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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



January 28th, 2012 - Pointe Coupee / Feliciana Cruise February 12th, 2012 - Middendorf's Cruise February 25th - 26th - Vicksburg Get Away





President's Message by Karen Murray



FEBRUARY is the month of LOVE......

Love for our family, and love for our cars. As this newsletter is posted on the website it is only approximately 9 weeks

until our Annual Car Show. Our car show committee chairman and board of directors have been working for months on organizing this event. Registrations will be mailed shortly and T-shirts ordered. If you are not on a committee please sign up for one. If you want to participate in the Sponsor Contest check this newsletter for the information. Remember this is "your" car show and it will not be GREAT without you!!!!

We will have 2 great events this month for club members. The first is our annual cruise to Middendorf's for lunch. This year the board agreed to extend the drive before and after. Check out the calendar for when and where each area is leaving from. We want to show off our cars in our home area so the cruises will begin in the 3 areas ending up at Middendorf's.

Anyone want to ride or drive a different British car?. After lunch we are going to enjoy our first "Swap My Ride" event. This means exactly what it says-"Swap Rides in each others cars". I would love to ride in an Austen Healy (not drive). This should be fun and educational as to how other British cars drive and feel.

The last weekend in February we will also have our first Get Away Cruise. Why?? Well because we just finished Christmas Holidays and Mardi Gras and we need a weekend to relax before the Car Show mania starts. Sounds good to me!!!!!! I can always find good reasons to travel.

Our Get Away will include staying in a 150 year old plantation that still has cannon balls in the floor and walls. We will have the entire run of the mansion. Also included are tours of the old Court House Museum, Coca Cola museum, Antique Dolls and Toys, Riverfront murals depicting the history of Vicksburg, the National Battlefield and a walk on a real Civil War Iron Clad Ship. Great food, good friends, beautiful scenery, and amazing cars. Our dinner (not included in the hotel room) will be in the main ballroom on Saturday night. With a tour of the mansion after. What could be better??

The only thing to remember is to book your room early in order to get your choice. We have all 13 rooms of the mansion and 10 rooms in the Carriage house. Let's all plan on sipping our drinks on the veranda or on the roof of the plantation while watching the river boats going by.

We are inviting our Mississippi friends to join us and look forward to seeing them again. So, pack your bags, make your reservations, check where and when your convey meets, bring your camera to catch ghosts and let's enjoy this event.

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Last year was my first term as President of this wonderful club. I stated that as a former teacher, I was used to working with yearly goals and outcomes. In the December/January we reprinted the 2011 goals and their outcomes. The 2012 Board has to decided to work on the following goals for this year.

2012 Board of Directors Goals

- 1. Newsletter out ON TIME before General Meeting every month.
- 2. Reevaluate and improve past events by trying to increase participation.
- 3. Annual Car Show

Complete flyer for sponsors of the Car Show.

Support a contest for our membership to increase the number of sponsors of the Car Show.

Complete updates to the Car Show manual.

Publish car show special edition.

Increase participation at the show

Contract a Jazz Bank to play between judging and tallying.

4. Continue working on updating website such as:

Add local service provider listing under Membership Services

Add pictures of past car show T-shirts

Investigate online payments for car show and membership dues

Travel tips in British cars – ladies and men sections.

- 5. Investigate hosting a Regional or National British conference.
- 6. Host a joint event in Louisiana with EMC.
- 7. Develop a Cruisin' the Coast Event.
- 8. Offer a "Swap My Ride" event in conjunction with an existing event.
- 9. Offer a Race Track event.
- 10. Organize a "Tech Session" to help complete member cars or a car to raffle. Use this as a teaching event for new car owners.
- 11. Work on a Gulf Coast satellite.
- 12. Increase membership from 2011.
- 13. Introduce "Coffee & Cars" event once a month.
- 14. Add more local driving events.
- 15. Attend Cruise Ins.

February, 2012

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Jan 26, 2012 North shore Area Gathering Meeting 7:00 p.m. Abita Brew Pub 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs, LA 70420



Jan 28, 2012 Pointe Coupee/Feliciana Cruise. See article page 6.

Jan 31, 2012 General Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Italian Pie Restaurant 5650 Jefferson Hwy. Harahan, LA. See article page 5.



Feb 12, 2012 - Middendorfs Cruise. See article page 7.

It will be a drive from each location, meeting at Middendorfs at 12:00 Noon for lunch, then go to the antique area in Pontchatoula for shopping and swapping cars.

Cliff Hughes will meet the North Shore at Snoopy's in Madisonville at 10:00 a.m.

Keith Vezina and the South Shore group leave the Starbucks at 800 Harrison Ave at 9:00.

Rick Huber will meet Baton Rouge group at Bass Pro Shop in Denham Springs for 9:30 a.m.

Feb 16, 2012—Board of Directors—At Karen and Ronnie's home.

Feb 21, 2012 - Baton Rouge Area Gathering - dinner 6:00 p.m., meeting 7:00 p.m., Cafe Americain, 7521 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA

Feb 23, 2012 - Northshore Area Gathering , Meeting 7:00 p.m., Abita Brew Pub, 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs, LA 70420



Feb 25, 2012 - Vicksburg Get Away - Karen has planned an overnight event at the Cedar Grove Plantation with visits to local entertaining sites and great restaurants. Here's the web site for the plantation http://www.cedargroveinn.com. The total one night Club rate including a Southern breakfast and tax is only \$152.00. See article pages 10-13 for more information.

Baton Rouge Gathering by Rick Huber, BMCNO Vice President



The Baton Rouge branch of the club got together to start off the new year with plenty of exciting activities right ahead of us. Twelve of us enjoyed another nice meal at Cafe Americain, and a friendly reunion after a couple of

months. We heard Reg Dunbar's good news, he and Barbara just got married at the end of the year. Congratulations to both of them. And we got to meet three new faces too. Recently joined member David Dawson joined us for his first club activity. He's eager to pick-up his long-time family owned TR-6 from Peter's later this week after a several month refurbishment. With any luck, he'll make our drive on Saturday. Tom Hannie heard about us from Jeff Cobb who suggested he join us tonight. Tom is a long time British (and other) car enthusiast who drives a late model Mini Cooper S convertible, but yearns for another TR-3. Chris Calloway found us on the web site, having moved back to Baton Rouge from Virginia Beach recently. Chris is eager to enjoy the yearround driving activities our club offers, with his 78 MGB for now, and with his 60 MGA when he puts it back together. Tom and Chris joined the club. We're happy to have them aboard, and hope to see them at upcoming events.

Randy Kassed got out for the meeting on crutches, an amazing comeback from what he's been through the last 5 or 6 weeks. He still has a way to go, but it was great to have him join us, and talk about getting his MGB GT V8 project on the road.

We talked about the Christmas party and the Lubriport tech session. Ronnie & Karen said that Floyd and Anne Friloux offer the service of analyzing oil from club member's cars free of charge, so the next time you change your oil, save a sample and get it to Rick, and he'll get it down to Lubriport Labs. The Christmas party was great fun, with 5 of us from the BR area attending. Karen brought extra Christmas party favors for members who hadn't made the party.

Upcoming events come fast and furious this win-Saturday is the Point Coupee/ ter/spring. Feliciana Cruise that Milton Franklin has organized, and will lead. See the article about that event for a taste of what's to come. Two weeks later is our expanded Middendorf's Run including a morning drive and an afternoon "swap my ride". Karen talked about the Vicksburg weekend at the end of February with great driving, history experiencing, and of course eating. Finally, we talked about all the events surrounding the car show. Ronnie & Karen showed the just approved show logo designed by club member Steve Lindsley, sample T-shirts, and took orders for collared shirts. The show is fast approaching, with plenty of planning, organizing, and doing going on.

Should be a great end of winter, early Spring. The Baton Rouge crew is looking forward to it!

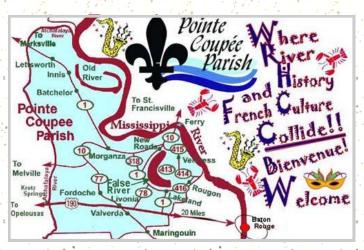
Pointe Coupee/Feliciana Cruise by Milton Franklin



Jan 28, 2012 Pt. Coupee/Feliciana Cruise 10 a.m. to mid-afternoon. Join us for a delightful, historic, and delicious run through the Point Coupee and Feliciana parishes. Milton Franklin has put

together another great day of Little British Car and BMCNO entertainment and fun combining driving, stops at historic locations, and of course eating a delicious meal together. A special treat is the Mignon Faget exhibit at the Louisiana State Museum. Here's the schedule:

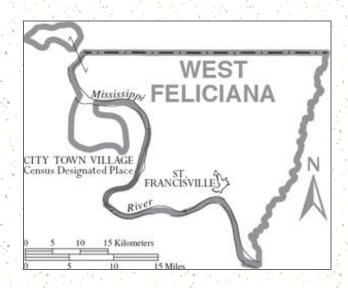
- South and North Shore and Lafayette groups meet at their regular locations for the trip to Baton Rouge. Depart at 8:45 a.m.
- to the parking area (Capitol Grounds) on the our way back to Baton Rouge corner of Spanish Town Rd and N. 5th. Park and cross Spanish Town Rd to the Louisiana State Museum. Below is a link to the museum site.http://www.crt.state.la.us/museum/ properties/LSMbr.aspxThe Mignon Faget traveling exhibit that will be on display is: http:// www.crt.state.la.us/museum/ exhibits.aspx#Mignon
- Depart the museum at 11:15 a.m. in a Little British convoy across the old Hwy 190 bridge and then along the flat but winding back roads



to Satterfields Restaurant in New Roads.

Lunch at Satterfields Riverwalk Restaurant from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m., 108 E. Main St, Roads. Mgr "Kellv", 225-638-5027. www.satterfields.com

Depart Satterfield's at about 1:15 p.m. and head East to the new John James Audubon bridge across the Mississippi River to Saint Francisville. From Meet and visit the Louisiana State Museum there Milton and Annette will lead us on a spirited from 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., 660 N.4th St, Ba-drive along the hilly and winding back roads ton Rouge 225-342-5428. Take State Capitol Dr through the Feliciana countryside before winding



Middendorf's Cruise by Rick Huber, BMCNO Vice President



Mark your calendar's for BMCNO's annual Middendorf's Run, this year on Sunday, February 12th. We're expanding the activities to more than just meeting for lunch, so plan on spending a whole day in your

Little British Car (weather permitting) with some added adventure to the day. We've backed lunch up until NOON so that we can all enjoy a spirited ride through the countryside to build up our appetites before the splendid cuisine Middendorf's has to offer. Also, responding to comments from members, we're scheduling an official club sponsored "swap my ride" event following lunch. We'll head up to Pontchatoula to the antique district, park the cars, and then give everybody an opportunity to either antique shop or drive/ride in each other's cars through the sleepy little streets of Pontchatoula. How bout that for a full day of fun and entertainment! Rick, Keith, Dave, and Cliff will lead the drives from the four club satellite loca-

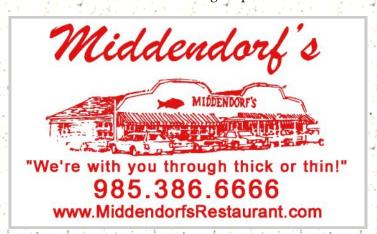


tions that will go something like this:

Cliff and the North Shore group leave Snoopy's (formerly Badeaux's) in Madisonville at 10.

Rick and the Baton Rouge group leave the Bass Pro Shop in Denham Springs at 9:30 for a drive through Port Vincent, French Settlement, up to Gunboat Island, then on through Maurepas, Killian and Springfield.

Keith and the South Shore group leave the Star-

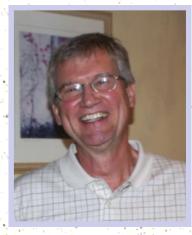


bucks at 800 Harrison Ave at 9:00 for a scenic drive down river road to LaPlace then on old US Hwy 51 to Middendorf's.

Dave and the Lafayette group leave the Lowe's parking lot at Hwy 14 and Hwy 90 just outside of New Iberia for a ride down Hwy 90 through the bayou country.

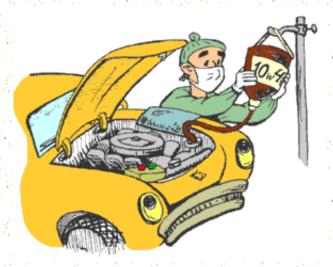
With the date just before Valentine's Day, we can count on Karen to liven up the festivities with a little something for the ladies at lunch. So make your plans for a can't miss day - driving, shopping, eating, swapping - it just doesn't get any better than that! See you there.

BMCNO Lubriport Tech Session – Is Your Oil Telling You Something? by Don Marpe



It was a nice sunny day, there were more doughnuts then even the British Motoring Club members could eat and there was a lot to be learned about oil. There were 13 club members at the tech session and 7 Little British Cars lined

up to get a fresh supply of engine oil. After the usual around the cars discussion, Floyd Friloux started the tech session. He pointed out all the various high tech equipment in his lab and how it



helps Ann, Harold, and him diagnose issues with oils. After some basic information on lubricants and how they do the job they do, Floyd gave us some things that we can do in our driveways to see what your oil is telling you. The first thing you should do is compare the oil pool under your Little British Car to see if it is bigger than normal. Assuming it is about the same size, pull the oil dipstick out of the engine. Look at the color. If it is a clear light brown color, you just changed your oil. The oil will most likely be a darker brown color on the dipstick. Take a drop of the oil



from the dipstick on your fingers and rub your fingers together. The oil should feel smooth and there should be no grit. Does the oil smell burnt? Put the dipstick in the engine again and get a fresh batch of oil. Using a coffee filter or the back of a business card, put some drops of oil on the paper. Set the paper aside for a while. After the oil has spread out over the paper, it should be a round circle. There should not be any dark area in the center and there should not be any solid stuff in the center. Any of those things mean it may be time to change your oil. When you do change your oil, save about a cup sample so that you can get it to Floyd for analysis. Each of the cars serviced gave Ann a sample and we can ex-

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pect to hear the results of the analysis at the next club meeting.

The discussion by Floyd was intended to last about half an hour, but because of all of the questions by the members, we did not get back to the car hoists to change oil for over an hour. Lubriport has two car hoist in the warehouse area (along with 7 cars in a variety of stages of repair or disrepair, two fire engines, and other stuff it would take hours to figure out what it was used for) so there was a flurry of activity around each of the cars to be serviced. Speedy Oil Change does not have to worry about the competition, because it took about two hours to service the seven cars. The cars took a little longer than normal because there was lots of under the car pointing and analyzing the condition of the cars.

Once all of the cars were serviced, some of the members when to prepare for the Saints game and others met at a restaurant for oysters and



poboys. All in all, it was a good day and those that attended, learned a little and talked a lot.





Vicksburg Get Away - February 25, 2010, by Karen Murray



Departure times and locations for Vicksburg:

8:00 a.m. South shore convey leaves Kenner Welcome Center

8:30 a.m. North shore convey leaves Texaco Station

8:00 a.m. Baton Rouge convey leaves Bass Pro Shop

All 3 groups will meet at Mc Donald's in Amite for 9:00 a.m.

1115 West Oak Street, Amite, LA 70422-2758 (985) 748-9770 mcdonalds.com From Amite we will drive approximately 2.5 hours to lunch at

Rusty's River Front Grill, 901 Washington St. Vicksburg, 39180, 601-638-

2030, www.rustysriverfront.com.

Things to see on Saturday, February 25:

Vicksburg Old Court House Museum (a must see for everyone) www.oldcourthouse.org

1008 Cherry St. 39183,601-636-0741, hours Mon.-Sat. 8:30 -4:30 Sunday 1:30-4:30

admission: Adults \$5.00; Seniors (65 and up) \$4.50

Biedenharn Coca-Cola Museum (first bottled Coke in U.S.) www.biedenharncoca-colamuseum.com

1107 Washington St Vicksburg, MS 39183-2959, (601) 638-6514,

Admission: \$2.75 adults, Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9:00 - 5:00

Yesterday's Children Antique Doll and Toy Museum www.yesterdayschildrenmuseum.com

1104 Washington Street · 39180, 601-638-0650

Hours 10:00 - 4:00 admission \$3.00

Vicksburg Riverfront Murals

Vicksburg Riverfront Murals are located on the floodwall on Levee Street. A history of Vicksburg in murals by renowned artist, Robert Dafford, Life-like murals grace the waterfront wall; enjoy a peek into Old Historic Downtown Vicksburg, the Steamboat Era, and the Great Bear Hunt with President "Teddy" Roosevelt, African American History, Miss Mississippi Pageant and more.

Cedar Grove Mansion Inn & Restaurant (dinner & Breakfast) www.cedargroveinn.com

2200 Oak Street • Vicksburg, Mississippi 39180, Phone: (601) 636-1000 • Fax: (601) 634-6126, Toll Free: (800) 862-1300. The total one night BMCNO Club rate including a Southern breakfast and tax is only \$152.00. Tell them that you are with the British Motoring Club New Orleans when making reseverations.

Sunday, February 26th

Check out a leave at 10:00 a.m. for a tour of the Vicksburg National Military Park and the USS Cairo(1861), a Civil War Ironclad Ship that was recovered from the Mississippi River in the mid 1960's.

Vicksburg National Military Park (National Park Service) http://www.nps.gov/vick/index.htm 3201 Clay Street, Vicksburg, Mississippi 39183, (601) 636-0583

Brief description of things to see and do in Vicksburg:

Cedar Grove Plantation

We have a hold on all 13 rooms in the mansion and 10 in other buildings on the property. <u>Deadline for reservations is February 10th</u>, so call ASAP.

This fine Vicksburg, Mississippi Antebellum Estate is one of the largest and most elegant bed and breakfasts in the South. Situated on five acres of gardens, this historic mansion inn specializes in creating a warm, elegant atmosphere perfect for the business traveler or honeymoon couple and is consistently voted Best Bed and Breakfast in Vicksburg. Known for our



elegant rooms and warm hospitality our staff takes pride in ensuring each guest enjoys their stay in any of our 33 rooms and suites spread out in five historic buildings. All guests to our inn are encouraged to enjoy an early evening complimentary glass of house wine, a chocolate and sherry turndown service performed nightly and to wake up to a home-style country breakfast followed by a tour of our unique historical mansion. All of this is included in the rate of your room!

The building of Cedar Grove began in 1840.

Old Court House Museum

Confederate flags, including one that was never surrendered, the tie worn by Jefferson Davis at his inauguration as Confederate President, fine portraits, china and silver, exquisite antique furniture, the trophy antlers won by the steamboat Robert E Lee in an 1870 race, antebellum clothing, toys, Indian and pioneer implements, and an original Teddy Bear given to a local child by Theodore Roosevelt are just a few of the thousands of artifacts which are housed in the Old Court House Museum- Eva W. Davis Memorial.



Biedenharn Coca-Cola Museum

The Old Court House, built in 1858, stands today as Vicksburg's most historic structure and has hosted such guests and speakers as Jefferson Davis, Ulysses S. Grant, Booker T. Washington, Teddy Roosevelt, and William McKinley.

The museum houses a wide variety of exhibits interpreting the beginnings of Coca-Cola, the history of the Biedenharn family, the process used to first bottle Coca-Cola, a reproduction of the equipment first used to bottle Coke, the history of Coca-Cola advertising, and Coca-Cola memorabilia from past to present.

The authentically-restored candy store and office area feature furnishings and displays of the 1890s and offers ice cream, fountain Cokes, Coke floats and a wide selection of Coca-Cola souvenirs.

Yesterday's Children Antique Doll and Toy Museum

See toys your parents, grandparents and great grandparents played with hen they were children. On display are: 1,000+ dolls that include rare French and German bisques, 20sand 30s compositions, Madame Alexanders, Shirley Temples, Barbies and contemporary art
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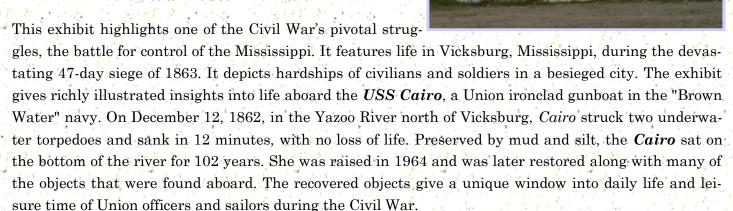
ist dolls, Teddy bears, doll carriages, doll houses and rocking horses. Trains, pedal cars, wagons, G.I. Joes, toy soldiers, guns, cars, planes, trucks, costructions and farm equipment and Lincoln logs.

Vicksburg National Military Park

The park commemorates the campaign, siege, and defense of Vicksburg. The city's surrender on July 4, 1863, along with that of Port Hudson, LA, on July 8, split the South, giving control of the Mississippi River to the Union.

Along the 16-mile tour road there are over 1370 Civil War monuments, a restored Union gunboat, and the The National Cemetery.

Virtual Museum Exhibit



USS Cairo Gunboat and Museum

The *USS Cairo* (pronounced Care-o), a Union ironclad commanded by Thomas O. Selfridge, Jr., was named for Cairo, Illinois, and commissioned on January 16, 1862. On December 12, 1862, in the Yazoo River north of Vicksburg, *Cairo* struck two underwater torpedoes (today called mines) sinking in less than 12 minutes with no loss of life. Preserved by mud and silt, *Cairo* sat on the bottom



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of the Yazoo River for 102 years. It was raised in 1964, and later restored. The ironclad is now on display within Vicksburg National Military Park. *Continued on page 13*

Due to the fact that we will have the entire hotel booked for our club, the hotel has requested a pre order for our dinner on Saturday night. I did not want to only have one choice for everyone therefore I must collect everyone's order in advance. That will the allow the hotel to make adequate advance purchases for food. Attached is the menu for our dinner. Please email me what your choices are so I tally and call in to the hotel. Do not tell the hotel as they will lose your choice in advance. Karen Murray, karenmurray@cox.net, 504-236-7509

Cedar Grove Mansion Inn & Restaurant - Featuring Chef Shunta Burks

Appetizers

Cedar Grove Duck Wrap \$9.95

Jalapeno Pepper stuffed with sliced duck and cream cheese wrapped" in bacon and topped" with a Cajun sauce

Lobster Ravioli \$9.95

Ravioli stuffed" with Lobster and served with a tomato basil sauce

French Onion Soup \$4.95

'Five onion soup in chicken stock, sweet vermouth, white wine, topped" with roasted" French bread

Shrimp Scampi \$18.95 Served with a fresh creamy pesto sauce over fettuccine pasta

served" with a tomato basil

Stuffed" Pasta Shells \$7.95

Pasta shells filled with ricotta cheese and

Seafood Crab Cakes \$7.95 Sautéed" to a golden brown and served" with a tangy remoulade sauce

Seafood Gumbo \$8.95

'Fresh shellfish and okra in a light roux served over white rice

Pasta

Soups

Blackened Seafood Pasta \$20.95

Shrimp, crawfish and crab meat tossed in fettuccine pasta with Cajun Pontchartrain sauce with fresh grated parmesan.

Basil Chicken Pasta Primavera \$16.95

Fresh assorted vegetables tossed with fettuccine pasta, served with grilled chicken, fresh cream sauce, roasted garlic and fresh grated parmesan

Entrees

Charleston Chicken \$24.95

Marinated in a homemade herb BBQ glaze with garlic mashed potatoes

8 oz. Black Angus Filet Mignon \$29.95

Wrapped in garlic bacon grilled and served with port wine mushroom sauce, served with garlic mashed potatoes

New Orleans Catfish \$19.95

Marinated in a lemon butter, topped with a Cajun Creole crawfish etouffee, served with herb rice

Herb Grilled Chicken \$16.95

Free range boneless chicken breast with imported capers in a champagne sauce served with garlic mashed potatoes

14 oz. Ribeye Steak \$27.95

Grilled, topped with caramelized onions and port wine mushroom sauce, served with mashed potatoes

8 oz. Sushi Grade Yellowfin Tuna \$23.95

Marinated in champagne with Creole season, topped with crumbled hickory smoked bacon lemon caper hollandaise sauce, served with herb rice

8 oz. Norwegian Salmon \$22.95

Grilled and topped with a champagne sauce served with herb rice

Chef's Specials

Seafood Stuffed Chicken \$26.95

Roasted seafood stuffed chicken breast topped with a light butter sauce and served with herb rice

Blackfish Pontchartrain \$27.95

A seasoned pan sautéed blackfish covered in a sautéed crab, shrimp, and crawfish in valute sauce

Steak Diana \$34.95

Char grilled sirloin steak served with roasted potatoes, sautéed onions, mushrooms, garlic, Cajun sausage, shrimp, and topped with blue cheese

Article reprint sent in by Bill Avery

Alan F. Clarke entitled "Prognostications for 2012, Sure, a few people have broken their arms when plus.....Ruminations on the Automobile" sent in by the engine backfired, but what of it? That's part Bill Avery, reminding some of us of the fun we had of the risk and excitement to be had from driving with the crank starter on Jim Bowers' MG-TD during Keith's Eunice tour in 2010, and the rest of us of how things used to be.

"One of my oldest friends and generally a favorite person, Don Rice, an escaped Townie and often I can't imagine why you'd want to) you'd harness Clarke critic wrote the following dream sequence in up Old Betsy to the dogcart and off you'd go. If

response to my recent column inquiring why things have to be so complicated. Specifically I was speaking to car doors that autolock themmatically selves when you move the car. Don has built elaborate, funny, and mildly preposterous analogy and here it is. As they say on Fox, ...you decide."

Alan, I'm imagining our being born exactly 100 years be-fore our actual birthdates, and at age

73 I'm reading your column in the Thursday, December 14, 1911 Pendulum:

"Life has gotten impossibly complicated. I just read in the Providence Bulletin that next year they're going to install electric self-starters in Cadillacs. Yes, you read that correctly – electric self-starters. It'll be just one more thing to malfunc-tion. I'd like to know what in the world is wrong with a crank. There's no more honest piece of machinery in the world than a crank. You grab

Below is an excerpt from a New Year's article by hold of it, and you turn it. What could be simpler? an automobile.

> "Back when I was a lad we didn't have automobiles, with or without cranks, and we got along just fine. If you wanted to go to Apponaug (though

> > you were only going downstreet or maybe Cowesett, you'd Shank's by travel mare. (Back in the 1840s and 50s, every lad in East Greenwich knew that term, and if you don't know it you're too ignorant to live.)

> > "But getting back to elec-tric selfthe starter. It's going to turn the United States of America into a country of lazy sissies. If you haven't got the

strength and stamina to rotate a crank, you don't deserve to own an auto-mobile. Even the rich folks who summer in Potowomut, men and women whose boots I normally lick, should think twice about it. Why? Because of the pride of their chauffeurs. Cranking an automobile is the one thing that turns a liveried servant into a man. Take that away from him and he's nothing."

Well he makes a point I suppose. In my research I have turned up several accounts Continued on page 14



CARS & COFFEE on the Northshore by Wally Friloux



Saturday mornings are often hectic and full of errands and projects we often plan to finish during the week but don't, for one reason or another. Saturday mornings are really valuable and not easily thrown away or used unwisely.

Saturday mornings can be fun filled or work filled but never taken for granted. Saturday mornings are good...

Recently, the Northshore Group of the British Motoring Club-New Orleans has begun what is often "fun filled" for British Car Nuts. This event is called "Cars & Coffee" and takes place in Mandeville. It's a great way to start Saturday mornings.

The "Cars" part of the Saturday morning is when we drive whatever British vehicle we're working on or finished working on and park it together with other like minded "Car Nut" vehicles. During this gathering process, tires are kicked, hoods (bonnets) are raised, etc. for inspection and stories about how many parts and pieces have been changed or modified and what's planned for the future to make sure it keeps running or make it run a little better.

The "Coffee" part is when we all force ourselves out of the parking lot and into a local restaurant for coffee and/or breakfast. Of course, things not discussed fully in the parking lot are then covered in more detail or embellished slightly....

All in all, our Cars & Coffee events have been increasingly successful beginning with only a handful of members and expanding into a record attendance of 15 "Car Nuts". In fact, this past Saturday morn-

ing, we had to pull several tables together at La Madeleine's restaurant in Mandeville to accommodate the group.

Saturday we even had the privilege of "kicking tires" -carefully that is-of modern exotic British iron. One being a fantastic 2007 Aston Martin Vantage driven by Dean Duplantier and his son Cameron and the other an exceedingly rare McLaren MP4-12C driven by Mike Glore. Both cars actually stopped traffic in the parking lot next to La Madeleine's. Perfect strangers couldn't resist the temptation of walking up to the vehicles often driven by British royalty and James Bond... It was a fantastic display of classic and modern British vehicles.

As a follow up to this article you will also want to read in the club's March newsletter, a great article authored by the owner of this McLaren MP4-12C titled "Waiting on Wheels". In this article, Mike describes ordering and English car and the saga that often goes along with purchasing a vehicle with an incredible performance of 0 to 62 MPH in 3.1 seconds and a top speed of 205 MPH.

In conclusion, Saturday mornings can be spent finishing Monday through Friday's work but if you're good at time management, Saturday mornings on the Northshore can be lot of FUN...





of local folks refusing to give up their horse-drawn buggies and fringed-top surreys even as the new-fangled automobile took over the roadways. Last week while visiting a rural cemetery, the woman of the nearby house told me of her grandfather's refusal to give up his horse and wagon and there was one in the family until the forties, at least.

Well-known local genealogist, Anna M. M. Lawrence, whose family ran the 19th century estate/farm, *The Oaks*, now Goddard Park, tells of her grandfather's refusal to accept the automobile and her father's putting off the transi-tion as long as he could. Her father eventually purchased a Stearns-Knight but let his grandson do most of the driving, since he was already in his late 60s and horses were always good enough for him.

Tom Neilan became the first policeman in the Park when the state took it over. He had to give up his horse for a Chev-rolet that the state purchased for him to use as he patrolled the 425 or so acres over there.

The late Charles T. Algren, in an interview he had during the time of the Tercentenary told of the first car he ever saw, circa 1906, something little more than a carriage with a starter crank on the side, not in front.

It seems the automobile was slow to gain favor but even-tually it did. It has proved a useful tool for getting about. I'm sure I would have seen immediately the value of an electric self-starter. It's really the nickle and dime stuff go-ing wrong that will kill a perfectly good car before its time. My new 1996 Oldsmobile will not die of a starter not work-ing or an engine gone bad, it will die of the door locks fro-zen in the locked position and my not being able to get out of the car without breaking a window! Let's get real on this right here and now!



Chef's Corner

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 23rd. 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 January and February meeting or you can email me at

<u>karenmurray@cox.net</u>. 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. Please try to have your meal there by 5:30 if possible.!!!!!!!!

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

Dinner after Show - 6:00p.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

Get Well Wishes to Randy Kassed, by Rick Huber and Friends



The club wishes Randy well in his recovery/ rehabilitation from a rare prescription medication induced blackout that happe ened in mid-December. After missing work with no notice, paramedics recovered Randy

from his house in Baton Rouge after being unconscious for about 24 hours and rushed him to the Emergency Room at Baton Rouge General Hospital. He was on a ventilator in intensive care for 5 days having lost liver and kidney function, lucky to have survived. His liver and lungs recovered pretty quickly and he was moved to a regular room. At that time, the medical team tried to fig



Randy Kassed



ure out what had happened to his legs, which were swollen and numb. At the same time they worked on cleaning toxins out of his blood with dialysis. After two moves to different treatment facilities Randy's kidneys finally recovered and he's able to walk short distances with a walker. He still has some paralysis and numbness in his legs which may take a long time to fully recover. His Mom arrived on Jan 22 from Rhode Island and he went home from the treatment facility on Jan 23. He sends thanks to club members who sent cards, letters, candy, balloons, car books and magazines, and stopped by to visit. Among other things, Randy is eager to continue working on his MGB GT V8 project once he can get up and about. Look for an email for a club tech session for some of us to get together to help in the next few weeks. In the mean time, please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Cheers,

Rick

2012 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 22nd 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 pictures for examples.

Peter Brauen

BMC Restorations





2012 BMCNO T-Shirts will be available soon.

T-Shirts will be available at all area meetings.

T-Shirts will also be available on the day of the show.

Purchase early.

Quantities are limited.

The cost of the shirts are:

Size	Pre	Show
S, M, L, XL	\$14.00	\$16.00
XXL	\$15.00	\$17.00
XXXL	\$16.00	\$18.00

Make checks payable to BMCNO





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22nd Annual New Orleans British Car Day March 24, 2012

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 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 Chairman of the Sponsors, Vendors and Donors Committee, Rick Huber at 225 926 6946 or mlandrick@gmail.com.

22nd Annual British Car Day 2012 Sponsor Contest

We would like to increase our show sponsorships this year. We're starting a Show Sponsor Contest and are challenging you, our members, to get new sponsors. We've attached a Sponsor Contest Guidelines document that should explain what you need to do to participate, and also a Sponsor Registration Form and a Show Flyer that you can print and provide to potential sponsors. If you have any questions, please contact Rick Huber at 225 926 6946 or mlandrick@gmail.com. Like the guidelines say, please contact Rick before you approach potential sponsors so that he can keep track of who is contacting whom. Our goal is 25 sponsors for the 2012 show, almost double the number we had in 2011, and the reward will be three nice prizes to be awarded at the general membership meeting on March 27th. The deadline for getting checks into Don is March 1, 2012.

Sponsor Contest Guidelines

Class Sponsorships are \$50 or more. See Sponsor Registration Form for details.

The club will have a contest for the number of sponsors brought in by club members.

The member who brings in the most sponsors (multiples of \$50) will win First Prize. This will be a nice, unique gift from the club.

All club members are eligible to donate \$50 or more, sponsor classes, and enter the contest. All club members (except Board members) who bring in non-member sponsors will have their names put into a drawing for additional prizes. Each member will have their name put in the hat as many times as the number of sponsors (multiples of \$50) they bring in, i.e. bring in one \$50 sponsor and your name goes in the hat once, bring in five \$50 sponsors (or one \$250 sponsor) and your name goes in the hat five times.

If you'd like to approach a potential sponsor, please call or email Rick Huber (225 926 6946 or mlandrick@gmail.com) to put your name on the potential sponsor list. This will avoid more than one member soliciting the same potential sponsor. Please also ask for other donations of door prizes or goodie bag items.

Sponsors may request a particular class and these will be assigned on a first come basis as best as can be done. Classes may have more than one sponsor.

The deadline to have sponsor checks in to the BMCNO Treasurer is March 1, 2012.

Likely prospects for sponsors:

Local Tavern or Bar

Auto Supply or Repair Services, Auto Dealers

Your bank or credit union

Insurance Agents and Brokers

Real Estate Agents

Beauty Salons or Barbers

Lawn care or pool suppliers and services

Restaurants

Retail Stores

Businesses you regularly patronize

Regular sponsors already planned (not eligible for contest):

The Ramelli Group

BMC Restorations

Mardi Gras T's

Gulf Coast Jaguar Club

Euro Fest

Little British Car Company

Baldwin Motors

Brian Harris Mini



British Motoring Club New Orleans P. O. Box 73213 Metairie, LA 70033 www.bmcno.org

2012 SPONSOR REGISTRATION FORM

22nd Annual British Car Day – March 24, 2012

Class Sponsor: \$50 or more

SPONSOR

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE GOODIE BAG ITEMS, DOOR PRIZES, OTHER AWARDS, TROPHIES or be a VENDOR: Contact BMCNO Representative or Rick Huber, 225-926-6946

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British Motoring Club New Orleans 22nd Annual British Car Day

Saturday, March 24, 2012

At Delgado Community College City Park Campus

(Orleans Ave. between City Park Ave. & Navarre Ave.)

On-Site Registration: 9 a.m. to Noon

Show: Noon to 3 p.m. Awards at 4 p.m.

All British Cars & Bikes Invited Spectators Welcome

(No charge for spectators!)

For more information contact:
Rick Huber (225) 571-7064
or mlandrick@gmail.com
Karen Murray (504) 236-7509

Registration form available at our web site: www.bmcno.org

Host Hotel: Hampton Inn - Elmwood

5150 Mounes Ave., Harahan, LA 70123 (800) 426-7866 / (504) 733-5646 (Ask for special BMCNO \$99 rate, code "BMC", available until 2/26/2012)

BMCNO Membership Application

Print & Mail this form to submit your application.

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official entry form

Annual New Orleans British Car Day

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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 illness 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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For more information visit our web site: http://www.bmcno.org Rick Huber (225) 571-7064 mlandrick@gmail.com Karen Murray (504) 236-7509 karenmurray@cox.net



Vintage Triumph Registry Regional April 26 thru April 28, 2012

Happy New Year. With this great weather I'm definitely finding it difficult to do anything but drive a Triumph, which is where I'll be as soon as I send this note today. Fantastic...

The Green Country Triumph Club will be putting on the VTR South Central Regional this year in Broken Arrow Oklahoma. Our member in good standing and co-founder of our club, Art Graves, lives in Tulsa now. He belongs to the Green Country TR Club and will be helping put the event together.

The Regional Headquarters and rooms will be at the Broken Arrow Holiday Inn Express which is just off the Broken Arrow Express Way and easy to find. Around the corner from the hotel is a fantastic eating area that includes a Bass Pro Shop. The hotel is convenient to down town, and out-oftown where you'll find great country roads to drive your Triumphs.

I'm from Tulsa. Candy and I are really looking forward to being back for a few days visit, seeing our old friends in the Green Country TR's, and having fun with each of you. Current details on the event are below so you can start making your plans and reservations. More details will follow...

Triumphantly,

Steve

Steve Johnson

2012 South Central VTR Regional

HOST: Green Country Triumph Club WHEN: April 26th through 28th, 2012 WHERE: Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

HOTEL: Holiday Inn Express

2201 N. Stone Wood Circle

Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

74012

Hotel Front Desk: 1-918-355-3200 Hotel Fax: 1-918-355-3443

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April 26-28

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Rick took a look and offers this info. 95k miles. Factory hardtop. Good looking, runs and drives well. Weber carb runs a little rough when cold, mini liites, recent respray original color a little faded, recent seat cover replacement, header/glass packs, new tonneau in the bag, Sony 10 CD stereo. Looks very straight but a few rust holes in floors and bubbles on rockers. Tires plenty of tread but old. \$5500 firm, well below avg retail. Owner sick, needs to sell. Call Rick (no interest) for more info/pictures 225 926 6946, or Wanda 225 235 2978 to see it.

WANTED - Help, Help!! Body tub for Triumph TR6. Please call Ronnie Palmisano at 504-319-8506 or email to Ronniep@cox.net.

Newsletter Submissions and Free Classified Ads

Email articles and classifieds to <u>ronniep@cox.net</u>, bring to meeting, or mail to P.O. Box 73213, Metairie, LA 70033



Triumph Spitfire 1500, "Spitty 1", purchased it years ago from Paul Read, a former member of BMCNO. I am asking \$7,000. She has personalized plates, and a new cd player and is great shape. Victoria Hurst, (225) 578-2158, VHurst@agcenter.lsu.edu

Resource Library



Although our Resource Library is still in it's infancy, the few items that we do have are all excellent and available to all members.

Currently there are at least sixteen items available. See the

BMCNO web site under Member Services for a complete listing.

All items are available at our general membership meeting, or can be requested by contacting me by email at

bdmarpe@att.net

If there are any other titles you would like to have, then let me know.

Don Marpe



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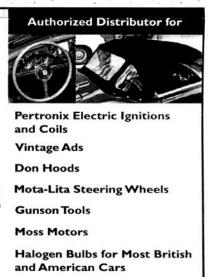
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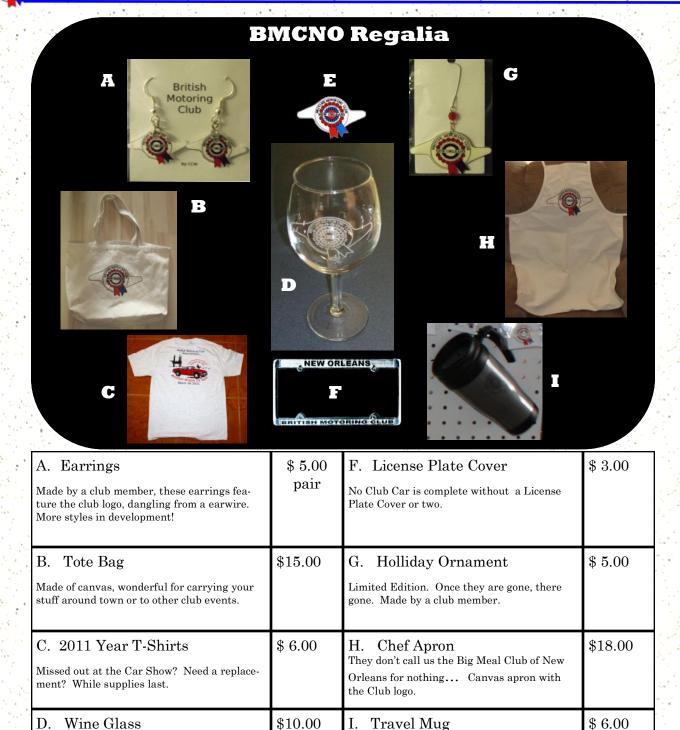
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Windshield Stickers

No Club Car is complete without a wind-

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Items available for purchase at member meetings in all areas. Please notify your area coordinator with the items you wish to purchase to ensure they have them. Shipping is available at cost. Contact Karen Murray for shipping estimate.

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