

British Motoring Club New Orleans Morris Gazette

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Saturday, April 30th - 9:00 a.m.

Delgado Electrical 102 Tech Session

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Tuesday, May 17th - 6:00 p.m. Board Meeting - Location Rick Huber's House

Tuesday, May 24th - Baton Rouge Area Gathering - dinner 6:00 p.m., meeting 7:00 p.m. - Cafe Americain, 7521 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge

Thursday, May 26th - 7:00 p.m. - North shore Area Gathering - Abita Brew Pub

Tuesday, May 31st - 7:00 pm GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, June 11th—Cruise from Amite, LA to McComb, MS and enjoy lunch at the Dinner Bell restaurant with members of the English Motoring Club of Mississippi. To get all of this and more (including the rest of the details), RSVP to dannyvarnado@cox.net by Tuesday, May 31st, 2011 with the number of people and whether you will be going for just the day or will continue on for the overnighter in Natchez. See page 7 for additional details.



March 2011 Meeting Minutes

The Members meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Rick Huber, club vice-president. Ronnie Palmisano gave a report on Karen Murray's surgery. She is doing well, but is in a lot of pain. Rick discussed the Goodie Bag Stuffing party, which we filled 120 bags and watched the original Italian Job.

The welcome reception was discussed, with 100 people attending. Audry Kennedy's Coconut Pies went fast. There was a suggestion from the floor that the club should look at augmenting the food at the party.

The 21st Annual British Car Day was discussed. Cliff Hughes addressed the group and in his opinion, with the quality of the cars on the field, the enjoyment of the participants, and the workers working the show, it was the best show to date.

There were a few complaints from attendees discussed, in the interest of further improving the show. The trophies were not well received, in there background color. A suggestion was made to maybe have the Delgado Art school propose a design, or to imitate awards from national shows. A suggestion that older cars be centered in the show and newer cars be placed away from the center, though the older car participants specified in the past where they prefer being placed. The food available at the show was generally accepted as low quality. Also a suggestion was made to take pictures primarily from the front of the car, showing just a bit of the side profile, rather than the full profile shots, to result in a better quality picture.

It was agreed by the members that car show class divisions requirements needs to be spelled out in advance and included in the car show manual for future years.

The dinner at Landry's after the show was enjoyed by our guests. One of them discussed the

possibility of having a ladies outing into the city during the show. Mary Lynne Huber volunteered to explore the options for next year. Some guests went to Pascal's Manale after the show. Jeff and Jan Zorn had an interesting time eating shrimp with the heads still on.

The 50/50 drawing was \$15 and won by Chad Wicker. Large leather binders were won by member Lilia Lindsley and Pete Weber. Little calendars were won by Keith Vezina, Allen Bradley, Chad Wicker, and Steve Lindsley.

A suggestion was made from the floor that a Mr. Goodspanner award be issued to Mike Darby for his effort to help a show attendee fix their car for their return trip home. He spent all day fixing the car.

Next, the Baton Rouge Gathering was discussed. 11 of the 12 members attending went to the Car Show, so the topics pretty much stayed to the show. Visiting the meeting was Marc Zebouni, owner of the 1930 Austin Seven Chummy that was awarded Best of Show.

The Northshore Gathering was discussed. 9 members attended, with a returning member and 2 new members also in attendance.

Ronnie Palmisano reported that Dave Hayden will be officially forming a Acadiana Gathering, with the desire to bring back the Funkana event in September and to organize a cruise in the Acadiana Area for the Club. He already coordinates a monthly drive in the area.

Chad Wicker, club secretary, reported that the club has 125 members just prior to the show, and that 23 members and their spouses were in attendance at the meeting. Chad also passed along a request to seek photos of returning member Robert "Tippy" Barback's Austin Healey. The car

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looking for event photos from the 2000 British Car general comment was made that we need to try Day. If anyone has anything, please contact Chad and attract younger members to the club to keep Wicker, who will gladly scan them and get them to up the British motoring traditions. Bob.

meetings.

Wally Friloux reported that it was really raining outside. Next he discussed his out of town guests that went to the car show, club member Max and Carol Benson, and Den and Val Carter all four Wally also announced that they just from UK. found out they will be grandparents, congratulations.

Bob Post discussed the Plantation tour, and the resource library.

Club member James D. "Jim" Jones passed away March 3rd 2011. A longtime club newsletter editor known for his "Mr. Goodspanner" columns.



The upcoming events were discussed: Delgado Electrical 102 Tech Session, the Crawfish boil, was damaged in Katrina and he lost all photo- combined trip of English Motoring Club of Missisgraphs of it in the same event. He is particularly sippi and BMCNO, and the Website 101 session. A

Keith Vezina discussed a trip to strip two Chrome Don Marpe, club treasurer, presented the financial Bumper MG Bs. Danny Varnado purchased a TR6 report. The shirts sold well, with only 26 remain- that was for sale at the car show. Allen Bradley All remaining regalia will be sold at club got his carbs back in time for the show, only taking 3 months to get rebuilt. Allen also discussed his trip to Key West, FL and that they are expecting their first grandchild. Ronnie Palmisano discussed the TR6 project, the car is out of Tiger Blasting, being blasted and primed and he will be replacing the floors.

> The 50/50 drawing of \$21 was won by Bob Post. Adam Hoppe won a MG Tribute poster and Ronnie Palmisano won a Triumph Tribute poster. Johnson Buquet won a fender brush. The meeting was closed at 8:27 p.m.

Attendees then proceeded to try and swim home.

Where We're At by Chad C. Wicker

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President's Message



Better Late than Never!!! At last our May newsletter is completed and online.

On May 3rd our Newsletter Editor, Ronald Palmisano, temporally moved to Texas for training in disaster relief. His final destina-

tion at that time was unknown. After a long week of training he was assigned Weatherford, Texas west of Fort Worth for hail damage claims. After 2 weeks we confirmed that he could not do the newsletter and this job at the same time. He works up to 12 hours a day. I finally asked Chad Wicker, Secretary, to take the Newsletter on a temporary basis. Newsletter Editor has to be a very special person and NO ONE volunteers for this job. The May newsletter is a combination of Ronald and Chad.

Ronald, the club will definitely miss you as I do every day. Chad, thank you so much for taking on this extra job until Ronald returns. I'm hoping that he will be back at the end on July or mid August. If anyone wants to contact Ronald he does answer emails or use his cell phone after dark. He is very homesick and would love calls or emails.

I would also like to personally thank all BMCNO club members for your thoughts, prayers, cards, and gifts to me with my bilateral knee replacement surgery. I put this surgery off for over 3 years but was close to being confined to a wheelchair. During the Annual Car Show, I could only walk the field holding on to someone. Many thanks to the board for taking on extra jobs and for pretending to enjoy pizza at the first board meeting after surgery. I tried to cook turkey, corn casserole, peas, and salad. The turkey was raw so pizza was filled in. The wonderful board ate this unusual combination and laughed the entire time.

I would also like to thank Allen Bradley for driving me back and forth to therapy, Harold O'Reilly for helping me get everything in the car for the crawfish boil and putting up with me for over an hour, and last Chad Wicker for driving all of us to Baton Rouge for the May board meeting. When Ronald left, I still could not drive and these wonderful members stepped up to help. Rick Huber you have been a rock keeping everything on schedule while mourning the death of your father.

BMCNO is a club for people that love British cars, people that love to eat, AND people that generally care about each other. It is not only a club that meets once a month but a large family that takes care of each other in good and bad times. We laugh and rejoice during good times and support each other during bad times.

Thank all of you for being who you are!





Crawfish Boil at Tickfaw State Park by Rick Huber



We've changed the location of our annual club crawfish boil this year. It's going to be at Tickfaw State Park, a little gem of a park about 8 miles west of Springfield, LA. The club has rented two pavilions that seat 36 people each, and

there is parking for about 40 cars, so let's all put Sunday, May 15th on our calendars and make plans to attend. The park is conveniently situated between the three largest regional groups in the club, and will make great driving experiences on the back roads of southeastern Louisiana driving to and/or home from the event. Crawfish eating starts at noon, but if you'd like to get there earlier, there is a Nature Center open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., canoe rentals starting at 9:00 a.m, several hiking trails including one along the Tickfaw River, and a water park and playground/ climbing gym for kids if you'd like to bring the family and make a day of it. Heck, there's even cabin, tent, and RV camping available if you want to make a weekend of it. The park has very nice bathroom facilities at the pavilions, the nature center, and at the start of the major trails. Take a look at a few of the pictures to get an idea. Make sure you bring insect repellent, there are plenty of them!

As usual, the way we plan how much crawfish to buy is to RSVP and pay ahead of the event. \$10 buys you 5 lbs of crawfish plus potatoes, sausage and corn. The club will provide soft drinks, water, and ice cream. It costs \$1 per person to enter the park for the day. The nature center, trails, water park, and playground are included in that fee, but

canoe rental is \$20 per boat (which holds 3 people). You have to rent before 2:00 p.m. and then you can keep the canoe until 4:30 p.m.. Tell the receptionist at the gate what time you'd like to rent a canoe when you arrive.

The scenic drives will be:

Baton Rouge group: Leave the Bass Pro Shop at 11:00 a.m. for a 28 mile ride on Hwy 16 to Hammack then Hood Rd to Hwy 42, then to Firetower Rd. to Patterson Rd. into the park.

North Shore group: Leave the Chevron Station at 10:45 a.m. for a 36 mile ride west on Hwy 22 all the way to Springfield, then Hwy 1037 west to Blood River Rd. which then turns into Patterson Rd just before the park.

South Shore group: Leave the Kenner Visitor Center at 10:30 a.m. for a 71 mile ride up I-10 to the Hwy 61 Sorrento exit, then take Hwy 22 to the Hwy 16 intersection, Hwy 16 to Hwy 444 to Hwy 63 to Hwy 42, Firetower Rd. to Patterson Rd. to the park.







Baton Rouge Gathering by Rick Huber



There were 12 people at the BR Gathering on April 19th, including new member, Bob Davis, who owns a 1979 TR7. Bob introduced himself and showed pictures of his car being repainted and the completed version.

Danny Varnado talked about the Mobile Bay Mustang Club 18th Annual Camellia Classic Open Car Show at Bellingrath Gardens on April 2nd. He said it was the most disorganized show he's ever been to, but perhaps the prettiest venue. The Mustang Club is happy to have British Cars and there were 5 including Danny, and Richard Creel and his Sunbeam Alpine. The \$25 entry fee for the show got you into the gardens, avoiding the \$15 per person entry fee, and you had a chance to tour the gardens in addition to attending the show, so it was a good deal. Perhaps future shows will be organized better, and it would be a lovely drive/show for some more of our members.

Reg Dunbar attended the Pigeon Forge Grand Spring Rod Run the weekend of the 15th and 16th of April. He said it was astounding to see 10 to 12,000 cars of almost every variety imaginable, including a sprinkling of British cars, at one place at one time. There's about a 10 mile, 4 lane, divided boulevard with cars lined up along the whole length, and all the shops in town are open just behind the cars. Reg said it's something you have to see once in your lifetime.

Tom Miller attended the St. Jude Open Car, Truck, and Motorcycle Show in Plaquemine on April 9th hosted by the Baton Rouge Corvette Club. Of course, the show was mostly Corvettes, but there was also a sprinkling of British cars at that show. Tom said that some of the guys with older, restored, classic Corvettes got a little bent out of shape with all the trophies and prizes awarded to all the new Corvettes, but hey, you have to have something to complain about.

Rick Huber talked about the BMCNO Houmas House/Laura Plantation cruise on April 10th and the Panhandle British Car Association 19th Annual All-British Car Show the weekend of the 15th and 16th. Pensacola was a great show, with near perfect LBC driving weather, a record 112 cars entered in the show, and a really fun weekend for 21 BMCNO club members and spouses who made the trip.

Upcoming events are the Electrical 102 course at Delgado on Saturday, April 30th, with only 2 people expressing interest in attending, and the Crawfish Boil on Sunday May 15th, with 8 people signing up.

Our featured speaker for the evening was Milton Franklin, who talked about car auctions in general, and values of Little British Cars in some detail, including print-outs of sales from the two Barrett-Jackson auctions this year for many of our marques and models. In addition to very high prices for E-types and Austin Healeys, TR4s and MGAs are starting to command great money at some of these auctions, indicating that the market for our Little British Cars continues to expand.





Pensacola Show by Rick Huber



Wow, what a show, what a weekend at the Panhandle British Car Association British Car Show. The weather was gorgeous after the cold front rolled through on Friday. It was a bit windy, but high in the mid 70's and beautiful blue sky. It was a

record turnout for their show with 112 cars in attendance, with plenty of beauties.

Let me see: four Spridgets, two Spitfires, a couple dozen MGB/Cs, half a dozen MGB/C GTs, about ten new Mini's, six or eight TR4/250/6's, six Etypes, eight or ten XJSes, three Morgans, two Daimler SP250s, 4 Big Healeys, four or five Loti, half a dozen new Jags, a batch of small sedans like MG 1100 and Morris Minor Traveller, two TR3's.



We had a great turnout from BMCNO, although just a few (I don't know who) in the caravan with Keith and Karen Vezina on Friday. Here's the list of attendees (I hope I didn't miss anybody):

Tommy Boudreaux from New Iberia in his '78 Triumph Spitfire, taking first place in the Spitfire class

Allen & Sue Bradley from Metairie in their '70 MGB, receiving special recognition and an award for their 2,250 mile trip on their way to the show

Deryl Brown from Eunice in his '80 MGB, winning 3rd place in the late rubber bumpered MGB class

Johnson & Mary Buquet from Houma in their '72 Triumph TR6, also winning a third place trophy in the TR4/250/6 class

Wally & Margaret Friloux from Madisonville in their '01 Jaguar XK8, taking 2nd place in the New Millennium class

Rick & Mary Lynne Huber from Baton Rouge in their '64 AH3000, with a 1st in the Austin Healey 100/100-6/3000 class, and winning the first time Bill & Melissa Silhan sponsored and awarded "Rolling Sculpture" trophy for the most artistically beautiful car in the show.

Mike Lewis from Gretna was there, but I didn't see one of his cars

Dan and Mary Melasurgo from New Orleans in their '04 Jaguar XK8

Tobey Pitman from Slidell was there, but without one of his cars, and I didn't see his wife.

Blake and Cathy Sonnier from Lake Charles with Blake's '72 MGB, a mini van, and their two kids, enjoying a 2nd place award in the late chrome bumpered MGB class

Keith and Karen Vezina from in their '76 MGB with the ever popular party trailer, taking 1st place in the early rubber bumpered MGB class.

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John Wells (I didn't see Dot) from Hammond in his '95 Jaguar XJS, taking a 3rd place in the late Jaguar convertible class

Jeff & Jan Zorn were their with their Little British Car Company show set-up.

Finally, Benny Spann from Baton Rouge entered his replica '34 English Ford Y type, and won 3rd place in the modified class. Benny is not a member, but is the brother of Bobby Spann, who has accompanied Danny to several of our events. Bobby is Benny's brother, and even

though they're not club members yet (we'll have to get Danny to work on that), they're representing our area.

Keith Vezina presented the Mr.Goodspanner award to Mike Darby for his work on an attendees car during our show. Karen Vezina took pictures of all the BMCNO award winners.

They had a Cajun food company with a booth selling etouffee, jambalaya, gumbo, etc. which was pretty good, and a snow cone booth for food. Some of our BMCNO ladies went to Dharma Blue for lunch and did some shopping. A marvelous time was enjoyed by all.

Cruise with English Motoring Club of Mississippi and BMCNO by Danny Varnado



On Saturday, June 11th, come and tour scenic back roads from Amite, LA to McComb, MS and enjoy lunch at the Dinner Bell restaurant with members of the English Mo-

toring Club of Mississippi. After lunch we will visit the local Railroad Museum and then head over to Liberty, MS for a walking tour of the town with a special surprise for the LA. folks. From





Liberty, you can head south to home on country roads or meander through the Homochitto National Forest to Natchez for an evening of lively entertainment! The Mississippi guys have a block of rooms reserved at the Hampton Inn in Natchez for around \$100.00 for the night.

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Plantation Tour by Chad Wicker



It was a beautiful Sunday for a drive. Bob Post, Alan Mocklin, and I and our respective wives met at the Kenner Welcome Center (now closed) to prepare to depart. Ronnie Palmisano arrived but had to pass on the tour to tend to Karen, but was nice enough to meet us and take photos of us departing.

We departed and took a nice trip up I-10 to eventually wind our way to Houmas House. We arrived in good time and saw this lovely Sunbeam



Alpine and began looking for the owner (Robbie Creel from Mandeville). We never were able to find him, but we did ogle his car!

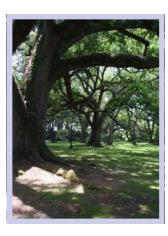
We proceeded to look through the gift shop which is a southern shopper's wonderland. From there, we walked through the grounds to the restaurant. At the restaurant, we were met by Rodger Nagy and sat down and waited for our wonderful lunch.

And did we wait! The service was slow, but the food was good. After the meal, Rodger bid us adieu, and we proceeded to stroll around the gardens.



It's definitely worth a visit and the timing was great to catch everything in bloom.

Bob called ahead to Laura's Plantation to make sure we had enough time to make the tour and we did, but had to cut the Houmas House Gift Shop revisit short. We proceeded back to our respective vehicles (a MGB, a Jaguar, and a Nissan Fronteer) to take a jump back on to I-10 for a short trip



to Laura's Plantation. We arrived and proceeded to start the tour.

Laura's Plantation is a Creole Plantation and is very different than Houmas House. As a historical site, it has been restored to some of it's greatness.



The tour was informative and interesting, though the caterpillars in the trees were abundant and aggressive. Interesting to note is the original dual-slave quarters. These are original to the property.

After the tour, we all went our separate ways and proceeded home. Though light in the participation, the quality for those that attended made up the rest.





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