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July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Happy 241st Birthday America	5	6	7	8 British Tea Room Lunch
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16	17	18	19 Baton Rouge Area Gathering	20 North Shore Area Gathering	21	22 Acadiana Cruise
23 Gulf Coast Cruise/	24	25 General Meeting	26	27	28	29
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Saturday, July 8, Lunch at English Tea Room for 11:30 a.m.

Convoy info:

South Shore will leave Morning Call, Severn at 10:30. If you want coffee and beignets please arrive early.

Baton Rouge will meet at Bass Pro Shop for 10:30 a.m.

North Shore members will meet at the Tea Room for 11:30

Tuesday, July 11th—6:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting Linda & Martin's house

Wednesday, July 12th, Baton Rouge Meeting, 7:00 dinner 8:00 meeting, Louis De Angelo's Italian Rest. 7550 Bluebonnet Blvd. Rick Huber Area Coordinator

Thursday, July 13th, North Shore Meeting, 6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting, Abita Brew Pub, 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs. Cliff Hughes Area Coordinator

Saturday, July 22, Acadiana Cruise

Sunday, July 23, 1:00 pm Gulf Coast Cruise, Sam's Club, 10431 Old Hwy 49, Gulfport, MS 39503, USA (map) Cruise followed by lunch

Tuesday, July 25th—General BMCNO Meeting, 6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA

***President's Message by BMCNO President Karen Murray*****The North Shore members did it again!!!!**

On Sunday, June 4th the North Shore Group hosted 50 people for the BMCNO Annual Crawfish Boil. The event was again at Riverside State Park outside of Madisonville.

We had ample parking for all of our cars, clean bathrooms, plenty of space, cool breezes, fun people to talk with and delicious food. What more could anyone ask for?

Thanks to Cliff Hughes for organizing the Crawfish Boil this year and to the wonderful North Shore members and wives for their hard work. Looking forward to the 2018 Crawfish Boil on the North Shore. See article on pages 15-16.

This is what the club is all about, each area hosting an event for everyone. The areas get to show case their part of the state and the other areas get to drive their little British cars in a convoy.

We were also able to meet Danny and Carol Meyer's newlywed daughter and son-in-law. He fits right in with an MGB.

Many thanks also goes to Margaret Friloux for connecting the club with St. Anthony's Garden in Covington. We were asked to hold a mini car show (exposition) the Saturday before Father's Day for the male residents of the facility. BMCNO was represented with 10 British cars for the residents to enjoy. St. Anthony's provided coffee and donuts for everyone.

Everyone enjoyed viewing the cars!!! Our members were proud to showcase their cars and the residents were thrilled to see them. The residents

even called their family members to attend. Pictures of page 18.

My favorite visitor was a little 7 year old girl that told me her Grandpa was going to buy that "little green car" when she graduated from college. Well that "little green car" was a Bogeyed Sprite that belonged to John Baldwin. I brought John over to meet the future owner of his car and he promptly gave his business card to contact him when she was ready. She was adorable with large eyes and a very serious demeanor.

BMCNO would love to do more of these events for retirement facilities and community events.

We also have two more opportunities to showcase our cars at a fund raising event for cancer. The events are at:

MARDI GRAS WORLD, THURS. JULY 27th starting at 5:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. and expecting 600 guests.

CASTINE CENTER, THURS. OCTOBER 26th starting at 5:00 p.m., - 8:00 p.m. and expecting 900 guests.

These 2 events would be a great showcase for our cars and club. I do hope that BMCNO is represented at these worthwhile charity events. You do have to pre-register with Holly Haag, BMCNO member, ASAP. She only needs 5 or so cars per event. The info is on pages 24 & 25.

Don't forget our 40th Anniversary Party scheduled at Rock 'n' Bowl on Saturday, August 19th. Check out the article on page 23 for all of the details. This is always a fun and well attended event.

Enjoy the summer, stay safe and hope to see many of you at our upcoming events.

***What's happening by BMCNO President Karen Murray***

Saturday, July 8th—
11:30 am. Calling all
ladies

The British Tea Room
graciously provided
scones and toppings for
our British Tea at this
year's Annual Car Show.
He has also committed to
provide the scones and

toppings for the 2018 show .

The front 2 rooms at the English Tea Room in Cov-
ington has been reserved for BMCNO instead of
one room like last year. So.....in gratitude for
the Tea Rooms generosity please put this on your
calendar to attend. I know July is unbearably hot
so use your air conditioned car this year. **Let's have**
a lazy Saturday lunch at 11:30 a.m. This event has
been organized by Margaret Friloux and the ladies
of the car show British Tea.

John Baldwin suggested after lunch those interest-
ed convoy to Hammond's 1st Exotic Car Show. The
location is the Parking Mall between W. Thomas
St. and East Robert St. Awards will be at 3:00 so
you will have ample time after lunch to attend and
view the cars.

Convoy info for the English Tea Room:

South Shore will meet in the back parking lot of
Lakeside for 11:30 a.m.

Baton Rouge will meet at Bass Pro Shop for
11:30 a.m.

North Shore members will meet at the Tea
Room for 12:30

Saturday, August 19th—40th Anniversary
Party of the British Motoring Club New Or-
leans. We will have 8 bowling lanes, all the food
and drink you could want, door prizes and more
surprises. This has been a great success in past
years with 40 plus people attending each year.
What better way to celebrate our 40th Anniver-
sary then with an indoor JULY event at the fa-
mous Rock 'n' Bowl. **The band, Arrhythmia,**
starts playing at 9:30. So, join the party and let's
make this the best Anniversary Party ever!!!!
Check out page 23 for details. This party is
organized by the BMCNO board of Directors.

The deadline for payment is August 10th. This
allows the facility to purchase the food required
in advance. After BMCNO confirms the number
we cannot reimburse anyone because this is a
catered event and the club will be charged for
the confirmed number. Make all checks out to
BMCNO and either mail or give it to your area
coordinator before the deadline.

Hope to see all of you this summer !!!!!

Happy July Birthday wishes to the following BMCNO members:

Peter Brauen	Ann Gilliam	Colin McCormick	Wayne Williams
Mary Buckley	Celeste Hebert	Dan Melesurgo	Richard Yott
Mary Buquet	Tom Holleman	Danny Meyer	
Jim Clark	Rick Huber	Dan Summers	
Lawrence Corts	David Loeb	Keith Vezina	

*Calendar at a Glance*

Month	Event	Date	Time	Place	Contact
July 2017	English Tea Room	Sat. 8 th	11:30 a.m.	734 E Rutland St, Covington, LA 70433 Phone: (985) 898-3988	Karen Murray
	Board of Directors	Tues. 11 th		Linda St. Romain	
	Baton Rouge Meeting	Wed. 19 th	7:00 dinner 8:00 meeting	Louis De Angelo's Italian Rest. 7550 Bluebonnet Blvd.	Rick Huber
	North Shore Meeting	Thurs. 20 th	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Abita Brew Pub 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs	Cliff Hughes
	Acadiana Cruise	Sat. 22 nd			Dave Hayden
	Gulf Coast/MS Meeting	Sun. 23 rd		Meet at Sam's Warehouse parking lot in Gulfport. Cruise ending in lunch	Gene Gillam / Andy Switzer
	General Meeting	Tues. 25 th	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan,	Board of Directors
August 2017	Rock 'n' Bowl	Thurs. 10 th		All money due for Rock 'n' Bowl. Make check payable to BMCNO.	Karen Murray
	Baton Rouge Meeting	Wed. 16 th	7:00 dinner 8:00 meeting	Louis De Angelo's Italian Rest. 7550 Bluebonnet Blvd.	Rick Huber
	North Shore Meeting	Thurs. 17 th	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Abita Brew Pub 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs	Cliff Hughes
	BMCNO Anniversary Party	Sat. 19 th	7:00 p.m.	Rock & Bowl Mid City Lanes see article page_____	Board members
	Acadiana Cruise	Sat. 26 th			Dave Hayden
	Board of Director's BBQ	Sat. 26 th	12 noon	Ronald & Karen's house	Board Members
	Gulf Coast/MS Meeting	Sun. 27 th		Meet at Sam's Warehouse parking lot in Gulfport. Cruise ending in lunch	Gene Gillam / Andy Switzer
	General Meeting 2018 Board Nominations	Tues. 29 th		Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan,	Board of Directors
Sept. (2017)	St. Johns Church Car Show	Sat. 9 th	9:00 – 2:00	5 th Car Show 11345 St. Johns Church Rd., Folsom, La. Followed by club lunch on the North Shore.	Cliff Hughes
	Board meeting	Tues. 12 th	6:00 – 8:30	Martin St. Romain	Board Members
	Shoals British Car Show	TBA	8th & 9th	Florence, AL www.shoalsbritishcars.org	
	Convoy to Natchez	Fri. 15 th		(check newsletter for info) www.msemc.org	
	Brits on the Bluffs	Sat. 16 th		(check newsletter for info)	
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May South Shore Meeting Minutes by Cathy Greensfelder



Twenty members and guests attended the May 30, 2017 General Meeting. New members John Lewis attended his first meeting. John is a former Navy helicopter pilot and has a 1973 MG Midget.

Old Business: Martin St Romain reported on the

Busted Wrench cruise. 35 people attended the museum tour and lunch.

The Baton Rouge area meeting had a great turnout of 18 people for their last meeting.

Dan Melesurgo was driving on Lake Shore Drive on **May 27 and stumbled across the "Back to the Beach"** car show. When he got there at 11:00 am, there were over 300 cars registered! BMCNO used to formally attend this show but haven't in several years. It is typically extremely hot in late May and BMCNO attendance had dropped off. **They don't** park entries together by Make/Model so to park together, we must to drive in together. Maybe we need to try again?

After the Pensacola show, the Vezinas and Bradleys drove their MGBs to Key West, FL for the Key West British Car Club's show. Everyone loved Keith's "Portable Pub" MGB trailer.

The office of Vice President is still vacant. We need someone to step up and take this position. In the interim the other board members are each taking a month to organize events on top of their other duties.

New Business: We discussed convoy details for the Crawfish boil. Payment is required in advance.

The club will be hosting a special session of the North Shore's weekly Cars and Coffee on June 17 at 8:30 am at St Anthony Gardens retirement home. Please attend and drive your British car.

Lunch at the English Tea Room and Eatery in Covington will be on July 8th. (See calendar)

The Club will celebrate its 40th anniversary in August at Rock 'n Bowl.

We are planning the November Memorial Cruise to go to NOLA Motor Sports for Go-Kart racing. (You **don't have to drive a go kart** – plenty of us will be watching and cheering!)

Car Show: The bad part of the car show was obviously the weather. There was intermittent heavy rain all day, although it did clear up from about noon to 2 and everyone got to vote. The good thing **was everyone's attitudes**. No one complained (about anything other than the rain!!) and seemed to be having a good time. There were several suggestions from the board and members for next years car show. These were only SUGGESTIONS .

Ronnie Palmisano, Martin St Romain, Cliff Hughes, and Karen Muray have volunteered to co-chair the show next year. (No one knows how Don Marpe do it by himself!)

Speaker: Stacie Harmon presented information on the Louisiana Tour 2017, sponsored by Vicari Auction. This is a two-day cruise Thursday July 6 and Friday July 7 from Natchitoches through Marksville to Baton Rouge then Baton Rouge to Pellengrini Performance in Madisonville to NOLA Motorsports Park. The cruise leads up to the New Orleans Classic and Muscle Car Auction and Car Show at Mardi Gras World on Saturday July 8th from 10 am to 6 pm.

Thursday's cruise will leave Natchitoches at 8:30 am, stop in Marksville for lunch at the Paragon Casino, tour LSU Tiger Stadium at 4:30 pm and end at the Bell of Baton Rouge for a 6 pm reception.

Friday's cruise includes breakfast at the Belle of Baton Rouge for overnight participants, departing 9 am for Madisonville and lunch at Pellengrini Per-



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formance. The Cruise will end at NOLA Motor-sport Park with a parade and seafood boil.

Cruise fees are \$75 per day and you have the choice of doing both or just one day. The fee covers driver and one passenger for lunch and tours each day. Additional passenger is \$35 per day. (This does *not* include Thursday dinner or hotel stay.)

On Saturday, July 8, participants will get free admission to the New Orleans Classic and Muscle Car Auction and Car Show at Mardi Gras World from 10 am to 6 pm with their Louisiana Tour armband. Vicari Auction will also waive bidder registration fee with required paperwork for Tour participants.

For more information check out their web site: <http://vicariauction.com/louisiana-tour/>

Jim Clark gave a short talk on garage safety. He passed out safety check lists noting that he was guilty of not keeping his work area free of trip hazards.

Reports: The club has 175 members. Roughly 50% of the members have renewed their membership. (Club membership runs from July 1 to June 30.)

Projects: 50/50: Mike Anderson won \$14, **saying this is the first time he's won since 1994!** Ronnie Palmisano, Barbara Dunbar, Cliff Hughes, Chad Wicker and Jimmy Bruno won door prizes.

Are you a member of a National Car Club? See below for more information on some of the popular ones

6-Pack Car Club of America

6-pack.org/

The 6-Pack Car Club of America, a single marque club dedicated to the 6-cylinder models of the Triumph TR range-the TR250 and TR6.

Austin-Healey Club of America, Inc.
AHCA

healeyclub.org/

Dedicated to the maintenance, preservation and enjoyment of Healey cars.

Jaguar Club of North America

jcna.com/

The Jaguar Clubs of North America (JCNA) is dedicated to the wide range of Jaguar motorcars old and new, and the American, Canadian and Mexican enthusiasts who

North American MGA Register
(NAMGAR)

namgar.com/

The Register was established in 1975, with the sole objective of promoting the restoration, preservation, and enjoyment of the MGA, Magnette and their Variants.

North American MGB Register
(NAMGBR)

namgbr.org/

The North American MGB Register (NAMGBR) is an international MG car club serving the needs of the MGB, MGC, MG Midget, MG 1100/1300 and Post Abingdon MG owners, across North America.

Sunbeam Tiger Owner's Association

sunbeatiger.org/

Vintage Triumph Register VTR

VTR.org

The Vintage Triumph Register (VTR) is a North American Triumph car club of over 2,800 Triumph owners and enthusiasts supporting and showcasing all models of Tri-

Let me know if I missed any. Send to ronniep@cox.net



You are cordially invited
to join the
British Motoring Club
New Orleans
for lunch and tea at 11:30 on
Sat. July 8th at the English Tea
Room and Eatery

When people think of Louisiana, they think of the French settlements. Tim Lantrip has long been aware of the Northshore's English ancestry, and he was raised drinking traditional English tea with his grandmother. Inspired by that personal history, Tim and his wife opened the English Tea Room.

The Union Jack flies from the porch of the bungalow-style cottage in downtown Covington, and a vintage red phone outside as naturally as it would on the streets of London. Inside the English Tea Room, a collection of vintage and new china is perched on open shelves and in cupboards—teacups and saucers, beautiful pots, and silver spoons, though none breathe a stuffy air of formality while standing among cardboard cutouts of Downton Abbey characters and Alice in Wonderland murals. The carefree whimsy of the tradition is not lost on



Tim, as he is an aficionado of the tea ritual performed in the United Kingdom in palatial to perfectly pedestrian settings for ages.



“We don’t do fast food here,” says Tim. He believes in the pause in the day provided by the tea tradition, and he’s acquired quite a company of tea-drinkers and scone-nibblers who would agree with his ideology of slow living. Check out their website englishtearoom.com for menu and tea items.

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All others meet at the Tea Room at 11:30 p.m.





May Baton Rouge Gathering by Rick Huber



Tropical Storm Cindy and the do-or-die LSU College World Series game kept a few folks away, so only nine of us gathered for our monthly meeting. Mary Lynne even made it, her work meeting with patients usually on the 3rd Wednesday evening

was cancelled due to the weather. It was good to see Bill Steed again after several months - he's still working with FEMA and his insurance company about raising and rebuilding his house that was flooded. Milton and Annette are getting much closer with theirs, maybe by the end of the summer. Hard to believe that 10 months after the flood so many people are still working on their houses.

Rick talked about the club trip to the Busted Wrench Garage in May and the Goodwood Hardware show on June 17th, and Rick and Mark talked about their participation in one leg of the 2017 MGB Coast-to-Coast adventure with a group heading to San Diego for the NAMGBR annual convention. See the separate article about that.

Rick talked about the English Tea Room event on July 8, and Tom talked about the Syngenta Cruisin for a Cure Show on July 29.

Tom said it was good to have his MGB running again after getting the leaking SU carb fixed - now on to the interior redo! Rick gave a progress update on his Austin Healey project, about to have the rear leaf springs re-arched rather than using new Moss springs after going to Bob Nicolle's to use his micrometer to measure old and new leaves. Milton talked about the mess ethanol gas made in one of his 60's Pontiacs, and Bob said he's found that Stabil has helped in his

MGA. Despite more and more ethanol free gas being available, there is none or very little with 93 octane that some of our cars need to run properly.

Mike Zobrist kept up with the progress of the LSU game on a radio station on his phone and the Tigers were up 5 to 2 as we departed, and eventually won 7 to 4. So the Tigers did it without us, the nine of us enjoyed a meal and our little British car conversations.

Goodwood Hardware Father's Day Car Show/Cook-out by Rick Huber

Here's a little bit about a show that a few of us went to last weekend.

Goodwood Hardware on Jefferson Highway in Baton Rouge had their annual Father's Day weekend car show and cook-out on Saturday, June 17th. It's a relatively small - 45 ish, local, mostly American Muscle and Hot Rod show, but hey, it's fun to get out and around car guys and gals, and why not when it's so close to home. So a bunch of us from the club wandered over there - either entering our cars or just stopping by for a visit. I think Larry Joubert gets the prize for bringing his Stag and hanging out the longest. I saw Kirk Patrick's MGB there, but never saw Kirk. Brother Mark, his grandson Drew, and I got there about 11, which the organizers said was OK, but the show field was pretty full by that time, and we got to park his MGB and my XKE in an alley between the store and a storage container off to the side of the show. Not in the main stream if you know what I mean.

While walking around and looking at Corvettes, Camaros, Mustangs, Trucks, and Hot Rods, I ran into Dick Prestridge, who was there scoping out the cars. My favorites were a His and Hers original condition 72 (His) and 83 (Hers) Corvettes that one couple had lovingly owned and maintained since new.



It was pretty hot, and Mark and I had plenty to do getting ready for our driving adventure on Sunday, so we cut out about 1 before the awards at 2. I heard that Marc Zebouni had come in his MGA earlier but didn't enter, and left before we got there, and I heard that Milton and Annette Franklin and John and Cathy Buckley came after 1 in their cool, modern cars, and we missed catching up with them. One of the best things to report about the show was that Goodwood Hardware cooked several big pots of jambalaya and fed everybody who wanted to eat, whether they registered their cars for the show or not. Gooooood eatin'. Put it on your calendar for 2018.

2017 MGB Coast-to-Coast Adventure by Rick Huber

I don't know how many of us have had that longing desire to drive our little British cars on a Coast-to-Coast adventure, but it's something I know I've always thought of doing. So here is the perfect opportunity, if not to actually do it, but at least to meet a bunch of people who are doing it. When I heard about the NAMGBR convention in San Diego, and then saw references to the 2017 MGB Coast-to-Coast Adventure, I had to inquire about it with the organizers, Dick Lunney and PJ Lennihan. I found out that they'd be passing through Vicksburg and Shreveport, and they'd be happy for people to join them for just a leg or two of the trip. At the present time I happen to be short one MGB to make the trip, so I asked my brother Mark if he'd like to go in his 66 B, "Della". His reply was an enthusiastic yes, I guess he's thought about such an adventure before too.

So I registered and got on the email communication with Dick & PJ and kept up with the planning phase. They're taking a 10 day trip starting on June 16 to Savanna and making stops in Montgomery, Vicksburg, Shreveport, Waco, Carlsbad, Las Cruces, Phoenix, Yuma, and final-

ly into San Diego. Like the adventure plan, Mark and I made a plan to drive on two lane roads as much as possible from Baton Rouge to Vicksburg



on June 18, travel with the cross country caravan on the 19th, and then drive back to Baton Rouge on La 1 on the 20th. A 603 mile journey over three days.

I called John Turbeville and Pat Cashman the Wednesday before to see if they'd like to have some folks from EMC MS join the group in Vicksburg, and it turns out that Pat had already been in touch with Dick and had offered to host a get together at his garage in the afternoon. I asked Pat if we could join, and he said of course, the more the merrier.

We tuned Della a couple of evenings the week before the trip, and Mark made up a tool and spare parts travel kit for the road. We set out at 10:30 on Sunday the 18th after proudly taking pictures of us and Della and the Coast-to-Coast sticker on the side of the car. The fact that it was Father's Day meant we wouldn't be spending much time with our families, but they all encouraged us to





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go saying it would be a big treat for us to do something that we both enjoyed so much on our special day. Enough said!

We stopped for lunch in Gloster, MS - the same B-Kwik where we've stopped the caravan to the Natchez Euro Fest the last couple of years, and Mark offered me the keys for the second half of the day's trip. The tree lined, winding, two lane roads had offered us some shade on the first leg, but now it was early afternoon and the sun was beating down pretty hard. There were spotty showers and thundershowers in the area, but we managed to dodge them all day until we got about 15 miles from Vicksburg. It started to rain, so I looked for a place to pull over under cover so we could put the top up. A few seconds later we came upon a portable buildings business with several "car ports" set up around the

For those of you who haven't been to Pat's place, it's worth a trip the next time we have a joint BMCNO/EMCMS outing that includes a stop in Vicksburg. Pat bought an old downtown car dealership that was going out of business building and keeps his accumulation (not a collection according to Pat) of cars, toys, and automotive memorabilia. Quite a fascinating place. When we arrived, we found out that Dick/PJ and company had a big thunderstorm sitting on top of Montgomery at departure time that morning, and were delayed a couple of hours. So Mark and I visited with Pat & Barbara, Gene & Martha and Clay & Debbie Johnston, Kent & Becky & son Stephen Turner, Steve Whitlow, and Roy & Penny Schooler while we looked at their MGs, Pat's collection, and snacked on the delicious goodies Pat and Barbara had set up. About 5:30 Dick called Pat to say the adven-



grounds, so we pulled in and ducked Della underneath one of them. The weather radar on our phones showed that there would soon be a break in the line of showers, so we waited about 15 minutes until it cleared up, then pressed on with the top down. We got some more sprinkles, but as everybody knows, if we kept going fast enough, we didn't get wet. We pulled in to the 2017 MGB CTC designated Marriott Courtyard hotel, unloaded, checked in, freshened up a bit, and head over to Pat's garage in downtown Vicksburg.



turers had arrived, and since he was in a Tahoe with spare parts and a trailer, Pat went over and picked a few of them up, in his 65 Jaguar 420 G (picture)" and the rest followed in their MGBs.

What a group! All were in their late 60s/early 70's and definitely hard core MG enthusiasts. Dick and his wife Beth and PJ were in the chase vehicle. Dick's 78 MGB was on the trailer, and he was ready to swap and drive it in case somebody else broke down and had to be towed. Great idea! PJ had made the cross country trip in his V-6 MGB GT a dozen or so times



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over the years, so he had the navigation/ communication/ planning seat in the Tahoe. His wife was flying to San Diego to meet him. Roger and Shirley Gabbert were in their 70 MGB. They had driven to Savanna from Chicago to join the cross country adventure. This will be their 26th NAMGBR convention, the only one they missed was due to a death in the family while on their way to Reno a few years ago. Talk about dedicated. They said there are only 2 other couples who have made all of the meets at locations all around the country. Terry & Mary Ellen McClain were from North Carolina, and were driving a factory original, 60,000 mile 74 MGB GT V8. Terry wanted one for many years, and when they turned 25 years old in 1990 (no longer had to meet US safety/emission requirements), he went to England while Mary Ellen was on a business trip, found and bought the car, and shipped it back home. That was only the second original V8 car I have seen, only 2,591 produced and none originally exported to the US. Very nice car. Mike and Sue Cook from Atlanta some of you might have met at the Pensacola show. They're driving the "Silver Lady", a resto-mod 77 MGB that Mike has put together with 4.6L Rover V8 engine, chrome bumpers, flared fenders and many other personalizations (but no A/C!). The last couple in the group was Larry & Gail Norton, also from Atlanta driving a 73 MGB. Larry is the current secretary of the NAMGBR and I believe they have been to the Pensacola show in the past. Like I said, what a group!

We all introduced ourselves, mingled for awhile, looked at cars, ate more snacks, and then Dick Lunney gave a little talk (picture) about the trip and thanked Pat & Barbara and the Mississippi club for the wonderful welcome party. Then we took a few pictures and headed back to the hotel. We sat around a big table and talked cars and adventures for a couple more hours before calling it a night.

A late start on Monday morning, the group wanted to go to the Vicksburg National Military Park, which was right across the street and didn't open until 9. I had been when the BMCNO went to Vicksburg a few years ago, but Mark was eager to see it too. We watched the film, drove around the battlefield looking at monuments, and stopped at the USS Cairo display. It's amazing that they built and ran those ships in the 1860s, a really impressive display. The row of MGBs looked great in the parking lot from the ship. At about



11, we saddled up, and headed out of the park, across the river, onto US Hwy 80, and on to Monroe for a lunch date at Big Moma's.

Funny thing about US 80 across Louisiana. When you ask Googlemaps to give you an "avoid highways" route between Vicksburg and Shreveport, it takes you 20 or 30 miles north or south of I-20 even though US 80 runs parallel to it just a mile or two away. Now I think I know why. US 80, despite the "La Highways and Byways" tourist signs, the way Mark put it is "undisturbed by regular maintenance for 50 years." It was bad, I was embarrassed that all of our visitors got to experience some of the billions of dollars of infrastructure repair backlog in Louisiana. I guess the roads along Interstates are low on the priority list. We bumped and bounced on 80 to Monroe, but then gave it up and took I-20 from there to Shreveport.

Big Moma's was a little hole in the wall restaurant, not sure how PJ came up with it, but the buffet style home cooking was quite good. Their

2017 MGB Coast-to-Coast Adventure *continued....*



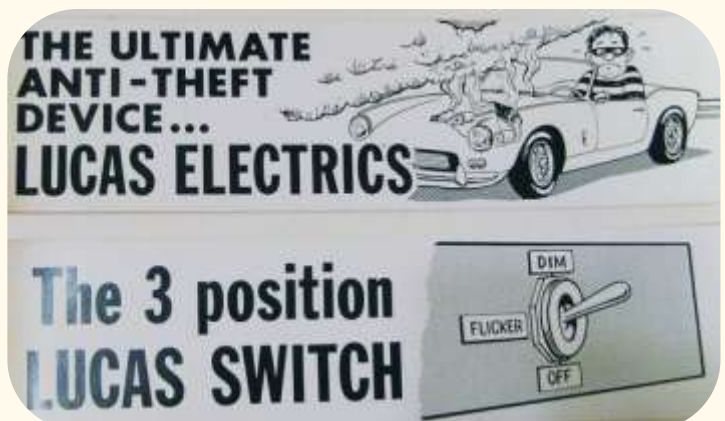
specialty was something I had never heard of, hot water cornbread. The chef came out and explained to us how it was made, and PJ recorded the description and texted the video to all of us. Pretty funny - use boiling water to mix with sugar and corn meal, whip it until it's the consistency of play doh, and then drop it in the hot grease. Everybody ate too much, and we were wishing for a nap instead of another hour and a half drive to Shreveport on I-20.

We got to the hotel about 3, and the nap was still calling. Everybody rested/changed/played in the pool until about 6, and then we got together around a few tables, had some snacks and talked again for a few more hours. Another couple, Elvin and Janet Harris, joined us from Michigan, driving their 80 MGB with a Bimini top and a back-half-of-an-MGB trailer like Keith's. More people were planned to join every stop along the way, so it will be a big crowd of MGBs on the last leg heading into San Diego. But not us. Everybody urged us to continue on to Waco the next day, but we had to get back. We sure did enjoy getting to know all these MGB die hards and we're already thinking about Gettysburg next June, but it was time for us to head home.

Tuesday was a 7 am departure. We said our good byes and wished everyone a safe journey to San Diego. They all wished us a safe and dry journey back to Baton Rouge, with any luck getting home before Tropical Storm Cindy ar-

rived. We forgot to get gas right there at the hotel, but we figured we would find plenty of stations along La 1. That was not the case. Despite intersections and town names along the road on the map, most of the towns were a couple of buildings and no gas stations. That's probably because I-49 was just a few miles to the west, and if we had really needed gas, we would have diverted over there to get it. However, the 50 or so miles of La 1 from Shreveport and Natchitoches must be about the least populated, least travelled in the entire state. But it sure was a nice road and morning to be out in a top down MGB. The temperature was in the high 70's, intermittent sun and clouds, and a little two lane road through the Louisiana countryside - priceless. We drove through Alexandria, Marksville, Simmesport, across the Morganza spillway, and on in to New Roads. From there we jumped over on to River Road for the last 15 or 20 miles to Baton Rouge and Mark did some spirited driving on the curves. It started sprinkling just as we turned onto my street, so we ducked under the next door neighbor's car port to put up the top, unloaded my stuff, and had some lunch.

So we had a great trip. Della ran and drove great. Everybody we met was friendly, talkative, and fun to be around. And super dedicated to the little British car hobby. What a great adventure. I think we'll probably try it again before too long. Cheers, Rick





Crawfish at the Park by Karen Murray

Our Annual Crawfish Boil on June 4 was as always a huge success. Due to the incessive rain storms for the past 2 months not many BMCNO members arrived in their British Cars this year. Sunday was one of the few days without torrential downpours. It was so nice seeing the sun for a few minutes and enjoying great food. Again this year it was also nice arriving early and having actual members to help set up this event. North Shore members and their wives were on hand to help and clean up later. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!

Even with the constant 2 months of rain we still had 50 people participating. Riverside Park is very large with clean floors, bathrooms, and tables. We even had enough room to dedicate one table for serving and one for dessert.

Thanks to those members who participated in



the Annual Crawfish Boil. We had participants from the North Shore, Baton Rouge, and New Orleans area. The club again helped subsidize the cost of this event.

Food served included crawfish, potatoes, corn, sausage, mushrooms, and garlic. Everyone brought their own drinks or used what was left over from the Car Show

Many thanks to Cliff Hughes and the North Shore members for hosting and organizing the

Crawfish Boil again this year. Thank you also to the ladies who out did themselves with the wonderful desserts provided.

Twenty-two (20) door prizes were given away and mint plants were won at every table. Everyone seemed to really enjoy the scenery, food, and companionships of other British car enthu-



siasts.

After all the food was eaten and everything cleaned up, members enjoyed looking at one another's cars and just relaxing and sharing car stories.

What a great relaxing day enjoying good food, beautiful cars, and cool breezes under ancient oak trees covered in hanging moss.

Life does not get better in South Louisiana!!!



Crawfish at the Park by Karen Murray





Crawfish at the Park by Karen Murray continued...





Cars and Coffee at St Anthony's Gardens in Covington

St. Anthony's Gardens brings a new choice to those living on the Northshore of New Orleans, Louisiana, and beyond. Residents enjoy a private residence with maintenance free living, access to quality short or long term care, personalized services, and opportunities for social, educational, and recreational activities enveloped in surroundings that are rooted in Catholic principles and tradition.

BMCNO was contacted by their Life Enrichment Director, Lisa Ray and asked if we could have our weekly Saturday Cars and Coffee at their facility so their residents could view our cars.

10 members attended the Cars and Coffee event at **St. Anthony's on Saturday, June 17th** bringing with them their British cars.

There was unlimited coffee and doughnuts provided by both St Anthony's and BMCNO.

Our members stood around discussing car stories and other.

The residents of St. Anthony's came out along with family members they invited and together they all viewed our British cars. Some residents also shared car stories with us. It wasn't long ago that some of the residents were driving cars like ours.





Cars and Coffee at St Anthony's continued...



Time To Downsize by Dave Hayden



It seems like just a few years ago that I finished the restoration of my 1958 Triumph TR 3. I had seen an ad in Moss Motoring about a British Car Show coming up in New Orleans put on by the British Motoring Club of New Orleans. I called the number listed to find out if a non-original car could be entered, it could. I drove it from Abbeville, to La Freniere Park on Saturday morning, was welcomed by all, had a really great time, met some fine folks, saw some other nice British iron, ate a tasty meal after the show, won a first in class trophy, and drove home that evening on cloud NINE. I joined the club at the show, and have been a happy member ever since. Now I

look at the calendar and realize that this was almost 25 years ago. I think Menda and I have aged well. We have collected and restored many more LBCs along the way. I have always said the collection is part of our retirement (money I can play with and enjoy). It has come time to thin the herd. First and foremost, neither Menda nor I am sick or dying, however we are going to downsize. We have 4 acres, 9500 sq. ft. under roof, a 2600 sq. ft. 2 story house, a 2 story shop garage apartment, a pool, a paint booth, and 20 garage slots. It is just Too Much Stuff as Delbert Mc Clinton would sing. We have found a 1 acre lot an eighth of a mile from us that we plan on building much less on. We will be keeping some of the cars but some must go. I would rather see them go to friends than onto ebay. If you are interested in one, please let me know. Contact Dave Hayden at dandmhayden@gmail.com or 337-344-1833 for more information.





Allen, Sue, Keith, and Karen's Great Adventure by Karen Vezina



On Sunday, April 23rd, after attending the 25th Anniversary Panhandle British Car Association's car show in Pensacola, Allen and Sue Bradley and Keith and I began our two-day trip down to the Florida Keys. We were headed to Key West for the 35th Anniversary Conch Republic Independence Celebration.

The Conch Republic was born on April 23, 1982, in response to a U.S. Border Patrol blockade of the Florida Keys. Since some thought the government was treating the Keys like a foreign country, the mayor of Key West seceded from the Union, declared war, surrendered, and demanded **foreign aid. It's stated Foreign Policy** – the mitigation of world tension through the exercise of humor.

This year's week-long celebration included a kick-off party, a conch shell blowing contest, drag races (not the car kind), a secession reenactment, several charity events, a costumed pub run, and the event we participated in, an impromptu parade down Duval Street from the Atlantic Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico. For the past several years, British car owners from all over the country have participated in this parade.



A Meet and Greet was held at the host hotel Monday evening. Participants who had registered for the event were given a goodie bag, a tie-dyed T-shirt to wear to Thursday's parade, and a gross of Mardi Gras beads to throw to the crowds. Sue brought along some special New Orleans beads and gave them to several of the ladies she met that night.

You seem to always run into one or two couples at different car shows that drive their little British cars everywhere. Well, all 26 cars and their owners at the Conch Republic Independence Celebration came from far and wide. None of the



members of the Key West British Car Club are locals. To give you an idea of how hardcore this group is, we missed the "longest distance driven" award my 1,000 miles!

A cruise to Ramrod Key for a miniature golf tournament was scheduled on Tuesday along with a Bocce tournament Wednesday morning, which Keith and Allen participated in. The teams were randomly selected and Allen's team made it to the semi-finals. Allen obviously learned more than Keith at BMCNO's many Christmas parties





at the New Orleans Bocce Club!

I had never been to Key West so we did quite a bit of sightseeing. Keith and I toured the Hemingway House where we got to see the six-toed cats and we also climbed to the top of the Key West Lighthouse. With Allen and Sue, we walked and shopped Duval Street, watched the sunset from Mallory Square, took the Conch Train tour of Key West, and visited the Mel Fisher Museum. We also saw Truman's Little White House, the Mile 0 buoy, and walked the beach at Zachary Taylor State Park. Since Allen and Sue had made a previous trip to the Keys, Sue's knowledge of great restaurants during this trip was invaluable. We ate lots of wonderful seafood, Cuban food, and enjoyed key lime pie wherever we could get it.

Thursday evening, we gathered at the host hotel and convoyed to the rally point for the parade. Some of the cars had been elaborately decorated for the event with Conch Republic flags, streamers, magnetic signs, stuffed animals and Mardi Gras beads. Keith pulled his trailer behind the MG and Sue and I sat under the umbrella tossing beads to the people lining the street. What fun that was! Besides our little British cars, the parade also featured members of the Conch Republic Air Force, the CIA (Cuties in Action), floats, bands, bicyclists, and costumed walkers.

The total trip was 2,375 miles with only two flat tires on wire wheels (which is pretty impressive) and a lost nut for a smog pump mounting bolt (quickly replaced at the Tarpon Springs Ace Hardware Store).

Next year's Celebration in Key West will take place April 23-27th. If you're up for the long



drive, you're in for a fun-filled experience you won't soon forget. And if you happen to stop by Camille's Restaurant while you're there, try the Key Lime Pie Martini!





Celebrate, Celebrate Dance to the Music at Rock 'n' Bowl - BMCNO 40th Anniversary Party, Saturday August 19th Karen Murray, President



Once again the BMCNO board voted to celebrate the club's Anniversary during one of the hottest months of the year - August.

Again we decided that we don't celebrate our club anniversary enough or at all: SO...with that said the board of directors is happy to invite members to celebrate

the club's anniversary at **Rock 'N' Bowl** on Saturday August 19th.

The party will include the following:

Entrance fee into Rock 'n' Bowl

2 1/2 hours of bowling

Shoe Rental

The following is unlimited until 9:00 p.m.

Draft Beer, Wine, & Soda

Tossed green salad with house vinaigrette

Pepperoni Pizza Tray

Buffalo Wings Tray

Fried Seafood Tray (shrimp & catfish)

Mozzarella Stick Tray

Shrimp Remoulade Tray

We will have a private room with eight (8) adjacent bowling lanes. The club is picking up the cost of the party room and other.

Bowling, food and drinks starts promptly at 7:00 pm and ends at 9:30 pm. The band starts playing at 9:30 pm so plan on getting there no later than 6:45 pm to get your shoes. Bowling, food and drinks for the party ends at 9:30 pm when the bands starts. You may still purchase whatever you want after the party.

The cost will be \$30.00 total per person. This includes bowling, shoe rental, food, beverages, sales tax and gratuities. All money will be collected by August 10th in advance only. You can mail a check to BMCNO or pay at one of the meetings.



If you want anything else to drink besides beer, wine, and soda that will be at your expense.

Souvenir Rock 'n'

Bowl Bowling Pins will be presented to the male and female with the highest bowling score.

The band, Arrhythmia, starts playing at 9:30 p.m. All unlimited food and drinks will completely stop at 9:30. You may still purchase whatever you want after.

I need to inform Rock 'n' Bowl how many people to expect by August 1st. Whatever number I confirm the club will be charged for just like a wedding reception. Please, please confirm with me before August 1st if you will be attending. If you have to cancel let me know before August 10th. Plans do sometimes have to change but I do not want you to lose your money as a no show.

This was a great success for the last two years and members have been talking about it. I hope to see many of you at our 40th Anniversary Party on August 19th!

DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT AUGUST 10TH.





Showcase our British Cars... Opportunity to participate in local charity events with our British Cars by Karen Murray



BMCNO members,

We have been invited to participate in upcoming "You Night" Cancer Charity Events. Please read this page and the next about the organization. If you are interested please contact Karen Murray ASAP.

Below is correspondence between myself and BMCNO member Holley Haag.

"Thank you so much for your interaction with the British Motor Club as a fun way to enhance our "British Invasion" theme for our upcoming events!

Here's a bit about our organization:

You Night was named "Most Glam" event in 2016 by St. Charles Avenue Magazine.

You Night was featured in a national Capital One Commercial viewed by 2 million people.

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OUR MISSION AND PROGRAM:: The number of people living beyond a cancer diagnosis is expected to reach 19 million by 2024. The need for survivor care has never been greater. The time to act is now. Since 2013, You Night has helped survivors adapt to - and embrace - their life after cancer. You Night is a year-round program that addresses the emotional and mental issues that women experience after a cancer diagnosis. Over 150 cancer survivors in St. Tammany and New Orleans are now a part of the You Night sisterhood.

You Night creates fun and empowering group experiences for women who are looking for a sisterhood of support. You Night teaches cancer survivors how to overcome the physical and psychological challenges of cancer treatment through teamwork, coaching, and skills training... all while they build strong interpersonal bonds with other survivors. You Night rebuilds self-esteem, appreciation for their own bodies and a joy for living, through structured experiences and sisterhood.

For purposes of having their cars on display, we are wanting to know if they would be interested in displaying them at these three events:

- MUSIC VIDEO SHOOT, APRIL 2ND - Contemporary Arts Center (need 2 cars as "props" for music video shoot). Can ladies sit in car?
- YOU NIGHT NEW ORLEANS, MARDI GRAS WORLD Thursday, July 27th (perhaps 10 cars flanking the entrance to Mardi Gras Worlds' ballroom -- under the canopy entrance?)

YOU NIGHT ST. TAMMANY, CASTINE CENTER MANDEVILLE, Thursday October 26th (perhaps 6 cars flanking the entrance to the Castine Center where guests enter and exit.



Showcase our British cars continued...

DETAILED INFO ABOUT EACH EVENT MENTIONED ABOVE:

EVENT AT MARDI GRAS WORLD, THURSDAY JULY 27th -- Guests will arrive at 5:30 p.m., expecting 600 guests. I would like the cars in place by 3 p.m. If the motor club has any signage, that would be great to advertise who they are. They probably would want a couple of representatives to stand by the cars to answer questions and keep people off or out of the cars? For the cars outside, our runway show starts at 7:30 p.m. so by 8 p.m. those cars can be driven off property

NOTE: If they want to have one car inside at the Step and Repeat, it would be a fun prop for the photo booth. If they have a car inside, we need it delivered on Wednesday, July 26th at 4 p.m. and then left there until the end of the event which ends at 11 p.m. on Thursday, July 27th. If this is too risky to have people posing with the car -- let's eliminate this as a discussion item.

EVENT AT CASTINE CENTER, THURSDAY OCTOBER 26th -- Guests will arrive at 5:30 p.m., expecting 900 guests. I would like the cars in place by 3 p.m. If the motor club has any signage, that would be great to advertise who they are. They probably would want a couple of representatives to stand by the cars to answer questions and keep people off or out of the cars? For the cars outside, our runway show starts at 7:30 p.m. so by 8 p.m. those cars can be driven off property.

NOTE: If they want to have one car inside at the Step and Repeat, it would be a fun prop for the photo booth. If they have a car inside, we need it delivered on Wednesday, October 25th at 4 p.m. and then left there until the end of the event which ends at 11 p.m. on Thursday, October 26th or the morning of Friday, October 27th. If this is too risky to have people posing with the car -- let's eliminate this as a discussion item.

We'd be happy to offer four tickets to the British Motor Club to both events (July 27th and October 26th).

Please let me know if I forgot to add any pertinent info! THANK YOU!

AND -- another thing -- if the representatives standing near the car dress up in "British Inspired" outfits -- better yet! We encourage that!

Lisa McKenzie

Producer

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IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED PLEASE LET ME KNOW ASAP.

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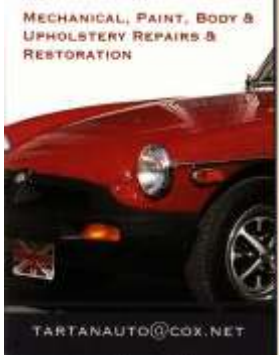
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Franklin, Baton Rouge, is interested in organizing motorcycle events for owners of British Motorcycles. Harley groups are always cruising the roads so we would like to start British motorcycle cruises. We would also like to increase the number of motorcycles 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 Karen Murray for extras.

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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.

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Banquet

SPECIAL GUEST

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Car Display • People's Choice Judging • Concessions Available

Host Hotel

Holiday Inn Convention Center of Northwest Arkansas
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