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President's Message

We have four events coming up with in the next two months. There is the Funkana, Taste of Bavaria Restaurant, "Brits on the Bluff" and the Fairhope Show. Each one is well worth the effort to go. You might think it to be a Herculean task to make it to all , but I can assure you it can be done.

The Funkana will be held on September 23, at the Tanger Outlet Mall in Gonzales. This is a "test your driving skills" fun day. In the past David Hayden and Family have devised some devious tests of driving and understanding direction skills (driving with a bag on your head and being told, "No, go *that* way") and other challenges. This year will be no exception. I have it from a good source that at least one event may somehow involve a MINI??.

The Fairhope Alabama Show on October 5th and 6th is the one show (besides ours) everyone raves about. Many stories and club legends have been inspired by this spectacle. You simply must make it to this show. It will be held in a small park right on the edge of Mobile Bay, a very nice location for a show. There is an entry fee for this show, popular judging and awards. Travel time, with the convoy, is between two and a half to three hours.

"Brits on the Bluffs", October 12th and 13th, is an annual gathering in Natchez MS hosted by our friends the English Motoring Club of Jackson. This year's get together will be held on the grounds of "Rosalie" mansion. They will be using the Ramada Inn Hilltop as the host hotel with a room rate of \$ 65.00 for participants. The show will be on Saturday morning, leaving from the visitor's center (just across from the hotel) with a police escort through down town Natchez, and ending at the "Rosalie". Over the last few years our club's participation in this show has been growing and hopefully this year will be no exception. The drive time to Natchez is about four hours. Oh yeah, almost forgot - there is an entry fee involved, judging of cars and prizes awarded.

In near by Ponchatoula there is a wonderful little German restaurant named Taste of Bavaria. We, as a club, have not been there for the last couple of years but the reports from our "spies" tell me the food is just as wonderful as always! This too should be a good trip to go on with us. Once the eating is done, a side trip into town to see the sights is also planned.

There you have it, four planned events to choose from, but why be picky - join us on all four trips. Please plan to be with us on at least one of these events. So what if the kids have soccer practice that weekend! Tell them to have fun, you'll catch them the following weekend, they'll get over it. I think it's high time you enjoyed yourself with kids your own age for a change!

Charlie Ake

September 2001

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Tue Aug 28—General Meeting 7:30 pm. Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy .

Tue Sept 11—Board Meeting 7:00 pm Roger Gibson

Sun Sept 23—4th Annual Funkana Tanger Outlet Mall, Gonzales. 2:00 pm until 6-ish
Southshore Convoy leaves from Kenner Welcome Center, IH-10 and Loyola at 1:00
Northshore Convoy from Mimi's (Piggly Wiggly) across from Beau Chene at 12:30

Tue Sept 25—General Meeting 7:30 pm. NOMINATION of 2002 officers! Be there to defend yourself!

Future Events:

Oct 6—SABCC Show at Fairhope, AL. Convoys leaving Friday morning & Saturday morning.

Oct 4-7—"Cruisin' the Coast", Biloxi, MS.

Oct 13—EMC "Brits on the Bluff", Natchez, MS. Convoys leaving Friday morning & Saturday morning.

Oct 21—Treasure Chest Antique Car show—all cars 25 years old & older.

November: EE Reynolds Rallye

July 31 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 at the club's new meeting place, the Italian Pie on Jefferson Hwy. Visitors included Maria Tea, an exchange student visiting the Greensfelder's from Vienna Austria.



Members who made it to Sal's Seafood restaurant in Boutte said it was a great meal – good food and lots of it. There was some confusion upon arrival because we didn't have reservations, but it turned out that was intentional. Had we reserved a room, we would have had to order from a restricted, group menu. Everyone agreed, though, that the south shore convoy will need to find a longer, more interesting route to take next time.

Plans for the Un-Car-Show were discussed. Mike Anderson announced that he planned to reclaim the Goodwill Trophy this year. He missed last year's Un-Show because he was offshore at the time.

The 2002 British Car Day may be moving from Lafreniere Park. Among other problems, Lafreniere is beginning construction of a garden around the Foundation Pavilion and cannot guarantee it will be finished by our show date. A likely new site is the soccer field at Delgado College's City Park Campus. There is plenty of parking, oak trees for shade around the field, and an air-conditioned building near-by with bathrooms. It is not too far from the Shoney's Inn and the driving directions are very straightforward.

The Funkana will be held at Tanger Outlet Mall in Gonzales again. A tentative date was announced but the date has since been changed to Saturday September 23rd. (See calendar)

Everyone was reminded that the nominations for officers will be held at the September meeting. Several officers including Charlie Ake and Richard Denneau will be unable to run again. If you are interested in becoming more involved with the club, contact any of the officers.

October will be a busy month with several car shows coming up. SABCC's show in Fairhope, AL (outside Mobile), the "Brits on the Bluff" show in Natchez, "Cruisin' the Coast" in Biloxi and the Treasure Chest Antique Car show are all coming up in October. (See calendar).

The club has tentatively planned a run to Taste of Bavaria for a Sunday breakfast followed by antiquing in Ponchatoula in October (details to be announced later) for everyone who can't make it to any of the many shows.

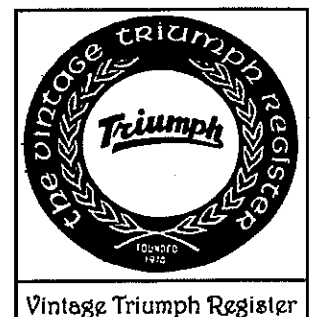
Anne & Floyd Friloux announced that they were leaving August 1st for a 25th Anniversary cruise & a trip to Niagara Falls. Congratulations! They have also just returned from a 1,040-mile trip to Austin, TX where they picked up a 1971 BMW motorcycle with sidecar!

Karl Keiger announced that a racetrack has opened near Napoleonville that will feature drag racing and road racing. A gentleman from Baton Rouge is trying to set up a vintage-racing schedule where pre-1975 cars can run at speed. Karl noted that this is not an SCCA-sanctioned event.

Richard Denneau asked club members to please donate blood to help replace what he received during his recent hospital stay. Blood must be replaced 2 pints for each 1 received. Roger Gibson reminded us that blood is typically not covered by insurance.

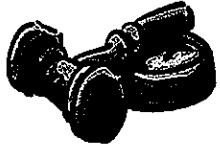
The 50/50 drawing was for \$23 and the winner was Sheila Simmons! (Sheila seems to be the challenging Beverly Rice's position as the luckiest person in the club!)

In a closing note, Roger Gibson noted that the muffelata sandwiches at the Italian Pie were excellent. And huge! §



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Fall Weekend Getaways by Cathy Greensfelder

Every fall there are a number of car shows, clustered right around the time the weather starts to get really nice. Of special note are the South Alabama British Car Club's event on October 5-6 and the English Motoring Club's "Brits on the Bluff" show on the 12-13th.

Both events make lovely "mini-vacations". Both are a really nice drive—not too long, usually good weather, and pretty scenery, and several of the people who go to these events have CB radios and we chat back and forth during the drive. The hotels tend to be quite affordable with the group rates, and both clubs put on a Friday night "social". For the last few shows, several of us have left on Friday morning, then spent Friday afternoon touring local attractions: The Natchez show coincides with the "Fall Pilgrimage" tour of area ante-bellum mansions and plantation homes. For the Pensacola show last spring, we toured the Naval Aviation Museum, which really merits a full day if you have any kind of interest in aviation or history. On Saturday during the shows, both Natchez and Fairhope have wonderful antique shops nearby for the non-car person in the family. Also in the past, we have usually managed to go to one nice restaurant and one "what a deal!" place with good food at a low price. And most members bring coolers & picnic baskets to cut down on costs.

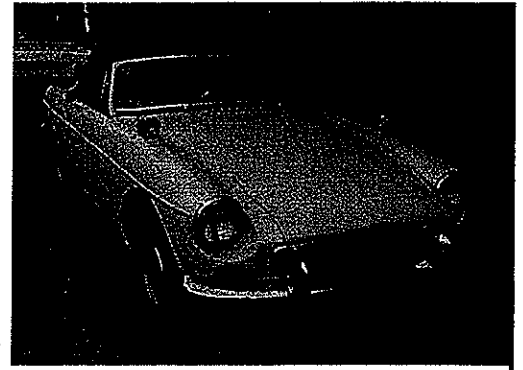
I remember when I first joined the club thinking "These people are NUTS!" My car wasn't nearly good enough to put in a show and I'd never convince my husband to go for a weekend to a car show. But now, I'm one of the members who plans on attending both these shows. Even if you aren't a car nut (or your spouse isn't), it's a nice, no pressure get-away, with a really great bunch of people. Hope to see you there! §

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

There's no oil on the garage floor, so you know the car's completely empty.

4th Annual Richard Wolf Un-Car-Show

Attendance at the 4th annual Richard Wolf Un-Car-Show was down from previous years. Maybe the pouring rain had something to do with it! When the South Shore convoy left the Metairie end of the Causeway it was looking bad for the show with only 3 British cars. Bob Barback, part of the N.O. East contingent, said that it was coming down in buckets about the time he was leaving Chalmette. He would have braved a *little* rain, but with that much, his Healey fogs up so much he can't see. Mark & Cathy Greensfelder had the same problem coming in from the West Bank, but it wasn't raining as hard where they were and they were able to get by with keeping the windows cracked so they could see. Mike Anderson, the 1999 winner, had planned on reclaiming the Goodwill Trophy, but ended up driving his Toyota. He said his TR3 doesn't stop in the rain! But around 34 people eventually showed up, and seven North Shore cars brought the total up to ten British cars.

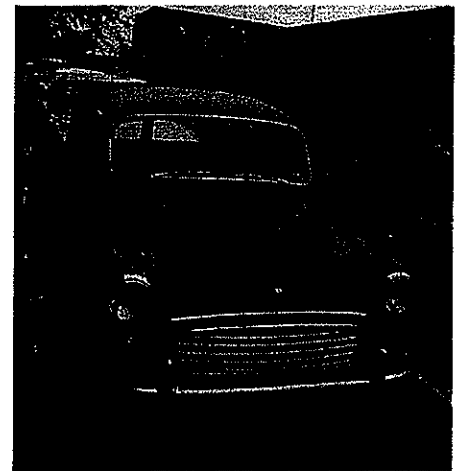


Primer Award—Barbara Wolf



Duct Tape Award—Cathy Greensfelder

Barbara Wolf's MGB, winner of last year's worst top award, showed up with a brand new, professionally installed top, so she lost out on that award to Cathy Greensfelder. Cathy's MGB had the duct tape on the *INSIDE* where it didn't show, but nevertheless won the "Duct Tape" award this year. (Which explains why the open windows were only a minor inconvenience – what's a little *more* water!) Barbara wasn't left out, though. The rust bubbles are starting to come through in a couple of places and her MGB took home the "Primer Award".



Body Show Award—Jim Jones

Jim Jones's Morris Traveler had some lovely rust where the original paint is starting to wear thin on the roof but the several small but high-quality dents won him the "Body Shop" award. Jim's biggest dent wasn't near the size of Roy Richardson's 36-incher that won last year, but as Jim explained, his dent came with the car – factory original!



Dust Bin Award—Mary D. Schrantz

Competition for the "Dust Bin" award was thwarted by the hard rain that effectively washed several of the cars on the way to Covington, but Mary D. Schrantz won with her orange MGB. The reach of its windshield wipers could be seen in the dust on the windscreen, but it was the bird droppings that clinched the award for the dirtiest car!

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Un-Car-Show Winners

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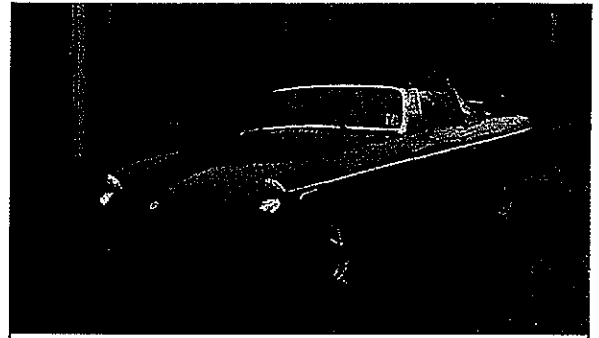
Spider Web Award—Charlie Ake

Charlie Ake's MGB (1998 Goodwill Trophy winner) has improved tremendously and only managed to qualify for the "Spiderweb" award for biggest windscreen crack. He's been measuring its progress, currently 8 inches, as it works it's way across the glass.



New member Nina Helfert won the "Grand Canyon Award" for

dashboard damage. Usually this award is for splits in the top of the dash, but Nina's MGB won for the kite string holding the glove box closed. She just recently purchased the car and the previous owners had taken great pains to point out all the things that they *had* managed to fix, and had downplayed the sting, saying it was a minor thing, purely cosmetic!



Grand Canyon Award—Nina Helfert

Three additional cars were awarded participation awards for braving the weather to show up: Harold O'Reily's TR7, Mike Schrantz's Jag, and last year's Goodwill winner, Allen Bradley's MGB. (Allen's MGB is recently took 3rd place in the Houston show.) Allen really didn't want to give up the trophy but his current project car wasn't even tow-able yet!

The coveted Goodwill Trophy prize will spend the year, again, with a car that could have won in at least 4 other categories. The paint was worn off all the upper surfaces exposing the underlying primer. The dash had some truly inspiring cracks and the seats would benefit from even a set of old beach towels! The engine compartment had leaves and debris, some of it possibly still alive and growing. And everyone asked if winner Karl Keiger had taken a job with the mosquito control department when the he pulled up to the restaurant. (If we gave an award for most or smelliest exhaust – he'd have won it!)



Goodwill Trophy Winner—1980 Rover 3500

Karl Keiger's 1980 Rover 3500 was awarded the "Goodwill Trophy" for the car most in need of a total restora-



Karl Keiger & Goodwill Trophy

Photo credit: William Wolf. Actually, William deserves a *lot* of credit—the light was bad and he made these cars look *good*!

Garage Building & First Tools Tips by Mr. Goodspanner

Here are some tips for you if are thinking of building your very own personal British hobby car garage.

SIZE: The physical size of the building will depend on the amount of land and amount of money you have. The bigger the better! A storage/work garage, no matter how large, will fill up quickly.

COST: A wood framed building will cost the most to construct. A metal building will cost much less. Choose a metal building constructed with "I" beams and "Z" beams, not a cheaper building using square tubes for the framing structure. In order to save money, have only the basic building constructed on a concrete slab. You can always have the driveway poured later on. You can install the roll up door(s), windows, insulation, etc. yourself.

ELECTRICITY: You can never have enough 110-volt outlets. Extension cords are a pain and can be a tripping hazard. Install four-plex outlets and plenty of them all around the walls. Consider at least one each of a 220 volt 20 amp and 30 amp outlet as well. Air compressors and such run much better on 220 volt 20 amp lines. Most electric welders require a 220 volt 30 amp line. If you install wire that is one gauge over the requirement, you never have brown outs or tripped circuit breakers to deal with. The extra cost is minimal.

LIGHTING: Fluorescent lighting is the only way to go. The operating cost is lower than incandescent lighting, they do not produce near as much heat, and you can choose the type of light by selecting the proper bulb for you needs. No amount of planning will allow you to position the lights properly. Hang the fixtures from the roof or ceiling using small chains. Drop ceiling hanging clips are available from any wholesale electrical house. That way you can easily move them later on to suit your needs.

AIR CONDITIONING: It is the ultimate luxury. You will not always be able to use it (as when fuel vapors are present), but it sure is nice on those really hot summer days. With a wood framed building, the installation of a window A/C unit and insulation is straightforward.

It takes a little more doing in a metal building, but it can be done. Forget about all of that new style spray-on insulation, etc. Ordinary Kraft paper backed fiberglass house insulation works the best.

Construct 4' X 8' (or whatever height the ceiling you choose) wooden strip frames. Screw the wooden frames to the metal uprights/beams. Install the proper depth of insulation by stapling its backing to the frames. Panel the frames with pressboard or such and paint. White color recommended. Any other color will reduce the amount of light produced by your lighting fixtures. Do not forget to insulate the ceiling. The lower the placement of the ceiling, the less square footage there is to cool. An eight foot ceiling is fine, unless you plan to install a lift. An automatic garage door opener will require a 10' ceiling height above the opened door assembly.

In a well-insulated building, a couple of electric space heaters will do just fine in the wintertime.

Even if you have A/C, cooling fans are a must. Pedestal fans work well in helping to keep you cool and can be moved around easily.

WORK BENCHES: You can build workbenches and heavy-duty shelves out of 2"X4s". But if you nail them to the wall for support, they will be hard to remove later on. Use only wood screws for this purpose.

The best bet is the use of pallet shelves for workbenches and shelves. Once assembled, they can hold anything that you may place on them, (complete engines are no sweat) they are heavy enough to not need bolting to the shop floor or the walls, the height of the shelves are adjustable, and they can be moved as necessary. New pallet shelves are expensive, but they can be obtained used from time to time for a fraction of their cost when new from companies that are going out of business.

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Call for MGB Bonnet Orders by Peter Braun

Hi all! In light of a couple of recent enquiries about the availability of **new MGB hoods** (bonnets) at reasonable prices, I am going to order a batch for sale to club members (or anyone else who wants one for that matter). Apparently, it costs no more to have four or five shipped than to have one shipped! The cost including shipping will be \$160 per hood if we can get three additional orders. If we can get ten total orders, the price will be \$150 per hood! You can blow that in bodywork on an old hood pretty quickly. All prices subject to Mississippi sales tax of 7%, items will need to be picked up in Bay St. Louis. I will collect orders for about a month, unless in the face of overwhelming demand, enough orders are placed beforehand. Thanks for your interest.---Peter (BMC Restorations)

P.S. ANY truck freight item can be included in this deal, not just hoods, for any British marque! Basically for \$10 to \$20 over catalog price depending on the number of orders. Email your exact needs to me at: pbrauen@telepak.net or call (228) 467-0519 §



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Garage Building...

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MAJOR TOOLS: Other than the basic automotive hand tools, I suggest the following.

Bench Grinder - With a grinding wheel on one end and a wire wheel on the other end. Do not bolt the base of the motor to the work bench. Instead, mount two bolts into the work bench spaced one inch inboard from the outer edges of the motor's base and sticking up about one inch above the work bench. This will allow you to reposition the grinder against the bolts and still have it stay in place.

Dremel Kit - Or like item. This little drill motor with all of its attachments can be used in a hundred different ways.

Floor Jack - Choose one with a low height at rest (British sports cars are low to the ground.) and the highest lift as possible.

Jack Stands - Purchase four of the cast iron heavy-duty type with sliding heads and release arms, not the cheap solid one-piece type.

Drop Light - A fluorescent trouble light. Incandescent lights are hot and burn out the first time that you hit them against anything. Get two!

Impact Wrench - An electric impact tool is best. It yields higher torque than air operated tools and you do not need to have an air compressor to operate it, just 110 volts AC.

Catch Basins: Several pans to hold drained fluids. Kitty litter pans are great for this purpose.



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Wanted

Recent transplant from out west moved to Diamond-head. Looking for older XK, XKE etc. (or possibly older TR3 or Morgan) for restoration project. (Last project was a Healey) Contact Jerry , 228-225-7403 (6/01)

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or bring a diskette to the meeting.

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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 (newsletter only) 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 *Morris Gazette*.

Mail renewal checks to Treasurer, PO Box 73213, Metairie LA 70033 (payable to BMC-NO)



Club Regalia – Contact Harold O'Reilly (504-486-5837 or haroldor@bellsouth.net) for information.

T-shirt \$ 10

License Plate Frame \$ 5 (2 for \$9)

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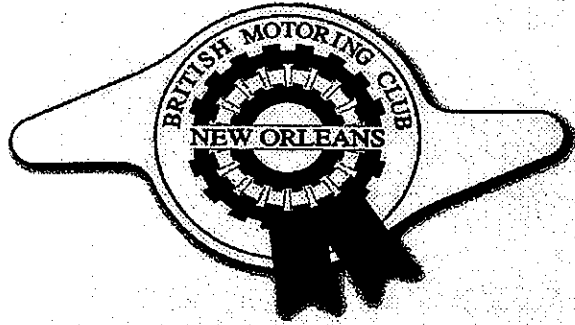
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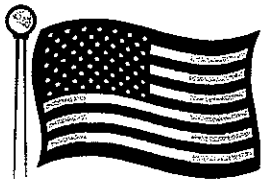


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