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President's Message

If you missed the Fairhope and Natchez shows, you missed some great British weather, not to mention cars and fellow car owners. More inside.

Coming up on the 28th is the Taste of Bavaria Run. Roger Gibson is leading the convoy and will leave at 10:00 am **SHARP !!!**

Remember to set your clocks BACK. Daylight savings time ends that morning.

The next Sunday (November 4th) is the E.E. Reynolds Rallye. I urge all of you to come out and enjoy a fun driving event. You don't know where you will end up, but it's fun getting there. It is a 2 person event, but it is possible to run solo if you don't have a navigator.

And for those of you who like to eat, there will be another cruise to Sonic Drive Inn. The last one was such a success that we decided to go back, but to a different Sonic.....variety!

Until next time.....



November 2001

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

28 Taste of Bavaria	29	30 General Meeting	31	1	2	3 Pub Night
4 EE Reynolds Rallye	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Board Meeting	14	15	16	17
18 Sonic Run	19	20	21	22 Thanksgiving	23	24
25	26	27 General Meeting	28	29	30	

Sun Oct 28—Taste of Bavaria in Ponchatoula area. 11:00 there. (Careful—Daylight Savings ends.)
South shore convoy 10:00 a.m. SHARP from the Kenner Welcome Center, Loyola at I-10.
North shore convoy 10:00 a.m. from Mimi's (Piggly Wiggly) across from Beau Chene.

Tue Oct 30 General Meeting 7:30 pm. Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy, upriver from the Huey P Long Bridge. Election of 2002 officers. (Vote early, vote often!)

Sat Nov 3—Daughter's of the British Empire Pub Night. 6-10 p.m. Hellenic Cultural Center, 1200 Robert E. Lee Blvd. Food, music, games, Shakespearean costume contest. Tickets \$15 in advance (504) 367-4116 (Visa & MasterCard). \$20 at the door (price includes food) Web site: www.dbeinla.org

Sun Nov 4—EE Reynolds Rally. Start from back of Lakeside Mall parking lot near Dillard's. Drivers meeting begins at 1:30 PM sharp, first car out at 1:45. Don't be late. Course will take approximately 90 minutes and we will end at a very nice seafood restaurant.

Tue Nov 13 Board and CAR SHOW COMMITTEE meeting. 7:00 Allen Bradley, 4412 Sedan Street, Metairie. We have a new show site and lots of prep work to do. Please, volunteer to help.

Sun Nov 18 Sonic Run to Boutte 5 pm from the Kenner Welcome Center.

Tue Nov 27 - General Meeting 7:30 pm. Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy .

Future Stuff:

Sun Dec 9 Christmas Party Bill Briethoff's house, 7315 Beryl Street. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Pot Luck. Join us for some holiday cheer and for the installation of new officers for 2002 .

September Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:50 by Bill Breithoff, Vice President in Charlie Ake's absence. New member, Don Fysh (1967 Lotus Elan) was introduced.



Dave Hayden reported on the Funkana which took place on Sunday Sept 23rd. Dave had introduced two new events, one involving his Mini and a spare tire, and the other was a Teeter Totter. See article p. 5 for more.

Special recognition goes to Harold O'Reilly for being the "most balanced member" on the Teeter Totter. Harold balanced his TR7 for 20 seconds or more. It was a great event. Thanks to Dave Hayden and family for all of their hard work and tremendous effort. They did a fantastic job!

We reviewed the upcoming schedule of events.

Everyone was reminded that the South shore folks will leave at 10:00 am sharp from the Kenner Welcome center for the Taste of Bavaria Cruise. If you want to visit before we leave, get there at 9:45.

The Daughters of the British Empire Pub Night is November 3rd, the night before the EE Reynolds Rallye.

The most important item of business was nominations of officers for 2002 year.

President	Harold O'Reilly
Vice-President	Bill Breithoff
Treasurer	Roger Gibson
Secretary / Editor	Cathy Greensfelder
Members at Large	Allen Bradley Sheila Simmons Cliff Hughes Butch Frutos

Nominations from the floor will be taken at next month's meeting. After which voting will take place, before the vote.

The 50/50 was \$22 and was won by Sally Breithoff (who was allowed to purchase Sheila's ticket!)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm



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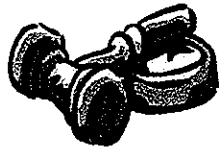
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British Weather by Bill Breithoff

British Car Clubs host some really nice Car Days, and some even order British weather to make the cars feel at home.

The Fairhope show gave us the opportunity to use our umbrellas, but a little mist could not dampen the spirits of true British Car Enthusiasts. It was nice getting together with our neighbors on the coast and showing our (NO POINTS DEDUCTED FOR WATER OR DIRT) cars. Our club received the award for highest attendance of the visiting clubs, not to mention other awards. Thanks to Don Pritchard and his crew in South Alabama for a nice show.

But the real "frog-strangler" weather was to be found in Natchez. It rained on the cars, in the cars, on the people, and the wind played havoc with the car covers and visqueen used to try to keep the water out. We were glad we had perfected the trash bag / beach towel seat cover technique at Fairhope. (Wet seats are not fun!) Our umbrellas and rain gear really got a work out, but you know what ---- We had fun !!!!

Our club took home the attendance award at this show too. I guess that all of our hurricane weather practice paid off. It takes more than a tornado threat and two days of rain to keep New Orleans BMC members from a car show.

This was the first time that I have ever seen a car show judged from under umbrellas. The funniest event of the day was when an entrant drove his TR-3 to the site holding an umbrella over his head with the other half of the toneau cover over the passenger side – if only I had a picture of that!

Terry Travato and the gang from Natchez put on a nice event in the face of adversity..... good show! §



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

Your mechanic starts sending you Christmas and Birthday cards.

Funkana News Flash! By Menda Hayden

Cathy and Mark Greensfelder won the 5th Annual Shaun Hayden Funkana, held September 23rd!

If you weren't there, the best part of the day was seeing her face when we announced she had won. Cathy is a die-hard Funkana participant and has run the course year after year in everything *but* her British car. This year she had it. What was the actual time it took you in your pickup Cathy????? (Editor's note: Over 9 minutes first time in the Ford Ranger pickup - the Sprite that won that year did it in 3 minutes!)

Once again we were blessed with gorgeous weather, and the folks at Tanger were so very nice to let us have it there and to even furnish trash bags when I discovered I had forgotten them.

Arriving at the event this year, everyone was very surprised to see what looked like an "Evil Kenival" ramp, and were wondering if they had to do some sort of a jump. They were relieved to discover Dave had just made a teeter-totter for cars. When he started to build this I asked if he dreams of these sort of things or what. He said no, when he was a kid they had one for their bikes and he always wanted one for his cars. The reason *I* am writing this article is because he is out with Ian and they are hanging the 1,200 lb monster in the rafters of the garage. (Thank god for hoists) I mean where do you put your teetertotter when you are done playing!? The object was to drive your car over and see if you can balance in the middle. Bill Harris hung for a second. But Dave's hero, because he actually made it work, was Harold O'Reilly who got in the middle and made it balance forever. At least it seemed that way to me. Yeah Harold! I thank you so much for making Dave so happy!!!! And the video of it happening is spectacular.

Mike Delaceda ~~SOLD~~ off one of his Minis and sold it to us, and that provided the other new event for this year. Thanks Mike, we love our new car. Everyone should own a mini just for the smiles they bring. We had a tire roll around the car. And as all of you that did this know, it was a major penalty if you hit Dave's new toy with the tire. (Add 5 minutes to your time) Poor Bill Kuhn and Allen Bradley know. Oh, I forgot to mention the tire is only 10 inches and it was not easy to bend down and roll that thing around the car, even with the car being a Mini. This part made me laugh the most.

We had 12 teams run and the winners are as follows:

	Driver	Navigator
1st Place	Mark Greensfelder	Cathy Greensfelder
2nd Place	Floyd Friloux	Anne Friloux (no, you can't laugh!)
3rd Place	Rachel Hayden	Adam Gaspard

The after event dinner was at the Cracker Barrel across the parking lot and it was enjoyed by all. The eating thing you know so well. We love holding this event, and all who showed up had a great time. We may have to eliminate the bag over the driver's head slalom; you people are just getting too good at it. Do you practice driving around New Orleans with your eyes closed? If we can find the 12 people and semitruck it takes to get it there, it will be there next year (Just kidding). Ya'll practice!

Thank you for coming and we *will* see you next year. For all those that couldn't make it, you have no idea what you are missing!!!!

Thanks, from Menda Hayden and the whole Hayden gang.§ (Pictures on Page 8)

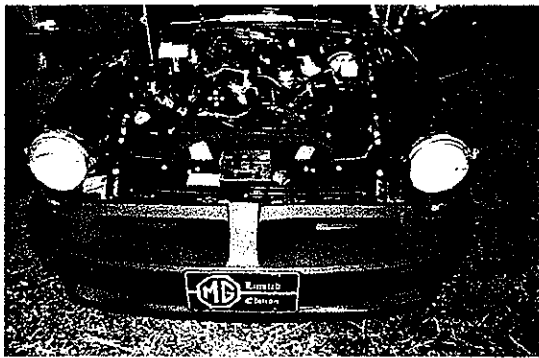
SABCC Car Show, Fairhope AL

A group of BMCNO members left Friday at noon and drove over to Fairhope under a gorgeous, blue sky with piles of fluffy, white clouds, and some truly spectacular weather. We kept hoping all the way there that the weather forecast for scattered thunderstorms on Saturday just *had* to be wrong. There were sprinkles of rain for the reception and the SABCC folks put on a really great cold buffet. They had sandwiches trays, salads and some fantastic deserts. (We picked up the recipes for several—they were that good.) But over night, those fluffy white clouds gave way to dark, gray ones, and it **POURED** all night. We awoke to wet cars, a low, overcast sky and a stiff breeze. With bad weather forecasted, attendance was off a little—only 70 some odd cars— but the ones that were there were good ones.

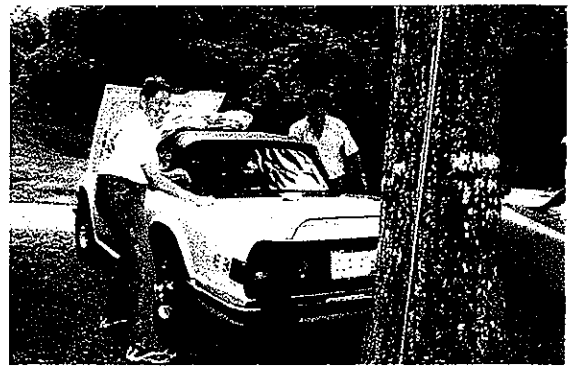
Another BMCNO group drove in Saturday morning. All together we ended up with ten entries (11 counting John Simmers of the EMC who paid his dues with us too last year). Along with the six winning cars, Cliff Hughes, Roy Richardson, Cam Bahn, and John Forsight entered cars. (Paul and Cathy Read drove over to Fairhope in their SUV just see the show, since neither of their LBCs was drivable.)



Good company at the awards ceremony



Bill Harris's 1st place 1980 MGB-LE



Anne & Floyd Friloux drying their TR6



Roy Richardson's 81 TR7

It never did actually rain *during* the show. But the wind picked up off the bay for the awards ceremony, and it was *chilly*. BMCNO members picked up six awards. Jolly good show! §



Next Month: the repair stories. Lights, shocks, alternators! We had 'em all. Or more accurately, we didn't have them. But no problem for the intrepid British car show folks, and "Breithoff Hardware and Auto Parts".



June Harris finally gets some use out of that English wool blanket! Cindy Frutos makes do with a beach towel

1st	Bill Breithoff, 81 TR8 Bill Harris, 90 MGB-LE
2nd	Anne Friloux, 74 TR6
3rd	Butch Frutos, Jaguar Harold O'Reilly, 79 TR7 Cathy Greensfelder, 79 MGB

“Drips on the Bluff”: Natchez Show Soggy but Successful by Terry Travoto

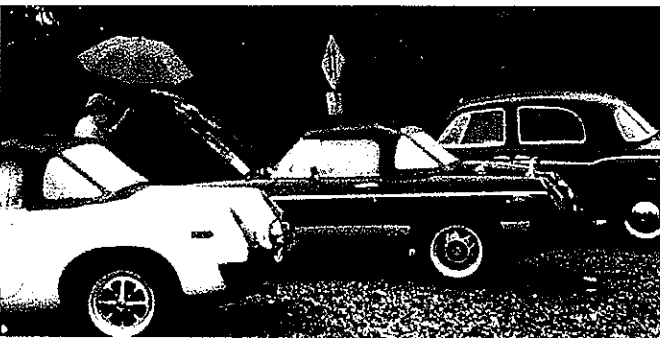
“Oh, the weather outside was frightful, but the cars, they were delightful.”

On October 13th, under what might be considered by some to be correct “English Bog” weather conditions, the English Motoring Club of Mississippi hosted its 5th annual “Brits on the Bluff” British Car Show and Competition in historic Natchez. Fifty-four examples of British automotive history, with headlamps on and windscreen wipers doing the best they could, courageously followed a Police escort in the rain from the Ramada Inn Hilltop parking lot to the grounds of the historic antebellum mansion “Rosalie” to begin the day’s



activities.

A Concours d' Elegance-styled (points) judged show, the annual event coincides with the city's Fall pilgrimage tour of antebellum mansions. British rarities on hand included a 1949 Triumph 2000 roadster, a 1960 Armstrong Siddeley Star Sapphire saloon, and a (not judged, just displayed in its enclosed trailer) 1962 tri-carb Austin-Healey 3000 right-hand drive rallye car in pristine condition.



Judging commenced at 12:30 p.m. with an awards ceremony at 3 p.m. (abridged results below)

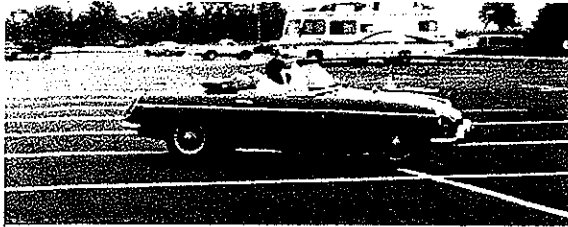
The English Motoring Club wishes to thank all participants for making this year’s show a success, with a special tip-of-the-hat to Cathy Greensfelder of the British Motoring Club of New Orleans and Tom Schmitz of the Panhandle British Car Association for their ongoing enthusiastic support of the event. §



Tom Schmitz (SABCC & PCBA) Bill Breithoff, Roy Richardson, Dave & Menda Hayden.

BMCNO winners & Highlights of Results	
MGB Rubber Bumper	1st: Bill Harris, 1980 MGB-LE
Triumph 3-250-6	1st: (tie) Nicky Edrington 1975 TR6 3rd: Dave & Menda Hayden, 1958 TR3
Triumph 7-8	1st: Bill Breithoff 1980 TR8 2nd: (tie) Roy Richardson 1981 TR7
Best of Show	Walter Murphy, 1959 TR-3
Long Distance Traveler	Larry and Barb Henle (drove MGB-GT 1,500 miles from Minnesota to the show)
Show Stopper	Bill Silhan, 1949 Triumph 2000 Roadster
Club Participation	BMCNO (6 entrants)
Outstanding Hospitality	Cheryl Branyan and the staff of “Rosalie”

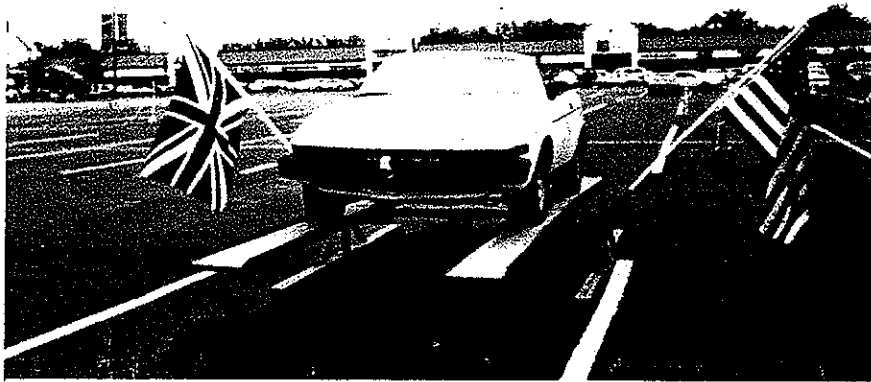
Funkana Pictures by Sally Breithoff



Note the cone under the front wheel...



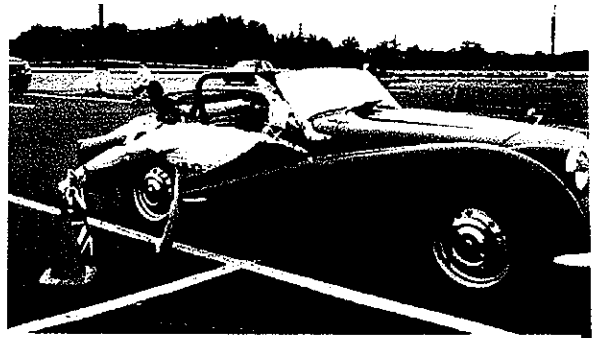
Everyone say "Cheese"



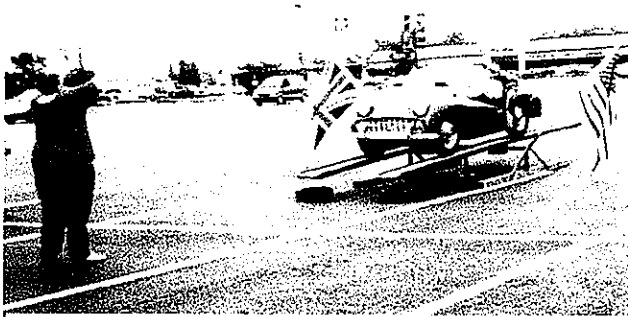
Harold O'Reilly balances his TR7!



Tire roll: loose 5 minutes for bumping the Mini!



Sheila Simmons was just a little too far away—Mike Anderson had to reach!



Oppie Lee Anderson directing Mike Anderson over the Teeter-Totter



"Other way, OTHER WAY!!!"

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Newsletter submissions

Electronic submissions are greatly preferred.
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or bring a diskette to the meeting.
(MS Word or plain text preferred.)

Bring written articles to the meetings, or mail to
P.O. Box 73213 Metairie LA 70033

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.

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