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President's Message

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any other national club or
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We strongly encourage all
members to join the
registry for their
marque!

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*The British Motoring Club
of New Orleans
Cordially invites you to the
Annual BMCNO Christmas Party
Saturday, December 5, 2009
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
See page 6 for more information.*



I'm sure that most of you are now checking their calendars; marking those family get-togethers, company luncheons, and holiday parties, and making plans for the rest of the holiday season. Don't forget to mark your calendar for the BMCNO Christmas Party.



The party will be on Saturday, December 5th, from 6:00 p.m. to 10: 0 p.m. and we will again have it at the Bocce Club of GNO, 2340 Severn Ave. in Metairie, Louisiana. As usual, the Club will provide a fried turkey and soft drinks; please bring your favorite dish or dessert to round out the fare. I hope you will plan to join us for a wonderful evening spent with good friends doing what we do best – reminiscing about past club events, sharing car stories, celebrating the latest Saints game, and eating delicious food! We will introduce the newly elected Board of Directors and also present this year's scholarships. We will even have a bocce tournament!

Now is time to remind everyone that there will not be a December general meeting. Our regular monthly meetings will resume on January 26th at our regular meeting place, The Italian Pie on Jefferson Highway.

Although the Board is currently working on finalizing several future events, we always welcome your input and encourage you to help us come up with new and interesting places to visit and things to do. If you have any ideas, please contact any of the 2010 Board members.

Merry Christmas!

Keith

December 2009						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 BMCNO Christmas Party 6:00pm
6	7	8 B.O.D. Mtg. 7:00pm & Baton Rouge Area Gathering 7:00pm 	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas 	26
27	28	29 No membership mtg. in Dec.	30	31		

Tuesday, November 24 - 7:00 p.m. GENERAL MEETING Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy.

Saturday, November 28 - Lafayette Area Cruise - For more information, contact Dave Hayden at dandmhayden@cox.net

Saturday, December 5 - 6:00-10:00 p.m. BMCNO Christmas Party - at The Bocce Italia Club, 2340 Severn Dr. Metairie, LA (*covered dish*)

Tuesday, December 8 - 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting - Wally Friloux. 313 Jade Ct, Madisonville. 985-845-8216.
Southshore Car pool leaves back of Lakeside Mall at 6:15p.m.

Tuesday, December 8 - Baton Rouge Area Gathering - dinner 6:00 p.m., meeting 7:00 p.m. - Cafe Americain, 7521 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge

No December Meeting! Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Season's Greetings!

Club Officers – 2009

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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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October General Meeting Minutes

The General Membership Meeting began after dinner at the Italian Pie on Jefferson Hwy in Harahan. Keith Vezina chaired the meeting, with 16 members present.

Guests Joel Ross who owns a '59 MGA, Hampton Barclay, owner of a 96 Jaguar XJS, and Johnson Buquet, owner of a TR6.

Birthday Wishes Happy birthday to Mary Lynne Huber and Sue Bradley!

Past Events Cliff Hughes attended Cruising the Coast, which ran from October 4-11.

Rick Huber chaired the Baton Rouge Gathering, with 12 members and guests attending. The guest speaker was from the H₂O Auto Spa, who spoke about all the products available for auto maintenance. The upcoming Baton Rouge event was discussed. On January 30 we'll drive the back roads off Hwy 22 and end up at the Rural Life Museum for lunch. A trip to Magnolia Mound will follow that afternoon.

Grille badges should be ready in late November and will cost about \$40 each.

On October 22, Wally chaired the North Shore Gathering, with 9 attendees. The group reviewed general meeting topics, and discussed projects being worked on by members. Robert Rougelot will organize a rally / ride around town. The food and beer at the Abita Brewpub were great.

Cliff attended Brits on the Bay, which began with a convoy to Felix's restaurant, which is next to the Battleship Alabama in Mobile Bay. The group of about ten then drove to Fairhope, Alabama and enjoyed a social Friday evening at the local Junior College. There were no "hard luck" stories, but Saturday was a windy day with 82 cars registered for the show. Congratulations to Allen Bradley whose MG won 2nd place, and John Wells' with his Jaguar and Danny Varnado with his rubber bumper MG who also won awards.

Cliff and a group of about 14 visited Jessie's restaurant in Magnolia Springs. The food was described as "killer". Cliff's hood flew back at about 70 MPH, but luckily wasn't damaged. A photo of Linda was published in the Mobile Sunday paper.

Allen Bradley, Alan Mocklin, Rick Huber, and Keith Vezina disassembled a somewhat rusty '73 MGB that was donated to the club in New Orleans and salvaged the good parts.

Future Events October's final Friday in Covington will be the last one for this year. Call Cliff Hughes for more information.

The E. E. Reynolds Rally is scheduled for Sunday 11/8. Robert Rougelot is the rally master.

The November Board of Directors meeting will be at 7:00 at Cathy Greensfelder's home.

The Daughters of the British Empire Pub Night will be held Saturday, November 14 at 6:30. Location is the Palm Court Jazz Café. See the newsletter for details of this sit-down dinner. Price is \$55 per person and includes wine with dinner. A cash bar will also be provided. Proceeds benefit the Mountbatten House in Houston and JPAS. Dress is coat & tie.

The next general meeting is Tuesday 11/24 at the Italian Pie on Jefferson Highway in Harahan. The meeting will begin at 7:00.

The BMCNO Christmas party will be held at the Bocce Club in Metairie on Saturday, December 5 from 6 PM to 10 PM. Please sign up to bring a dish! Soft drinks are provided and it's BYOB.

Election of Officers for 2010

The following ran unopposed and were elected by unanimous show of hands at the meeting, along with unanimous results from the North Shore and Baton Rouge groups, for a total of 29 votes:



President	Harold O'Reilly
Vice-President	Karen Murray
Secretary	Cathy Greensfelder
Treasurer	Donald Marpe
Editor	Ronnie Palmisano

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Baton Rouge Gathering by Rick Huber

The Baton Rouge area members got together on Tuesday, Nov. 10. Fifteen of us enjoyed a nice meal together at Cafe American before getting down to business.

The big news was that Wayne Pangburn brought a sample BMCNO grill badge that he is having made for the club. It looks great and will be a welcome addition to the front of our LBCs. See the flyer in this newsletter to order yours - only 50 are being made, so get your order in to Wayne before they're gone.

Wayne had also attended the European car show just north of Jackson, MS the same weekend as Fairhope. He said it was a great show, with a put 70 very nice very high priced cars - Fer-

raris, Maseratis, Porsches - you get the picture. Wayne said the car with a value closest to his was a out 10 times higher, and if you haven't seen his car, it's a gorgeous '63 TR4. He mentioned several cars semi-trailerred in from Atlanta, so a little different than our shows. Wayne said the cars had to be at least 25 years old, and he figures some were worth up into seven figures.

Another feature of the show is that it was held at an upscale mall and the entered cars were parked at the entrances where there was a lot of interaction with the general public, which Wayne said he and many of the other car owners enjoyed. We could use a few more of our LBCs there next year, he

counted only three.

The next topic we discussed was the upcoming BR hosted event on Jan 30. Since Rick and Mary Lynne will be out of town, we need for someone to organize. After the meeting, Danny Varnado offered to do that and several other members offered to help. Hopefully we'll have nice weather and a good turnout for a drive through the country, a visit to the Rural Life Museum, and of course a meal. More details to follow on the web site and in next month's newsletter.

Hope to see more BR area members at the Christmas party on Dec 5. Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas from the BR members to everybody if we don't.

Minutes continued from page 4.

Members-at-Large: Charles Ake, Rick Huber, Robert Post, Bill Weber,

Projects Keith is completing the rebuild of his MG engine, and after retorquing the head, is experiencing a water leak. Hopefully a minor setback.

Rick's Healy restoration is coming along well.

Cliff's Magnette has a completed interior and Cliff is working on

the A/C

Ronnie Palmisano had the throw-out bearing disintegrate in his TR6. Luckily he wasn't far from home when it happened.

Pete's TR6 front and rear suspension restoration is moving along well, with parts starting to go back on the car.

Joel Ross had an inner tube puncture and is having a hard time finding someone who will work on

it! He also has some chips in his paint that he's trying to get fixed.

Hampton Barclay's 96 Jaguar XJS is showing a "check engine" lamp, and he's having a hard time finding someone with the diagnostic equipment needed to interface to the car's computer.

50-50 None this month.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

Fairhope - from a wife's point of view by Susan Bradley

I am sure the guys talked about the Fairhope Car Show at the last monthly meeting, which we were unable to attend, so this is what I will share with you from Fairhope. It is always a great get away weekend.

The first stop was lunch on Friday. We stopped at Felix's Fish Camp for lunch. We had very good seafood and it enjoyed by all of our group. We were served in elegant service at a Fish Camp!!!

The Friday night social was relaxing and they served lots of good food and wonderful desserts.

Some of us stayed at the Baron's on the Bay. Allen and I enjoyed the walk-

way and the sunset on the bay. They guys liked hanging out in the parking lot with our other British car friends.

It was very cool and windy along the bay at the car show on Saturday.

There were lots of beautiful, shiny British cars. Some of the ladies (Linda Hughes and Mary Lynne Huber) and me visited for a little while before heading to town for our shopping day. At first, we were walking, because of no extra car. But, we were picked up by Martha Johnston (EMC) who was already in town shopping and she came back for us. So a full day of shopping and lunch at the Fairhope Inn....so very delicious. Then more shopping. We didn't get back to

the car show, so we called the guys to pick us up when they were finished. Allen, Cliff and Rick happily agreed with our request.

Cliff's Hughes picked Jesse's Restaurant in Magnolia Springs for our Saturday evening dinner. They took care of our large group, including several members of the EMC of Mississippi. We had a wonderful meal and a jolly good time.

Many members of BMCNO attend the Fairhope Show every year. We also had several members come for the weekend without their British cars.

Susan Bradley



Allen Bradley - Class I: MGB 1968-1974 - 2nd



Danny Varnado - Class J: MGB 1974 1/2 - 1976 - 2nd



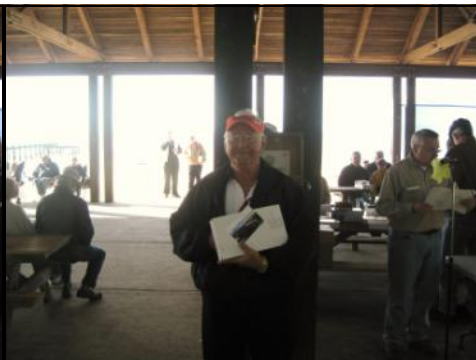
Jim Dougherty, Jr. - Class L: MGB/C GT - 2nd



Seth Silverstein—Class D: Jaguar XJS,XK8 - 1st



John Wells - Class D: Jaguar XJS,XK8 - 3rd



Tommy Boudreaux - Class V: Triumph GT-6 & Spitfire -1st



Mike Lewis - Class P: Britannia, small Saloon - 1st

Limited Edition Grille Badges



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Limited Edition

Grille Badges

Wayne Pangburn of the British Motoring Club New Orleans has personally commissioned a limited edition grille badge on behalf of the club and has recreated our Spinner club logo in chrome and enamel.

Six months in the making-the badge will be about ¼" thick x 4" long die-struck from heavyweight copper zinc alloy, chrome plated, and filled with genuine vitreous cloisonné enamel in a four color design: USA/Gallic Flag Blue, White, and Red, plus

Black highlights. This Limited Edition New Year 2010 badge is packaged complete with non-corroding mirror finish stainless steel grille backing plate and brass fasteners, presented in an attractive display box. For those who prefer to mount on the rare traditional badge bar, conversion instructions and useful fasteners will be included.

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HO HO HO!!!!!!!!!!!!
MERRY CHRISTMAS (a little early)

The British Motoring Club of New Orleans (a.k.a. Big Meal Club)

Cordially invites you to the
Annual BMCNO Christmas Party

Saturday, December 5, 2009



6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Bocce Club of GNO

2340 Severn Ave.

Metairie, Louisiana



RSVP: Keith Vezina, President at president@bmcno.org 504-443-5056
or

Karen Murray, Vice President at karenmurray@cox.net 504-236-7509

Please join us for GREAT food, good friends, lively conversations, a Bocce tournament and plenty of surprises for everyone. This year we plan on having more surprises than last and a surprise visitor.

Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish. The club will provide the turkey, ham, gumbo, and all drinks. Please bring those delicious holiday dishes that everyone enjoys so much.

(Party open to members and their family)

Note: The party was moved to a Saturday night to allow more out of town members to attend. Please make every effort to join in this fun filled night.

Classified

Storage Space Available: Climate Controlled garage on Hickory Ave. in Harahan. Includes access to four post auto lift, sandblasting booth, and a two stage air compressor. \$175 per month- contact Robert Phillips (504)270-5292 rp826union@aol.com

1960 Morris Minor 1000 for sale. 2 door sedan, numerous upgrades. Contact Cliff Hughes for details. 985-966-0492. (06/09/)

Hard top for TR-7 Never been mounted on the car but is getting worn & damaged from a combination of excessive handling while being stored and being moved around. Originally worth \$1200, but I just want to find a home for it before its too late. I anyone is interested, they can come see it & make an offer of what its worth to them. Ron & Sandy Williams 504-831-7385 - 2908 Ridgeway Dr, Metairie, LA, 70002

1974 JENSEN HEALEY FOR SALE Good condition with many upgrades including hard top, new air cond. system, new custom aluminum radiator. spares including extra engine. \$6500. Reason for selling I bought a JAGUAR XJS. call 985 542-1991. ALSO JAGUAR SS 100 REPLICA BY CLASSIC ROADSTERS. ALL FORD MECHANICALS.

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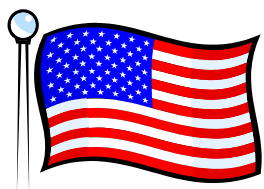
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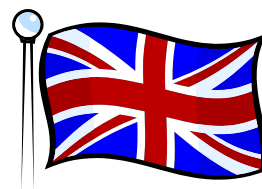


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