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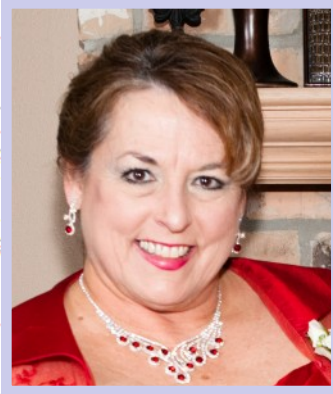
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## President's Message by Karen Murray



### It's SHOW & TELL TIME

At the July 31st General meeting we are repeating our Show & Tell game. Remember to bring something that will stump other members. Prizes will be

awarded for the hardest item to guess. Let's have fun and stump your fellow car enthusiasts.

**August 25th** is also our Un-Car Show. This year the event will begin at Abita Brewery for 1:30 with an hour tour and tasting, then move to Abita Brew Pub in Abita Springs for 3:00 p.m. Lunch and contest will happen at the restaurant. What a fun event with GREAT food, fun people and beautiful cars. So... bring you British cars and win something. This day is all about fun!!! In order to win a prize your car must have something wrong with it. This is not a competition for the "Best Car". BUT... Remember beauty is in the eyes of the beholder and there is always something wrong with British cars.

The time for this event has been moved up due to the Saints/Houston pre season game at 7:00 that night. We are estimating the event will end between 5-5:30. Check out the article on page 10 with a listing of all categories. Let's make this a HUGE event with lots of participants. So bring

your cars or pictures to WIN! WIN! WIN!

Nominations will begin in August for the 2013 Board of Directors. If anyone is interested please volunteer to run for a position. The club has 9 Board members: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, 4- Members-at-Large, and Newsletter Editor. For more information on their duties check out the By-Laws on our website or ask the current board. Board members meet once a month rotating at each other's house. Nominations close in September and elections are in October.

We are still working to solidify a Cruisin' the Coast event. Peter and Melissa have an article on page 9 regarding our participation. Final details will be in the September newsletter but mark your calendars for October 13th.

Membership dues ended on June 30th. Membership Letters were mailed in April. If you have not paid yet and would like to then please mail, PayPal, or bring to the next meeting. Your new membership books and cards will be mailed at the end of August. We would like to have as many as possible listed in these books. So act NOW if you are not current with membership dues. \

Check out "Calendar at a Glance" on pages 4-5 for upcoming club events.

Let's plan on getting a cool snowball after the Tuesday South shore meeting.



### It's that time again!

Your dues fund the Club, it funds the events, it's the lifeblood of the club. Without it, there would be no club. We are not in the business of making money, and all club proceeds are spent on you!

Dues were due June 30th 2012 for the 2012-2013 club year!

Membership directory and membership cards will be mailed in August. Don't be left out of the member directory.



## August 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	July <u><a href="#">31</a></u> <u><a href="#">General Meet- ing</a></u>	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	<u><a href="#">11</a></u> <u><a href="#">Gulf Coast/Ms</a></u> <u><a href="#">Meeting—</a></u> <u><a href="#">Second Satur- day</a></u>
12	13	14	15	16	17	<u><a href="#">18</a></u> <u><a href="#">Board of Di- rectors BBQ</a></u>
19	20	<u><a href="#">21</a></u> <u><a href="#">Baton Rouge</a></u> <u><a href="#">Area Gather- ing</a></u>	22	<u><a href="#">23</a></u> <u><a href="#">Northshore</a></u> <u><a href="#">Area Gather- ing</a></u>	24	<u><a href="#">25</a></u> <u><a href="#">Un-Car Show</a></u> <u><a href="#">Acadania/Lafa- vette meet- ing/cruise</a></u>
26	27	<u><a href="#">28</a></u> <u><a href="#">General Meet- ing</a></u>	29	30	31	1

**Tuesday, July 31st** - General BMCNO Meeting south shore— Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 p.m., Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA

**Saturday, August 11 - Gulf Coast/Ms Meeting—**Second Saturday Art-walk in Bay St. Louis, Peter Brauen (Nominations for 2013 Board of Directors)

**Saturday, August 18 - Board of Directors BBQ** At Karen & Ronnie's House. 4:00 meeting

**Tuesday, August 21 - Baton Rouge Area Gathering** dinner 6:00 p.m., meeting 7:00 p.m.  
Cafe Americain, 7521 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA. (Nominations for 2013 Board of Directors)

**Thursday, August 23 - Northshore Area Gathering Meeting** 7:00 p.m., Abita Brew Pub, 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs, LA 70420 (Nominations for 2013 Board of Directors) Aug 25, 2012

**Saturday, August 25 - Un-Car Show** Join the Fun at Abita Brew House. Tour of Brewery 2:00 p.m. — lunch and contest following at Abita Brew Pub (see article on page 10 for convoy information)

**Saturday, August 25 - Acadania/Lafayette meeting/cruise** (Nominations for 2013 Board of Directors)

**Tuesday, August 28 - General Meeting - 6:00 Dinner and Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy. Harahan, LA, (Nominations for 2013 Board of Directors)

***“Mark your Calendar” continued***

July	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	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 (Nominations for 2013 Board of Directors)	Peter & Melissa Brauen
August	Saturday 18th	Board barbeque -Karen & Ronnie’s house 4:00 p.m.	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 (Nominations for 2013 Board of Directors)	Rick Huber
August	Thursday 23rd	North Shore Meeting - Meeting 7:00 p.m. Abita Brew Pub, 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs, LA 70420 (Nominations for 2013 Board of Directors)	Cliff Hughes
August	Saturday 25th	Un-Car Show—Tour Abita Brewery then dinner and competition at Abita Brew Pub (check article in newsletter for new awards added to contest)	Cliff Hughes / North shore Satellite
August	Saturday, 25th	Acadiana /Lafayette meeting/cruise (Nominations for 2013 Board of Directors)	Dave &Minda Hayden
August	Tuesday, 28th	General BMCNO Meeting south shore– Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 p.m., Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA (Nominations for 2013 Board of Directors)	Board of Directors
September	Saturday 8th	Gulf Coast/Ms Meeting—Second Saturday, Art-walk in Bay St. Louis (Nominations for 2013 Board of Directors)	Peter & Melissa Brauen
September	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Directors meeting	Rick Huber’ house
September	Tuesday 18th	Baton Rouge Meeting - dinner 6:00 p.m., meeting 7:00 p.m. Cafe Americain, 7521 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA (Nominations for 2013 Board of Directors)	Rick Huber
September	Thursday, 20th	North Shore Meeting - Meeting 7:00 p.m. Abita Brew Pub, 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs, LA 70420 (Nominations for 2013 Board of Directors)	Cliff Hughes
September	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Convey to Natchez (check newsletter for detailed information)	
September	Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Brits on the Bluffs – English Motoring Club Mississippi Annual Car Show, Natchez, Ms (check newsletter for detailed information). www.msemc.org , John Turbeville (601) 940 – 5288, Gene Johnston (601) 201 – 0801.	
September	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	General BMCNO Meeting south shore– Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 p.m., Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA (Nominations for 2013 Board of Directors)	Board of Directors
September	Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Acadiana /Lafayette meeting/cruise (Nominations for 2013 Board of Directors)	Dave Hayden
October	Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Funkana - Arrow Aviation in Broussard, LA.	Dave & Minda Hayden / Acadiana Satellite

***“Mark your Calendar” continued***

October	Saturday 13th	Cruisin' the Coast (check article in newsletter for information)	Peter & Melissa Brauen / Gulf Coast Satellite
October	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Directors meeting	TBA
October	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Convey to Fairhope, Alabama	
October	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	South Alabama British Car Show – Fairhope, Alabama	
October	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Baton Rouge Meeting - dinner 6:00 p.m., meeting 7:00 p.m. Cafe American, 7521 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA (Election of 2013 Board of Directors)	Rick Huber
October	Thursday, 25th	North Shore Meeting - Meeting 7:00 p.m. Abita Brew Pub, 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs, LA 70420 (Election of 2013 Board of Directors)	Cliff Hughes
October	Friday 19th	Convey to South Alabama British Car Show, Fairhope, Alabama (check newsletter for detailed information)	
October	Saturday 20th	South Alabama British Car Show – Fairhope, Alabama	
October	Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Acadiana /Lafayette meeting/cruise (Election of 2013 Board of Directors)	Dave Hayden
October	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	General BMCNO Meeting south shore– Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 p.m., Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA (Election of 2013 Board of Directors)	Board of Directors
November	Saturday 3rd	E.E. Reynolds Rallye (check article in newsletter for information)	
November	Saturday 10th	Gulf Coast/Ms Meeting—Second Saturday, Art-walk in Bay St. Louis	Peter & Melissa Brauen
November	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Directors meeting	
November	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Baton Rouge Meeting - dinner 6:00 p.m., meeting 7:00 p.m. Cafe American, 7521 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA	Rick Huber
November	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	North Shore Meeting - Meeting 7:00 p.m. Abita Brew Pub, 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs, LA 70420	Cliff Hughes
November	Saturday, 24th	Acadiana /Lafayette meeting/	Dave & Minda Hayden
November	Tuesday, 27th	General BMCNO Meeting south shore– Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 p.m., Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA	Board of Directors
December	Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Annual BMCNO Christmas Party 5:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.—BOCCE Club of GNO, 2340 Severn Ave. Metairie, Louisiana	Board of Directors
October / November	October 28 - November 2	Vintage Triumph Register 2012 National Convention, Galveston Island, Texas - See the host club Texas Triumph Register at <a href="http://www.texastriumphregister.org/">http://www.texastriumphregister.org/</a> for more information	Texas Triumph Register
December	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Directors meeting	





## ***June 2012 Meeting Minutes by Chad Wicker***



The Member meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by club president Karen Murray. Karen introduced a new member, Darek Guichard, who had joined that night. Darek introduced himself as a Podiatrist and the recent purchaser of a 1977 MGB from E-Bay. He is happy with his purchase.

The Crawfish boil was discussed with 21 people there attendance was light. The crawfish were good and Danny Varnado's game was enjoyed. Allen Bradley, after saying he wasn't going to Back to the Beach, went back to Back to the Beach. He met up with club member Sam McGrew.

Keith Vezina and Cliff Hughes went to the British Car Week National Meet in Hot Springs, Arkansas. They stayed at Ham' Ramsey's condo, which was an adventure in itself, and had a pretty good time. The event was moved from Hot Springs National Park to Hot Springs Village. There were approximately 200 cars at the event. Both attendees won first in their divisions.

The North Shore Meeting was attended by 5 members. The Baton Rouge Meeting was attended by 8 members. The Gulf Coast meeting was essentially rained out with no members in attendance.

George Torlage was the guest speaker for the night and discussed the Delgado painting class and the restoration class. The paint class will be held August to November this year, with the restoration class starting in January of next year. Registration is online only for Delgado, but for advisement, you can call George at (504) 913-3721.

Upcoming events were discussed, including the Tech Session in July, the Un-Car Show in August, Fairhope, E. E. Reynolds, and the Christmas Party. We are working with the Gulf Coast satellite to organize an event around Cruisin the Coast. We are looking for a central location for placement of a tent with Club banners and a British Invasion theme. While we are not directly advising club members participate in the Cruisin the Coast, much value can be had by registering for the actual event. Much of the details need to be worked out.

Club Treasurer Don Marpe presented the treasurer's report. He is also looking into a July SCCA event at NOLA Motorsports, so check the event calendar to see if it materializes. The Last Sunday of the month, car display events are being held and we will be trying to organize events around them. The Motorsports park is open 7 days a week and go-karting is available for \$25 for ten minutes.

Bob Post is trying to organize a BMCNO Day at the Races (horse racing sometime after Thanksgiving). Bob attempted to have the Queen visit us this year but was unable to schedule it, but a little statuette of the Queen was able to wave for us at the meeting. Keith Vezina is gathering more information on an upcoming Cricket Tournament being held in the New Orleans area in August. Keith is also looking into a car show in Winter Park, FL.

Frazier Rice is going to the MGA Nationals this year representing the club. He has successfully worked with nationals to allow certain modifications be allowed to complete with the originals, rather than being placed in the modified class. Frazier brought up the topic of the club trying to host a national or regional event. The club

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



Seventeen of us got together on Rick's birthday Tuesday, July 24, for our Baton Rouge gathering. What a great way to spend a birthday! Turns out that paying dues was a good reason to get together, and that surge increased our attendance compared to the last few

months. Hey, any reason is a good one. We enjoyed dinner and continuing our little British car story telling. Two of the seventeen were Ned and Lois Robertson, new members who just joined after hearing about us from Billy Gray, the Delgado instructor at our last Tech Session who met Ned and Lois at the Pandemonium Car Show at La Freniere Park a couple of weeks ago. Ned said he was looking for a club in his area (Brusly), Billy called Rick with Ned's number, Rick called Ned, and Ned and Lois came to their first meeting that night. Ned has a 1980 MGB LE with a super-charger that he bought in April and he and Lois have been going to shows and enjoying other club events, and they're looking forward to some of our BMCNO events.

Rick made an appeal for membership renewals and got 4 in addition to finding out 3 people who've already sent them in recently.

Past events was the next topic. Rick talked about the Delgado Tech session on July 14 - detailed elsewhere in the newsletter. Ned talked about the Pandemonium show in Metairie - he got a 1st place in his class which included a Fiat, and he's not sure of any other cars in the "Original Classic" class. We talked about upcoming events with the Syngenta show on Saturday, July 28th, the Un-

Car Show in August, and the Natchez show in September. Rick read all the awards proposed for the Un-Car Show, they've gotten to be quite a humorous list.

Bill ran the Trivia Contest, but this month he stumped all of us with all of the questions. It was a good thing, because Rick forgot to bring the prizes that go to contest winners. In order for this to be fun, we're going to have to read the questions and do some research ahead of time. Next month, when Rick sends out the meeting reminder, he'll remind people to look in the newsletter for the questions and look up the answers with Google so we have some competition for the prizes. Bill's looking to morph his column to tales of woe with our cars over the years, particularly deals gone bad or cars lost or unhappy purchases. Come on, everybody has a story, let's start writing them down and sending them to Bill to start publishing them. Whaddya say?

We talked about projects. Tom M. is buying parts for his MGB GT engine rebuild after deciding to forego the V6 conversion. Bob G. is cleaning up and getting his barn find MG TD ready for the road. He brought pictures of this amazing car, nearly original condition, 40 some thousand miles, stored for 21 years. Chrome shines up like new. We can't wait to see it. Tom H. asked about ideas about what he could do with his 2005 Mini transmission besides swap it out for a \$6,000 new one. Milton had an idea to try a service shop that he trusts, and he'll try that.

We started talking about racing in the 50's and 60's and Milton asked if anybody had any pictures from those days. Tom M., Bill, Bob, Tom H. all said they had some. Rick talked about the novel "The Last Open Road" that he had just read by Burt Levy, and said that same

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## CRUSIN' THE COAST- *The British Invasion*



For years now BMCNO has been missing what may be the best car event in the South: Cruisin' The Coast. We have plans to change that

this year.

Now I know what you're thinking- that's a hot rod show, right? Well, no, and yes. The fact is that Cruisin' has over 5000 registered participants. That is not a typo, five thousand cars! If you can think of a genre of classic car, it is there, everything from restored Model T Fords to the Back to the Future DeLorean and everything in between.

Cruisin' is a week-long event that stretches from Bay St. Louis to Ocean Springs. There are venues up and down the coast to park and meet with fellow enthusiasts. Just driving the coast during the week is as close as you can come today to driving with the same cars that would have been around when *our* cars were new. Please visit the website and see for yourself all the activities to choose from. <http://crusinthecoast.com>

There is an entry fee of \$50 if you pre-register before August 15. For your money you get a T-shirt, access to all the venues, discount coupons for dinner at local restaurants, entry to the swap meet and a host of other goodies, plus and most importantly, a place to park at any of the venues up and down the coast. With your package, you get a placard that you are encouraged to get stamped at the various Cruise sites. After completing this card and returning it to Cruise Central, you will be entered to win one of 50, \$500 door prizes! Registration price increases to \$75 after August 15.

Some of the venues are more conducive to group activities than others. At Cruise central (Gulfport) the site of the old VA is ideal with lots of grass parking area and trees for shade; it would not be difficult to assemble as a group at this location. Edgewater Mall (Biloxi) is plenty roomy enough for groups, and D'Iberville likewise. They are however parking lots and can be quite hot. Ocean Springs and Bay St. Louis are tougher to keep a large group together as the venue is the downtown area and the parking is along the streets. Having said that they are each worth a visit as the lineup on the old town streets is spectacular. Bay St. Louis has a secondary site at the old train depot with plenty of parking and shade.

The members of the BMCNO Gulf Coast chapter will be participating in events all week. On Thursday we will cruise the entire coast from Bay St. Louis to Ocean Springs and back in order to get our passes stamped. We plan to find a spot to eat along the way, and will likely spend some time in downtown Ocean Springs. Sometime in the afternoon we will arrive back at cruise central with our filled cards.

BMCNO is planning to assemble en-masse at the Gulfport VA (aka cruise central) on Saturday the 13th. There is plenty of food on site and there are live bands all day at the stage on the grounds. In the afternoon we will cruise down Hwy. 90 to Bay St. Louis and drive through the downtown venue. We will regroup at the train depot and then head off for dinner.

Keep in mind that these 'sites' and 'venues' are blockaded and only registered cruisers can drive thru. That doesn't mean you can't visit, but all non participants must park outside the venue and walk - no fun for driving enthusiasts ;-) Guest parking is quite distant in Bay St. Louis and Ocean Springs.

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originals, rather than being placed in the modified class. Frazier brought up the topic of the club trying to host a national or regional event. The club board is interested in the concept in conjunction with our existing car show. Frazier will collect more information for the board. Harold O' Reilly discussed the VTR Nation event that is being held in Galveston Texas.

The 50/50 drawing was held and \$27 was won by

Chad Wicker. Ronnie Palmisano, Bob Post and Chad Wicker won microfiber towels. Cliff Hughes and Dan Marpe won Mini Flashlights. New Member Darek Guichard and Karen Vezina both won license plate frames. Karen quickly gave her prize to guest speaker George Torlage. The meeting was completed at 9:20 p.m.

Chad C. Wicker

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## ***Baton Rouge Gathering continued from page 7***

day he had looked up some of the historical references in the book, particularly the 1952 SCCA races at Elkhart Lake, WI and Watkins Glen, NY. Rick found not only pictures of the Watkins Glen race, but actually some pictures from Life magazine, one that showed the Allard passing the C-type Jag right after hitting several spectators, killing one, which practically ended open road and through town racing. He also found a YouTube video of that same race. Pretty amazing historical stuff. Anyway, we could probably get pictures together and make an archive of some of the racing in this area in those days. Tom H. asked if any-

body remembered the Harding Field races in Baton Rouge. Tom M. said yes, he actually crewed that race. We tried to figure out what year that was, but only were able to narrow it down to the mid-60s. If anybody's interested in heading up a picture archive project like that, please let Rick know.

That concluded another fun meeting with a big turnout - good food, good friends, and interesting conversation. You just can't beat entertainment like that!

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## ***CRUSIN' THE COAST- continued from page 8***

Dennis Lacoste of Kiln Body Shop has kindly offered parking space for anyone who would like to leave a car near the coast and commute back and forth in their family car. Space is limited, so please make plans early. Contact Peter Brauen for

more details.

More participation details will be added as the event nears, and we will lay out a tentative timetable for those as we go.



## 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Richard Wolf Un-Car Show

The 15th annual Richard Wolf Un-Car Show will be held on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at the Abita Brew Pub located at 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs, LA 70420

One of the goals the Board of Directors has for this year is to increase attendance at club events. With this in mind the board has increased the number of awards to be presented at the upcoming Un-Car Show.

Many of the members have cars that cannot even be driven to this event so to increase participation the Board has suggested some additional interesting categories including judging with pictures.

Page 11 has is a complete listing of awards that may be presented at the upcoming Un-Car Show. There will be something for everyone.

We will all meet at the Abita Brewery, 1084 Louisiana 36 Abita Springs, LA 70433 [http://abita.com/learn/brewery\\_tour](http://abita.com/learn/brewery_tour) no later than 1:45 and take the 2:00 Brewery tour. After the Brewery tour we will continue to the Abita Brew Pub for a late lunch and the Un-Car Show.

You will enjoy a Brewery tour, British cars, great food, conversation and especially the A/C in the restaurant.

**So drive, push, tow, photograph or trailer** your "not show quality" British car to this fun event.



The **South shore** convoy leaves from behind Lakeside Mall corner of Causeway and 17th street. at 12:30 pm.

**North Shore** members meet at the Abita Brewery at 1:30P.M.

The **Baton Rouge** convoy leaves at 12:30 pm. from Bas Pro Shop in Denham Springs.

**Acadiana** members please contact Dave Hayden for convoy information. [dandmhayden@cox.net](mailto:dandmhayden@cox.net)

Gulf Coast members please contact Peter Brauen for convoy information. [pbrauen@gmail.com](mailto:pbrauen@gmail.com)

The three pictures below are examples what you can expect to see at the Un-Car Show.



Two time proud winner



Judging

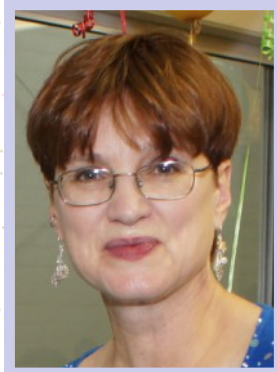




<i>Award Title</i>	<i>Criteria (presentation quality will affect winner selected)</i>	<i>What's needed</i>
UnDo Award	Car with worst wheels	Car entry
Boot Award	The car that will most likely make you walk home.	Car entry
Interior Award	Car with the worst interior	Car entry
Gunk Award	Car with the dirtiest engine	Car entry
Earl Scheib's "Ya get what ya pay for" Award	Worst paint job	Car entry
Spider Web Award	Most impressive windshield crack	Car entry
Duct Tape Award	Car with rattiest top	Car entry
Grand Canyon Award	Biggest dash board split	Car entry
Most in need of restoration	WINNER OF THE UnCar show. Car receives a loving trophy.	Car entry
Safari car wash	Dirtiest car	Car entry
Body show award	Car with biggest dent	Car entry
Sherlock Holmes / Felix Unger	Perfect car inside and out	Car entry
Cars Really Needing Work	Picture of car too bad to drive	Pictures of cars with your name
Before and After	Pictures of before and after restoration	Pictures of cars with your name
Fastest Restoration	Timeline of the start to finish work (pictures, power point, slide show)	Timeline on paper with your name
Longest Restoration	Timeline of start date to current status	Timeline on paper with your name
Most Projects in Progress	List of all the ongoing projects	List on paper with your name
Most Ingenious Presentation	Something different for a presentation	A car or paper presentation that is above and beyond
Most Optimistic Goal	A project that should not have been started, but now that you are in it, you will continue on.	A verbal or pictorial description of the project.



## *Why the Un-Car Show by Cathy Greensfelder      Reprint August 2010 Gazette*



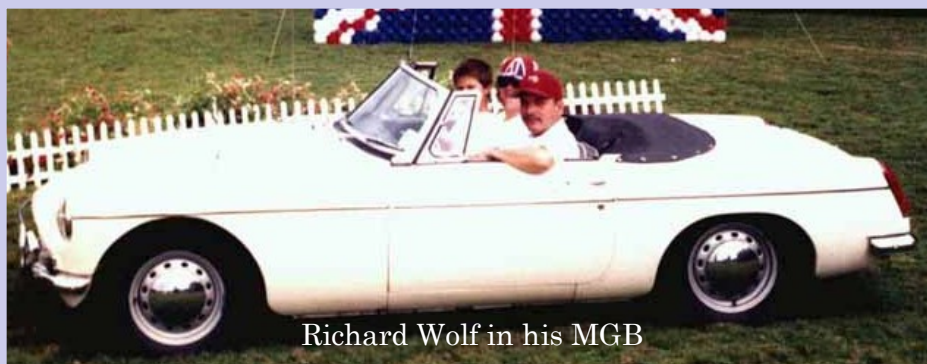
Back in 1998 we were all talking about what could we do in the summer. It's hot. It's muggy. No one wants to be outside or detail their car but we wanted to do something. So someone, I think it was Cliff Hughes, had this thought: what if we have a sort of anti-show for all the WORST cars in the club? Don't wash and wax, have it in a restaurant, inside in the A/C. Park the cars outside and just talk about them!! So we decided to do it, hoping no one would get offended having their car named "worst" in something.

Richard Wolf had been a member since 1996 and wanted to get more involved. He volunteered to put on the event. He found the restaurant, arranged for them to open just for us, arranged for a prix fixe menu, got the street blocked off, bought ribbons.

Bill Breithoff found the "Goodwill Trophy". We tell everyone it's named after the store where we got it but really, Bill dug it out of the back of a closet and artistically broke it!! Bill attached a piece of duct tape to the back and inscribed the winner in black permanent marker. The trophy was

awarded to the car most in need of total restoration, with the understanding that the loving cup would be returned the following year to be passed on to the next winner.

Then we hoped folks would come and enter their cars and not get mad if they got an award. And they did! In fact, people competed for the "awards". During the first couple Un-Car Shows, Roy Richardson taped a yard stick to the side of his TR8 so the judges could see how long the dent was. Charlie Ake hauled his car in on a trailer, no engine, no interior, no top... Dave Hayden wanted to participate but just couldn't face driving in from Abbeville (three and a half hours) in August without A/C. So he drove his red Miata. And brought a life-size, cardboard yellow TR6 facade that he put on the side of the Miata. The cut-out car had real TR6 hub caps and side mirror. (We gave him a certificate for "most in need of being real"!!) Peter Braun started out from Bay St Louis in his British car, but it broke down just a few miles out. He had it towed home and came in his Japanese car. We wrote modified a Participation Award certificate to be a Non-Participation Award for him. When New Orleans was evacuated for Hurricane Katrina, Ronnie Palmisano made sure he took the Goodwill trophy with him so it wouldn't be lost in the storm!!



Richard Wolf in his MGB

Richard Wolf, instrumental in creating this event, passed away in April of 2000. In memory of his passing, the UnCar Show was renamed the Richard Wolf Annual UnCar Show, continuing the tradition of honoring those members that have gone before that were instrumental in making the club what it is today.



## *Delgado Tech Session – Alignment Basics by Don Marpe*



OJ Williams in his TR6



What was advertised as a technical session on front end alignment turned out to be much more for the eleven BMCNO members that attended. Delgado instructor Billy Gray and his ace student John ?

did a great job of giving the attendees the basics of alignment. Chamber is the angle of the wheels top to bottom and is normally slightly negative. Caster is the angle of the wheel forward to back and is also normally slightly negative. This was interesting to the attendees but not very useful since it is not adjustable on most of their cars.

Toe in is the angle that the tires are from front to back. The normal setting is slightly negative (ie pigeon toed) or the tires pointing slightly to the middle of the road. This is adjustable on the British Cars so it was of great value to the attendees. In fact it was extremely valuable to Robert Barback whose MG had over 20 degrees of toe in and it should be less than 1.

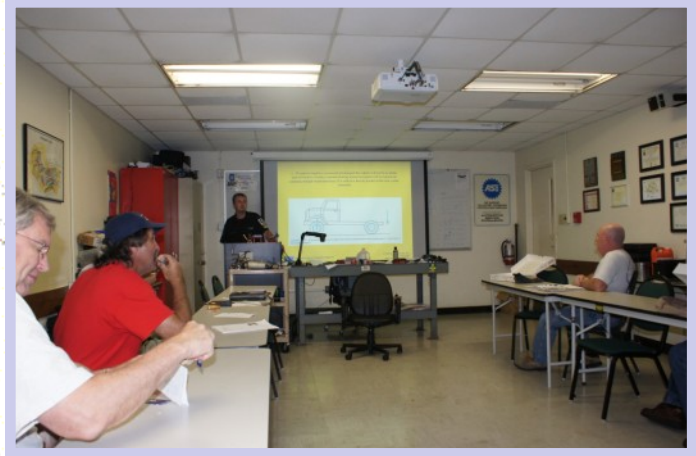
Pete Weber talked to Billy while most of the attendees went out to put their tops up and wash their hands after eating several donuts. He suggested that the group was more interested in putting their cars on the alignment rack than talking more about the engineering of it, so off we went.

OJ Williams was the first to put his Triumph on



the rack. His car had frame rusting issues and he had welded several new frame pieces on the car, so he was very interested in how the alignment ended up. It turned out to be pretty close to the specifications once we found out what they were supposed to be. Steve Lindsley was next with his MG. It also looked pretty good. Danny Varnado was next with his modified MG. An interesting point was Danny's car showed 6 deg positive caster on each wheel, and Billy and John thought that was too much. We started talking about how to adjust it with shims mounting the front suspension cross member to the frame. Then Bob Barback got his green MGB manual out, and sure enough, it showed 7 deg positive caster as the cor-

sulted in the purchase price dropping, but did not help the front end alignment at all. You can see from the before pictures of the alignment machine display, that his car was way off from the slightly



negative toe in desired. John "Ace Student" was nice enough to make some adjustments so that the toe in was closer (see the after pictures) but during the process discovered other front end issues. Bob has some bushings that were worn out and needed to be replaced. After that was done, he could get a proper front end alignment.

The last car on the rack was Gordon "Ham" Ramsey's Avanti. He knew that he had front end issues because his tires would shimmy when he



rect specs, so no problem. Danny had asked the question why the steering on his MGB was so sensitive compared to other cars, and Billy said the positive caster in addition to the rack and pinion steering was what does it.

As expected, his alignment was pretty close to specs. Bob Barback was next with his MG. He has not owned the car very long and just before he purchased it, the owner had gotten the front wheel rims swapped so the knock off hubs were now turning the wrong direction and were able to work themselves loose as the car was driven. The end result was both front wheels came off and the car coasted to a stop on the brake rotors. This re-



took a corner fast. It did not take long for John and Phil to identify that there was a problem. Even Ronnie notices things were moving that





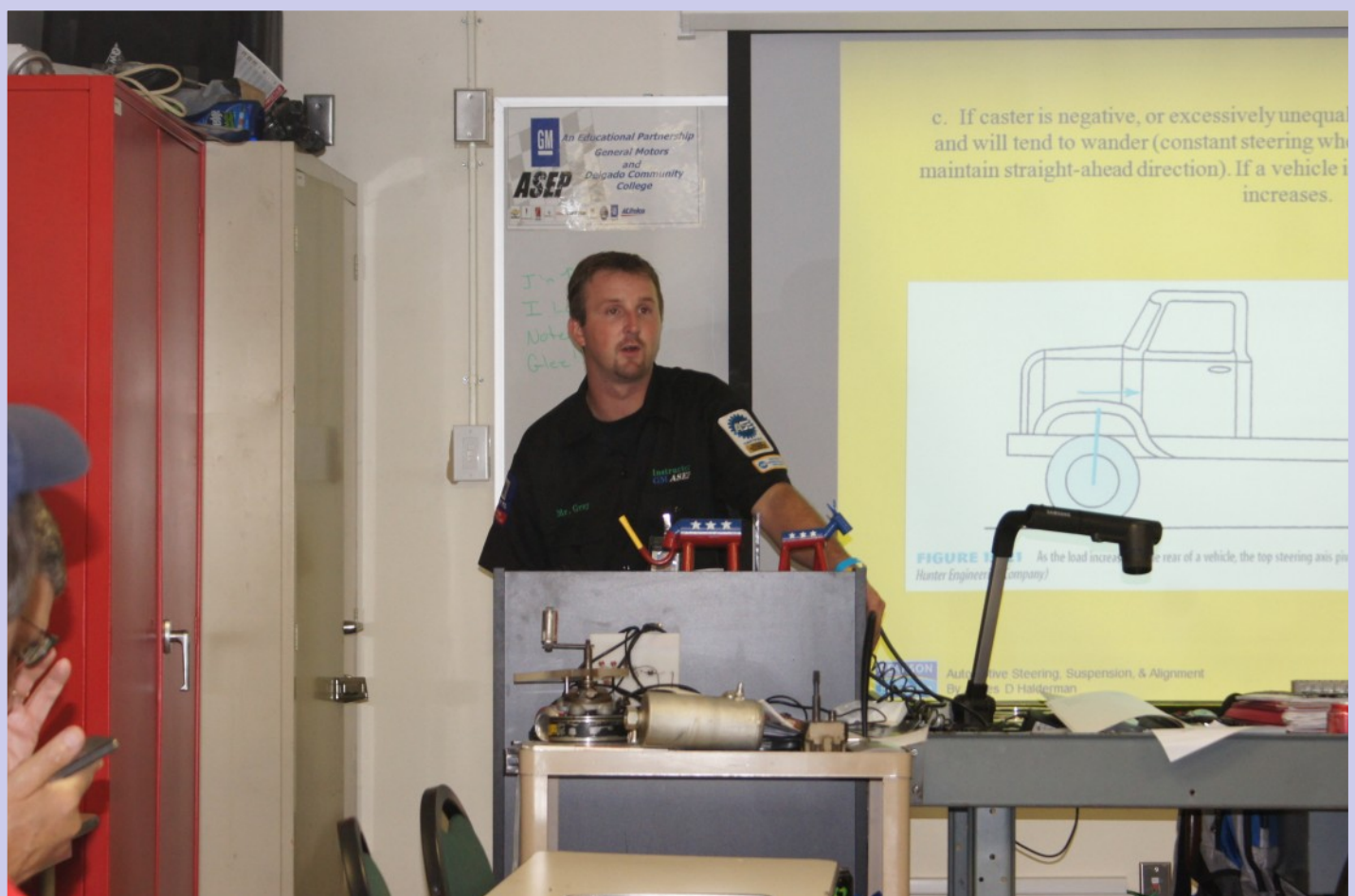
should not move when you shake the wheel. It took a while to identify the real issues but Ham took them in stride. When someone suggested it may be time to sell, Ham just shook his head no. It is all part of the fun of owning cars that are special.

The initial plan was to go out to lunch after the tech session but by the time it was over, no one wanted to spoil their appetite for supper by hav-

ing something to eat. Billy and John had gone way beyond what they had signed up for and the Club showed its appreciation to them. Pete Weber, Gordon Ramsey, Allan Mocklin, Steve Lindley, Allan Bradley, OJ Williams, Bob Barback, Danny Varnado, Rick Huber, Don Marpe and Ronnie Palmisano all thanked them for their time and expertise.









## ***“Drive Away Cancer Now” by Cortland Musgrave***



I subscribe to “Hemmings Sports & Exotic Car” magazine. Every issue has several articles and features that I find very interesting and thumbing through the December 2011 issue an article on

page 88 brought back some rather fond memories that I thought I might share.

When I graduated from college, I started an automotive electrical repair business that catered to foreign car repair shops. The idea was simple, most repair shops at the time could not find the talent to efficiently diagnose and repair electrical problems. I could step in, perform the work, charge the shop, and they could in turn, mark up the repair as they felt necessary and service the customer. Apparently the idea was a little ahead of its time (glass companies do all of the time now) because only a couple of shops went for the idea.

As a result, I was looking for some other ways to fortify my income. Someone told me about a guy restoring an Alfa Romeo in the back of a Snow Ball machine manufacturing place in town. I stopped by and after being checked out to make sure I wasn't someone going to shut the operation down was allowed in the very back of the building (the storage area) to find an English guy named Paddy working on a pre-war Alfa Romeo 6C2500 Cabriolet. In addition to that, he had several Austin Healy's, MGA's & other British cars that needed to be restored. I had found the mother lode of cars to restore and was very excited. I explained that I had paid for college repairing and restoring these types of cars and would love to help restore these cars. He agreed and explained that he was fixing them up to make complete running cars

that started and stopped and sending them back to England for enthusiast to buy and start performing their own proper restorations on them.

One of the cars that piqued my interest was what appeared to be a right hand drive Austin Healy 100/4 with a badge stating “Austin of England” on the trunk lid (boot lid?) and several badges on the lower right front fender (wing?). The car had no engine or transmission and as the story goes, was supposed to be an American V8 recipient from some guy in Texas who apparently made a name for himself putting V8's in LBC's. Fortunately, he left this car alone after pulling out the engine and transmission. Paddy had a newer 100/4 engine and transmission that he settled on after not being able to find an older engine and 4 speed with 1<sup>st</sup> gear locked out and overdrive that originally came with the car.

After some convincing, Paddy decided to start putting this car together. Right away we noticed that this car was not like other 100/4's that any of us worked on. For instance, the car had 4 wheel disk brakes. Now we all knew that 100/S's had 4 wheel disk brakes but they all had Girling and these were Dunlop. The front of the car still had a 100/4 grill and we also noticed that the hood (bonnet) was louvered and held with a strap but back in the day any boy racer could have done that.

After consulting with my father we started investigating the badges on the “wing” and found out that they were from hill climb events in England and discovered that hill climb events were attended by up and coming and experienced racers to improve and hone their skills for the track.

He wanted to see the car for himself and after getting clearance brought him over. He was awe struck and determined that it may be some sort of prototype as it looked like a 100/M with 100/S fea-



tures but had several unusual things about it. We started to perform a “sympathetic” restoration on the car which means that you keep as much of the original “patina” of the car as possible.

My father took some time off of work and was able to knock out all of the dents to the body without further damaging the paint or anything else.

Paddy offered him an unrestored Elva Courier that had to be picked up in Alabama with a shovel and flatbed as payment.

Well, this Austin Healey was built sometime in the early 1950's and any racing history buff knows about what happened at Le Mans in 1955 with Austin Healey and Mercedes Benz. Briefly, Austin Healey's entry was hit by Pierre Levegh's magnesium bodied Mercedes Benz 300SLR which launched into the grandstands hitting a water fountain and bursting into flames killing Levegh and over 80 spectators.

That was the last factory sponsored Mercedes race car until the 90's. This event left Austin Healey without a car to finish the season. Lance Macklin (Austin Healey's race director) was driving the test mule that he used to help develop the 100/S as a personal car taking it to hill climbs, getting groceries and such and decided that it could finish the race season as the factory entry. So our little car found its way on the paddock for the last race

of the season at Sebring.

Back then at the end of the season, used factory race cars were about as valuable as termites to a house and were dumped off on anyone that showed interest.

We found out that the Texan who happened to be “attending” the race with a racer friend bought the car to race privately, found it too slow and decided to replace the engine and transmission with some V8 power when he started developing race cars with some interesting features such as fans that would suck the air from under the car to provide more grip. That feature was so efficient that the rulebooks were rewritten stating that fans could not be used to suck cars to the track.

As a result, all modern race cars use spoilers that produce so much down force they can be driven upside down on the roof of a tunnel. The man in question was no other than Jim Hall. The cars that he developed were known as Chaparral's and his friend was Carroll Shelby, the man that put a V8 in a LBC.

For more information on Drive Away Cancer Now go to <http://driveawaycancer.org/>.







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



AUTO TRIVIA.....Waning.....Fuzzier Fiction

Hello again,

My offerings are fading. It seems that the further I reach into the "Auto did you know?" the lesser known crops up to block items of general interest.

I don't mean to suggest that I have no memories of facts and figures of tales that some might find interesting, or laughable, because I surely do.

There are tales of repair shop and race weekend happenings, SCCA parties that I would clearly struggle to condense into minimal facts and figures.

I also suspect that they would bore a great percentage of the members even though they are from the era of L.B.C. dominance, you know, prior to the Asian Invasion.

Now surely one or more of you, the collector, restoration, or research type would like to jump in and give us a different slant on trivia.

Facts are suggested though not mandatory.....Fiction to inform or entertain ....neither required.....What say?....'Til then.....

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2) Supplied power plants for early Morris Minors

3) Designed 2 winners of A.J.Foyt's "Indy" cars

Mardi Gras G.P. winner Intrepid and multiple

Daytona 24 Hour Race Winners

4) Residence of Henry Jr., Clara, and Edsel

Choose one...Stonehenge, Hawaii Kai, Fairlane

5) Jag offered no Mk VI after Mk IV and Mk V.....'how'd

that happen.....somebody goof?

P, S. .We need a bit more Brit in here, huh?

The fly in Monty's ointment, the burr beneath his saddle. Choose just one....George Raft, George Patton, Boy George, George Marshall

"Well, by George, Me thinks you'll get it"

Bill Avery (same old Bill)



## 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

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September 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012



The English Motoring Club of Mississippi proudly announces its annual all-marque car show and celebration to be held in Historic Natchez Mississippi the weekend of September 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Bowie's Tavern - Reception:** Friday evening, in the historic "Bowie's Tavern," an 1844 Cotton Warehouse converted to an "antique pub." It is right on Broadway (just up from the show site), and offers tasty appetizers, specialty pizzas, salads, sandwiches, and of course, a full bar.

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# *The English Motoring Club of Mississippi*

## **Brits on the Bluff 2012**

### **All Marque British Car Show & Celebration**

**September 21<sup>st</sup>, & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012**



## **Schedule of Events**

Reception/Evening Social.....	5 pm – 7 pm, Friday
	<i>Bowie's Tavern</i> Light Hors d'oeuvres
Arrive at Show Site.....	10 am, Saturday
	Natchez Bluff Park
Registration.....	10 am – Noon
Show & Competition.....	Noon to 2 pm
Judging .....	Noon to 1 pm
Awards Presentation.....	2 pm, Show Site

For further information about the show, the weekend, events or happenings contact Gene Johnston (601) 607-7021 (jjohnston18@msemc.org) or John Turbeville (601) 940-5288 ([joturbe@comcast.net](mailto:joturbe@comcast.net)).

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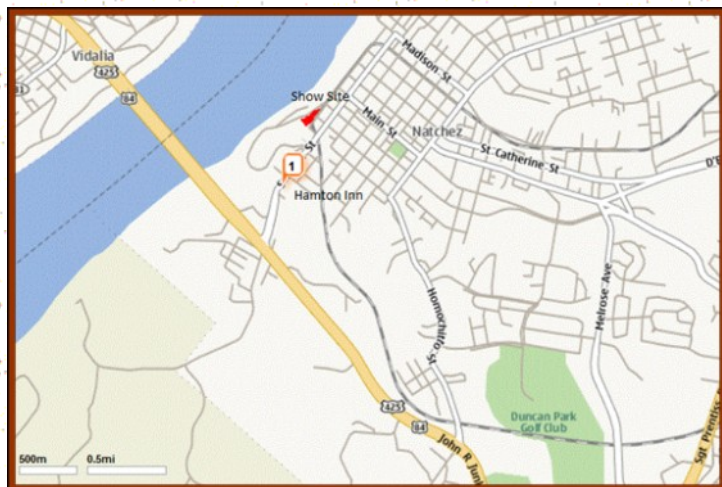
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