

# ***British Motoring Club New Orleans Morris Gazette***

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***22<sup>st</sup> Annual New Orleans British Car Day***

***March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012***

***BEST OF SHOW***

***Bill Silhan***

***1960 AC Ace***



***It's that time of the year again!  
Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> - BMCNO Crawfish Boil  
Tickfaw State Park - 12:00 Noon***



As usual, the way we plan how much crawfish to buy is to RSVP and pay ahead of the event. RSVP to Rick Huber at 225-926-6946 or [mllandrick@gmail.com](mailto:mllandrick@gmail.com) and pay at one of the three meetings in April or May, send a check to the club address by May 27<sup>th</sup>. or pay by paypal (see PayPal article in this issue.). \$15.00 per member, \$15 for one additional guest, and \$20 each for additional persons. Bring your own soft or other drinks. It costs \$1 per person to enter the park for the day.





## President's Message by Karen Murray



This newsletter edition is dedicated to our Annual Car Show. Please check out all of the winners and sponsors for our show this year.

I have been on the BMCNO Board of Directors for 6 years and this Car Show was the hardest that I have ever

worked on. A new trophy company, t-shirt designs up in the air, constant rain the week before the show, and a change of show venue less than 24 hours before the event was extremely stressful. Not to mention our registration chairman working in another city, and problems with the host hotel regarding a \$3,500 catering bill they wanted us to pay the Monday before the Friday Night Welcome Reception. (Well that didn't happen!!!)

We do have a car show manual that was produced several years ago and updated each year. Nothing was in the manual concerning many of the problems that were encountered this year. There were no past experience or guidelines to follow.

How did everything work out so well????? Well.....with the help of a great Chairman, Board of Directors and TONS of member volunteers that could be counted on to help in anyway possible. I have never been so moved with the dedication and determination of all of these wonderful people. Everyone pitched in to help and made this show a success.

A few I would like to thank in this article. Rick Huber who kept his head on and everyone on task. (Impossible as some of the tasks were.) Harold O'Reilly, Bob Post, Ronald Palmisano, and Keith Vezina who were my back ups in moments of panic. The Board of Directors who have great insight to solve any type of problem on a last minute basis. Mary Lynne Huber and Audrey Kennedy who so graciously took over Regalia from me and did such a great job. Cathy and Mark Greensfelder who actually made me cry when they agreed to share the registration duties because of her working out of town. Our Area Coordinators who promoted the car show at all meetings. Our sponsors who have enough faith in our club to help offset the cost of the show. Our weather-

man, Wally Friloux who stopped the rain just in time. And also many thanks to Mike Anderson for making the change from the grass field to the parking lot at the last rainy moment.

My most sincere thank you is to all of the volunteers that worked so hard under such unusual circumstances at the car show. Thank you does sound so insignificant for the massive amount of work our members undertook to produce this show. The BMNCO Annual Car Show would not have been a success without members who give of their time. Many thanks to you and sincere appreciation; I appreciate your efforts above and beyond the call of duty.

Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless. ~Sherry Anderson

Thank you again for being —PRICELESS!

We did have a very successful sponsor contest this year. Sponsor contest winners will be chosen at the April meeting.

**May 19th and 20th** we will be hosting the **English Motoring Club of Mississippi** in New Orleans. Our agenda looks like this:

### Saturday May 19th

1:00 p.m.- Meet the club members at the WWII museum ticket desk. \$24 per person for museum and theatre. Meals and tour on your own.

**Stage Door Canteen** -Dinner and a show 6:00 p.m. \$60 per person **OR** Show only 8:00 p.m. \$30.00 per person

### Sunday, May 20th

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon -Cars of Yesteryear.

Please make every effort to join us for the weekend events. Parking will not be a problem for our little cars at the WWII Museum.

We will be mailing membership renewals in May with instructions for PayPal. We would like to start using PayPal for our events and Car Show registration in future years.

Money will be collected until May 27th for the Annual Crawfish Boil. Please confirm ASAP.

**May 2012**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Gulf Coast -Ms. Meeting Second Satur- day, Art-Walk in Bay St. Louis
<b>13</b> <u>Mothers Day</u>	14	<b>15</b> <u>Board of Di- rectors Meet- ing</u>	16	17	18	<b>19</b> <u>English Mo- toring Club visits New Orleans</u>
<b>20</b> Cars of Yesteryears	21	<b>22</b> <u>Baton Rouge Area Gather- ing</u>	23	<b>24</b> <u>Northshore Area Gather- ing</u>	25	26 Acadania— Lafayette Cruise
27	<b>28</b> <u>Memorial Day</u>	<b>29</b> <u>General Meet- ing</u>	30	31	1	2

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**April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012 - General Meeting** south shore- 7:00 p.m., Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA

**April 28<sup>th</sup> - NOLA Raceway-** See article in April newsletter for more information.

**Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> - Gulf Coast/Ms Meeting—**Second Saturday, Art-walk in Bay St. Louis, Contact Peter Brauen for more information.

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May 15, 2012 - **Board of Directors Meeting** At Danny Varnado's home



May 19, 2012 - **English Motoring Club visits New Orleans WWII Museum.**

May 20, 2012 - **Henry Shane's Cars of Yesteryears, 10:00 AM - 12:00 noon** - Henry Shane's daily driver collection featuring over 145 perfectly restored classic cars. 4625 Fairfield St., Metairie, LA, 70006. One block off Transcontinental Drive and West Esplanade Ave. Lunch afterward at a nearby local restaurant. Restaurant. Location to be announced. Visit the BMCNO 2011 gallery at [http://www.bmcno.org/Gallery/gallery\\_2011.htm](http://www.bmcno.org/Gallery/gallery_2011.htm) and see PRIVATE CAR MUSEUM for our 2011 visit.

May 22, 2012 - **Baton Rouge Area Meeting** - dinner 6:00 p.m., meeting 7:00 p.m.

Cafe Americain, 7521 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA

May 24, 2012 - **Northshore Area Gathering, Meeting 7:00 p.m., Abita Brew Pub, 72011 Holly Street' Abita Springs, LA 70420**

Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> - **Acadiana/Lafayette meeting/cruise**, contact Dave Hayden for more information.

May 29, 2012 - **General Meeting** - Meeting south shore— Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 p.m., Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA

### ***JUNE "Mark your Calendar" JUNE***

   
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## ***February 2012 Meeting Minutes by Chad Wicker BMCNO Secretary***



The March 27th Member Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Club President Karen Murrey. Club members from the UK, Max and Carol Benson, were introduced along with their guest. The Circuit Grand Bayou event has been canceled.

The April 28th event at NOLA Motorsports Park is on, the club will meet in the parking lot at 11:00 a.m. Then, there will be a presentation, followed by a driving tour of the track. On April 1st the Chevy Club is organizing the Port Hudson event. There will be food available at the event with music provided by the Angola Band. On April 13th thru 15th, the Live Oak Concours d'Elegance will be held in Baton Rouge.

The Pensacola Show is their 20th Annual Event. Allen Bradley donated a free event entry he won the year before. This was given to Keith Vezina. A Music Video, looking for a light color small sports convertible, will be using Rick Huber's Austin Healey.

The EMC-BMCNO event was discussed. The event will feature a visit to the WWII museum on May 19th and a visit to Cars of Yesteryears on May 20th. Ask any of the visitors to the 2011 visit and they will tell you it's not to be missed.

Next discussed was the Car Show. This years show couldn't have had more problems. Our frantic search for someone to support the registrations program was solved by Mark and Cathy Greensfelder who stepped up yet again to make it a success. It rained for several days before the show, forcing us not to be able to use the show field and be moved to the parking lot behind the building. This forced the registration desk to be inside, which nobody enjoyed. The Host Hotel has changed their policies in relation to the banquet room making it very unfavorable for us to use this property next year. The Trophy company changes along with the ill-fated decision to pre-print the award labels proved to be problematic, leading to an overly long awards ceremony. Though all the unplanned changes, Rick Huber stood strong, addressed what could be addressed at the time. Our entire club and it's volunteers took everything in stride, and pulled off a really nice and successful event through the day, a testament to the inherent strength of our club.

Several ideas to address the outstanding issues encountered were presented and will be addressed by next year's show committee.

The 50/50 drawing for \$30 was won by Max and Carol Benson's guest Babs. Babs also won a calendar. The meeting was closed at 8:05 p.m. to be followed by a visit to an Authentic British Pub at Carol Benson's parents house.



## ***Baton Rouge Gathering by Rick Huber, BMCNO Vice President***



Eleven of us got together for our monthly gathering in Baton Rouge, and with the two big car shows in the last month, there was plenty to talk about.

Most of us made it to BMCNO's British Car

Day last month, and all agreed it was a good show despite having to move to the parking lot.

Sure it could have been a little better organized, but the general consensus was that the car show team did a great job improvising at the new location on such short notice. Nonetheless, the weather was gorgeous, we had a wonderful mix of beautiful cars, and everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves.

The next event was the Port Hudson cruise which a few people went to and enjoyed. The April date is much better than 2011's early June with the cooler weather, and it was fun rubbing elbows with some of the other clubs in the area.

The next event was the Live Oak Concours. Founder and organizer Jeff Cobb started out by apologizing for the awards ceremony, which neglected to recognize the 15 or so British vehicles that participated with a "British class" award. After a thorough explanation and profuse apologies, he awarded a bottle of champagne (the same award

as at the show) to Bob Gullic for his original owner 65 Austin Healey 3000.

The weekend and the show went well, with a dinner on Friday night, a spirited 90 mile drive with about 25 participating cars along river road and then on the small 2 lane country roads around St. Francisville, and the show on Sunday. Turnout was light, but those who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves. See the article for more.

We went on to discuss upcoming events with Pensacola, the New Orleans weekend in May, and the crawfish boil in early June.

Bill Avery talked about his upcoming newsletter offering of a monthly "automotive trivia" column.

Look for it in this month's newsletter on page 17.

Rick







## ***2012 British Car Day by Rick Huber, BMCNO Vice President***



Wow, the 22nd annual British Car Day on March 24 was one to remember.

For the planners and organizers, it'll go down as one of the most frantic, hectic events ever put on

by our club, but most participants will remember the beautiful sunny day and the splendid collection of classic British automobiles that graced the Delgado Community College City Park campus yet again, even if it was on the parking lot instead of the grass, and the camaraderie we enjoy with this wonderful hobby of ours. Click this link for a [photo recap](#) of the show.

Did you ever see so many rare and unusual British cars in one place before? From Michael Glore's 2012 McLaren MP4-12C to Craig Burchsted's 1965 Wolsley Hornet and Innocenti S Spyder, not many of us would recognize them when they drove onto the show field. There were near perfect restorations in Bill Silhan's Best of Show 1960 AC Ace and Maury Drummond's 50th anniversary 1962 MGB. There were near perfect, original condition cars like Bob Manske's 1955 MG TF 1500. There was Bill Nix's running, driving Jaguar XK-150 chassis with no body panels. We had the giant Bentley and Rolls Royce saloons and the tiny Minis and Midgets.

We had enough E-Type Coupes to make their own class, and enough MGA's to break into 1500

and 1600 classes.

For a show that was billed as a 50th anniversary of the MGB, there were remarkably few, so we had to combine rather than split classes. Where were all the MGBs?

No matter, there were plenty of other MGs, Triumphs, Jaguars, Austin-Healeys, Loti, and Sunbeams sprinkled in with an Aston Martin, a Morgan, and a Land Rover for a British car lover to feast his or her eyes upon under the beautiful blue skies and bright sun.

Thank you all for participating in the show and sharing your British car with us for the day.

What a tremendous volunteer organizational event this show is. As the British Car Day Chairman for the last two years, I'd like to thank all of you that volunteer your time and do your part to make our show one that so many people enjoy, and convince people like Willie Wittkoph to drive 1,100 miles from Appleton, Wisconsin in his MGB to participate.

We're doing something right and it shows in the faces and comments from all the satisfied participants.

See some car show pictures on pages 8 and 9. Go to <http://www.bmcno.org/Gallery/gallery.htm> for all show related pictures including reception party, all show entries, and additional show day pictures.













## ***2012 Special Award Winners***







## 2012 British Car Day Class Winners

Congratulations to all the winners of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual British Car Day and a big thank you to each and everyone who brought a car out to the show. There were ??? cars registered. Another big thank you goes to our show sponsors. See page 12 for class and award sponsors.

### Austin Healey 100, 100-6, 3000

1 <sup>st</sup>	Rick Huber	1964 Austin Healey 3000	Baton Rouge, LA
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Robert Phillips	1956 Austin Healey 100M	New Orleans, LA
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jim Hofer	1966 Austin Healey 3000	Memphis, TN

### AH Sprite & MG Midget

1 <sup>st</sup>	Steven Whitlow	1974 MG Miget	Jackson, MS
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jack Orkin	1974 MG Midget	Grayson, GA
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Craig Burchsted	1965 Innocenti S Spyder	Friendswood, TX

### MG TC and other Pre-war

1 <sup>st</sup>	Ed Greene	1947 MG TC	Magnolia, TX
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ben White	1948 MG TC	New Orleans, LA

### MG TD

1 <sup>st</sup>	Vincent Dantone	1951 MG TD	Robert, LA
2 <sup>nd</sup>	David Loeb	1952 MG TD	LA
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Seth Silverstein	1952 MG TD	Metairie, LA

### MG TF

1 <sup>st</sup>	Robert Manske	1955 MG TF 1500	Milton, FL
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mike Zobrist	1955 MG TF	Baton Rouge, LA

### MGA 1600 Roadster & Coupe

1 <sup>st</sup>	Frazer Rice	1962 MGA MK II Roadster	Bay St. Louis, MS
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mike Darby	1959 MGA 1600	SilverHill, AL
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Robb Ogletree	1962 MGA Roadster	Grand Bay, AL

### MGA 1500

1 <sup>st</sup>	David Stiebel	1957 MGA	Kenner, LA
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Danny Varnado	1958 MGA	Denham Springs,
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cameron Duplantier	1958 MGA	Mandeville, LA

### MGB Chrome Bumper (62-69)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Maury Drummond	1962 MGB	Hammond, LA
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Keith Sanders	1969 MGC	Pace, FL

### MGB Chrome Bumper (70-74)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Blake Sonnier	1972 MGB	Lake Charles, LA
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gene Johnston	1971 MGB Tourer	Ridgeland, MS
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Clay Johnston	1972 MGB	Mt Olive, MS

### MGB Rubber Bumper, Late (77-80)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Willie Wittkopf	1978 MGB	Appleton, WI
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Stuart Waddington	1977 MGB	Daphne, AL
3 <sup>rd</sup>	T. Keith Vezina	1976 MGB Roadster	Kenner, LA

**MGB/GT & MGC/GT**

1 <sup>st</sup>	David Jones	1972 MGB/GT	Slidell, LA
<b>Triumph TR2 , 3rd, 3A&amp;B, 4, 4A, 250</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Wayne Pangburn	1963 Triumph TR4	New Roads, LA
2 <sup>nd</sup>	John Pearson	1959 Triumph TR3A	Baton Rouge, LA

**Triumph TR6, early (69-73)**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jimmy Hoppe	1973 Triumph TR6	Gretna, LA
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Allen Bradley	1971 Triumph TR6	Metairie, LA
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Johnson Buquet	1972 Triumph TR6	Houma, LA

**Triumph TR6, late (74+)**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Louis Marchette	1976 Triumph TR6	Long Beach, MS
2 <sup>nd</sup>	O.J. Williams	1974 Triumph TR6	Jefferson, LA
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tim Welborn	1974 Triumph TR6	Baton Rouge, LA

**Triumph TR7 & 8**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Barry Schmidt	1975 Triumph TR7	Brandon, MS
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sam McGrew	1980 Triumph TR7	Metairie, LA

**Triumph Spitfire, GT6**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Anne Friloux	1971 Triumph GT6	Ama, LA
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mike Japp	1977 Triumph Spitfire 1500	Pensacola, FL
1 <sup>st</sup>	Tommy Boudreaux	1978 Triumph Spitfire 1500	New Iberia, LA

**Motorcycle**

1 <sup>st</sup>	John Boutte	1971 Triumph Trophy 500	Bush, LA
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jimmy Stire	1952 Triumph T100 Tiger	Mandeville, LA
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Milton Franklin	1979 Triumph Bonneville 750	Greenwell Springs,

**Jaguar Vintage Classic Sport Coupe**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Michael Seidemann	1962 Jaguar E-Type Series I	Kenner, LA
1 <sup>st</sup>	Andy Switzer	1971 Jaguar E Type 4.2	Gulfport, MS
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Maurice Guidry	1998 Jaguar E Type	Cutoff, LA

**Jaguar Vintage & Classic Sports (pre)**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Ernie Clark	1969 Jaguar E-Type	Brookhaven, MS
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jack Ross	1968 Jaguar E-Type	Mobile, AL
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bruce McEdwards	1965 Jaguar E Type	Biloxi, MS

**Jaguar Modern Sports (1975+)**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Wally Friloux	2001 Jaguar XK8	Madisonville, LA
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Seth Silverstein	2006 Jaguar XKR	Metairie, LA
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Don Marpe	2007 Jaguar XK	Terrytown, LA

**Jaguar XJS**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Winston Landymore	1993 Jaguar XJS	Prairieville, LA
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Michael King	1991 Jaguar XJS V-12	Mobile, AL



**Small Sedans (Morris Minor, MG Y)**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Cliff Hughes	1957 MG Magnette	Mandeville, LA
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wes Stewart	1952 Sunbeam Talbot	Royse City, TX
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mike Lewis	1950 MG Y Type	Gretna, LA

**Jaguar Modern Sedans (1989+)**

1 <sup>st</sup>	John Hans	1967 Jaguar MK 2	Gulfport, MS
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bob Post	1986 Jaguar XJ6	Kenner, LA
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Robert Phillips	1987 Jaguar XJ6	New Orleans, LA

**Empire Sports**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Bill Silhan	1960 AC Ace	Pensacola, FL
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jack Gravolet	1965 Sunbeam Tiger MK I	Belle Chasse, LA
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Chris Dantin	1964 Sunbeam Alpine MKIV	Raceland, LA

**Empire Sports Modern**

1 <sup>st</sup>	John Baldwin	1998 Morgan +8	Covington, LA
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Aileen Di Pascal	2002 Aston Martin DB-7 Vantage	Jefferson, LA
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Michael Glore	2012 McLaren MP4-12C	Destrehan, LA

**Large Saloons**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Katherine Dornaak	2008 Land Rover Range Rover	Mandeville, LA
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**Rolls Royce & Bentley**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Richard Branyan	1949 Rolls Royce Silver Wraith	Natches, MS
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tony Sparrow	1951 Bentley MK VI	Houma, LA
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Joseph C Wink	1957 Rolls Royce Cloud I	New Orleans, LA

**Mini Cooper, Modern (2002+ )**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Tom Schmitz	2011 Mini Cooper S Clubman	Lillian, AL
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Don Revell	2003 Mini Couper S	Ocean Springs,
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Audrey Kennedy	2011 Mini Countrymen S	Metairie, LA

**Mini Cooper, Classic (1959-2000)**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Craig Burchsted	1965 Wolsley Hornet	Friendswood, TX
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Greg Lyon	1971 Austin Mini Pickup	Chipley, FL
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Marc Zebouni	1971 Austin Mini Cooper	Baton Rouge, LA

**Distance Traveled**

Willie Wittkopf  
1978 MGB  
1,137 miles

**Hard Luck**

Wayne Henry



## ***2012 British Car Day Class & Award Sponsors***

Class	Class Description	Sponsor
A	Austin-Healey 100, 100-6 & 3000	Baldwin Motors Lincoln-Subaru
B	Austin-Healey Sprite & MG Midget	Stuart McKendrick
C	MG TC	Mardi Gras T's, Premier Hospitality Solutions
CX	MG TD	Mardi Gras T's
CZ	MG TF	Mardi Gras T's
DX	MGA 1500	Hughes & Co
D	MGA 1600	Hughes & Co, Entergy
E	MGB/C Chrome Bumper (1962-69)	Daughters of the British Empire
EX	MGB Chrome Bumper (1970-74)	Catering Cajun of Louisiana
FX	MGB Rubber Bumper	Baldwin Motors Lincoln-Mercury
G	MGB/C GT	Southern Earth Science
H	Triumph TR2, 3, 4 & 250	Max & Carol Benson, Walk-On's Catering
I	Triumph TR6 (1969-73)	Den-Sal Properties Inc.
IX	Triumph TR6 (1974-76)	The Little British Car Company
J	Triumph TR7 & 8	Catering Cajun of Louisiana
K	Triumph Spitfire & GT6	The Italian Pie Restaurant
L	Motorcycles	Den-Sal Properties Inc.
MX	Jaguar Vintage & Classic Sports (pre 1974)	Custom to Classic Inc., Gulf Coast Jaguar Club
M	Jaguar E-Type Coupe	Paretti Jaguar, Gulf Coast Jaguar Club
OX	Jaguar Sedans	Paretti Jaguar, Gulf Coast Jaguar Club
MZ	Jaguar XJS	Paretti Jaguar , Premier Hospitality Solutions
MY	Jaguar Modern Sports (1975+)	Paretti Jaguar
N	Small Saloons	Rae-Ben International Hair Salon
P	Empire Sports, Classic	NOLA Motorsports Park
PX	Empire Sports, Modern	NOLA Motorsports Park
R	Large Saloons	Renaissance Euro Fest
S	Rolls Royce & Bentley	Renaissance Euro Fest
VX	Mini Cooper, Classic (1959-2000)	Brian Harris Mini
V	Mini Cooper, Modern (2002+)	Brian Harris Mini
	Longest Distance Traveled Award	Walk-On's Catering
	Hard Luck Award	Walk-On's Catering
	British Heritage Award	BMC Restorations & Catering Cajun of Louisiana
	Best of Show Award	The Ramelli Group & Premier Hospitality Solutions





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If we missed listing anyone, please let us know and accept our apologies for the oversight.

**2012 British Car Day Volunteers (worker bees)**

We would like to thank all the volunteers who worked the show. If we missed your name, our sincerest apologies. Thank you all!



Show Chairman

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Harold O'Reilly  
Robert Rougelot*

**GOODY BAG STUFFING PARTY**

*Thanks All*

If we missed listing anyone, please let us know and accept our apologies for the oversight.



## ***Port Hudson Cruise by John Pearson***



We had a small caravan of three TR's drive up from the Frosty Top here in Baton Rouge. Two TR6s driven by David Dawson and Tim Wellborn and my TR3. The drive went very well and we all made it in fine shape except one TR6 needed some rear carb. help. So we had a small tech session on Stromberg carburetor repair and cleaning. After that the car ran fine. On the way up just after we merged onto Hwy. 61 Jeff Cob blew by us in his Lamborghini - I was going about 70 or 75. We met up with him at the entrance to Port Hudson State Historic Site a short time later.

After we got settled into the line-up of mostly Chevrolets of almost every year and model. We found the two members from New Orleans: Keith Vezina with his MGB and Allen Bradley with his TR6. We all had a great conversation under Keith's large umbrella, the only shade in the parking lot. His trailer and umbrella were very welcome and great a relief from the blazing sun. Tom Miller joined us even though the engine is out of his MGB. I hope he will get it running again soon.

I walked around at least twice to view all the cars on display. There was nice American iron and few that brought back good memories from my younger days before my TR3. There was at least one 1955 Chevy that was the same on the outside that an "old" friend in high school had. We put at

least two new engines in that car and then finally wound up with a 327 cu. in. Chevy engine. We could take on any Corvette in town. Another was a '57 Chevy that I drove for an old salesman who lost his license. He let me take the car home and drive it to school and then pick him up in the early evening to make his calls. I'm surprised the tires had any rubber left when he got his license back. I could go on even more about my good old days with other American cars but this is about our British invasion of an American car show.

In all there were six LBCs at the show the sixth was a Triumph Stag that a potential new member, Larry Joubert, brought up from Port Allen. Everyone I talked to from the Chevy club said they really enjoyed having us there and liked our British contribution to their show.





## ***Welcome New Members:***



### **Richard Gilberto**

New Orleans, LA 70117

1984 Zircon Blue Austin/Rover Mini Mayfair

### **Randy and Kelli Jo Kramer**

Lacombe, LA 70445

1978 Red MGB

### **Lou and Fran Marchette**

Long Beach, MS 39560

1976 Blue Triumph TR6

### **Joseph and Kathy Wink, III**

New Orleans LA, 70124

1957 Blue Rolls Royce Cloud I

### **Paul G. and Linnie Bruns**

Metairie, LA 70001

1972 Green Triumph TR6

### **Katherine Dornaak**

Mandeville, LA 70470

2008 Black Land Rover Range Rover HSE

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## ***Online Dues and Event Registration – by Don Marpe***



Are you tired of mailing in your British Motoring Club membership forms and annual dues check. The club is trying to make payments easier. Now you can use an online registration process to renew your membership, pay your dues, and even purchase regalia. The web site [www.clubregistration.net](http://www.clubregistration.net) now has a category "British Motoring Club". Once you select the category you can search for events that will include the Annual Membership Drive and the Annual Crawfish Boil. There is an easy process to create a member profile at the web site. Once on the web site, you can pay your membership dues or the crawfish ticket price with a credit card or use PayPal if you have an account. Setting up a PayPal account is also supported by the web site.

We will be giving demos at the next few club meetings, but do not hesitate to give the web site a try.





## ***“Trivial....Of Little or No Importance....Insignificant” by Bill Avery***

Trivia often gains importance if you’ve seen, heard, or lived it ....i.e. those “Talk-Fests” of car folks turn to those enjoyable, costly, hair pulling experiences involving our fun or collectible rides. They become those “betcha can’t top this” sessions or even the inevitable “yeah, but didn’t you know?” And on and on.

Now for some “Fiction... or.....Fact?” from the Auto Almanac

- 1 NASCAR....Yeah, I know that isn’t Brit Car, ish...but humor me a bit. Who entered the winning car with driver in an early NASCAR road race....No, he didn’t micro manage this effort, though he was a Big Band director. Who was he....make of car....where?
- 2 Considered a NAZI sympathizer in the late 30s...this great American industrialist did an about face when WW II began.....he also built a monster race car...four cylinders.....of 18 plus liters displacement.....Who was he?
- 3 Father raced at the Brickyard though I preferred road racing sports cars and F 1 internationally....often 12 to 24 hours...from dawn to night.... a sought after auto industry spokes person. Who might I be, Guvner?

Do your research and bring your answers to your next meeting.

Bill Avery....speaking Brit since '57



## ***2012 British Car Day Vendors***

*(Continued on page 17)*

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## **Sunday, June 3rd BMCNO Crawfish Boil Tickfaw State Park 12:00 Noon**

RSVP to Rick Huber at 225-926-6946 or [mlan-druck@gmail.com](mailto:mlan-druck@gmail.com) and pay at one of the three meetings in April or May, send a check to the club address by May 27<sup>th</sup> or pay by paypal (see PayPal article in this issue.). \$15.00 per member, \$15 for one additional guest, and \$20 each for additional person. Bring your own soft or other drinks. It costs \$1 per person to enter the park for the day.

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## Resource Library



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](mailto:bdmarpe@att.net)

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

Don Marpe



Resource Library



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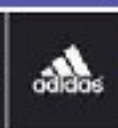
Open to all models & years of Triumph Spitfires  
All cars must be street legal, licensed and insured.  
All cars must pass the SPOKES tech inspection on race day.  
Car preparation not to exceed the specifications of the 2012 SCCA Solo Rules for class F Street Prepared (FSP)  
All cars to race on DOT Street legal tyres (NO RACE SLICKS)  
Spokes rules apply for all entries. (See [www.spokes.org](http://www.spokes.org) for more information)  
Novices welcome  
Ladies Classes  
Two drivers are permitted for each car per class.

### General Information:

San Antonio Raceway is in Marion, Texas.  
3614 S Santa Clara Rd Marion, TX 78124 at I 10, Exit 597  
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Event Starts at 8:00AM, plan to be there all day.  
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  - Enter in class SPT
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For more information contact:  
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Of particular interest to MGA owners:

A change in the NAMGAR class rules for the annual GT.

At the request of myself and perhaps others and with the support of Mike Ash, Technical Editor of the NAMGAR magazine, the subject of the Altered "A" class at the NAMGAR (National MGA Register) national club yearly event was brought up for discussion and possible revision at the recent Board meeting. To provide some background, a number of years ago it was decided by NAMGAR that any MGA that had been physically altered or modified for any reason was going to be put in a separate class (the original classes being 1500, 1600, MKII, Twin Cam etc.). All MGA's of any type were thrown together in the Altered "A" class. This is the rule from the NAMGAR website:

### Altered A

This car class consists of vehicles from any factory manufactured class that required structural modification to the frame or body to install components resulting in the car not falling into its factory manufactured car class. No vehicle in the Altered A car class will progress to the Premier Class.

This action was primarily aimed at people like me who had modified the frame of their car to accommodate the MGB overdrive transmission. At the time this rule was passed this was the only available transmission swap to gain better drivability. Since then a number of kits have been developed to install various brands of 5 speed transmissions without requiring modification of the frame.

Since I now have a restored MKII with the MGB overdrive transmission, I became very interested in doing something about this class situation. My main argument was that it made no sense to allow an MGA with a Ford transmission to be in its proper class and to penalize an MGA with a BMC transmission just because a reversible alteration had been made to accommodate the overdrive. This argument apparently won the day and now the only alteration that will put a car in the Altered class is a non B series BMC engine (the standard MGA or MGB 4 cylinder engine). Altered would include a V8 conversion, electric conversion and so on. The emphasis at NAMGAR and most British Marque car clubs has always been "drive your car", and making your car more drivable without changing its outward appearance certainly works for me.

And now for a little reminder, there are several more MGA owners in our club. I strongly encourage them to join NAMGAR if they have not already done so. NAMGAR is a strong organization with an excellent magazine quality news letter. They are on the web at [namgar.com](http://namgar.com).

Safety fast,

Frazer Rice



# BMCNO Membership Application

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**Cash or Check** at any monthly meeting.

*All payments need to be accompanied by this completed application form . It is imperative that we have your correct and active email address because this is how all communication is now processed.*

**"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](#)."**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_