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## President's Message

This is IT! The car show is just around the corner and there are still things to do.




1. The goodie bags need to be stuffed.
2. We need to see as many of you as possible at the Tue. Mar 16th general meeting at the Italian Pie.
3. We could have a few more food items for the hospitality "Jambalaya Jamboree" reception on Friday Mar 19th.
4. Watch WWL-TV's morning news show to see Cliff Hughes and Bill Harris and their cars promoting our show.
5. There are still some volunteers needed for the show:
  - o Registration desk needs 4 people to help re-assign cars if there is a split class—all you need to do is change the number on some windshield placards and distribute ballots between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
  - o Someone to hand out goodie bags.
  - o Someone to handle 50/50 raffle ticket sales.
  - o Parking may need a few more people.

In the spirit of the auto assembly line, if we each do our part and contribute a little of our time to the show, we will end up with a well built and well run show that we can all be proud of and our good reputation will continue. See you there!!

Bill Breithoff

p.s. Be sure to register your car!!



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## February 17 Minutes

Bill Breithoff opened the meeting. The guest at this meeting was Jerry Jacob, who is repairing the blown engine in his Father's 56' Bugeye Sprint. Bill had the entire group stand-up and announce their name and their car or cars.

**Past Events:** Harold O'Reilly announced his recent re-opening of Southport Hall, reputedly a former gambling place, near the Parish Line at River Road. He thanked everyone who attended his opening night. Rudy and Bonnie Markl, long time members of the Club, are moving to Long Island City, NY. Bill read a farewell email from them.

**Future Events:** Pepe Merrick announced the upcoming show on April 3rd at Bellingrath Gardens in Mobile, AL that will be put on by the Mobile Mustang Club. Pepe also had an AACA magazine to give away to anyone interested.

**Car Show:** The next Board Meeting will be held at Bill Harris's home located in River Ridge. All available members are requested to attend the March 13th Goody Bag stuffing party being held at Lubriport. Registration packets, goodie bags and table decorations will be assembled. The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday March 16th and everyone is encouraged to attend. This will be the last meeting before the show being held on March 20th.

Cliff Hughes and Bill Harris will be going down to the WWL Television Studios at 5:30 a.m. on Friday March 19th with their cars in order to promote the show. Their cars will appear on the Channel 4 Morning Show. (Continuous re-broadcast on Cox cable channel 15.)

The Club will be holding the Pre-Show Hospitality Dinner / Reception on Friday March 19th at 6:00 p.m. Rogers Schupp has volunteered to cook the Red Beans & Rice and Jambalaya for the event. Sign up sheet for other food items was circulated.

The volunteers sign up sheet was passed around for members to volunteer to help out in various areas. The Club still needs help in the following: Site prep, Reception, Parking, Vote tally, Awards Banquet, Table Decorations, and Trophy assembly. The Club also could use three to four individuals to place the Placards on the Cars and distribute ballots between 11:00 – 12:30 the morning of the Show. Please sign up if you can help.

It was announced that the Friloux's made a very generous donation to the general funding of the Car Show. It was confirmed that there will indeed be a Motorcycle Class at the Car Show. Bill announced that the Car Show Appreciation dinner is being planned for those members who work the show and will be better organized than last year.

Joey LeBranch won \$32 in the 50/50 drawing. Lyle Brown won both a T-Shirt and one of the two "Dream Car" calendars. Gayle Fysh and Keith Vezina won a T-Shirt and Cathy Greensfelder won the other calendar. §

## 12th Annual Pensacola Beach Bash Car Show

**THE PANHANDLE BRITISH CAR ASSOCIATION** presents the Twelveth Annual All British Car Show on April 17, 2004, held again at Pensacola Beach, just a few feet of beach sand from the beautiful waters of the Gulf of Mexico. A lovely vacation or weekend paradise only walking distance to restaurants and shopping. **As last year, this year we will have a large tent at the center of the show site for shade from the late April beach sun.**

For early arrivals the **PROTOADS\*** will again offer a "Red Beans and Rice" Social from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm Friday, April 16, in the party room of the Best Western Motel, Pensacola Beach. Registration is open Friday night and from 8:00 am to noon on Saturday. Judging is by "People's Choice".

\* **Procrastinating Triumph Owners And Driving Society**

Each vehicle entered will receive a ballot and dash plaque placed in the car at noon. Voting closes at 2:00 pm and awards are at 4:00pm. There were approximately 24 classes in past years and classes were determined by entries received for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies. There also are several special awards and some surprise awards. This is not a "concoors" show, but a chance for British car lovers to get together, display their cars and have a good time. Any car can go home with a trophy, so bring your British "ride" this year and enjoy the camaraderie.

There is also **Valve Cover Racing at approximately 2:00pm.** Must be a usable British valve cover with overall length no more than 24 inches and no propulsion other than gravity.

Accommodations are available at the PENSACOLA BEACH BEST WESTERN MOTEL, (800) 934-3301, at \$79.00 off beach and \$89.00 beachfront. **We will have dusk to dawn professional security at the motel parking lot both Friday and Saturday nights.** Those who make reservations by March 15 and mention they are with the British Car Show receive reduced rates.

For more information, assistance, or to become a sponsor at our show, contact:

**Tom Schmitz**, 9609 Soldiers Creek Dr, Lillian, AL, 36549 (251) 961-7171,

[tschmitz@ametro.net](mailto:tschmitz@ametro.net) or

**Ron Newman**, (850) 492-9791, [renewman@cox.net](mailto:renewman@cox.net) . Or check our web site:

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**Transporter Nightmare** by Jim Jones

This article is not about British cars per say. It is about the trailers that are sometimes used to transport them around and about.

I have owned my flat bed trailer for a few years now and the tires were used when I purchased the trailer as new. The depth of the threads on the tires was O.K., but the surfaces of the tires were cracked and dried out. So, I decided to replaced them with new tires. No big deal, I thought. I jacked up the trailer, placed jack stands under its frame, and proceeded to removed the lug nuts. That’s where the problems popped up!



As usual the guys that mounted the rims used too much force to install the lug nuts and installed them over heavily painted studs. Despite the fact that I had an electric torque wrench tool available to me, a good third of the lug nuts refused to budge. After the liberal used of much penetrating oil and a lot of banging, I was finally able to removed all the lug nuts.

However, one wrong procedure created other problems. The studs and the nuts had been over stressed. I had to "wire wheel" the studs (all twenty of them), clean off all paint and run a die over them. Next, I had to tap out the nuts.

If I had had a flat on the road, I would never have been able to remove some of the lug nuts. Not even with my large cross-type lug nut tool.

On top of all that, turns out that the tires mounted on the trailer rims were not “trailer” type tires either, but of the normal “automotive” type.

The lesson to be learned here is that, if you own a car transporter, you should remove the tire/rim assemblies and check everything out before you are caught on the side of the road by lug nuts that you cannot remove. §

**NOTICE TO MGB OWNERS!**  
 Our club is affiliated with NAMGBR, the North American MGB Registry. This affiliation provides our liability insurance for events. BMCNO must maintain 8 registered NAMGBR members in our club to be affiliated. If you own (used to own, or



would like to own) an MGB, please join NAGMBR, then tell the newsletter editor, Cathy Greensfelder. (She's the keeper of the membership list.) NAMGBR dues are \$25 and the newsletter *MG Driver* is worth it. Cathy will have NAMGBR membership applications at the next meeting.



### ATTENTION TRIUMPH OWNERS!

Our club is a Vintage Triumph Register (VTR) zone. We need 10 VTR members in our club to become an affiliated chapter. There are insurance and other benefits to becoming a chapter. If you own (used to own, or would like to own) any type of Triumph, please join VTR, then tell the newsletter editor, Cathy Greensfelder. (She's the keeper of the membership list) or Harold O'Reilly, the VTR liaison. Cathy will have VTR membership applications at the next meeting.

### "So Long" from Rudi Markl

After 20 years in New Orleans (and - is it possible - 20 years in the Club?) Bonnie and I will be moving to my house in New York this spring (14 Fairlawn St., Rye, NY 10580; 40 miles north of New York City on Long Island Sound, by CT). I've always missed the four seasons up north and have looked forward to once again motoring the beautiful, hilly, back roads of New England in the Healey - especially in the fall.

We may be around for Car Day and expect to return periodically for French Quarter Festival or Jazzfest, but if we don't see you before we go I want to say a heartfelt thanks - it's been fun. If you find yourself heading to NYC or perhaps to Lime Rock, CT for the vintage races on Labor Day weekend (well worth the trip) let us know. Rudi §

### For Sale

**80 TR8 COUPE, TR8 Convertible** and two parts cars. Cars in Arkansas but delivery is available. email to Jim Hale, [jhtractors@cox-internet.com](mailto:jhtractors@cox-internet.com) for pictures and more information. (4/04)

**80 TR7** 80K miles, a/c, hard top and soft top, new paint. \$4,000 Bill Breithoff (504) 488-8560 (3/04)

**63 Elva Courier Mk III** New frame & Suspension, needs upholstery, tires & wheels. \$13,000 OBO Cort Musgrave Sr 504-394-3633 (3/04)

**69 MGB-GT, 70 MGB-GT, 76 MGB** \$1,500.00 each. Lot's of MG parts. Dave Hayden 337-937-4929 after 5pm CST (3/04)

**75 Porsche 911 Project Car** \$4,500.00 Dave Hayden 337-937-4929 after 5pm CST (3/04)



### Newsletter Submissions

Electronic submissions are greatly preferred. Email to [MorrisGazette@cox.net](mailto:MorrisGazette@cox.net) 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**

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