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President's Message by Karen Murray



Let's play the number game——

137 members in BMCNO

144 t-shirts ordered for the 2012 Car show

27 days until our Annual Car Show

144 cars registered in 2011 Annual Car Show

134 cars on the field in 2011 Annual Car Show

85 number of BMCNO cars in the 2011 Annual Car show **AND FINALLY!!!!!!!!!!!!**

253.... The number of cars registered in BMCNO for 2012

SO HOW DOES THIS GAME END - with more cars registered in the 2012 Car Show by BMCNO members than ever before. Try to make every effort to register your car(s) in this year's show. This is a time to showcase your car regardless of its condition. Remember, this show is judged by popular vote.

Also consider purchasing a car show t-shirt that was designed by Board of Director's member Steven Lindsley. If everyone purchased just one shirt we would sell out at the show.

The Delgado Jazz Band will be performing from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Car Show for entertainment. We would like everyone to bring an umbrella or handkerchief to help start the show with a down home "Second Line". Let's show our out of town guest how real New Orleanians enjoy

their music.

We still need plenty of food for the Friday night Welcome Reception. The doors open for serving at 6:00 p.m. so please try to have your food there on time. Come and join everyone in welcoming our out of town guests and spending time with each other. This year we are also inviting our sponsors to the dinner. Last year 100 people attended the Friday night reception.

Show committees are not full. Help is still needed in many areas especially at the registration table on show day.

Thanks to Mr. Milton Franklin for a great Pointe Coupee/Felicana tour in January. There were 26 participants and 13 British cars. The weather was perfect and it is always so enjoyable spending time with other British car owners. One lady told me that after 50 years of marriage her husband would give her up before his car. Of course, he did purchase the car when it was brand new. Thanks Milton for a very enjoyable day.

Thanks also to Rick Huber, Cliff Hughes, and Keith Vezina for organizing our annual Middendorf's cruise. It was very enjoyable starting from a different location and then taking a leisurely drive to the restaurant. We didn't get to drive to Pontachula for "Swap my Ride" after. Everyone was just too full from the delicious meal at Middendorf's. We had 50 people participate in this event.

Check out the calendar of events and mark your calendar for upcoming events.

**March, 2012**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28 <u>General Meeting</u>	29	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 <u>Board of Directors Meeting</u>	14	15	16	17 <u>Goody Bag Stuffing</u> <u>St Patriks Day</u>
18	19	20 <u>Baton Rouge Area Gathering</u>	21	22 <u>Northshore Area Gathering</u>	23 <u>New Orleans British Car Day Reception</u>	24 <u>New Orleans British Car Day</u>
25	26	27 <u>General Meeting</u>	28	29	30	31

Feb 28, 2012 - General Meeting - 7:00 p.m., Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA

March 13, 2012 Board of Directors Meeting - At Steve Lindsley's House

Mar 17, 2012 Goody Bag Stuffing 4:00 p.m. 546 Hickory Ave Harahan, LA, Come help us stuff the Lagniappe Bags and registration packets for the show. Dinner provided for workers. A movie will be shown as well.

Mar 20, 2012 - Baton Rouge Area Gathering - dinner 6:00 p.m., meeting 7:00 p.m., Cafe Americain, 7521 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA

March 22, 2012 - Northshore Area Gathering - Meeting 7:00 p.m., Abita Brew Pub 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs, LA 70420

March 23, 2012 - New Orleans British Car Day Reception - 22th Annual British Car Day Reception at: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Hampton Inn – Elmwood, 5150 Mounes Street, Harahan, Louisiana, USA 70123 Please come and help us welcome our out-of-town guests! Food and soft drinks provided by BMCNO and its members.

March 24, 2012 - New Orleans British Car Day - 22nd Annual British Car Day! - Delgado Comm. College, 615 City Park Ave, , New Orleans, LA 70119. Registration 9 a.m. - noon, Judging (popular choice) 12:30 - 2:00 p.m., Awards 4:00 p.m.

March 27, 2012 - General Meeting - Meeting 7:00 p.m., Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA

***“Mark your Calendar”***

Month	Date	Event	Contact
March	Sat, 10th	Golden Oldies Car Show Hammond Square Mall Parking Lot Golden Oldies Motor Club. Com Proceeds go to Children's Hospital New Orleans	John Wells
	Sat, 10th	Bay British Car Show	FYI – see attachment
	Tues., 13 th	Board of Directors meeting	Steve Lindsley' house
	Sat., 17 th	Goody Bag Stuffing/ Dinner & a Movie 4:00 p.m. 546 Hickory Ave., Harahan	Rick / Keith
	Tues., 20th	Baton Rouge Meeting	Rick Huber
	Thurs., 22nd	North Shore Meeting	Cliff Hughes
	Fri., 23rd	Welcome Reception 6:00 p.m. Hampton Inn 5150 Mounes Blvd.	Karen Murray
	Sat., 24 th	British Car Day 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon Registration 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 voting 4:00 p.m. Awards	Rick Huber, Chairman
	Tues., 27 th	General Meeting	Board of Directors
April	Tues., 10 th	Board of Directors meeting	Karen
	Sat. 14 th		Don Marpe
	Tues., 17th	Baton Rouge Meeting	Rick Huber
	Thurs., 19 th	North Shore Meeting	Cliff Hughes
	Sat., 21 st	Panhandle Car Show, Florida	
	Tues., 24 th	General Meeting	Board of Directors
	Sat., 28 th	Nola Motorsports Park, Avondale	Don Marpe
May	Tues., 15 th	Board of Directors meeting	Karen
	Sat., 19 th – 20 th	English Motoring Club visits New Orleans WWII Museum Cars of Yesteryears	BMCNO Members
	Tues., 22 nd	Baton Rouge Meeting	Rick Huber
	Thurs., 24 th	North Shore Meeting	Cliff Hughes
	Tues., 29 th	General Meeting	Board of Directors
June	Sat., 2 nd	Crawfish boil 12: noon Tickfaw Park	Rick Huber
	Tues., 12 th	Board of Directors meeting	
	Tues., 19th	Baton Rouge Meeting	Rick Huber
	Thurs., 21st	North Shore Meeting	Cliff Hughes
	Tues., 26 th	General Meeting	Board of Directors



January 2012 Meeting Minutes by Chad Wicker BMCNO Secretary



The January Member meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by club president Karen Murray. Rick Huber discussed the Car Show and Reception, with registrations currently at 13, we are little better than we were at this time last year. All members present introduced themselves and the cars that they own. The Christmas party was recapped. The Oil Tech session at Lubriport Labs was discussed. Thirteen cars were present and the results were e-mailed to the participants. Floyd Friloux extended an offer to provide free oil analysis to all club members, also that he has a lift that is available for use (two people required, one to work and one to provide supervision.) The Coupee/Feliciana cruise was discussed with 13 cars present.

Twelve members were at the Baton Rouge Meeting, Twelve members were at the Northshore meeting. About 15 people showed up for the Northshore "Cars and Coffee" at La Madeline, Mike Glore discussed his recent purchase of a McLaren. The Acadiana Meeting was held and was followed by a car run to lunch.

Goals for 2012 were discussed, including Newsletter goals, Improving Cross-Area participation and forming a Gulf Coast area.

Don Marpe discussed two potential driving events at Circuit Grand Bayou and at Nola Motorsports. Jack Kennedy Jr. discussed a trip he was plan-

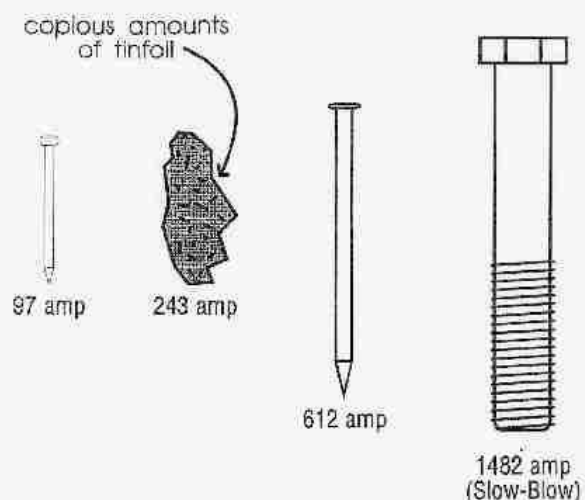
ning to the Houston Car Auctions. Karen Murray discussed the Vicksburg trip. Middendorfs for Sunday 12th was discussed, featuring drives from the four areas meeting for lunch at noon. Following lunch, members that wish to are going to drive to Ponchatoula for shopping and "Swap My Ride".

Many projects were discussed with input from the assembled group. All told, there were 29 members and guests at the meeting. The 50/50 drawing was for \$31 and was won by Jack Kennedy Jr. who, along with Rodger Nagy, also won a fender brush. James Hoppe and Sam McGrew both won Rubbing Compound.

March Technical Forum

This suggestion was submitted by an unknown contributor for a temporary Lucas fuse replacement. Claims it will work on most models.

Guide to Fuse Replacement



Lucas



Middendorfs - by Karen Murray



The BMCNO Annual Middendorfs cruise took place on Sunday February 12th. The Baton Rouge group drove back roads; South shore old Hammond Highway, and North shore was a hop, skip, and a jump away. The weather was cold, our one day of winter. All cars had tops up to help the heater keep it occupants warm. Middendorfs accommodated 50 members and guests for another delicious lunch.

The BMCNO board of directors once again surprised all of the ladies with long stemmed roses and Valentine's cards.

Great food, beautiful cars, and fun friends – what more could a British car enthusiasts ask for??





Pointe Coupee/Feliciana Run by Rick Huber



It was a splendid late January day for a British car drive and 26 of us made the best of it. Sunny and crisp, with morning lows in the high 40's and a high in the low 60's. Milton and Annette Franklin organized, planned, and ran a wonderful event on a gorgeous winter (what winter?) day.

We parked our cars on the East side of the Louisiana State Capitol park, right along 5th street where Milton said to meet, although several of us didn't pay much attention to the directions. Once we got all 13 cars lined up, we went in to the Louisiana State Museum. What a treat! It was great to get Randy Kassed out for a car event after all he's been through, although he didn't know what was in store for him. Karen found a wheelchair to

borrow, and pushed him all around the museum telling him stories about Louisiana history. She was in her full "former school teacher" glory, and now Randy knows quite a bit more about Louisiana than he ever thought (or wanted). Had I known how nice and informative the museum was, I would have gone there with kids and grandkids over my almost 30 years living in Baton Rouge. Plenty to see and do in there, so if you haven't been, it's definitely worth a visit. Good choice, Milton & Annette!

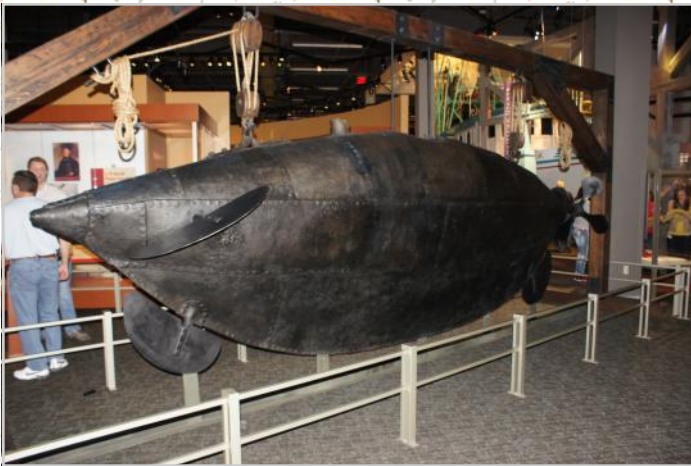


At about 11:20 we left the museum, and headed to the cars. Here's how the line up looked:

- Jim & Lucy Bowers in their red 1951 MG-TD
- Allen & Sue Bradley in their green 1971 Triumph TR6
- Deryl Brown in his black 1980 MGB
- Reg & Barbara Dunbar (after their recent wedding) in their silver 2007 Jaguar XKR
- Milton & Annette Franklin in their blue 1973 Triumph TR6
- Bob & Mac Gullic in their blue over white 1965 Austin Healey 3000
- Paul Hornsby and Randy's mother Gail Kassed in Paul's red 1960 MGA
- Rick Huber and Randy Kassed in Rick's white over blue 1964 Austin Healey 3000
- Jack & Audrey Kennedy in their 2011 Mini
- Tom & Chris Miller in their yellow 1973 MGB-GT
- Ronnie Palmisano and Karen Murray in their blue 1976 Triumph TR6
- John Pearson and his Norwegian student friend in John's green 1959 Triumph TR3A
- Danny & Dana Varnado in the red rocket, their 1976 MGB

Milton & Annette led us out of downtown, over the old Mississippi River bridge to Port Allen where we quickly joined the river road to enjoy the wind-

ing-along-the-river-then-along-the-lake ride into Point Coupee Parish to False River and Satterfield's for lunch. *Continued on page 8*



What a great meal we had, and what a view. Karen was of course active handing out freshly printed car show registration forms and taking orders for car show collared shirts designed by our own Steven Lindsley and displayed by Ronnie Palmisano.

After a big lunch, many of us were ready for a nap, but NO, Milton had more spirited riding



through the countryside up his sleeve. We headed out across the new, beautiful, James J. Audubon bridge (no that's not the Autobahn, although too bad it wasn't) into West Feliciana Parish. Karen had made arrangements with Rosedown Plantation for car photos in front of the mansion, but alas, with all the recent rain, the grounds were too soft, and they didn't want cars on the grass. Not

to be deterred, we proceeded onward for our spirited drive through the rolling hills east of St. Francisville through The Bluffs and along Thompson Creek. What fun turning and rolling our little cars through the turns and hills, right here so close to home. We finished up back on Highway 61 heading back toward Baton Rouge, well satisfied with another splendid driving/history/eating adventure with the BMCNO. Sincere thanks to Milton and Annette for a wonderful day.





Baton Rouge Gathering by Rick Huber, BMCNO Vice President



Twelve of us got together on Mardi Gras to talk about BMCNO stuff, not much different than the regular crowd. The featured speaker this month was Jeff Cobb talking about his Live Oak Concours d'Elegance show in mid-April, the 13, 14, and 15th. This year the show is expanded to a dinner on

Friday night, a 90 mile spirited drive through the countryside on Saturday followed by lunch, and the show on Sunday at City Park golf course. Headline cars for this year's show are a 1935 Bugatti type 35a and a Talbot Lago T26C GP and as many exotic and classic cars and motorcycles as he can attract. Should be a great event. Thanks to Jeff for coming out and telling us about what he's trying to bring to Baton Rouge.

Our regular agenda included welcome to two members' next generation, with Jacqueline Dawson and Max Welborn enjoying the evening out with Dad in their respective TR6s. Milton talked about the Point Coupee/Feliciano Cruise on Jan 28 and what fun we all had at the museum, lunch at Satterfield's and the spirited ride around the Bluffs on that very narrow little road. Rick talked about Middendorf's and his and Mary Lynne's one car 2 1/4 hours caravan through the Amite and Tickfaw river country. That'll make a nice ride for a group the next time we get the opportunity. Middendorf's was great as usual, super food and a big turnout with 45-50 club members and guests. By the time we finished driving and eating, everyone was too tired to head to Pontchatoula for ride swapping, so we'll have to schedule that again in the near future.

Upcoming events we discussed are the Vicksburg weekend and the fun time with the club "owning" the Cedar Grove Mansion Inn, goody bag stuffing, and of course the big cahoona of the year, our annual car show. Three more registrations were turned in at the meeting bringing our preregis-

tered car total up to 35. That means we're a little ahead of the pace from last year. Tim Welborn volunteered his wife to drive the Brian Harris Mini to the show, thinking she'd enjoy the air conditioning.

Rick talked about his MGB engine bay painting project which still hasn't happened, although he did get it sand blasted two weeks ago, and hopefully the fish eye problem is gone. John Pearson said he had gone to Porsche's new 911 unveiling and Vic Palazzo from NOLA motorsports said he was interested in getting in touch with the club about future events. David Dawson has been driving his recently refurbished TR6 the last 3 or 4 weeks and has gotten most of the bugs worked out, but will send his distributor off to rebuild for the final touch. Wayne Pangburn said he's interested in going to the Mitty at Road Atlanta the last weekend in April. This year's featured marque is Triumph, so a must event for all you Triumph owners. Tom Miller has been to the Mitty for many years, and is going again this year if you want more information about it. Wayne also said that for anybody not going to the Goody Bag Stuffing event on March 17th, there is a car show in New Roads that same day - starts around 9 am. Last year there were around 120 cars, all types. On the subject of car shows, Marc Zebouni mentioned there is an all marque show at LSU on Sunday March 25th that brings out a bunch of very interesting antique American cars, and some foreign cars too. If we're not "showed out" after Saturday, that's another one we can go to. Tim Welborn bought the two Midgets he was considering in Shreveport, but hasn't decided what to do with them - might be an opportunity for somebody sometime soon. Speaking of that, the cup runneth over with Spitfires, now with three for sale right here in Baton Rouge at the same time. Take a look in the Classified section of this newsletter and decide which one is right for you - yellow, green, or blue?

Never a dull moment in Baton Rouge, sounds like a bunch of us headed to the show in March. See you there!



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 23rd. Let's pull out the recipe books and tantalize our guests with exceptional New Orleans cooking. Serving starts at 5:00 P.M., so please try to have you food at the hotel by 5:30 P.M.

Don't forget that we need mouth-watering appetizers, casseroles, main dishes, and of course the desserts 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 - 6:00 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 Murray

President, BMCNO



2012 BMCNO T-Shirts are now available!

T-Shirts are available at all area meetings.

They will also be available on the day of the show.

Purchase early. Quantities are limited.

The cost of the shirts are:

Size	Pre Sale	Show Day
S, M, L, XL	\$14.00	\$17.00
XXL	\$15.00	\$18.00
XXXL	\$16.00	\$19.00



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**50th Anniversary of the MGB
1962-2012**

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



NOLA Motorsport Park Tour by Don Marpe



During the Reynold's Rally, we were able to take Touring Laps at the Circuit Grand Bayou race track. On April 28, we will be able to take a look at and even better race track. We are set up to tour the NOLA Motorsports Park at their new facility in Avondale. The visit would include a tour of the new facilities, "Touring Laps" around both loops of the new track and a brief presentation by the track staff. We will meet in their parking lot at 11:00. After the presentation by the track staff, we will use our Little British Cars to follow a track official around both loops of the track. After the tour, there will be a British Car Owner Challenge Race on the new fully functional Kart Track at the facility. No trophy for the winner, just bragging rights. Maybe the losers will have to buy lunch which will follow the event.

This is the same weekend as the Zurich Classic golf tournament and it is just next door, so you may be able to make a full day of it. Or maybe you will want to head over to the Jazz and Heritage Festival instead.

If you want directions or more info on the track, go to www.nolamotor.com. If you are interested, contact Don Marpe bdmarpe@att.net or 504-812-8611. If you wake up that morning and think it would be a good day for a drive, head over to the park. Feel free to bring a friend even if they are not fortunate enough to own a Little British Car.







Circuit Grand Bayou Charity Challenge by Don Marpe



During the Reynolds Rally Event we were able to take "Touring Laps" around the Circuit Grand Bayou Race Track. It was fun and many wanted to do it again. Well

you can, sort of. On April 14 and 15, the race track is hosting a Charity Challenge Event to support St Mary's Residential School for Autism in Alexandria. They are looking for people to bring their cars and show them off at the event. You will not be able to put your car on the track, but you will get to be around those that do and learn more about the race track.

Autism is at the forefront of public awareness and the odds of you knowing someone affected have grown from 1 in a 150, 6 years ago to 1 in 110 today. The larger organizations you see and hear on the television and radio commercials are doing fantastic work in the field of research to find what makes this happen and hopefully to one day be able to create a way to eliminate it from our lives but in the mean time St Mary's Residential School wants to help the children and parents dealing with this issue today. In the past 5 events, over \$125K has been raised to help a local autism

education program and St Mary's Residential School. This year's goal is to add another 30K to that total.

If you are interested in showing off your car on one or both days, contact Don Marpe bdmarpe@att.net or 504-812-8611. If you wake up on either of those days and decide it would be a nice day for a drive, come on up to Circuit Grand Bayou (www.circuitgrandbayou.com) and we will set you up with a prime parking spot.



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





A Most Interesting Northshore Group Meeting by Wally Friloux



A couple of months ago, during one of our BMCNO Northshore Group meetings, I had the pleasure of meeting a most interesting gentleman by the name of Michael Glore. Michael or Mike as he likes to be called, is a “Certified Car Nut” with a most agreeable

personality....like some of us....

Mike sort of showed up at around 7:00 pm with a friend of his, Dean Duplantier, from our Northshore Group while I was finishing off one heck of a fine shrimp poboy. When it came time for everyone to talk about their current and past experiences with British vehicles, Mike got everyone's attention when he listed a couple of his British cars. He told us about a couple of Lotus', Jaguar, Triumph, MG, Austin Mini Moke, Nissan GTR and

the car he drove up in...a beautiful Maserati. Rounding off the list, Mike mentioned something he ordered from England...a McLaren MP4-12C. I learned this later but Mike's McLaren is in the first 300 produced worldwide. It's a V8 twin turbo, 4 valve flat plane 232 cubic inches, 592 H.P, 443 Ft. lbs. of Torque that will run 0 to 62 MPH in 3.1 seconds, Quarter mile in 10.7 seconds and 0 to 124 MPH in 8.9 seconds. Top speed is 205 MPH with breaking from 62 MPH to 0 in 98 feet.

Sounds kind of like my TR6....

After our meeting, Mike actually accepted delivery of the MP4-12C, so he was able to send a few photos of this amazing vehicle that will be part of this article.

Ordering a car from England has been quite an interesting experience for Mike, so much so that he was asked to record the saga for all of us to enjoy. So, if you would, please read Mike's report “**Waiting on Wheels**”.

Waiting on Wheels, by Michael Glore, English Motoring Club—



A while back, a friend of mine asked me to write an article covering the events surrounding ordering an English Car and the saga it has become. Like most people reading this, I am a car nut. Over the years and more recently after joining a few car clubs, I have learned I am not alone in the affliction. In most comparisons, I am a real small player.

To begin with, I have experience in ordering and then waiting on cars. In both cases, longer time

than promised. So what I have learned is to get on the list as soon as possible. The car, I committed to purchasing is the McLaren MP4-12C. Rumors that McLaren was working on a street car was first noticed in 2009. McLaren isn't exactly front and center of well known or little known manufacturers. That is unless you follow International Formula One, which, in all honesty even I stopped watching. In the past, McLaren has only produced two cars. The F1 was produced from 1992-1998 a total of 106 cars were produced. At that time, it was the world's fastest road car with a top speed of 231 mph. Their second road car was a joint development with Mercedes-Benz called the Mercedes-Benz SLR McLaren. McLaren produced a little over 1,100 in a few different variations from 2004-2010. Both of these cars carried many technical highlights; however, central to both of them was their (Continued on page 15)



carbon structure.

McLaren was the first manufacturer to use carbon fiber in their race cars and continued its use in their road cars. I had a chance to study a F1 McLaren road car in Kenner, LA at a friend's shop. At that time, the car was 14 years old and the only thing that gave its age away was the tall aspect ratio tires. I was offered the chance to sit in the car but I did not try it. The F1 features central seating, 3 seats across and I can't see how I could crawl over the outboard seat gracefully. Anyway, I was blown away by its shape. The fit and finish was excellent and the sublime shape something to see. Later, I learned it took 4,000 man hours to produce the carbon fiber monocoque chassis. I understood what the cars capabilities were although standing next to it the shape did not shout at you. It had a supple shape most like Honda's NSX. Nothing mean looking about it.

Anyway, enough about the 12C predecessors, I was stung with the need to get in line. I bookmarked the forums and all sites I could find and finally in January, 2010, the McLaren website had a place to register your interest intent or commit-

ment to buy. I committed to purchase and instantly they (computer generated) fired back a questionnaire. They questioned year of birth, car magazines I subscribe too and cars owned or previously owned. Now, I figure things are getting serious. My age (64 at that time) shouldn't be a problem, car magazines I should be okay there also. The biggie was I didn't want to mention multiple questionable cars I have and used to have. If your readers want to get a laugh, look up Berkeley cars (British circa 1951-1960). I had the much more popular 4 wheel model also an Austin Mini Moke, this one I keep hidden in Braxton. So I kept the car list short to a couple of Lotus's and a Jaguar and peppered the magazine subscription with a couple of euro car magazines.

I continued to read everything I could find on the 12C and finally the factory announced the first public showing of the car was to be in England at the Goodwood Festival of Speed early July, 2010. With very little planning, I got my wife to book flights and hotels to make it to the show. This car event was evened out with a side trip to Paris for my wife.

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About the Goodwood Festival of Speed.....I could write a book, but I will only talk about the car. We found the McLaren display within a short time after arrival. On their stand was the car complete and a naked chassis and the LeMans winning F1 car. And one hell of a lot of people most of which had cameras on sticks to peer over into roped off cars. At this time not much was know about the car – price – performance – dealers – deliveries. Just a beautiful car and bar chassis, maybe the only one on the planet. It is hard to explain the social system which exist over there. I got the feeling they would prefer all questions in writing so they could decide which they wish to answer tomorrow.

In all fairness, I am sure they were schooled in the many areas that were off limits to discussion. At one point, I inquired about the manufacture of the dual clutch 7 speed gear box and was told he could not say; however, he pointed to the logo, which I spotted as 'GRAZINO'. Quite James Bond – you know.

We left the show after 2 full days and I passed my cards to any McLaren guy that would accept it. During the show, I figured out that supply would never keep up with demand and that if I was to get one, I would have to step up my game. I was told there would only be 30 dealers worldwide with 9 or 10 in the U.S. and that I would be contacted after one was assigned to me. There was

no time frame on the above. However, 3 days later, while I was bored to death in Paris, I received an email stating that I was assigned to the Dallas dealer, Park Place.

Now, I had an urgency to get back to the U.S. and make contact with the Dallas dealer. I managed to have a letter drafted and forwarded to the dealer advising that I was out of the country and would contact him shortly upon arrival. A couple of days later, I took off from Braxton on the 460 mile drive to meet the sales manager. I got to the dealership at 10:00am and got out 2 hours later with very little new information. However, he knew I was serious and knew I wasn't a flipper. A flipper is one who speculates on making a profit on early delivered cars. I find this concept of making money on cars quite foreign from all of my car dealings. Two months go by and I get an email from the factory official first showing of car, Pebble Beach during the 2nd week of August, I get a buddy to go with me and we get a private showing with 50+ other people. Anyway, I see several faces from England and more cards are given out.

There was also a Houston showing that I attended and by now I started to recognize several people. Speed forward several months to the present (December) and I received an email stating the VIN# of the car and that the car was to be flown to the U.S. Now it's getting hard to sleep...

Daughters of the British Empire Tea Party



You are cordially invited to enjoy Afternoon Tea @ Longview Gardens 7 Bamboo Rd. New Orleans, LA. on March 25th, 2012, 2-4:00 pm

You will enjoy tea, sandwiches, scones and other delicacies on the beautiful patio.

Please bring your friends and join the DBE members in this fundraising event. Proceeds will benefit Mountbatten Retirement Home. Tickets are \$30.00 –payable at the door. Reservations may be made in advance by calling 367-4116

Visa and MasterCard are accepted. Complimentary parking is available.



**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.

Name: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail: _____ Occupation: _____

Where did you learn of BMCNO? _____

To what other car clubs do you belong? _____

☐ Include information in the Online Web Directory

☐ Please list me as ICE, (In Case of Emergency) willing to render assistance to members who break down in my area.

BRITISH CAR INFORMATION (if more than 3 cars, please write it on back)

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Make: _____

Make: _____

Make: _____

Model: _____

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Model: _____

Year: _____

Year: _____

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"I agree to abide by the rules and regulations as set forth by the Club Officers under The British Motoring Club New Orleans, Inc. Charter and By-Laws."

Signature _____ Date: _____

*official entry form***22nd Annual New Orleans British Car Day**Saturday, March 24th, 2012 New Orleans, Louisiana

Please print

Name		Guest (for name tag)	
Address			
City		State	Zip
Telephone		Email	
Club Affiliations			

Cars entered

\$25.00 early registration

\$30.00 after 3-17-2011

	Year	Make / Model / Type	Entry Fee
1			

Additional cars—\$10

2			
3			
4			

Number of T-Shirts:

Advance T-Shirt Prices: M-XL \$14.00, 2XL \$15.00, 3XL \$16.00

M:	L:	XL:	2XL	3XL	Shirt Total:
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 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.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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 24th, 2012

Registration and line up from 9 am to Noon.

Voting from approximately 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm

Awards at approximately 4:00 pm

For more information visit our web site: <http://www.bmcno.org>Rick Huber (225) 571-7064 milandrick@gmail.comKaren Murray (504) 236-7509 karenmurray@cox.net



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1976 Triumph Spitfire 1500. In Baton Rouge. 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 lights, 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. \$3,500 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



For Sale 1974 Triumph Spitfire 1500, In Baton Rouge. Beautiful condition. Rust free. BRG/Tan Leather. 62K miles. New CD player. Asking \$5,500. Call Wanda 225-235-2978 to see it.



For Sale Beautiful blue 1980 Triumph Spitfire. 4-speed manual transmission, overdrive, 1980 was the last year this beautiful British car was made, so this is the newest Spitfire you can get. She has 57850 miles on her and was owned by my great uncle from 1990 until I bought her from him in 2007. He kept her in great condition in his garage. It has its original paint and is essentially rust free. Interior is original with no cuts or tears on the seats. The top is in very good condition with no cuts or tears. www.NADA.com suggests a high retail price of \$12,450 and an average price of \$8325. This car is definitely above average, but I am asking \$7000, and will entertain any reasonable offer. I'm moving to Chicago in early April 2012 which means this amazing opportunity to own this beautiful car will be gone as soon as I move, so don't delay! Call Jacob at 225-235-5091 or write palmer.jacob@yahoo.com.

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We will hold our event again this year in conjunction with the Panama City Scottish Festival at Grace Presbyterian Church on 10 March 2012.

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DISPLAY*

We will start the weekend on Friday evening with a Low Country Boil at Bob and Lynn's museum in downtown Panama City starting at 6:30. This is free to all who register for the show. Please RSVP for the Shrimp Boil to kcwaringa@yahoo.com or call 850-230-8336 for more information.

Saturday morning we would like the cars in place by 10:00 when the festival opens. We will again have the voting cans to decide people's choice for the best car in the show. All proceeds from these votes goes to the Scottish Festival to help support local charities.

The People's Choice award will be given out around 3:00

Registration for our show is still \$15.00 for as many cars as you would like to display.

Registration will begin Friday night at the Shrimp Boil and continue Saturday Morning at the event.

For more information go to www.baybritishcars.com or call 850-230-8336.



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-of-town 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

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