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President's Message



It's the Sunday morning before the BMCNO Annual Crawfish boil, and I think that everything is in order. At last count we had over 50 signed up for this event. Thanks to **Robert Rougelot** for his time and effort in planning this event.

I hope to see members at the "**Back to the Beach**" Bash next weekend, as our club will be on hand to enjoy the festivities. But before that, is the **TGI Friday** get together in Covington. I hope to see you there. Check the calendar for more info regarding all of these activities.

The Bradley's, Harris', Breithoff's and Hughes returned from the **Birmingham Car Show** at Tannehill State Park, last weekend. The event was also attended by new member Will Hall, who I understand picked up some MGB bargains while at the show. All attending the show were winners, and we certainly had a good time.

Our events calendar is booked up for the summer, but we are trying to fill in the schedule with new events, with Jazz N the Vines concert at Pontchartrain Vineyards and an evening trip to the **Café Bayou** restaurant at the casino at Charendon, LA., near Morgan City. We haven't given up the planned event at the Friloux's Garage this summer either. More on that activity later.

It looks as if our club is on the grow again. For the past several years our club membership has remained steady at about 110 to 120 members, but recently many new members have joined and expressed an interest in getting involved.

Thank you in advance,

Cliff Hughes

Correction to May edition, p6: Paul Read brought his TR6 to the Pensacola show, not an MGB.

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26	27	28 General Meeting	29	30		

.**Tue May 31– General Meeting** 7:00 pm Italian Pie, Jefferson Hwy .6 miles West of the Huey P. Long bridge, across the street from Smilie's.

- **Fri May 27 TGIF in Covington**, block party & informal car show (no fees, no awards, just fun!) Look for other members in Covington between 5 and 10 pm on Columbia Street. Bands, shops, restaurants. This is a regular event in Covington (weather permitting) that our North Shore members have been enjoying for a couple of summers.
- Sun Jun 5 Back to the Beach Show, at Pontchartrain Beach, New Orleans, Meet 11 am at the Kinko's at Franklin & Leon C Simon near the UNO stadium. Entry fee \$25. See article page 6.
- Tue Jun 14 Board Meeting 7pm Allen Bradley 4412 Sedan Street, Metairie. 504-888-6887
- Jun 23-24 Car Show, Branson, MO, Triumph Register of America's national meet.
- **Fri Jun 24- TGIF in Covington**, block party & informal car show (no fees, no awards, just fun!) Look for other members in Covington between 5 and 10 pm on Columbia Street.
- Sat Jun 25 Jazz `n the Vines, Pontchartrain Vineyards Hwy 1082 north of Covington. South Shore convoy from Metairie Causeway toll plaza at 4:30 pm, meet North Shore at Rouse's, Claiborne Hill, Hwy 190, Covington at 5:15. Concert by Wardell Williams (Blues band). Bring a picnic dinner, chairs & flashlight. \$8.50 admission. Wine (by glass or bottle) & soft drinks available for purchase. No pets or outside alcohol. www.pontchartrainvineyards.com
- **Tue Jun 28 General meeting.** 7:00 pm Italian Pie, Jefferson Hwy .6 miles West of the Huey P. Long bridge.

Sun

April 26 Minutes

Forty members and guests were present for the April meeting. Club president Cliff Hughes started the meeting with the nomination and election of a new vice president. Cliff nominated Keith Vezina and Mike Anderson seconded the nomination. Cliff called for additional nominations and there were none. Keith was elected by acclamation.

There were a *lot* of new members and guests present. Robert Phillips said the 2005 show was the first one he ever attended and he had a very good time. His wife enjoyed herself as well, and everyone was very friendly. Lee and Charlotte De Ramus of Hammond introduced themselves. Lee has a 55 Jag XK 140, a 66 Jag Mark10 sedan and a 62 Sunbeam Alpine. His first car ever was a 55 Austin Healey he got at age 18 and he's had the fever ever since. Wally and Margaret Friloux were in from Madisonville. Wally is a cousin of long-time member Floyd Friloux. Wally has a 03 Jag S-Type and is looking for a TR6. Sandy and Ron Williams currently have a TR7 that they bought from member Gene Graham. (There seems to be a lot of that in this club – Roy Richardson bought a Lincoln from Gene, Cathy Greensfelder bought a Ford Escort... Maybe Gene needs to add "and used cars" to the end of "Graham Hardware"! Actually, there have been a lot of cars bought & sold between members over the years!) Also long time British car fans, one of them had a TR3 in the 60's and the other a Citron vellow MGB. Jeff Jarosinski has a 80 MGB-LE that he bought in 1994 and it is his only car, a true daily driver. New member Will Hall is currently restoring a MGB that spent 9 years in a field. Rick Huber also introduced himself to the New Orleans members. Rick has been a member for many years but seldom makes it in from Baton Rouge for meetings. He is taking his MGB V8 to Indiana in June for the National V8 meet. Rick owns 3 MGBs.

Past events: The biggest past event was our own car show. It was the most successful show ever, both in numbers and quality. The club will be donating \$1,600 for four scholarships to the Delgado Automotive Department.

Keith Vezina reported on the Knoxville show. He said the show was really laid back: He and Karen arrived for the show at 11:00 a.m. and were the first ones there. Registration didn't open until almost 12:30!! It was a very small show but very nice. Keith put 1,700 miles on the MGB.

There was a general discussion of the Pensacola show. Everyone enjoyed it. Rogers Schupp said he especially liked that Pensacola split out a separate Millennium class for the new cars. He would like to see us have a Millennium class for new cars in addition to the existing "miscellaneous" classes of Large Sedans, Small Sedans and Empire Sports.

Member projects: Dan Melesurgo has a new Jaguar, a 1986 XJS-C. It's a cabriolet, 5-speed, 6-cylinder engine. It was built for the German market and is very rare.

Rogers Schupp won the 50/50 drawing. It was worth \$31. Vintage car show shirts were won by Joe Rogers, Lee De Ramus, Karen Murray and Karen Vezina. §



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Tannehill Show by Susan Bradley

The Birmingham British Motoring Club for 15 years has hosted "Sports Cars at Tannehill"... The car show site is on the grounds of the Tannehill Ironworks Historic State Park. Susan and Allen Bradley, Sally and Bill Breithoff and Linda and Cliff Hughes met on the road at the Mississippi Welcome Center. Allen drove his TR-6, Bill drove his TR-8, and Cliff trailered his Austin



Bill Breithoff's 1980 TR8 (3rd)

Healey. June and Bill Harris, along with their grandson, towed their MGB-LE and met us at the hotel later....

But our group almost always does a field trip along the way. We had lunch at Dreamland BBQ in Tuscaloosa, AL. This is the original location. Not much has changed since "Big Daddy" opened the doors 50 years ago. Their motto is "Ain't nothing like 'em..nowhere".



Bill B. and Cliff set up the club canopy

(Ribs) Yes, they were delicious.

Then we stopped in Vance to see the Mercedes Benz Museum. Cliff Hughes had not been there before and was looking forward to it. We had stopped last year and really enjoyed the display of old German cars. But when we got there we found that the museum was closed for renovations..... Cliff was not a happy camper! So, we headed to the hotel and enjoyed a lovely evening at their social. The guys started cleaning up the cars that night...anxious for Saturday's car show.

Tannehill Show

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The show was nice, mostly shaded area, except for the Triumph section. But we had the club canopy which came in handy. Every-



Sue Bradley, Cliff & Linda Hughes at Johnnie Rocket's Diner

one enjoyed showing off their cars and answering any questions. We won a few door prizes during the day too. Later, Linda, Sally and Susan said their good-byes and headed to Bessemer's outlet mall. We just couldn't resist. We met up with the guys at the hotel to learn

Cliff Hughes' 1958 Austin Healy 100-6 (2nd)

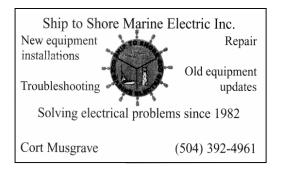
we had some winners. Allen took 2nd place, Bill Breithoff, 3rd place, Cliff, 2nd place, and Bill Harris 1st place. Everyone was happy. Then it was time to rest and plan dinner. We had a delicious seafood dinner and then dessert at Johnny Rocket's diner, where we laughed the night away.

We had a safe drive home and are really thankful that we have these little weekend getaways with our guys and their LBC's. We had so much fun can't wait for the next show.

(See www.birminghambmc.org for full show results & photos of all entries!)§



Allen Bradley's 1971 TR6 (2nd)





Bill Harris' 1980 MGB-LE (1st)



Back to the Beach by Cathy Greensfelder

The 3rd Annual "Back to the Beach" car show, sponsored by Sewell Cadillac-Chevrolet, will be held on Sunday June 5th, 2005. This show is part of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation's "Back to the Beach" festival/fundraiser. BMCNO has attended in the past and it has been a lot of fun (although blazing hot!!) The show is open to pretty much anything on wheels: street rods, bikes, racers, antiques, classics, dragsters... They give out dash plaques and goodie bags and awards are given to the "top 100 cars".

Cars will be lined up along both sides of Lakeshore, and will be parked in order of appearance with no grouping by class. If we want to have a "British section", we need to arrive together. The club will be meeting at 11 a.m. in the parking lot of Kinko's on Leon C. Simon and Franklin, then drive the couple blocks down Franklin to Lakeshore together. On site reg-

istration is \$25.00.

There will be live music at the big festival stage starting at 1pm and fireworks at 8:45 pm. The club is bringing our canopy for shade near our cars. Bring your chairs, blankets, sunscreen, hat, fan, etc. and most of the BMCNO gang will stay and listen to the music after the awards ceremony.

Since this is a fund raiser, they request that no outside food & drink be brought in. Beer, soft drinks and bottled water will be available for purchase and there will be a dozen or more food vendors. §

Time	Event / Music Line Up		
8 am—noon	Car Show Registration		
11:00 am	BMCNO convoy from Kinko's		
1:00-2:30	Zu Zu Mud—tribute to ZZ Top		
3:00	Car show awards		
3:30-4:55	Bobby Cure and the Summertime Blues		
5:20-6:50	Bucktown All-Stars		
7:15-8:45	TOP Cats		
8:45pm	Fireworks		

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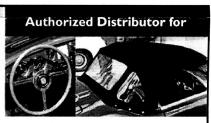
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Newsletter Submissions

Electronic submissions are greatly preferred. Email to editor@bmcno.org or bring to meeting. (MSWord or plain text please.) Bring written articles to meeting 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) available outside Greater NO area.

New members receive a name tag and either a club license plate frame or T-shirt at their first or second meeting. (shipping extra). All members receive the monthly club newsletter.

Your membership expiration date is printed on your newsletter mailing label. Please pay your dues

Club Regalia - Contact Treasurer Allen Bradley for information.

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

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If you know of anyone missing a trophy from the 2005 Car Day, please have them contact Cliff Hughes at 985-845-8709 or email to: hugh8709@bellsouth.net