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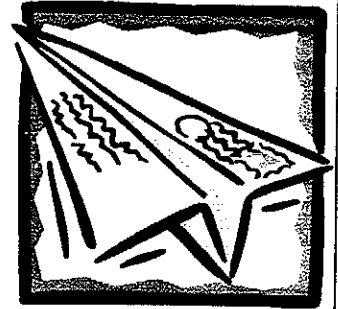
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President's Message

Last year was our first cruise to Catfish Charlie's in Hammond, and it was a very nice day. This year, however, it poured and we had only 30 members and 4 British Cars in attendance. Everyone had more than enough to eat. The menu consisted of fried catfish and fried chicken tenders, baked potatoes or sweet potatoes, cole slaw, biscuits, iced tea, dessert, along with tax and tip for only \$11.95 for adults and \$6.95 for children nine and under. If you missed this year, plan to come next year – it's worth it.



Now would be a good time to mark your calendars for our July Event: Seafood World. This will be our first trip as a club, but Cliff Hughes assures us that the food is good. You may remember that House of Seafood in Bush LA was our usual July cruise, but after much voiced opposition the board decided to try some other seafood restaurant. Could this be the new Alka-Seltzer Run? Come on out to see!

Speaking of events, you can also mark your calendars for the 2000 British Car Day. It will be held at Lafreniere Park, as usual on March 25, 2000. I reserved it personally and talked to John Steen, the Park Director, who assured me that the field will receive the filling that it has needed for years to eliminate the ruts and holes which we have been working around for some time. Our Hospitality Night will be in the Foundation Center at Lafreniere Park on Friday, March 24, 2000 from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m.. Start getting your car ready!

As you may have noticed, the newsletter is taking on a new look. It is becoming more of a group project and that's where you come in. Your input will be greatly appreciated. Put your thoughts or experiences on paper (or disk!) and get it to the club meeting, mail it to our post office box, or email it to Cathy Greensfelder. If you need assistance, call me or one of the other officers and we will help as much as we can. Don't let a good idea, experience, project, tech tip or photo go by the wayside. Help your fellow club members by sharing your British Car-Experiences.

Do it for the good of the club.

Bill Breithoff.

July 1999

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Board Meeting	14	15	16	17 Seafood World
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 General Meeting	28	29	30	31

Tue June 29 – GENERAL MEETING – New Orleans Hamburger & Seafood, 817 Veterans Memorial Blvd (between West End Blvd and Bonnabel). Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

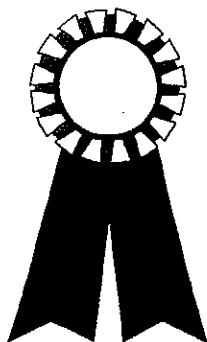
Tue July 13 – Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Cliff Hughes, 100 Chula Place, Mandeville.
South Shore carpool leaves Lakeside Mall near Dillard's at 6:15 p.m.

Sat July 17 – SEAFOOD WORLD - 1957 Collins Blvd, Covington 893-0290
South Shore Convoy leaves at 6:00 p.m. from the Causeway south toll plaza parking area.
Rendezvous with North Shore, leaving at 6:45 p.m. from Claiborne Hill (Delchamps)
Event starts at restaurant at 7:00 p.m.

Tue July 27 – GENERAL MEETING – New Orleans Hamburger & Seafood, 817 Veterans.
Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

In the future:

Sun August 22 – 2nd annual “Hot Fun in the Summertime” dinner and “Un Car Show” at the Tap Room in Covington.



Appreciation Awards

Cliff Hughes presented several awards during the May meeting. It is a club tradition to give a plaque to all out-going board members, in appreciation of all their hard work for the club. Plaques were presented to out-going member-at-large Cathy Greensfelder (somehow we missed doing this at the Christmas party at the end of Cathy's term) and to out-going Secretary/Editor Jim Jones, en absentia. Jim was unable to attend the meeting, but the club expressed their appreciation for the tremendous amount of time and effort that Jim has devoted to the club over the past years as Editor.

Club member Cort Musgrave was presented with a plaque in appreciation for his work with British Petroleum that resulted in BP donating the BP T-shirts for the car show for the past two years.

Finally, Cliff presented plaques for continuing support of our car show to the following area businessmen and officials:

John T. Baldwin of Baldwin Motors
Darren Duhon of NAPA
John Steen of Lafreniere Park

Kevin Gambino of Gambino Foreign Cars
Karl Schroeder of Paretto Imports

Minutes of May Meeting

Club president Bill Breithoff opened the meeting at 7:30.

Bill announced that club secretary/ editor Jim Jones had resigned. Jim has been doing the newsletter unassisted for years and everyone expressed their appreciation for all the hard work that Jim has done. It will be very difficult for one person to do all that Jim did.

In accordance with the club by-laws, Cort Musgrave nominated Cathy Greensfelder to fill the rest of Jim's term, and Chris Albright seconded the nomination. Cathy was elected by a unanimous vote of the members present at the meeting. Bill will be doing most of the actual editing of the newsletter, with Cathy handling the technical end only. Roy Richardson will be helping Harold O'Reilly, club treasurer, with the club membership database.

Randy Randolph and Charles Ake reported on the Crawfish Boil. (See story in last month's newsletter.) The big event for June will be the run to Catfish Charlie's on June 13. (See President's Message, page 1.)

The next big event will be in July. The club will be cruising to Seafood World in Covington on July 17. While everyone enjoyed House of Seafood in Bush for the last few years, the prices have risen and we have been required to schedule the event too late in the evening to be convenient. In August, we will be holding the 2nd Annual "Hot Fun in the Summertime" dinner and "Un-Car-Show" at the Tap Room in Covington. (They have rebuilt after the fire



My First Car

by Mike Brown

Some time ago I talked to an old timer, John Winter, who has a BRG MGA. We were talking about how the "A" runs. I always "babied" my "A" fearing that I would throw a rod. I would rarely bring her up more than 4500 rpm. John assured me it can be driven to 5000 or even 5500. His car was a bit more of a racer than mine. He said that the engines were built for the high RPMs, which is where they have their power.

When some of us club members drove to Pensacola for the car show, I went with Rodger Talley in his Bug eyed Sprite. He has a 1250 cc engine in his and he doesn't hesitate to bring the RPMs up. We pretty much kept the RPMs between 4500 and 5000! At this speed the engine had a high roar to it which I got use to quickly. We were going so fast that most of the sound was behind us!

With John's reassurance and the experience in Rodger's Sprite, my "A" had to have its turn.

I usually take the "A" on the river road to work. The road has many curves and is fun to drive, but there are school zones and many cars entering and exiting the highway. There is another route to work which is Interstate 310 and highway 3127. Here was my opportunity to drive the "A" at designed speeds. So to work I go using the freeway, making noise with the 18-wheelers at 4500 rpm. I was really surprised how well the car runs! The temperature runs normal for my car which is 190 degrees. This temperature is high compared to the Bug eye which runs at 160 degrees. I was wondering what Moss's radiator additive "Waterwetter" would do at that temperature. Maybe I'll write about that another time.

Until next time, Mike

New Members

by Anne Friloux

Nicky Edrington purchased, via the net, a 1975 TR6 as his first British car. He saw our Car Show ad in the Times-Picayune, came to the show and decided to join. He resides in Thibodaux with his wife Cindy and teenagers and hopes to have some events on the Westbank. Though he cannot make the monthly meetings, he plans to attend weekend events.

Tim McGee has owned British cars since college days, starting with a TR3. In 1978, he purchased his 1956 AH 100-4. After being chased by Rudi Markl while driving his AH and reading about us on our Web site, he decided to join. Tim is a naval officer and resides in Mandeville with his wife, Nancy and two sons ages 9 and 7. He tries to drive his AH at least once a week with the boys helping put her in overdrive. Though his wife also drives the car, strange things seem to happen when she does, especially when Tim has an assignment out of town.

Joe Cassanova developed an interest in British cars when sports cars raced at Hammond Airport in the 1960's. He presently owns a 1972 TR6, but has also owned a 1975 TR6 and a 1965 BSA motorcycle. Joe is a retired Air Force officer and is presently working for the Orleans Levee District as an Environmental Supervisor. Joe resides in Covington with his wife Judy. They have 3 children and 5 grandchildren. Joe learned about the club after seeing the ad in the Times Picayune for the Car Show and coming to the show. Joe's TR6 is SCCA race prepared and he would like to go to rallies and car shows. We were glad to see Joe and Judy at the Crawfish boil and Catfish Charlie's run.



Club Treasurer Harold O'Reilly

underwent triple bypass

surgery on Tuesday June 6th.

We all wish him a speedy recovery.

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A Page from the Past

"History of the Louisiana M. G. Car Club - The Fifth Year"

By Peggy Bienvenu & Kathie Winter

From the back issues of the club's newsletters:

1981 "...The Summer rallye in July (1981) was perhaps the most interesting rallye we've ever done. It was Lin Lee's "Midsummer Night's Bar Hopping Rallye". Each team was given a list of eleven bars located throughout the city and their addresses. The object was to go to all of them and the team with the least mileage was declared the winner. Members had to enter each bar and answer a question. An added twist was that each team was dealt a card at certain spots along the route and the team with the best poker hand won a special prize. (Jack and Audry Kennedy won with a pair of Aces!) What made this event even stranger was that it was run throughout large portions of the area. I was supposed to be handing out cards in an Uptown Bar. But, the bar was closed because of a lack of power! Therefore, I sat in my car outside the bar for a few hours! WHAT FUN! Thanks to Lin Lee for providing us with the most fun rallies!..."

Anyone want to try something like this again? My personal preference as the owner of a car that overheats in stop & go traffic (due to a lack of functional cooling fans) is to do this somewhere with less traffic than Metairie, somewhere safer than downtown New Orleans, and sometime cooler than July! Suggestions? Comments?



A Presidential Meeting

During the May meeting Bill Breithoff noted that there were nine presidents and one founding member of our club present at the meeting. After the meeting, they all posed for a picture. They were: (front row, left to right) Bill Breithoff (current president), John Winter (3 terms), Mike Anderson, Keith Vezina, Snubbs Bienvenue (founding member), (back row) Jimmy Bruno (3 terms), Cliff Hughes, Roger Gibson (3 terms), Rodger Talley, and Cort Musgrave (2 terms). Snubbs Bienvenue and E. E. Reynolds (who is commemorated by our annual car rally) founded the "Louisiana M.G. Car Club", in 1977, which we now know as the "British Motoring Club - New Orleans".

Editor's Note: I hope we got the number of terms correct. We are relying on the board's collective memory!

For Sale

- MGB** – late '69 – early '70 (chrome bumper), wire wheels. Complete car for restoration. \$475.
Deborah Adams Hitt at (504)488-2276 (6/99)
- MGB** – '72. Restoration started, stored for 9 years. \$1500 or make offer. Dave Hitchcock (850)327-4053 or hitch@frontiernet.net (Bratt, FL)
- MGB** – Early '70s GT model (Chrome bumper). Good body shell with doors, etc. Front damaged. Great for swap out. Make offer. Peter Brauen at (288)467-0519 (4/99)
- MGB** – '80 Ltd Edition, black, alloy wheels, 96K mi., '86 2nd owner. All three tops!! \$5,000 David Woodward at (504)892-3127 (Covington, LA 4/99)
- PARTS** – MGB front suspension \$200, rear axle for wire wheels \$100, '62-67 engine \$200, 62-73 heater assbly \$125, GT body parts & many more.
Deborah Adams Hitt at (504)488-2276 (6/99)
- PARTS** – Hard top, fits '75-'80 Spitfire, excellent condition. Make offer. Ben Beaugy at (318)991-0097 or bizzo@mindless.com
- WANTED** – enclosed trailer suitable for small British cars or motorcycles. Anne or Floyd Friloux (504) 464-1734 or lubriport@aol.com (Kenner LA)
- WANTED** – TR6, running or not, CHEAP!
Dana Courville (318)406-0087

Editor's Note: If you submitted an add for this issue and you don't see it, please accept our apologies. We haven't gotten all the kinks out of the newsletter process yet. Please mail "For Sale" and "Wanted" adds to the club post office box, PO Box 73213 Metairie LA 70033 or email to cgreensfelder@compuserve.com

You know you've owned a British car too long when

- ☛ The guy at the parts store
- ☛ is listed as a dependant on your 1040.
- ☛ sends you a get well card if you haven't bought parts for 2 weeks.
- ☛ recognizes your voice on the phone.

Newsletter submissions

Electronic submissions are greatly preferred. Email to Cathy Greensfelder at cgreensfelder@newman.k12.la.us or bring a diskette to the meeting. (Word 97 or plain text preferred.) But don't despair – we still accept written articles! Mail them to the club P.O. Box.

Membership Info

Club membership is open to anyone who owns or has owned, drives or is interested in British motor vehicles.

Annual Dues: \$30 first year / \$25 subsequent years.

\$15 corresponding membership is available to persons living outside the Greater New Orleans area.

New members receive a club T-shirt, window decal and name tag. All members receive the monthly club newsletter. Your membership expiration date is printed on your newsletter mailing label. Please pay your dues promptly to avoid missing any issues of the newsletter.



Club Regalia – Available from the Club Treasurer at most meetings

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Baseball Cap \$ 12.00

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Windscreen Transfer \$ 1.00

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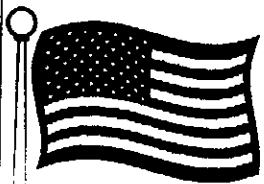
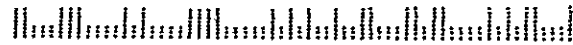
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SEAFOOD WORLD - JULY 17

**STOLEN LAND ROVER
1966 LR 88 - VIN# 24422537B**

White hardtop / Blue bottom.

Stolen from Lewis Truck Service, 7801 Edinburgh St., New Orleans
If you see this Rover call the owner, Ernest Borguieres, at 523-3456