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President's Message

The 19th Annual New Orleans British Car Day is almost here! Things are coming together for the show next month.

Wally Friloux has a number of vendors scheduled to come to the Show again this year. Jeff and Jan Zorn, owners of *The Little British Car Co.* will return with all of their British regalia; *The Transportation Revolution* from New Orleans will be displaying Triumph motorcycles and merchandise; *Paretti Imports* will be displaying a new Jaguar and Land Rover; and *The Daughters of the British Empire* will be selling pastries and other baked goods as part of their Charity Fund Raising event.

If you know of any other automotive or British oriented business that would like to set up a display, please have them contact Wally. There is no charge for displays but we can not provide anything but space and an audience; vendors will need to bring their own table, chairs, tent, etc. Also, there will be no electrical hook-ups.

Because of the economic downturn and all of the corporate belt tightening, we are really short on donations for goodie bag items and class sponsorships. I ask ALL members to contact their business associates and vendors. Please coordinate your solicitations with Wally Friloux. Remember, the more donations we receive, the more we can put towards Delgado scholarships.

There are still a few tasks where we need volunteer workers. Please take a look at the schedule and volunteer an hour or two of your time. You can find the latest version of the schedule at:

http://www.bmcno.org/Show09/2009ShowVolunteers.pdf

It's not too early to register for the Car Show!

Keith

Don't forget:	Where:
Dinner after Show - 5:30 p.m until	Landry's Seafood Restaurant
Dutch treat. Sign-up sheet at the registra-	8000 Lakeshore Dr., New Orleans, LA 70124,
tion desk on show day.	504-283-4733

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Mardi Gr	as. Only one mo	p.m GENERAL M nth till the 2009 E and it will make t	British Car Day	!! Sign up to help	out NOW! Most	jobs require only
	ebruary 28 - ayden@cox.net	Lafayette Area	Cruise - Fo	r more inform	nation, contact	Dave Hayden
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		GENERAL MEET ad for dishes for Fric		e of date!! Meeting	is a week early for	car show. Sign up

- Friday, March 20 6:00-9:00 p.m. 19th Annual British Car Day Reception @ Hampton Inn Elmwood. Please come and help us welcome our out-of-town guests! Food and soft drinks provided by BMCNO and it's members.
- Saturday, March 21 19th Annual British Car Day! Delgado Comm. College, New Orleans. Registration 9 am noon, Judging (popular choice) 12:30 2:00 p.m., Awards 4:00 p.m.
- Dinner after Show 5:30 p.m. until * (Dutch treat. Sign-up sheet at the registration desk on show day) Landry's Seafood Restaurant, 8000 Lakeshore Dr., New Orleans, LA 70124, 504- 283-4733

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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: \$24 per year (July 1st to June 30th).

Dues are prorated for the first year at \$2.00 per month.

Lifetime Membership: \$240

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 the Club Treasurer Allen Bradley for information.

License Plate Frame \$5.00 (2 for \$9.00) Windscreen Transfer \$ 1.00 T-shirt \$10.00

Newsletter Submissions - Electronic article submissions are greatly preferred. Email to ronniep@cox.net, bring to meeting, or mail to P.O. Box 73213, Metairie, LA 70033



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January General Meeting Minutes

The General Membership Meeting began at 7:00 after dinner at the Italian Pie on Jefferson Hwy in Harahan. Keith Vezina chaired the meeting, with 20 members present.

Past events

North shore meetings Thursday, Dec 4 and Jan 8, first Thursday of the month. The January meeting was postponed a week, since the first Thursday was January 1. This reduced the attendance, but everyone enjoyed the Abita Brew Pub.

Baton Rouge meetings were held on Dec 9th and January 13th . Next meeting will be the second Tuesday in February, the 10th. Eighteen people attended on Dec 9th , held at Superior Grill in Baton Rouge. The January meeting was held at Rick's Cafe Americainon on Jefferson Highway, with 21 attendees. Each member talked about their history with British cars, some back as far as the 50s! At the next meeting members will discuss services in the area, electrical, paint, etc. Five from the B.R. area caravanned to Middendorf's on January 25th. Good connections are being made among the members.

Dec 7 was the 30th annual celebration and Christmas Party. Thanks to Harold and the Bocci club! Karen and Ronnie did the decorations and cooking, and over 70 people attended. The party was a great success and we may have the 2009 Christmas party there. A few commemorative dash plaques are still available. See Keith.

Middendorf's Cruise

The Middendorf's cruse was discussed. See article page 5.

Future events

Board meeting next Tuesday, February 3rd at Karen Murray's home.

The newsletter is coming out soon, send articles to Ronnie.

The North shore gathering will be held at the Abita Brew Pub at 7:00 (first Thursday of the month).

The Krewe of Brid, a new marching club has requested 3 convertibles to carry the Celtic goddess herself and her attendants in their marching parade on Friday, February 6th

Saturday, February 7, is the St. Francisville Cruise. Plans were discussed and an itinerary distributed.

The Funkana will may be rescheduled in May, more info to come.

The next Baton Rouge gathering will be Tuesday February 10th, at Café American. We will start dinner at 6:00 pm, and the meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.

Treasurer's report.

Minimal expenses so far this year.

Car show

The 19th Annual British Car Day is Saturday, March 21. We have 1 sponsor's check, and 1 registration so far.

Goodie bag prep party will be at the garage on Hickory Avenue. We need items for the goodie bags! Everyone is asked to help find

sources of 144 items. In return we can offer free advertising on our web site. Wally reported that a good turnout of vendors at the car show. Jeff Zorn. Little British Car Co. will be there with his wife Jan. Paretti Imports will display a new Jaguar and a Range Rover, and contribute \$200.00 to the show. Sponsorship for the Best of Show trophy is still available at \$400.00. Peter Brauen will sponsor a trophy for the car with the best presentation, including car, costume, display, etc. Daughters of the British Empire will have a concession stand. The Triumph motorcycle dealership, Transportation Revolution, will be at the show again this year. The Mini dealer from Baton Rouge is a maybe. Haggerty, Mcguires, The Roadster Factory, Victoria British, American Collectors Insurance, Little British Car Company will all be represented. Car-related vendors can set up a display for free. Joe Cruthirds and George Torlege will conduct tours of the Delgado Auto shop again this year. Pete Weber will contact O'Reilly Auto Parts for a possible table at the show. A few of the chair spots are still open and need to be filled, such as Raffle and Regalia. Richard Baker will probably be judging and Dave Morgan may do 50-50. Mike Anderson volunteered for Parking and Traffic. Karen says we need more food this year, because last year we ran a little short. The after-show dinner at Landry's was a good time last year, with about 30 people there, and we'll go there this year too. Bill Nix, who lives

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Middendorf's Lunch Run

The Middendorf's cruise on Sunday January 25th included 47 participants; 6 cars from the South shore, 6 from the North shore, and 5 from the Baton Rouge area. Reservations were for only 25-30 people but they accommodated us very well and the seating made for some pleasant mingling. A TR6 from Mississippi arrived in some fairly chilly weather with the hood (top) down. The bundled up driver had told his passenger that the hood (top) couldn't be put up on this year car! After talking to a few other members she realized she had been hoodwinked.

Hurricane Gustav had badly damaged the old building, but the new building was open, and the food was delicious. See more pictures on page 8.



19th Annual British Car Day	
British Motoring Club New Orleans 19th Annual	For more information contact:
British Car Day	Keith Vezina (504) 722-5777
	Karen Murray (504) 236-7509
Friday, March 20th - Reception 6:00-9:00 p.m. @ Hampton Inn - Elmwood.	Visit our web site: www.bmcno.org
	Proceeds go to the BMCNO DELGADO COMMUNITY COLLEGE AUTOMOTIVE DEPT. SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Saturday, March 21, 2009	
At Delgado Community College, City Park Campus	Host Hotel: Hampton Inn – Elmwood
(Orleans Ave. between City Park Ave. & Navarre)	5150 Mounes Street, Harahan, LA 70123 (504) 733- 5646
On-site Registration: 9am to noon Show - Noon to 3 pm—Awards at 4 pm	Ask for special \$119 "BMC" rate; available until February 20, 2009
All British Cars & Bikes Invited	Dinner after Show - 5:30 p.m until
Spectators Welcome.	Dutch treat. Sign-up sheet at the registration desk on
	show day. Landry's Seafood Restaurant, 8000 Lake- shore Dr., New Orleans, LA 70124, 504- 283-4733

BMCNO - Proposed 2009 Agenda

Month	Date	Event	
February	17 th	General membership meeting - 7:00 p.m. Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy.	
	3 rd	Board of Directors Meeting	
	5 th	Northshore Area Gathering - Abita Brew Pub - 7:00 pm	
	10 th	Baton Rouge Area Gathering - dinner 6:00 p.m., meeting 7:00 p.m Cafe Americain, 7521 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge	
	14 th	4:00p.m. Car Show Goodie Bag Prep Party - 546 Hickory Ave, Harahan, LA.	
March	17 th	General membership meeting - 7:00 p.m. Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy. Meeting is a week early because car show.	
	20 th	19th Annual British Car Day Reception 6:00-9:00 p.m. @ Hampton Inn - Elm- wood.	
	21 st	Saturday, March 21 - 19th Annual British Car Day!	
	21 st	Dinner after Show - 5:30 p.m. – until (Dutch treat. Sign-up sheet at the registra- tion desk on show day) Landry's Seafood Restaurant, 8000 Lakeshore Dr., New Orleans, LA 70124, 504- 283-4733	
	2 nd	Northshore Area Gathering - Abita Brew Pub - 7:00 pm	
	4 th	Tallow Creek Drive and Shoot - More Info Soon	
	14 th	Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 p.m Wally Friloux	
April		Baton Rouge Area Gathering - dinner 6:00 p.m., meeting 7:00 p.m Cafe Americain, 7521 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge	
	18 th	17th Annual "Brits on the Bay" Pensacola British Car Show . More info on Friday Convoy coming soon.	
	26 th	Car Day Appreciation Party - More Info Soon	
	28 th	General membership meeting - 7:00 p.m. Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy.	
	7 th	Northshore Area Gathering - Abita Brew Pub - 7:00 pm	
	12 th	Board of Directors meeting	
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	17 th	BMCNO Crawfish Boil - More Info Soon	
	26 th	General membership meeting - 7:00 p.m. Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy.	

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just a couple of blocks away, will host a continental breakfast again this year before the show.

<u>50/50</u>

Harold won \$17.00, T-Shirt winners were Don Marpe, Mike Anderson, Pete Weber, and Roger Nagy

Projects:

Floyd Friloux reports that the Jaguar club of New Orleans is starting back up, meeting is February 7th, members being added from Mississippi to North Louisiana.

Rick Huber's TR6 sold on Ebay to a buyer from Baton Rouge. Rick also has a buyer for the '65 MGB. The Healey project is coming along well, working on it a couple of days a month. '66 gray MGB is now running and driving, and was seen at Middendorf's. Dave is looking for options to replace his TR4 generator with an alternator.

Pete is rebuilding his TR6 front and rear suspension.

Keith is painting the wheels on his MG.

There is a 1958 TR3A on the North Shore that needs restoration, price is open.

Harold's spitfire ran cool all the way to Manchac and back!

Cliff needed steel brake pipes, and went to AutoZone. They took him in back of the store where he figured out the code on the pipes, (B)ritish (P)ipe (E)nglish, followed by the length of the pipe. It only took Cliff a half hour to install the pipes, not counting all that time spent on the floor at AutoZone! Guest: Gene Guillory, drives a '68 MG. He's looking for parts suppliers.

Proposal to amend by laws to lower the required quorum.

We did not have a quorum so there was no vote, but the matter was discussed.

Sally passed out a paper suggesting that the by-laws remain unchanged, and that we find ways to increase attendance at meetings, and this was discussed.

The board is aware that review of the by-laws is needed, and it was suggested that a committee be appointed after the car show. Cliff mentioned that other clubs are facing the same attendance problems.

The meeting ended at 8:55

Delgado Scholarship Presentation.

BMCNO awarded two more \$500.00 scholarships at the January general membership meeting.

The two recipients were Herbert Davis and Jonathan Butler. Joe Cruthirds, head of the Delgado Automotive Department was also in attendance.

Jonathan is studying collision repair, and recently painted Mark Gilbert's TR6, displayed in the World of Wheels show the weekend of January 24. Herbert is studying both Automotive Mechanics and auto body repair.



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Baton Rouge Area Gathering by Rick Huber

Hi Everybody,

On Saturday February 7, we had a marvelous BMCNO trip to St. Francisville. The weather couldn't have been better. We enjoyed coffee and king cake at our house in the morning, then 8 cars full of people headed off to Ashley Plantation for a tour, and then to the Myrtles for lunch. We had to run home after that, but then the rest of the group went on to Rosedown Plantation and maybe a couple of other spots before calling it a day. Did I say the weather was perfect ! The caravan with our little British cars was just great !

So, our next Baton Rouge get together is Tuesday night at Rick's Cafe Americain, 7521 Jefferson Highway. 6 pm if you want to eat, and 7 pm if you just want to meet. We'll be in the same room in the back, tell them that you're with the British Motoring Club when you get there. The big topic for this get-together is where you have your little British car serviced in the Baton Rouge area. We'll also talk about past events, upcoming events, greet new attendees, and I'll bring membership renewal forms as well as Car Show registration forms.

Cheers,

Rick

CHEF'S CORNER by Karen Murray

It's that time of year to start planning what "wonderful" dish you are going to share with our guests at the Car Show reception on Friday, March 20th. Let's pull out the recipe books and tantalize our guests with exceptional New Orleans cooking.

A sign up sheet will be distributed at the February 17th meeting or you can email me at

karenmurray@cox.net. Don't forget that we need you to bring your mouth-watering appetizers, casseroles, main dishes, and of course the deserts to the Friday Night Reception!!!!!!!!

We want our guest to walk away knowing that better food could not be bought in local restaurants.

Dinner after Show - 5:30 p.m. - until (Dutch treat. Sign-up sheet at the registration desk on show day) Landry's Seafood Restaurant, 8000 Lakeshore Dr., New Orleans, LA 70124, 504-283-4733

Thanks and good eating.

Karen

504-236-7509

Karen.murray@cox.net

It's not too late to be a Sponsor

With a minimum donation of \$50, you or your business can sponsor a car class of your choice.

For your sponsorship, you will receive:

•free publicity at the show site

•free publicity at the awards banquet

•free publicity on this web site

•free publicity in the BMCNO newsletter.

For a minimum donation of \$400, you can sponsor the Best of Show. Along with above benefits, your company name and logo will be prominently engraved on the Best of Show award.

For more information, contact the President or Vice-President of BMCNO.



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- 1998 Morgan +8 -British Racing Green -Two door, manual, leather seats, air conditioning, dual air bags, convertible, walnut dash, great sound system. Looks like new! Won 2nd in Class at the Annual New Orleans British Car Day, 2005. Has about

8,000 miles. This is a beauty of a car! Runs like a top! HAS TO GO! SITTING IN MY GARAGE!! RE-DUCED - WAS \$60,000 now \$56,000! Call Celeste for more details -985-845-8983.

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- **1964 Sprite** restorable -little rust, several spare parts, like four extra doors, windshield, two new tires, and an extra bumper. Also another Sprite with a 1275. Would be a good parts car .\$800.00 for all. Tom Miller, 225-229-3819 (cell), 225-751-3819 (home)
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Saturday, March 21th, 2009 New Orleans, Louisiana

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I plan to attend the Friday night reception with total people.

Grand Total

In consideration of this entry, I waive any and all claims for me and my heirs against the British Motoring Club - New Orleans, Delgado College, their officers and any sponsor of this event for injury or liness which may result directly or indirectly from my participation. I also give my permission for use of my name and / or pictures in any broadcast, telecast or any other account of this event.

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Make check payable to: "British Car Day"

Mail to: Car Day, P.O. Box 73213, Metairie, LA 70033

Field opens at 9:00 am Saturday, March 21st, 2009 Registration and line up from 9 am to Noon. <- NOTE LATER START TIME! Voting from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm Awards at approximately 4:00 pm

For more information visit our web site: http://www.bmcno.org Or call: Keith Vezina: (504) 722-5777 Or call: Karen Murray (504) 236-7509

2009 British Heritage Award by Peter Brauen

The British Heritage award will be given to the most interesting overall display at the British Motoring Club New Orleans's 19th Annual British Car Day.

What does that mean?

Well, that is sort of up to the participant:

- While not mandatory, period dress would surely be appropriate. (Come on, we know you have a Kilt or a Morris dancer's outfit somewhere.)
- A full set of tools, brochures, posters, period accessories, fitted luggage, English maps, etc. would be a plus.
- How about an afternoon picnic? (The ladies of the DBE will even have authentic food to go with that.)
- An interesting display of the car's history, or historical significance could be a winner.
- Ever played 'dress-up' with the car itself? That could work too.
- A lot of attention can be garnered with a well placed stuffed animal, or better yet, ten.
- Do you have scale models of your car in more scales than anyone thought existed?

The possibilities are only limited by your imagination, and the criteria are not set.

The intention is to give this award to the display that makes one visitor turn to another and say, **"Did you see that car over there?"**

There has always been one; now we are giving it some recognition.

See below for examples.

Peter Brauen

BMC Restorations



Pat Cashman and his family at the English Motoring Club of Mississippi's "Britts On The River" show with the Armstrong Siddeley.



18th Annual New Orleans Briish Car Day March 29, 2008 BRITISH HERITAGE AWARD WINNER Wes Stewart's 1967 Riley Elf Selected by Peter Brauen of BMC Restorations

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