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Treasurer's Message

I have served as Treasurer for the past two years. Previously, I was a board member for four years and very honored to serve....I became a member-at-large as soon as I joined the car club. I only knew a few people, but was welcomed by all and enjoyed attending the monthly meetings. Then my wife, Susan, got involved, and now we attend just about every club activity.

In our By-Laws, the Treasurer's duties are defined as: The Treasurer shall, subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be made by the officers, have custody of all monies, debts, and obligations belonging to the Club. All money of the Club shall be received and deposited into the Club account by the Treasurer. All debts of the Club shall be paid by the Treasurer. Any contracts, checking drafts, notes, or other orders for payment of money shall be co-signed in the name of the Club by the President and the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be prepared to report on the financial status of the Club at every meeting. The Treasurer shall keep all club regalia and shall issue said regalia and new membership packets.

At our monthly meetings, I collect dues, sell 50/50 tickets, bring club regalia to sell and some for door prizes. If anyone has any bills that the club is responsible for, I will issue them a check for the amount. At our board meetings, once a month, I bring a financial statement for each person present. I also am responsible for all petty cash. Whenever we have a club event, the club raffles off a \$10.00 cash prize that I award. Sometimes we have BMCNO work gatherings or tech sessions, the club will usually buy food and drinks that I will write a check for. I write checks to Kinko's for printing and assembling the newsletter. Also, I purchase postage stamps for the mailings. This past year, there were mailings of t-shirts and some trophies also.

I also collect the club's mail at a Metairie post office box about twice a month. I then bring the mail to either board meetings or the monthly meetings. During the car show month, I pick up the mail more frequently to obtain the checks and registrations. I then make deposits in our bank account and balance the checking account monthly. The club has two checking accounts....one is a separate account just for the car show only. The car show month is very busy for me. Beside the mail pick-ups, I take care of any bills that we may need to pay for car show supplies, trophies, any services rendered, etc. On the day of the car show, I will collect receipts from any member and will pay accordingly.

The car club has been giving scholarships to Delgado Junior College for their automotive department. After the board of directors vote on the amount, I will write a check and then an officer will bring the check to Delgado.

I have enjoyed being a club member, board of director, and now Treasurer. I will be serving as Treasurer for one more year. I appreciate all the help, patience, and understanding I receive from all members.

Allen E. Bradley, Treasurer

October 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>Yom Kippur</i>	3	4	5	6	7 Abita Brewery Tour - 2:00pm Memphis British Car Show
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Nashville British Car Show
15	16	17 B.O.D. Mtg. 7:00pm	18	19	20	21 Houston Show
22	23	24	25	26	27 Final Friday 5-10 p.m. Downtown Covington	28 South Alabama British Car Show
29 <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i>	30	31 Membership Mtg. 7:00pm @ The Italian Pie <i>Halloween</i>				

Saturday, October 7 - Memphis British Car Festival

Saturday, October 7 - Abita Brew Pub Brewery Tour & Dinner. Southshore convoy leaves Causeway Toll plaza in Metairie at 1:00 p.m., meet Northshore group at Rouse's on 190 at 2:00 p.m. Tour starts at 2:30 at the Brewery. Directions: From Causeway, I-12 towards Slidell. Take Hwy 59 (exit #65) & go 4 miles. Upon entering Abita Springs, sharp right turn and immediate left onto Levenson St.

Saturday, October 13 - Nashville British Car Show - convoy info soon

Tuesday, October 17 - 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting - Ronnie Palmisano, 1900 Colony Road, Metairie, (504) 454-3461

Friday, October 27 - Convoy to SABCC Fairhope Show 10:00 a.m. Lake Forest Plaza Mall, I-10 @ Read. Meet North Shore folks 11:00 a.m. in Mississippi at I-10 Exit 13 at the Waffle House for brunch. Most of us are staying at the Key West Inn-231 South Greeno Rd, Fairhope, AL (251)990-7373

Sat Oct 28 - South Alabama British Car Festival - Fairhope, AL. Convoy leaves Plaza Mall at 6:30am. Registration 9am till noon. Awards 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 31 - 7:00 p.m. GENERAL MEETING Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS!**

Minutes

August 29 Minutes

Guests. Dan Charles recently moved to New Orleans. He drove his 75 MGB from Colorado. James and Peggy are the proud owners of a 2006 Mini Cooper S. David Morgan has two 59 Austin Healey Sprites plus a pair of TR8s his wife doesn't know about. (Cliff Hughes offered to share some of his "hiding cars from the spouse" tricks!!) David also has a 68 Mustang and a 34 Ford. Ronnie Palmisano's son Cedric and friend Heather Kindsch were present to help Ronnie with a computer presentation later in the meeting.

Past Event: The UnCar Show was discussed. This event celebrates the "least likely to win" cars in the club. A big round of applause was given to Robert Rougelot for handling all the arrangements for this event. Harold O'Reilly officially registered a protest regarding his being awarded "Da Boot" award. He felt that he was disqualified because he only made it as far as the Causeway's Metairie toll plaza. The rest of the members thought that was perfect qualifications for the award for the member "most likely to walk home".

Future Events: The Jazz n the Vines and DBE Fish & Chips Dinner events were discussed. Plans for the convoy to the Vidalia show on Friday Sept 30 were discussed. No decisions were reached other than starting from the Kenner Welcome Center.

A new activity has been proposed: Anne & Floyd Friloux have offered to host an "Oil Change" day at Lubriport Labs. Anne & Floyd will put members' cars up on the lifts for oil changes and undercarriage inspections.

Someone asked who does appraisals for car insurance. There is an antique car appraiser in Baton Rouge. Club member Peter Brauen, of BMC Restorations in Kiln, was mentioned as someone who should be able to do an appraisal.

New Business: The proposed changes to the club bylaws were discussed. (See article.)

The floor was opened for nominations for officers for 2007. Keith Vezina nominated Cathy Greensfelder for the new position of Secretary (contingent on the bylaws change to split the Secretary/Editor position). Ronnie Palmisano seconded the nomination. Mike Anderson nominated Ronnie Palmisano for the job of Newsletter Editor. Keith Vezina seconded the nomination.

Member Projects: Keith Vezina had a confession to make. He has been complaining because the new windshield he bought from Victoria British was the wrong size. He bought another one from Moss Motors and it is exactly the same size. He was installing it wrong. Keith now has an extra windshield for sale, with an offer to share his hard earned expertise in installing it. Keith finished installing the trailer hitch on his MGB. He has drawings and installation instructions available for anyone who wants them.

Roger Nagy reported he is currently suffering from a bad case of project creep. He had a minor accident and removed the fender. While the fender was off, he pulled the engine to clean around it. While the engine was out, he took it apart to inspect the bearings. He is now doing rings & bearings and looking for a good machine shop.

David Morgan reported he had good news and bad news. The good news was he got the engine compartment fire out. The bad news is that the wiring burned up and the paint got blistered.

Robert Phillips announced that he finished restoring his MG Midget on July 2nd, two days before his July 4th deadline. The car had not run since 1984.

Dan Melesurgo reported that both Paretto Imports and Kevin Gambino are looking for qualified mechanics to hire. If anyone knows one, please have them call Paretto or Gambino.

Six club members are signed up for the fall Paint class at Delgado.

Ronnie Palmisano and Keith Vezina did a presentation on the club web site.

Dave Denson won \$31.50 in the 50/50 drawing and Sally Breithoff and Joe Rogers won t-shirts.

Club Officers – 2006

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Proposed Amendments to BMCNO By-laws by Ronnie Palmisano

I would like to propose the following amendments to the BMCNO by-laws

Section 7. "Dues are payable annually during the month that the member first joined."
 Change to "All annual memberships expire on June 30."

Section 13 Newsletter:

"A newsletter shall be published once a month and mailed before the regular monthly Club membership meeting." Remove "and mailed"

The amendment to Section 7 would make all dues due in June. This would simplify accounting for both the members and the board. The By-laws do not specify the amount of dues. This allows the board to pro-rate dues for 1st year members not joining in July.

The amendment to Section 13 would permit but not require an all-electronic newsletter.

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Proposed Amendment to BMCNO By-Laws by Cathy Greensfelder

I would like to propose the following changes to the BMCNO by-laws in order to split the Newsletter Editor/Secretary office into two separate offices.

The Secretary would take the duties of maintaining the membership, recording minutes and handling proposed by-law changes and absentee ballots and would be subject to the same three year term limit as the rest of the board.

The Newsletter Editor would take the duty of publishing a newsletter and would be exempt from term limits.

The following changes are required as a group.

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8b: **Current:** "The exception to the term limitation being that of the office of Editor/Secretary."
Change: Remove "/Secretary"

8c: **Current:** "Number of Directors: The Board of Directors shall consist of **four** members, who shall also serve as the President, Vice-President, Newsletter Editor/Secretary, and Treasurer of the Club. "
Change: "Number of Directors: The Board of Directors shall consist of **five** members, who shall also serve as the President, Vice-President, Newsletter Editor, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Club."

9b:**Current:** "The exception to the term limitation being that of the Editor/Secretary."
Change: Remove "/Secretary"

8d **Current:**

"Newsletter Editor/Secretary: The Newsletter Editor shall attend all meetings of the members and officers and keep records of all minutes and notes in a book kept for this purpose. The Newsletter Editor shall publish a club newsletter as set forth elsewhere in these by-laws. The editor shall keep an updated roll of all Club members."

Change::

"Secretary: The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the members and officers and keep records of all minutes and notes in a book kept for this purpose. The Secretary shall keep an updated roll of all Club members.

Newsletter Editor: The Newsletter Editor shall publish a club newsletter as set forth elsewhere in these by-laws. "

11: **Current:** "Any full, associate or student member in good standing, by written petition submitted to the **Newsletter Editor/Secretary**, may propose an amendment to the By-Laws. "
Change: Remove "Newsletter Editor/"

12: **Current:** Absentee Voting:
Absentee ballots must be submitted to the **Newsletter Editor/Secretary** no later than 48 hours before any election or vote.
Change: Remove "Newsletter Editor/"

All other occurrences of the phrase "Newsletter Editor/Secretary" changed to "Newsletter Editor, Secretary". §

Jazz in the Vines

The Jazz 'N the Vines concert on Saturday, September 9 was a completely different experience from the rain out in August. The weather was wonderful – dry, warm but not hot and with a beautiful blue sky dotted with fluffy white clouds.

Keith Vezina, driving solo in his 76 MGB, Mark and Cathy Greensfelder in their 79 MGB and Ham Ramsey in his rare 1982 Avanti III convoyed from the South shore. At Rouse's in Covington they met up with Allen and Sue Bradley in her beautiful 70 chrome bumper MGB and Robert Rougelot in his 1978 / 2000 classic Mini Cooper.

Keith set up his table and everyone set out food to share. Ham had planned to buy food at Rouse's



but everyone convinced him we had plenty, so Ham bought two bottles of wine to share. The picnic included sushi, Popeye's fried chicken, gourmet cheeses, pretzels, fresh fruit, mini cream puffs, and Char-

donnay, Rose, Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon wines.

The Hot Club of New Orleans was playing so the Vineyard gave away miniature bottles of Tabasco



brand hot sauce. Their music is classic and traditional jazz such as "Come Rain or Come Shine" and "Minor Swing" (the theme from the movie "Chocolat").



Daughters of the British Empire “Fish & Chips”

BMCNO brought six classic British cars to the Daughters of the British Empire “Fish & Chips” fund raiser at the English Tea Room in Covington on Friday, September 15. From the South shore, Sue and Allen Bradley in her 70 MGB, Karen & Keith Vezina in his 76 MGB, Sally & Bill Breithoff in her “British Racing Pink” 77 MGB and



Cathy & Mark Greensfelder in her 79 MGB convoyed across the lake and met Margaret & Wally Friloux in his 71 TR6 and Robert Rougelot in his 2000 classic Mini Cooper at the tea room. Wally & Mario Messina also came but they arrived too late to be parked with the group.

English fried battered cod is nothing like local fried catfish. It takes a little longer to cook so there was a bit of a wait

for food. However they were serving it as fast as it cooked and everyone got piping hot fish and crispy “chips” (a.k.a. French fries!!). And there was plenty of malt vinegar for the fish. The DBE members outdid themselves with the desserts. There were dozens of different goodies to try. The English Tea Room provided plenty of tea for everyone to drink: iced, hot, plain, flavored and decaf. §



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Lifetime Membership: \$250

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 payable to "BMC-NO" to: Treasurer, PO Box 73213, Metairie LA 70033

Club Regalia – Contact Treasurer Allen Bradley for information.

License Plate Frame \$5.00 (2 for \$9.00)

Windscreen Transfer \$ 1.00

T-shirt \$10.00

Cars For Sale

53 MG TD. Great body. Original. Good title. Needs restoration. \$6,000. Call George (504) 885-0024. (8/06)

78 MGB. new top, runs well. 49k miles, \$2,995. Harold Hunt 504-458-1151 (10/06)

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Used MGB dash pad cover fits 1972-1976.

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N.I.B. MGB Windshield Moss Part #458-815 \$120.00 Contact Keith at webmaster@bmcno.org or call 504-455-5056 (10/06)

79 MGB wheel & new tire \$135; rack (without mounting bracket) \$35; New seat belts, black \$40 Rick, 504-885-3901 (10/06)

Chassis / frame from 1970 TR6 Some rust, repairable—FREE Contact Ronnie 504-454-3461 ronniep@cox.net (10/06)

Wanted To Buy

74-1/2 to 1980 MGB parts car.

Engine, transmission & front end unimportant. I am looking for a shell that has a good trunk lid, rear quarter panels, axle, rostyle wheels and bumper. Call Keith at 504-443-5056 or email webmaster@bmcno.org (8/06)

Two (unused and undamaged) BMCNO car show coffee mugs. My Bugeye was down and I was unable to get a goodie bag. Offering \$5 each for the 1st two mugs brought to me at next meeting. Thanks - Rodger Talley (6/06)

A-H Sprite Mk2 or MG Midget Mk1. Most important criteria is no rust. Not running, disassembled ok. Jim Dougherty, 985-789-1826-sebring222@aol.com, Covington." (10/06)

Factory Hard Top for Austin Healey Bugeye Sprite. Jim Dougherty, 985-787-1826, sebring222@aol.com (10/06)

Factory Hard Top for Triumph TR6. Ronnie Palmisano 504-319-8506, ronniep@cox.net (10/06)

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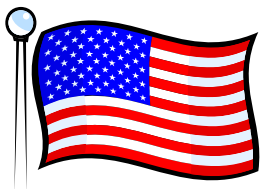
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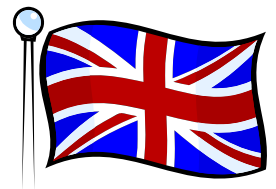


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