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BMCNO and EMC members visit the National WWII Museum in New Orleans



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



As usual, the way we plan how much crawfish to buy is to pay ahead of the event. **RSVP to Rick Huber at 225-926-6946 or mlandrick@gmail.com and pay at one of the three meetings in May, send a check to the club address by May 27th, 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 drinks. It costs \$1 per person to enter the park for the day.



President's Message by Karen Murray



Have you ever had a snowball fight, watched humpback whales, walked on a street while it was snowing, watched black and grizzly bears from a train, taken 800 plus pictures of glaciers, or worn coats, hats and

scarves in the month of MAY??? Well Ronald and I were fortunate to do all of this on our Alaskan Cruise May1st thru May 8th. This was my reward for retiring after 36 years working in education.

For those of you who have never visited Alaska this should definitely be on your bucket list. The sights were something I will never forget and I am so happy that we were able to enjoy this beautiful country.

The only disappointing part of the trip was our side trip to Victoria, British Columbia. I really expected to see British Cars. What we did see was tons of Prius Taxi Cabs, Toyotas, and BMW's. Where were the British Cars??? I still felt like I was in America.

Thanks to the wonderful board and especially Don Marpe who organized the NOLA Racetrack event while we were out of town. This club is run not by one person but many working hard to create, organize and ensure fun and wonderful events for our members.

The English Motoring Club of Mississippi joined us for the WWII Museum, Cars of Yesteryear, and Parkway Bakery for authentic New Orleans Po-boys. It was so nice hosting them in our city this year. We are looking forward to another joint

event next year. Gene and I are going to work on a weekend trip to Natchitoches staying at another plantation. Any suggestions please let me know.

Our Annual Crawfish Boil is scheduled for Sunday, June 3rd at Tickfaw State Park. Everyone enjoyed this venue so much last year that we decided use it again. Please mark you calendars and send your money in. The last day to pay is Tuesday, May 29th as we have to order the food in advance. Come and enjoy the great food and company!!!

Thanks again to Don Marpe for setting up PayPay on line. You can now pay for the Crawfish Boil, Membership Dues, and Car Show registration. BMCNO is definitely in the 21st Century.

I know that summer is a busy time for everyone taking vacations but we do have a great list of activities left for the year. In July we will visit Delgado for a Tech Session, August is the UnCar Show with a trip to the Abita Brewery first, September is the Natchez Car Show, October is the Funkana, Crusin' the Coast, 2013 Board of Directors Election, and Fairhope Show, November has E.E. Reynolds, and finally in December our Christmas Party. These events are in addition to all area meetings. WOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! This is a very active club.

We now have **148 members** which is 4 more members than last year at this time. We must be doing something good. I described this club to a wife from EMC as a 148 member train speeding down the tracks that never stops.

Please make time during your summer to join us for our fun activities.

**June 2012**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	<u>28</u> <u>Memorial Day</u>	<u>29</u> <u>General</u> <u>Meeting</u>	30	31	1	2
<u>3</u> <u>Crawfish Boil</u> <u>50th Anniversary Spitfire Challenge</u>	4	5	6	7	8	2nd Saturday Art Walk Bay St. Louis Ms./Gulf Coast
10	11	<u>12</u> <u>Board of Directors Meeting</u> Chad Wicker's house	13	14	15	16
<u>17</u> <u>Fathers Day</u>	18	<u>19</u> <u>Baton Rouge Area Gathering</u>	20	<u>21</u> <u>Northshore Area Gathering</u>	22	23
24	25	<u>26</u> <u>General Meeting</u>	27	28	29	Acadiana Chapter Drive

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Items in red are of special interest to all. Contact any Board member or area coordinator.

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***“Mark your Calendar”***

Month	Date	Event	Contact
May	Sat 26th to Jun 3rd	British Car Week - get out and drive your British car	
May	Tuesday, 29 th	General BMCNO Meeting south shore— Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 p.m., Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA	Board of Directors
May	Wed 30th to Sun 3rd	British Car Week National Meet, Hot Springs, Arkansas, http://www.britishcarweek.org/events.html	Keith/Allen
June	Sunday, 3 rd	Crawfish boil, 12 noon Tickfaw Park - \$15.00 per member and \$15 for one additional guest, \$20 for additional persons. Bring your own soft or other drinks. Ladies please bring desserts to share if possible.	Rick Huber
June	Sunday, 3 rd	50th Anniversary Spitfire Challenge, San Antonio Raceway, Marion, Texas Autocross Competition See page 18 for more information	
June	Saturday, 9 th	Gulf Coast/Ms Meeting—Second Saturday, Art-walk in Bay St. Louis	Peter Brauen
June	Tuesday, 12 th	Board of Directors meeting	Chad Wickers House
June	Tuesday, 19 th	Baton Rouge Meeting - dinner 6:00 p.m., meeting 7:00 p.m.Cafe Americain, 7521 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA	Rick Huber
June	Thursday, 21 st	North Shore Meeting - Meeting 7:00 p.m. Abita Brew Pub, 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs, LA 70420	Cliff Hughes
June	Tuesday, 26 th	General BMCNO Meeting south shore— Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 p.m., Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA	Board of Directors
June	Saturday, 30th	Acadania/Lafayette meeting/cruise	Dave Hayden
July	Sat 14th	Delgado Tech Session -Suspension/Wheel Alignment, 9 - noon	Rick Huber
July	Saturday, 14th	Gulf Coast/Ms Meeting—Second Saturday, Art-walk in Bay St. Louis	Peter Brauen
July	Tuesday, 24th	Baton Rouge Meeting - dinner 6:00 p.m., meeting 7:00 p.m.Cafe Americain, 7521 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA	Rick Huber
July	Thursday, 26th	North Shore Meeting - Meeting 7:00 p.m. Abita Brew Pub, 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs, LA 70420	Cliff Hughes
July	Saturday, 28th	Acadania/Lafayette meeting/cruise	Dave Hayden
July	Tuesday, 31st.	General BMCNO Meeting south shore— Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 p.m., Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA	Board of Directors
August	Saturday, 11th	Gulf Coast/Ms Meeting—Second Saturday, Art-walk in Bay St. Louis	Peter Brauen
August	Sat 18th	Board barbeque	Karen and Ronnie
August	Tuesday, 21st	Baton Rouge Meeting - dinner 6:00 p.m., meeting 7:00 p.m.Cafe Americain, 7521 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA	Rick Huber
August	Thursday, 23rd	North Shore Meeting - Meeting 7:00 p.m. Abita Brew Pub, 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs, LA 70420	Cliff Hughes
August	Sat 25th	Un-Car Show—Tour Abita Brewery then dinner and competition at Abita Brew Pub	
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April 2012 Meeting Minutes by Chad Wicker BMCNO Secretary



The April 24th member meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by club president Karen Murray. Patrick Hoppe, son of club member Jimmy Hoppe, was introduced. First discussed was old business.

Allen Bradley and Keith Vezina attended the Fort Hudson event along with John Pearson and 3 others from Baton Rouge. There were also two TR6s and a Triumph Stag. The Angola Band was good, and the Big Cannon was loud.

Jack Kennedy Jr. talked about his recent trip to the Mecon Car Auction in Houston. For \$100.00 registration online, you got one bidder card and four tickets to the event. There were many cars, British cars included TR6s, TR4s, MGAs, XJ6, XJ, and XJS. On a successful bid, the paperwork was completed and the new owner drove the car away.

Next to be discussed was the Bay St Louis Artwalk, attended by Allen Bradley, Keith Vezina, and Cliff Hughes, along with the Bay St Louis members. Ten British cars were in attendance at the event.

Rick Huber discussed the 3rd annual Live Oak Concourse, with featured cars being a 1925 Bugatti type 35A and 1949 Talbot Lago. There were about 15-20 British cars at the show, of a total of about 60 cars. The winner of the British Cars was club member Bob Gullic.

Keith Vezina discussed the 20th annual Pensacola British Car Show. They stopped at A&M Peanuts in Mobile on the way there. Along with Keith, Johnson Buquet, Tommy Boudreaux, Cort M & Mary Ann Musgrave were in attendance. There was a 20th Anniversary driving tour but the Show

itself was overcast and it rained from about 11:00 a.m. until about 10:00 p.m. that night.

Rodger Nagy discussed his visit to Summit Point to see his son race a Mid-60's Sprite. He was leading in the first race until he developed a coolant leak. The second day he ended up spinning out. On the way home, he ran the Tail of the Dragon.

Allen Bradley discussed his grandson's racing exploits. He took 1st prize in a baby race for those under 1 year old. "Bruzer" won a \$250 Gift Certificate at Macy's for his performance at the Hornets game.

Don Marpe discussed the NOLA Motorsports event, with members meeting at the Italian Pie for 10:30 a.m. He also reminded that the event was open to all guests. Don will be looking into the Delta chapter of the SCCA to select possible events for the club to attend. Don also discussed the Crawfish boil and the new Payment system available to members. Karen discussed the EMC weekend event.

Rick Huber drew the winning names for the Sponsor Contest. 1st prize going to Milton Franklin, 2nd prize going to Cliff Hughes and 3rd prize going to Jimmy Hoppe. Next he read the Newsletter trivia, with 1 being no winner, 2 being correctly answered by Keith Vezina and OJ Williams, 3 being correctly answered by Allen Bradley.

Next, Harold O'Reilly Allen Bradley, Keith Vezina, Rick Huber, and OJ Williams discussed projects that they were working on.

The 50/50 drawing for \$26.00 was won by Jack Kennedy Jr. Keith Vezina and Karen Vezina won Microfiber towels and Patrick Hoppe won a mini flashlight.

Baton Rouge Gathering by Rick Huber, BMCNO Vice President



Fourteen of us got together on Tuesday, May 22 in Baton Rouge for our monthly meeting. The manager at Cafe American, where we have been meeting on the 2nd to last Tuesday of every month for what seems like years now, said they weren't

ready for us because nobody told him that we were coming and we have been inconsistent with our monthly meetings. I said we might have missed December because it was Christmas but otherwise it's been pretty darn regular. He said I need to email him to let him know when we're planning to come each month, which aggravated me to no end, but then after the meeting we talked about going someplace else and we couldn't think of a more convenient, quiet place, so we decided to stay. Much ado about nothing.

But we had a fun meeting anyway. We welcomed Dick's son Don. Tom talked about his weekend at the Mitty, Danny talked about the WWII museum. Reg talked about the Cars of Yesteryear, and Tom about how hard it was to find a place to park at the Parkway Bakery & Tavern due to some sort of bicycle event, they gave up and went to Landry's. Reg said that Ronnie had given many people a slip of paper that allowed parking in a no-parking zone, so if you had the slip of paper, it worked just fine.

Rick announced the winners of the Sponsor Contest, and congratulated Milton for winning the contest. Rick talked about recent BMCNO membership with British Marque Car Club News and how member's receive a subscription dis-

count. Reg said there was a good article about our car show in the latest version of the newspaper. Rick mentioned membership renewal, and mentioned that it's now possible to renew online - details in the newsletter.

Then we did Bill Avery's trivia contest from the May newsletter. That was plenty of fun, with John, Milton, and Reg giving correct answers and going home with a fancy green detailing brush. Most weren't aware of the contest, and will spend some time researching answers for the second batch of questions that are published in this newsletter.

We talked about the crawfish boil and had several more people pay or sign up and will pay online. No takers on leading a group from the Bass Pro shop this year, so it'll be a bunch of solo flight Little British Cars descending upon Tickfaw State Park from the Baton Rouge area on Sunday the 3rd.

Reg gave us an update on an EPA initiative to boost the ethanol in our gasoline to 15% in 2013, how much trouble it will cause us, and how ridiculous is the whole notion that ethanol does any good for our boats, cars, the economy, energy saving, or carbon emissions. None of us can figure out why they're doing it, but if you want to make your opinion known, your congressmen or the Historic Vehicle Association are good ways to do it.

Bill told us how much fun it was to see an accomplished accordion player get together with an accomplished organist (Bob) for the first time and play some wonderful music together. Wish more of us could have witnessed that wonderful event.

WWII Museum with EMC by Karen Murray, BMCNO President



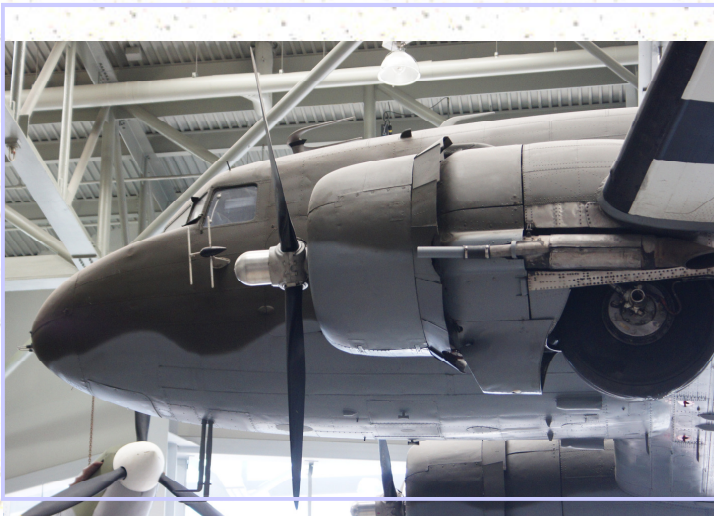
What a weekend!!!!!!!

After 11 months of planning our friends from the English Motoring Club (EMC) of Mississippi had finally arrived in town to party with us British car style.

First on the agenda was meeting at the WWII museum. The museum is so large that no one could possibly stay together to tour. We did meet together at the movie "Beyond All Boundaries" narrated by Tom Hanks. This is a must see for everyone. We had 8 members from EMC attend and 6 BMCNO tour this museum.

Dinner and performance at the Stage Door Canteen was great. The food is by Chef John Besh and the show is tear jerking. The EMC members could not attend as they had other arrangements but Jack & Audrey Kennedy, Pat & Allen Mocklin, and Ronald & Karen Murray Palmisano laughed through the entire performance. This is something everyone should see.

Sunday morning saw many members at Café du Monde on Veterans drinking café au lait and eating beignets. The caravan then moved to Cars of Yesteryear where 68 people toured this wonderful collection. Everyone is always speechless touring



this venue.

Lunch was attended by 35 people at Parkway Bakery by St. John Bayou. There was a festival on the bayou but "when is there never a festival in New Orleans"? We did have secured parking at the New Orleans EMS offices thanks to Cedric Palmisano. Everyone dined on traditional Po-Boys and Barq's Root Beer. The restaurant was the 2nd in the city to make po-boys and has been in business for 101 years. It doesn't get anymore New Orleans than that.



Both EMC and BMCNO left happy and full. Gene Johnson and I are already planning a joint event for next year.

Thanks to everyone that came out to welcome and participate with our guests.



National WWII Museum with EMC



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The Barn Find That Wasn't, Part IV – Justice Prevails by Rick Huber, Vice President BMCNO



Yes, I know it's been over a year since I wrote Part III of this story. I've had a few requests to find out what happened, but very few. I apologize to those of you who read the first three parts and then were

left wondering. I ran into an issue of not knowing how to finish the story. I think I've resolved that now, so here goes. Thanks Bill.

If you haven't read the first three parts and are interested, they're in the Nov & Dec 2010 and April 2011 issues of the Morris Gazette. Part III of my quest to buy a "barn find" 1956 Austin-Healey 100 ended like this: I received a message while praying during our 3 to 4 am adoration hour in October 2009. The message told me how to find the lady I had charged with felony theft in July when the police couldn't. Later that morning, I visited my local Capital One Bank and told the manager the story how I got stiffed after paying for the car. I remembered that Debra trusted my personal check because we both banked with Capital One, and thought she might still have her account with them. She did. The branch manager said if I gave her a copy of the arrest warrant, they'd put a note in Debra's file, detain her if she came in, and have her arrested. I went straight to the Sheriff's office to get a copy of the warrant, and on the way back, the branch manager called

to say she was detained in New Orleans. I got there in 5 minutes, the branch manager called New Orleans, who then called the police. They arrived a few minutes later and cuffed her. Debra was in custody, 6 months after scamming me, and 3 months since I last heard from her while she was on the lam, less than 12 hours after my message. Prayer works!

The assistant DA I worked with said she denied the charges and a court date was scheduled a few months later. During those few months I visited another club member, and told him the story of my lost barn find. To my amazement, he said he had it. Debra had sold it to him, must be about the time her communication with me got suspicious, and he was the one who towed it away from her house that week I was on vacation in June 2009. He offered to testify against her if it came to that, but she had his money, he had the title and the car, and that was that. Possession in this case was the full 10/10ths.

I reflected back to the hectic, euphoric time trying to close the deal. Once she got the title in her name from DMV (not sending it to Peter like she told me she had), she must have decided to stiff me and sell it to somebody else for almost double what I paid. It turns out that this club member had tried to buy the car from Debra's father some years before, just the way that Peter's friend Daniel had, and she must have found his contact information and a higher price he had offered

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while she was looking for the title. So I acted irrationally buying the car without the title because I was afraid of losing it to Peter's friend the Healey dealer, and then I ended up losing it to somebody I knew right here in Baton Rouge. The obvious moral of that story, don't act irrationally. I could have waited for the title and risked losing the car, which would have saved me money and plenty of heartache. In this Little British Car world, another one will come along, there'll always be another chance.

When Debra had her day in court a few months

later, she denied the charge and the story, but I had provided the assistant DA a notebook full of documentation – my own written story, transcripts of texts, pictures of the car in her driveway, the copy of the registration she gave me, a copy of the check I gave her, and the name and contact information of the club member who purchased the car after I did. Guilty! The judge ordered her to pay restitution of \$100/month, so I started getting my money back. The mystery of what happened to the car was solved, and I learned a painful lesson about trusting people even in our normally friendly and trusting Little British Car world.



Live Oak Concours d'Elegance by Rick Huber and Marc Zebouni



Rick Huber

Jeff Cobb brought an eclectic mix of auto world aficionados together again for the 3rd annual Live Oak Concours d'Elegance, a wonderful event for our Baton Rouge and Louisiana area. Billed as an exotic and classic car event, Jeff definitely pre-

fers the "drive 'em" crowd, and the BMCNO responded with about 15 of us driving and showing our cars among the mix of Lamborghini, Maserati, Ferrari, Porsche, Mercedes crowd. The two featured automobiles for this year's show were a 1935 Bugatti and 1949 Talbo Lago race cars brought in by collector David Duthu from Houston. The cars were magnificent, a delight to see and hear. Other notable cars were Michael Glore's new McLaren, Marc Zebouni's 1930 Austin Seven Chummy that was Best of Show for our British Car Day in 2011, a 1969 Maserati Ghibli, a 1957 Mercedes 300SL Roadster, and many, many others.

Automotive celebrities on hand for this year's show were Tom Tjaarda (an American from Michi-

gan), the designer of the de Tomaso Pantera and many other Italian cars, and Anatoly (Toly) Arutanoff (an American from Oklahoma), a world famous driver and collector and his wife. Lory Lockwood (from New Orleans), an automotive artist who

had a conflict or would have been at our show in March, painted the two feature cars under an oak tree, sold the painting to owner David Duthu, and sold posters of the painting to whoever wanted one.

Chef Don Bergeron, a premier gourmet caterer, supplied delicious cuisine for the Friday night dinner as well as lunch during the show, thrilling yet another of our senses during this special weekend. Tom and Toly told stories about their design and racing adventures in the 60's and 70's. A great country drive preceded the show on Saturday and many cars that won awards participated and enjoyed going over the new Audubon bridge between New Roads and St. Francisville.



Mark Zebouni

Live Oak's 2012, 11 winners:

1928 Ford Model A	Best pre-war	1969 Maserati Ghibli	Best Italian
1986 Ferrari Testarossa	Most Exotic	1971 Lancia Fulvia	Most unusual
1959 Cadillac Limo	Best Restoration	1960 Mercedes 300D	Best interior
1925 Bugatti Type 35A	Best French car	1957 Mercedes 300SL	Best German
1953 Corvette	Best American	1925 Bugatti Type 35A	Best of Show 2012
1965 Austin Healey 3000	Best British		

Each winner received a bottle of French Champagne Nicolas Feuillatte. Looking at the list of car marques for 2012, we can say that Live Oak can really be classed among the top US shows. The organizing Committee and Jeff Cobb would like to thank all who participated in making this show a total success. See you next year! Go to <http://www.liveoakconcours.org/> for pictures and more information.

BMCNO at NOLA Motorsports Park by Don Marpe



On Saturday April 28, 2012, there was a fleet of Little British Cars speeding around the 2.75 mile race track at the new NOLA Motorsport Park. Although the laps were called "Parade Laps" there were a couple of little cars

that had every horse in their engine sweating hard. Of course there were some cars and drivers that wanted more, but that was for another day. Nine BMCNO club members were at the event and they brought along another six guests.



rules for the Parade Laps. Marcos Zervigon was the track representative that helped set up the whole event. Wes told the group that the North track is the first phase of the total complex development and the South track will add another 2.8 miles of road. The North track has a front straightaway that is over half a mile long. There were 16 turns and even on the Parade Laps you could get a feel for how much fun it would be to drive at your limits on this track.



The group arrived around 11:00 and spent some time just talking cars and looking at the facilities from the parking lot. Everyone was impressed with the top quality of all of the facilities. Marie Roussel was our gracious host and we thank her for setting up the facilities. Wes Ratcliff gave us the history of the facility and talked about upcoming events. Scott Foremaster is the track's Driver Education Supervisor and he explained the safety

There are several buildings already completed at the facility that house garages for NOLA Motorsport Park members and for those that want to rent the space. There is an office complex, visitor's center and the Kart Center. The main event center is still under construction, but when it is completed will have Stanley's Restaurant and areas to host meetings and other events. For those technical guys,

Wes talked about the preparation of the site before the buildings and roads when in. His chest got big when he started to talk about the race





track itself. Before the first section of black top was put down, the native soil was mixed with fly ash (calcium and lime) to change the Louisiana marsh into a stable and solid surface. Then it was time to start laying the many layers of asphalt. It was not just any asphalt either. An expert in asphalt was brought in to help select the gravel. Not just any gravel would work either. It could not be the round rock that you normally see, it had to have sharp edges so that once it was mixed with the black stuff and placed on the ground, it would not move like you see on some of our roads. All total there were 3 layers of asphalt put down. We answered some questions from the group and then we headed for our cars.

All the cars followed Scott and he set the speed for the group. Even at 40 mph, some of the corners caused a few British tires to squeal in excitement or was it terror. We were able to make five laps around the track and then retired to the parking



lot to discuss how fast we could have gone if Scott had just let us and to ask more questions. It is an amazing track and it is likely that some of us will return in the future to really exercise our engines.



Kart racing sounds like kids stuff until you get into the kart. Three of the members Roger, Keith and Don tested our driving skills in the karts and found Keith's skills to be the best. Your first thought is to give it the gas and zoom around the corners. We quickly learned that this was not kids stuff. It takes real driving skill to get around the track without spinning and still not get passed by other hot shots. After the first 10 minute session (\$25 per session) we were convinced that a second session was for another day. Those club members that drove the karts or watch those that did went to the snack bar on the second floor of the Kart Center where we watched the rookies try to match our skill and lap times.

Club members that attended were Mike Lewis and his wife Sharon, Alan Bradley and his wife Sue, Keith Vezina, Roger Nagy, Wally Friloux, Robert Rougelot, Dave Stiebel, and Don Marpe.

Everyone that attended was impressed with the facilities and planned to come back again if not to use the track, then to just be part of the car community. On the last Sunday of every month, NOLA Motorsport Park has what they call Krewe Du Vroom. It is typically an open car show (just



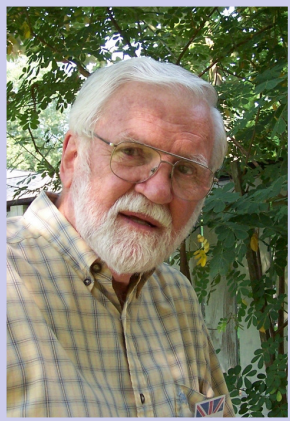
were a couple of cars from our show that were on display. This would be a good event for the club members that just want to spend a few hours with other car guys. The future events will be added to the club calendar in the newsletter.

bring your car and park it – no cost – no pre arrangements needed) in the morning and some special event after that. There are Parade Laps around the track at set times. The Sunday after our event was the first time the track held the event and there were over 100 cars on display that seemed to come and go. When a parking spot in the display area opened up, another car from the big parking lot moved in the open spot. There





"Fiction or fact".....trivially speaking by Bill Avery



AUTO TRIVIA.....growing less significant

Though I've often heard and passed it on.....I now best regard it as fiction or fact.....Mostly fiction with just a modicum of factual seasoning.

Seeking internet verification for my minds vault of auto miscellany, I've found widespread disagreement, even omission of what I had considered gospel.....So now mostly...."Iffen I ain't seen it, did it, nor lived it....I'll just let it lie....Yeah!.....'Lessen of course I could help along this gossipy hearsay with a bit of conjured up embellishment".

Hmmmm....Now lets try some more of that heard and unseen...though believed.

- 1) We built and supplied engines for the first ten years of Henry Fords production.....We were who? _____
- 2) I annually roared through the countryside at full throttle and often full lock....."To the Big Casino".....petrol pedal stuck?.....addicted gambler?.....Who was/am I? _____
- 3) Now a challenge to the Geritol or Hadacol contingency.....

1897 through two decades or more many driving regulatory rules were enacted for the "buggy to auto converts"

Where was the first red-yellow-green traffic signal installed.....the CITY.....

We shielded motorists activities and parades from catastrophic precipitants.....We were/are.

The first recorded auto accident fatality.....what year? _____

Bill Avery (same old Bill)

P.S..... When and where'd you first hear the term "Fiction and Fact"..... I heard it all through the 40s watching my grandmother's monster 6 volt house radio.....nope not a crystal set....."Fiction and Fact from Sam's almanac"....a bit from the "Don McNeil's Breakfast Club" radio show....A M

Note:

Please do your research and find the answers to the above questions. Bring your answers to your next scheduled area meeting. The person with the most correct answers will win a prize.



Online Dues and Event Registration – by Don Marpe, Treasurer



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 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.

Cars For Sale

1978 MGB, new top, new tires, battery. Has O/D and wire wheels. Everything works. Converted to twin SU's. Updated ignition. Very fun and dependable. Red w/black interior. 6500.00 in Baton rouge. 757-701-9295



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 and pay at one of the three meetings in April or May, send a check to the club address by May 27th 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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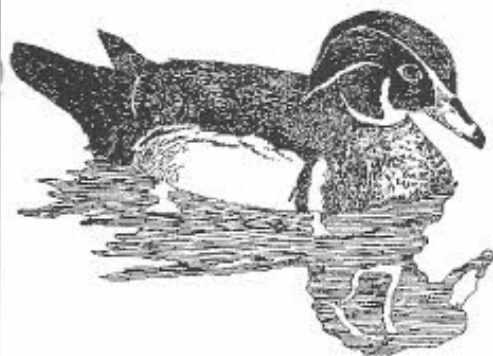
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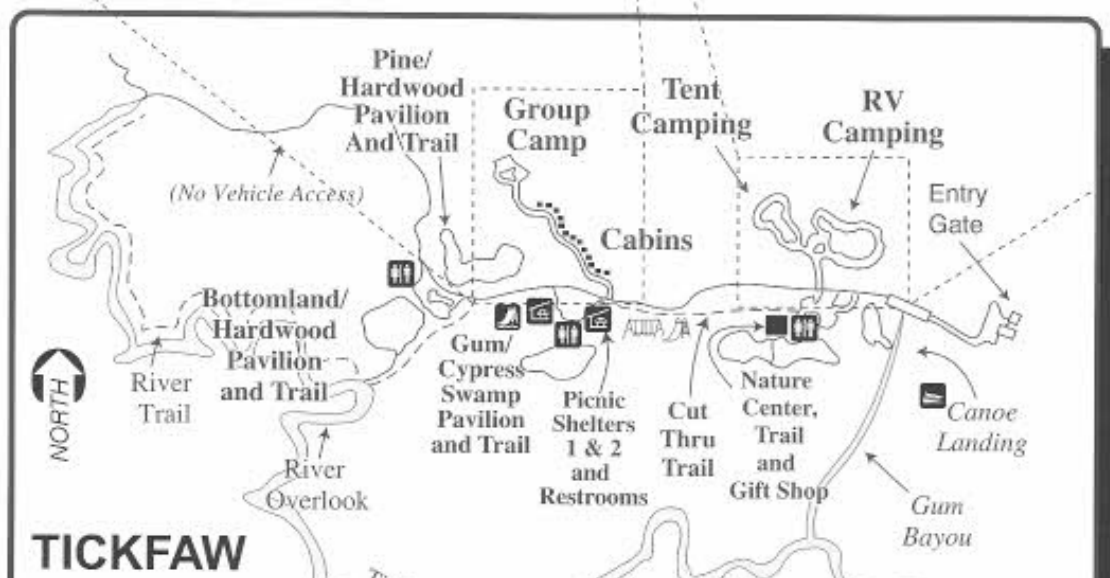
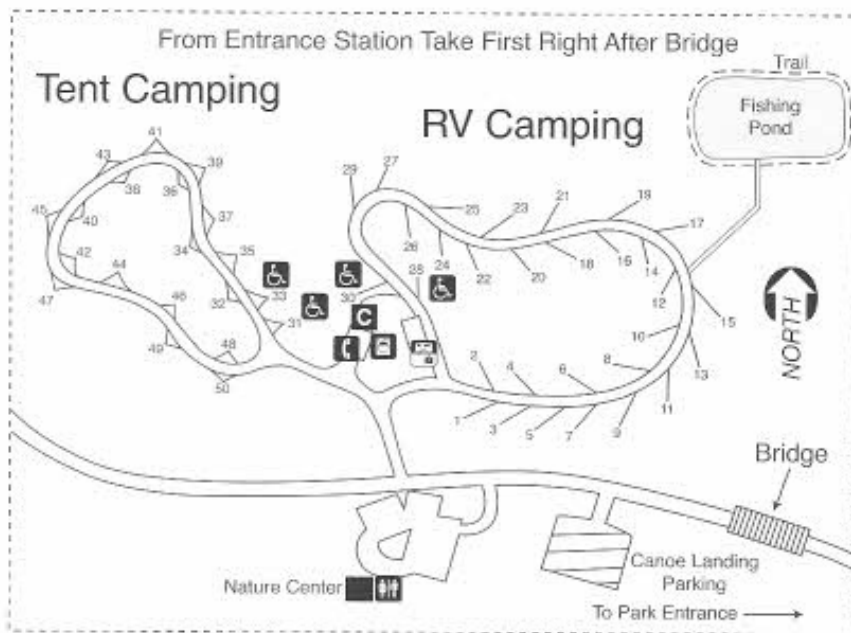
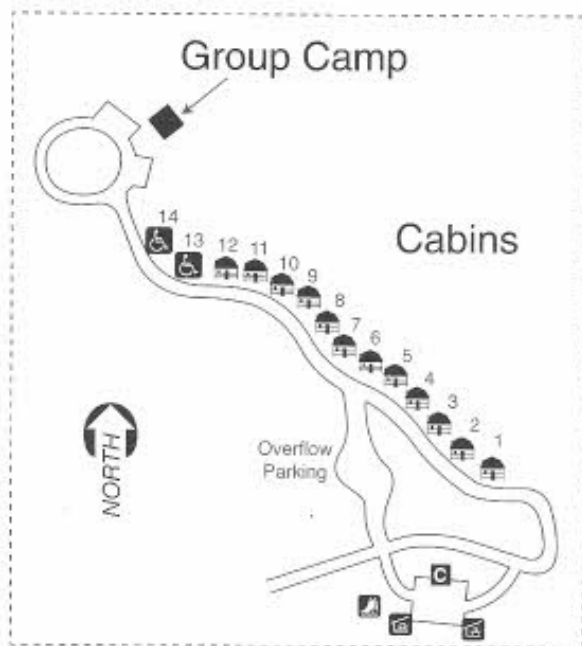
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All items are available at our general membership meeting, or can be requested by contacting me by email at bdmarpe@att.net

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

Don Marpe



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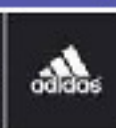
Open to all models & years of
Triumph Spitfires
All cars must be street legal,
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Spokes rules apply for all entries.
(See www.spokes.org for more
information)
Novices welcome
Ladies Classes
Two drivers are permitted for each
car per class.

General Information:

San Antonio Raceway is in Marion,
Texas.
3614 S Santa Clara Rd Marion, TX
78124 at I 10, Exit 597
Entry fee is \$25.00 (Cheap!)
Event Starts at 8:00AM, plan to be
there all day.
Loaner helmets will be available.
There is no food sold at the site so a
picnic lunch is a good idea.

This event made possible by
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Registration:

Enter at:

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- You will need to open an account.
- Select Texas Spokes Sports Car Club
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For more information contact:

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A. Earrings Made by a club member, these earrings feature the club logo, dangling from an earwire. More styles in development!	\$ 5.00 pair	F. License Plate Cover No Club Car is complete without a License Plate Cover or two.	\$ 3.00
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Print 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? _____

What other car clubs do you belong? _____

Include information in the Online Web Directory yes___ no___

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

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1st CAR

Make: _____

Model: _____

Year: _____

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Body Style: _____

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Year: _____

Body Style: _____

Color: _____

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PayPal - www.clubregistration.net (click on British Motoring Club at this web site)

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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 _____