on the track are the golf carts which seem to run at





random angles all over the pit area oblivious to the high powered race cars moving to the staging area. As the driver exited from his golf cart to start his Chevron B19 we ask about the race prepared Alfa Romeo Giulia Spider Veloce next to his **CAR**, his answer was **"oh that is my wife's"** as he rumbled off to staging . His wife popped out of their RV and headed for her car and was off to staging giving a big wave. I believe she beat her husband in their class. The longevity award goes to Talbot Lee, 86 years who was driving a 967 Ginetta G4, which took 5 people and one minor injury to push start. He was leading his class until he threw a fan belt, not bad for a 86 year old driver and 70 years of racing experience. I still have a chance.

On Sunday the crowd and racing contestants thinned and now we had the opportunity for a



hot-lap riding again with professional drivers in the Jags on the main track of the Motor Speedway NOLA main track. **After we "suited" up** in our helmets and knit liner we enjoyed the sheer power and acceleration of the Jags. From a full stop in the covered pit area the professions driver merged into the straightaway and in my case announced 145 mph as he slid the car into the first of many turns steering to the right off the right and decelerating. This is the fastest I have ever traveled on a ground. We entered the series of turns at 120 mph and my face felt the G-forces.

Jim, here, Hot laps what a great time. Donna, Justin and I were fortunate enough to enjoy the complimentary hot lap in a F-Type provided by Jaguar. We were issued helmets and lined up for our ride. I hopped into the F-Type to look over seeing the Pro Drive was a young Female, not the time to make jokes about female drivers. She asked how I felt about speed and I replied go for it. It was a wonderful experience, she called out speeds as we entered turns at a 145 MPH then she would say I am going to break the rear loose, ok? Sure!! She was an accomplished driver handling a very polished car. The experience was surreal as I chatted with her on the course about her family, she was 26 and had been a nationally ranked water skier. She had found a new love in driving high performance cars. I was amazed at the handling and performance of the F-Type powering around the track flying into turns. The more impressive fact is that this was achieved with the AC on full blast.

Justin, here, experiencing the hot lap with a professional race driver was like nothing I had ever experienced before. The Jaguar F-Type, from a passenger's perspective at least, seemed to be effortlessly dancing around the track and sliding around corners. This was even more incredible as the driver shouted out that we had entered



the first turn going 145 MPH. The only item that managed to outshine the car was the driver. It is hard to comprehend how someone can be driving a car to the absolute limits and still be able

to maintain a conversation as if they were sitting in a parking lot. The driver casually informed me that he had been a professional racer for ten years and that driving an F-Type on a closed track all day never stopped being fun. Needless to say I asked him what career changes I needed to make to end up in his position.

The fun continued when we made four laps parade style on the main track driving our own cars. Jim in the TR6, Justin and Donna in his BMW roadster, and Shannon and I in the Alfa.

What excitement taking four laps with about eight other drivers in their cars with the pace cars leading and tailing our ever faster parade around the track. I know I got the Alfa up above 95 mph on the straight away before I decelerated into the right turn... enough speed for Shannon and I with the top down. In the corners it was a smooth downshift and accelerate through the sweet spot of each turn. What A thrill !!

Jim here, I was thrilled to be on the track at NOLA MOTORSPORTS. I was sure to be the last car in line, the pace car behind me. I love my TR6 but I know it is no match for the field of cars that were allowed to do not 1 but 4 parade laps. As each lap was completed the line of cars increased speed, I was soon in my own Mitty Experience, surely providing much entertainment for the prodrive in the F-Type Pace Car behind me. Trying to figure out how to enter and exit turns and general just having a wonderful time. All too soon we had to exit the track. My next stop was the gift shop to purchase a track decal to affix to my TR 6 windshield to prominently display that she had made it onto at least one race course, hoping it is not the last.

Of course the real winner here was Mark.





British Spares and Restoration Services and Classified Ads

B. M. C. Restorations

Peter Brauen

3895 Firetower Road

Kiln, MS 39556

<http://stores.ebay.com/bmcrestorations>

EVERYTHING FOR YOUR BRITISH CLASSIC...

Watch **MOSS TV** on topics including how-to and product spotlights, subscribe and get updates when new videos are posted. **YouTube**

Free Catalogs: Hundreds of pages of parts and information on MGs, Triumphs, Austins, Healeys and Classic Minis. **FREE CATALOGS**

MOSS **Moss Motors**

Find us Online at www.mossmotors.com Call Toll-Free: 800-667-7872

Shop Online at www.VictoriaBritish.com or Request Your **FREE** Catalog Today!

Choose From These Parts and Accessories Catalogs:

- Austin Healey
- MGA
- MGB & MGC
- AH Sprite & MG Midget
- Sunbeam Alpine & Tiger
- TR2 TR3 TR4 TR4A TR250
- TR6
- TR7 & TR8
- Spitfire & GT6

Order Toll Free 7 Days A Week
1-800-255-0088

SUNBEAM

Shop Online ... Fast, Simple & Safe
www.VictoriaBritish.com

24 Hours & Days Orders • Catalog Requests • Status

British Car Keys
Wilmot breeden, Waso



Pete Groh
9957 Frederick Rd.
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Phone: (410) 750-2352
e-mail: petegroh@yahoo.com
<http://britishcarkeys.com>

OUR SERVICE PUTS US A-PART FROM THE REST.

As Little British, we know who we are and where our business comes from. As a growing company founded in the late 60's, we take pride in giving you high quality customer service. We will have this part to you, need, the convenience you want, and at a lower price than you thought you would pay.

By being an online based company, we are able to keep costs low and maintain a flawless ordering system that is quick and user-friendly. We have the parts for most British marques and models as well as fun collectibles and other useful items for the British car enthusiast. Log on to www.LBCarCo.com and see why we stand out from the rest.

Little British Car Company
www.LBCarCo.com

Jeff Zorn • 29311 Aranel Farmington Hills, MI 48334
Phone: 248-659-0022 • Toll-free: 800-637-9640
Fax: 248-659-9665 • Email: LBCarCo@LBCarCo.com
Major credit cards accepted

Authorized Distributor for:

- Portonix Electric Ignitions and Coils
- Vintage Ads
- Don Hoods
- Moto-Lite Steering Wheels
- Gunsen Tools
- Moss Motors
- Halogen Bulbs for Most British and American Cars
- Plus many others!

MECHANICAL, PAINT, BODY & UPHOLSTERY REPAIRS & RESTORATION



T. KEITH VEZINA
Proprietor
CELL 504.722.5777
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Tartan Automotive, LLC
546 HICKORY AVENUE
HARAHAN, LA 70123-3105

TARTANAUTO@COX.NET

Restoration, Mechanical, Paint, Body and Upholstery Repairs, T. Keith Vezina Proprietor
Cell 504-722-5777 Tartanauto@cox.net

I need articles with pictures of your British Car restoration or other.

This will be used for future articles.

Email to BMCNO Newsletter Editor at
ronniep@cox.net.

**British Spares and Restoration Services and Classified Ads****Calling all British Motorcycle Owners**

It has been suggested that the club work to increase the number of British Motorcycle owners. If anyone knows someone who owns a British Motorcycle please contact them about participating in our club.

Milton Franklin, Baton Rouge, is interested in organizing motorcycle events for owners of British Motorcycles. Harley groups are always cruising the roads so we would like to start British motorcycle cruises. We would also like to increase the number of motorcycles at our Annual Car Show. So...let's start looking for British motorcycles to give our business cards and brochures too. If you need more please contact Milton at densalprop@cox.net.

**LUBRIPORT LABORATORIES, INC.**

PROUDLY SERVICING THE PETROLEUM & MARINE INDUSTRIES

PETROLEUM LABORATORY SERVICE – USED LUBE OIL ANALYSIS
PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE ANALYSIS – DIESEL & RESIDUAL FUELS TESTING
NEW LUBRICANT QUALITY ASSURANCE – EMISSION SPECTROMETER ANALYSIS

(504) 464-1734 – 1650 AIRLINE DRIVE – KENNER, LA 70062

ANNE & FLOYD FRILLOUX, OWNERS



2017 BMCNO Board Members / Area Coordinators

Board of Directors

President:	Karen Murray	504-236-7509	bmcnokaren@cox.net
Vice President	James Clark	504-638-1054	jclark6@gmail.com
Treasurer	Mark Greensfelder	504-451-7300	mgreensf@cox.net
Secretary	Cathy Greensfelder	504-858-4784	cgreensf@gmail.com
Newsletter Editor	Ronnie Palmisano	504-319-8506	ronniep@cox.net

Area Coordinators

South Shore	Karen Murray	504-236-7509	bmcnokaren@cox.net
North Shore	Cliff Hughes	985-966-0492	hugh8709@bellsouth.net
Baton Rouge	Rick Huber	225-571-7064	mlandrick@gmail.com
Lafayette	Dave Hayden	337-344-1833	dandmhayden@gmail.com
Mississippi Gulf Coast	Andy Switzer	228-547-9030	aswit0001@aol.com
Mississippi Gulf Coast	Gene Gillam	228-313-9045	anngene@bellsouth.net

Motorcycle Coordinator

Milton Franklin	densalprop@cox.net
-----------------	--------------------

Members at Large

Cliff Hughes	985-966-0492	hugh8709@bellsouth.net
Tom McMillan	504-329-1265	Thos.mcmillan@gmail.com
Linda St Romain	985-856-2011	lindastccr@yahoo.com
Martin St Romain	985-688-9123	martin250@att.net
Chad Wicker	504-432-0396	cwicker@itcglobal.com



Club Resource Library





Although our Club Resource Library is still growing, the items that we do have are all excellent and available to all members.

Currently there are many items available. These include service manuals and how to books and videos.

We will be bringing the library to the area meetings.

See the February newsletter for your meeting location and date. We plan to shift locations every 30 days.



Club Resource Library



Club Resource Library



North American MGB Register

The only MEMBER-RUN organization
for MGB, MGC, Midget, 1100/1300 and
Post Abingdon Car owners.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP \$30 (\$45 overseas)

- *Dash plaque • Membership card • Window decal*
- *Six bi-monthly issues of The MG Driver,
a 68-page informative magazine.*
- *Annual national convention – a four-day MG party!*

North American MGB Register

PO BOX 876 • Downers Grove, IL 60515-0876

Toll-free phone: 800-NAMGBR-1

www.namgbr.org



SAVE THE DATE
APRIL 27-30, 2017
VINTAGE TRIUMPH REGISTER
SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE
NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS