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Cruisin' the Coast in style with Peter Brauen



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President's Message by Karen Murray



When the polls open on Election Day, every citizen over the age of 18 will be able to cast a vote. It is a right we take for granted, one that defines our nation as a democracy. It is a right that we have be-

cause of the thousands of man and women that fought and died through 236 years of wars. It is a right that our armed forces are still fighting to protect today in 2012. It is also a right that not everyone on planet Earth will have or has had in their lifetime. So please whatever you have to do on Tuesday, November 6th put aside until you honor those that fought for your right to pull a lever in an election poll. Honor your children, grandchildren, and future generations by voting for the best leaders to run this great country until it is their turn. Step up to the plate as our forefathers did. Nothing you do that day will ever be more important!!!!!!

Now for BMCNO Club news.....

Don't forget the E.E. Reynolds Rallye on Saturday, November 3rd. This Rallye is in honor of one of our founding members. Details are on page 18.

I would like to thank a few people for the wonderful events in October. For me there is one word description of October "HECTIC". Every weekend in the month was booked with a car show event. If anyone was bored, sitting at home with nothing to do then you did not

read the calendar of events.

Starting with the Funkana: thanks to Dave and Menda Hayden for another great event. I also don't want to miss a big thank you to Cara Hayden and Fred Stokes for their continued support of this event. Mr. Cryil Guidry from Arrow Aviation has been extremely generous allowing the club to have the Funkana on his property. What a fun day with beautiful cars, extremely nice people and amazing helicopters to look at. Thank you again for a great event.

The next weekend event was Cruisin' the Coast with a final tally of 6,169 cars. The Gulf Coast Satellite organized by Peter and Melissa Braun did an outstanding job planning 3 days for our club members. Thursday and Friday were dedicated to cruising and getting their cards stamped for door prizes. Saturday was a day set aside for parking and looking.

Our members parked on the beautiful 1917 grounds of the Gulfport VA Hospital under old oak trees with Spanish moss swaying in the wind. You could sit and picture veterans starting from the Civil War getting services at this site.

We sat in our folding chairs watching all different types of cars bringing in their stamped forms. We arrived at 9:30 a.m. and left at 3:30 p.m. The entire 6 hours was devoted to Non -British car owners checking out our little "gems". There was a constant crowd of people complementing our cars. Make sure to put this on your agenda for next year.

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November 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<u>30</u> <u>General Meeting</u> <u>VTR starts</u>	<u>31</u> <u>VTR National</u> <u>Convention</u>	<u>1</u> <u>VTR National</u> <u>Convention</u>	<u>2</u> <u>VTR National</u> <u>Convention</u>	<u>3</u> <u>E.E. Reynolds</u> <u>Rallye</u>
4	5	6	7	8	9	<u>10</u> <u>Gulf Coast/Ms</u> <u>Meeting—</u> <u>Second Satur-</u> <u>day</u>
11	12	<u>13</u> <u>Board of Di-</u> <u>rectors Meet-</u> <u>ing</u>	14	15	16	17
18	19	<u>20</u> <u>Baton Rouge</u> <u>& North</u> <u>Shore Area</u> <u>Gathering</u>	21	<u>22</u> Happy Thanksgiv- ing	23	<u>24</u> <u>Acadania/Lafa</u> <u>yette meet-</u> <u>ing/cruise</u>
25	26	<u>27</u> <u>General Meet-</u> <u>ing</u>	28	29	30	1

Oct 30, 2012 General Meeting, Meeting 7:00 p.m., Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA, (2013 Board of Directors Election)

November 01, 2012 - VTR National Convention, October 28th - November 2nd at Galveston Island, Texas (see page 29)

November 03, 2012 - E.E. Reynolds Rallye
See article page 20.

- ⇒ 8:00 a.m. Southshore - convoy departs from Kenner welcome Center. I10 at Loyola
- ⇒ North Shore members contact Cliff Hughes for information.
- ⇒ Mississippi/Bay St, Louis members contact Peter Brauen for information.
- ⇒ 9:30 a.m. Baton Rouge Members meet at Cash's casino & truck stop.
- ⇒ 9:30 a.m. All convoys meet at the Cash's casino & truck stop.

November 10, 2012 - Gulf Coast/Ms Meeting - Second Saturday - Art-walk in Bay St. Louis

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

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

November 20, 2012 - Northshore Area Gathering - Meeting 7:00 p.m.- Abita Brew Pub, 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs, LA 70420

November 24, 2012 - Acadania/Lafayette meeting/cruise

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

***“Mark your Calendar” continued***

October	Tuesday 30 th	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 3 rd	E.E. Reynolds Rallye (check article page 15.)	
November	Saturday 10 th	Gulf Coast/Ms Meeting—Second Saturday, Art-walk in Bay St. Louis	Peter & Melissa Brauen
November	Tuesday 13 th	Board of Directors meeting	Steve Lindsley
November	Tuesday 20 th	Baton Rouge Meeting - dinner 6:00 p.m., meeting 7:00 p.m. Cafe Americain, 7521 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA	Rick Huber
November	Tuesday 20 th	North Shore Meeting - Meeting 7:00 p.m. Abita Brew Pub, 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs, LA 70420	Cliff Hughes
November	Saturday, 24 th	Acadiana /Lafayette meeting	Dave & Minda Hayden
November	Tuesday, 27 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
October / November	October 28 - November 2	Vintage Triumph Register 2012 National Convention, Galveston Island, Texas - See the host club Texas Triumph Register at http://www.texastriumphregister.org/ for more information. See flyer page 23.	Texas Triumph Register
December	Saturday 8 th	Annual BMCNO Christmas Party 5:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. BOCCE Club of GNO, 2340 Severn Ave. Metairie, Louisiana	Board of Directors
December	Monday 10 th	Board of Directors meeting	



MERRY CHRISTMAS (a little early)

The British Motoring Club of New Orleans (a.k.a. Big Meal Club)

Cordially invites it's members to the

Annual BMCNO Christmas Party

Saturday, December 8th, 2012

5:00 p.m. - 9:00p.m.

Bocce Club of GNO

2340 Severn Ave.

Metairie, Louisiana

RSVP: Karen Murray, karenmurray@cox.net

or

Rick Huber, Vice President at mlandrick@gmail.com

Please join us for GREAT food, good friends, lively conversations, and plenty of surprises for everyone. This year we plan on having more surprises than last and a surprise visitor.

Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish. The club will provide the turkey, ham, gumbo, and all drinks. Please bring those delicious holiday dishes that everyone enjoys so much.

Note: The party was moved to a Saturday night to hopefully allow more out of town members to attend. Please make every effort to join in this fun filled night.

Donate food items for Second Harvesters Food Bank at the Christmas Party. With the declining economy more people are in need of assistance this holiday season. You will receive a raffle ticket for every food item contributed with the chance to win great door prizes. The board has collected very nice door prizes to be won at this party. So.....let's contribute.



September 2012 General Meeting Minutes by Chad Wicker



The September Member meeting was called to order by Club president Karen Murray at 7:04 p.m. Karen introduced two visitors, Richard Cunningham and Don Pritchett, from the South Alabama British Car Club (SABCC).

The recent Uncar show was discussed. It was a very popular event this year with about 50 people in attendance. The tour of the Abita Brewery was as well received as the free beer. The awards presented at the Abita Brew Pub are listed in the October newsletter with Pete Weber taking most of the coveted awards. Pete did get flooded in LaPlace, but the winning car (and trophy) are OKAY.

The North Shore meeting had 8 members in attendance. The Baton Rouge meeting had 9 members in attendance. The Baton Rouge meeting brought up a possible drive to get more British Motorcycles in the club and potentially hold British Motorcycle focused events.

Club member Derek Guichard reported on the English Motoring Club of Mississippi car show in Natchez. Fifteen BMCNO members were in attendance from our club. The lady's went shopping on Saturday. There were 48 cars in the show. Winners from our club are listed in the October newsletter. The Plantation Dinner after the event was a hit. There were eight people on one table and six on another table for the private dining event, accompanied by a Violinist. Keith Vezina had an issue with his fuel pump and hydraulics just prior to the trip. Allen Bradley provided rebuild kits to help. He still had problems on the trip and ended up having to replace the

fuel pump. One the way home, Allen hit a turtle. Just another animal to add to his GROWING list.

Karen Murray discussed the upcoming Funkana on October 6th. Keith Vezina discussed the 4th annual Euro Renaissance festival (see October newsletter for details). For this event, an application must be submitted for approval to enter a car in the event. Cars are parked in front of sponsoring stores and no fees are charged to enter. Friday morning, the Rolls Royce Club will be cruising.

Karen discussed the Cruisin' the Coast event as detailed in the October newsletter. Bring lawn chairs, water and sunscreen. Dinner reservations are at the Silver Slipper Casino for 5:00 p.m. Also discussed was the VTR convention in Galveston Texas that Karen and Ronnie are attending.

Visiting SABCC president, Richard Cunningham, discussed their upcoming show featuring the 50th Birthday of the MGB. After the show, the local Rotary Club will be presenting Octoberfest nearby (a separate event). Keith Vezina made reservations for 20 people on Saturday at Guidos. It's about a two and a half hour drive to Fairhope and the plan is to stop along the way for lunch. Don Pritchett makes the coveted specialty awards for the show.

Nominations for officers for the 2013 year are as follows:

President:	Karen Murray
Vice-president:	Vacant
Secretary:	Chad Wicker
Treasurer:	Jack Kennedy, Jr
Members at Large:	Don Marpe
	Alan Mocklin
	Reg Dunbar
	Oniel J Williams
	Steve Lindsley

All are running unopposed and nominations are closed.

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September 2012 General Meeting Minutes continued...

The 2013 Car Show preparations are already in process. Don Marpe has agreed to run the show and will need volunteers to fill the needed Chairman positions. The Days Hotel on I-10 Service Rd. and Causeway Blvd. has been confirmed as the host hotel. We are also seeking suggestions for a T-shirt design. We have three designs proposed so far, a Café du Monde in the background, a Mardi Gras theme, and a State outline (with the Gulf Coast included) with something local to represent the areas represented, Acadiana, Baton Rouge, GNO, North Shore, South Shore, and Gulf Coast. If you have any ideas please email them to Steve Lindsley as soon as possible.

The 50/50 raffle for \$27 was won by Cliff Hughes. Wally Friloux, James Hoppe, and Chad Wicker won mini flashlights. Thomas Bonner won

car wipes.

Keith Vezina is working on his '67 MGB. James Hoppe is working on a fuel/Carb/Spark problem. Derek Guichard is planning on installing AC in his car. Randy Semones has his MGB off blocks now. Tom Bonner is planning to fix a rust problem on his hood but is having problems finding his paint color. Jack Kennedy is working on his MGA. Mike Anderson still has his car stashed throughout his house. Ham Ramsey is working on his cars, but admits they all need work. Chad Wicker's car still needs to be stripped for bodywork and re-painting. Visitor Richard Cunningham has finished his work on his Jaguar.

The meeting was closed at 8:36 p.m.

President's Message continued...

Thanks to the Gulf Coast group for helping to organize this.

I would also like to thank Bill Avery for his continued enthusiasm and support submitting such interesting articles in our newsletter. We are trying to work up a British Car History session at our up-

coming Car Show. Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

On a more serious note..... Tom Daughdrill was involved in a serious car accident in Mississippi while driving his MG Midget. He is doing okay but his passenger was killed. Please keep all involved in your thoughts.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Please welcome our new members at the next meeting.

Patrick and Carol Coon
Biloxi, MS 39532
1964 MG B

David and Priscilla Nezat
Youngsville, LA 70592
1976 Triumph TR6

Keith and Tina Wicker
Lafayette, LA 70503
1967 Triumph Spitfire
2009 Lotus Exige S260



And The Winners Are.. by Karen Murray, President BMCNO



Thomas Boudreaux, Allen Bradley, Johnson Buquet, Darek Guichard, James Hoppe, Rick Huber, Jeff Ragusa, David Steeble, and Keith Vezina all won places at the South Alabama British Car show in Fairhope, Alabama on October 20th.

Johnson and Mary Buquet also won the longest distance driven with their new JAG they were driving home from New York. Keith Vezina won People's Choice Award for his unique mobile bar. Other members that attended were Karen Muray, Ronald Palmisano, Harold O'Reilly, and Ted Oster.

Fairhope was the ideal weekend including cool breezes, sunny skies, great cars, amazing food, and fantastic shopping. The weekend couldn't have been better or more fun. As usual the convoy left Friday morning picking up people at the Mississippi Welcome Center. Lunch was at the Original Oyster House in Alabama with dinner at the Welcome Reception. We again stayed at the Baron's Hotel with the our friends from the Mississippi Club.

Saturday the ladies left at 10:30 for their long awaited downtown Fairhope shopping. The men



were washing and cleaning their cars. Saturday night dinner included 21 people at Guido's Seafood Italian Restaurant. The Italian seafood is unbelievable with the chef studying in New Orleans.



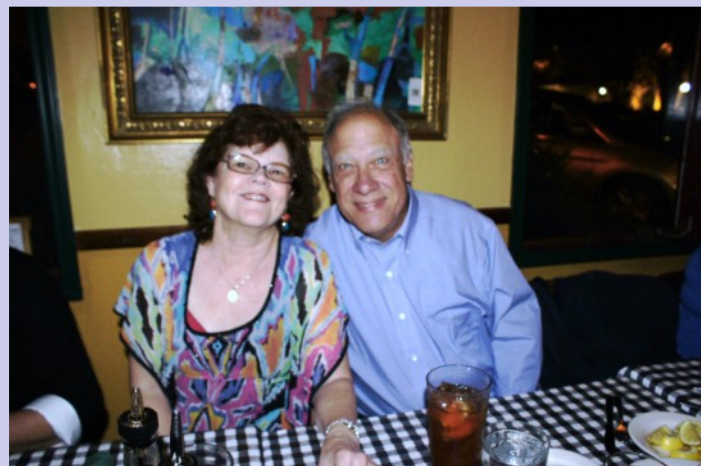
Sunday morning is coffee and muffins and then back to New Orleans. Everyone had a great time and it was really sad to say goodbye to our friends from Florida, Mississippi, and Alabama but all of them promised to see us in March for our car show. We even have a bet with the Alabama club. We registered 10 cars for their show so they have to outdo that number. Let's see how many they bring.



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South Alabama British Car Show continued





Baton Rouge Happenings by Rick Huber, BMCNO Vice President



Eight of us got together on October 23 for our monthly eat and meet. We talked about all the great events there have been in the past month - Renaissance Euro-Fest in Ridgeland, Cruisin' the Coast, and

the car show in Fairhope.

Plenty of other write-ups about those events, but it sure has been a great month to be a Little British Car owner/driver/thrill seeker. Still a couple of events coming up with the VTR meet in Galveston the first weekend in November, unfortunately the same weekend as the EE Reynolds Rally.

Tom Miller talked about upcoming events at NOLA Motorsports Park, plenty of activities and races. He had tickets for the Ferrari challenge the weekend of the 26th and 27th, a couple of us took him up on the free tickets offer.

Going around the table talking about projects we found out that Milton is just about finished with his Triumph TR6 motorcycle and will have it out and on the road in the next few weeks, Tom's engine is back together and it won't be too long before he gets it back in his MGB-GT and he gets back on the road, Bob's MGA is sporting a new rear end and it's back on the road again, and his TD is looking better and better with all the TLC he's giving it. Stuart joined us driving his Midget, and reports that his long in work MGB is getting

ready for it's debut.

Randy is looking to pull an 8.8" Ford rear end at a salvage yard this weekend to put in his MGB-GT V8, and while he's at it, he's going to pull the engine again and swap out the transmission that's not working well.

Danny's been driving his cars, with the Red Rocket making another appearance at Cruisin the Coast. Rick still hasn't started working on his 66 MGB, but hey, it's been show season.

Rick read the names of prospective 2013 Board Members and all received a resounding "Yay!!!", making it unanimous from the Baton Rouge group.

An idea from the group for an event for 2013 is the NOLA Motorsports Park vintage races. We'll have to look up the schedule and see what we can organize.

In the mean time, we're looking forward to EE Reynolds and the Christmas party.



Gulf Coast Happenings by Melissa and Peter Brauen



Club members Peter and Melissa Brauen kicked off their Cruisin' experience Tuesday the 9th of Octo-

ber with a run in their Austin Healey 3000 MkIII to Cruise Central in Gulfport to pick up their registration for the event. The weather was absolutely perfect with not a cloud in the sky and an early morning temp in the 50s. As it turned out, Jim Collier with his Austin Healey 3000 MkII was also at Cruise Central making for a nice impromptu British get-together. The pair of cars drew quite a crowd.

Thursday the 11th was the next big Cruisin' day. All venues are open simultaneously from Bay St. Louis to Ocean Springs. Owners Peter and Melissa Brauen in their Austin Healey 3000, Arnold and Steven Chabaud in their '68 E-Type, Pat and Carol Coon in their '64 MGB, Jeff and Heather Filina in their Triumph



Spitfire, Gene and Ann Gillam in their MGTC racer, and Frazer Rice in his MGA MkII. Met in Bay St. Louis at 9 AM to literally Cruise the Coast.

The first stop was Bay St. Louis' Old Town where we got our cards stamped and cruised through the venue to the amazement of the crowd gathered there. From there the group proceeded to Cruise Central in Gulfport to pick up registration packets. Unfortunately, the E-Type's alternator failed en-route and Arnold and Steven had to drop out to get things fixed. So only five cars made it to Cruise Central.

The next stop was Ocean Springs, and there we encountered the only real traffic we had experienced so far. It took about fifteen minutes of stop and go to get into the venue which was absolutely packed to the gills. Again, the appreciation for *our* cars was overwhelming; it seems everyone has owned one or known one at some point in their lives. We found a place to park on a side street just a block off the main drag and walked around the corner to eat at a wonderful

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Gulf Coast Happenings continued...



little Italian place called Al-Frescos. After some much needed lunch and a cold beer (or two) we headed back to the cars only to find a photographer jumping up

and down saying they were "Just what I was looking for." He took some promotional shots with our permission that may be used in an upcoming ad campaign for local tourism.

From Ocean Springs it was back on the road to the D'Iberville venue to once again get our ticket(s) stamped. As this locale was just a parking lot, we simply cruised through rather than stopping and walking around.

Next stop was Edgewater Mall Biloxi to claim the final stamp on our cards. We had intended to get out and use the facilities in the Mall but as it turned out, parking was near impossible and we decided to head back to cruise central instead.

Once back in Gulfport, we turned in our com-



pleted cards for a chance at the \$500 door prizes (40 of them). From there it was back home to some much needed rest and Air Conditioning.

Friday brought a more relaxing day spent in Bay St. Louis watching the parade of unbelievable cars go by.

Saturday was the "Big Day" and the venue was Cruise Central in Gulfport. No less than





Gulf Coast Happenings continued...



ing was in order for next year's event. Several of our members rushed over to pre-register for good measure.

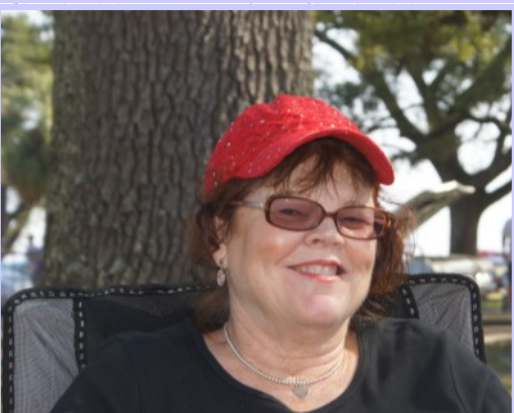
The New Orleans Group passed through Bay St. Louis once more on the way to the Silver Slipper Casino for a delicious buffet and then home.

fifteen British cars gathered in one spot, plus a couple of strays that stopped in while cruising through. Arnold and Steven Chabaud's E-Type had been repaired and they spent the day collecting stamps, and couldn't attend the gathering, but at least they were back on the road. The crowd thoroughly enjoyed the display, and everyone was in agreement that a more concerted effort and some actual Cruis-





Gulf Coast Happenings contin-







Acadiana Happenings - 2012 Funkana by Dave Hayden



One of the last instructions at the end of the timed part of the run says: Driver and navigator (with feeling) sing "cause we had fun, fun, fun till daddy took the Triumph away". Fitting words indeed when a BMCNO event is won by

a Datson 510 wagon, second place goes to a Mustang, and (thank God) third was taken by a TR 6. At the end of the day I had to wonder where all the LBC's were. The official results were: Third place new member David Nezat with his son Ron navigating a nice white 1976 TR 6. Second place Roger Roseman with Dave Hayden navigating his blue 1969 Mach 1 427 Mustang. First place was taken by Fred Stokes in his unique yellow 1972 Datson 510 wagon with Stew Bacque as his navigator.

As always I think all who attended had a great time. More than half of those who came were first timers to this clown show. I could see some doubt in their faces as we did the coarse walk. As it turned out they all completed all the challenges with no bent sheet metal or fist fights. The weather was good this year with just a hint of "a little too hot" in the air. The club again provided all with Jambalaya and home baked rolls. There were also plenty of cold drinks and water. I would like to thank all who helped us run this game. When I first put this event on in 1997 it was very simple and fully manageable by me and two help-

ers. You could see the whole coarse from one point making timing and scoring easy. Since then it has morphed into a much more complicated coarse with twice as many instructions, a lot more equipment, and the need for more help. I hope that the growth has improved the end result. I would also like to thank all who participated in this tears event, it is truly fun to watch everyone try to beat my challenges. Thanks also goes to my employer, Cyril Guidry and Arrow Aviation, who again this year opened his facility to us to have fun.

For the past couple of years I have said that this is the last year I will do this event. I said that again at the start of this years game. By the end of the day when I looked around at all the happy faces I had to think that I just might be able to do this one more time. The above was written on Sunday morning before I unloaded the Jag, Suburban, and trailer. After everything was unloaded and put away, including that really heavy Teeter Totter, I remembered why I say what I say.





Funkana Pictures





Funkana Pictures





Adventures In Rallye Planning by Mike Baker



As you know, the winner of the previous year's E.E. Reynolds Rally has the dubious honor of planning the event for the current year. Think of the honor as a sort of a "no good deed goes unpunished".

For this year's event, I had wanted to have the route run south, with antebellum homes providing the scenery. Then along came Hurricane Isaac, and with it, reports of damage south of I-10 and damage stretching to the north bank of Lake Ponchatrain and above. It seemed best to change the proposed route. Dave Hayden and I sat down to "rough out" a route with an Atlas and off I went on September 15th to find a route. We moved the route west to Port Allen hoping to avoid the unknowns of post hurricane damage and flooding.

I found an interesting route that I think is both scenic and fun. So, the next weekend, September 22nd, Dave Hayden and I went back to the starting point in Port Allen and started following my notes seeking to verify mileages. We missed the odometer checkpoint and turned around to return to the start to zero the odometer trip meter and start again. I had put Dave behind the wheel of my XJS so I could use a camera, check the map and take notes. We came to a stop sign when Dave turned to me and said "there is no clutch!" After this "WTF" moment we started calling ICE members listed in the club membership directory.

Unfortunately, September 22nd was also the date for "Brits on the Bluff" in Natchez. We called for several ICE members before finally reaching Bob McAnelly who graciously came to the scene bring tools and assisted with locating a tow truck to

bring us back to Breaux Bridge. Special thanks to Bob for helping us out of a tight spot. If you have ever been towed, you know that the typical tow truck driver is a "colorful" character. This one was no exception and we had an interesting ride to Breaux Bridge.

For those of you who are familiar with my XJS, you know that I had installed a 5-speed manual transmission conversion about eight years ago. The slave cylinder is an annulus type, essentially a donut with the transmission input shaft passing through the center hole. This style of slave cylinder has been the Achilles' heel of the conversion. Whenever I would contact the conversion kit supplier, I would find out that they no longer supply the earlier style and have changed to yet another type. After ordering a replacement slave cylinder, I put the car on jack stands and started pulling the transmission. By pure luck, I happened to grab onto one of the steering rack tie rod ends to pull myself on a creeper under the car only to find that the tie rod end had almost a 1/8" of play. In the second "WTF" moment in just a week, I ordered tie rod ends.

After installing the replacement slave cylinder and reinstalling the transmission, it was time to bleed the clutch. Although I had used Teflon on the threads of the nipples where the threads went into the slave cylinder, during bleeding, there was fluid dripping from the weep hole of the bell housing. In the third "WTF" moment I pulled the transmission down, again, tightened the nipples and buttoned everything back up.

My trusty assistant and better half, Linda, pumped and pumped the clutch pedal while I bled a never-ending stream of air from the slave cylinder. In what was now the fourth "WTF" moment, I determined that the Wilwood master cylinder had also failed. So, I ordered a

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Adventures In Rally Planning by Mike Baker continued...

clutch master cylinder for a six cylinder 5-Speed XJS.

Apparently the XJS clutch was not enough of a challenge. The Wednesday before the October 6th FUNCANA, the fuel pump in my '94 pick-up failed. I had the second tow-truck ride in two weeks. Linda let me use her Honda Accord on Friday to buy parts for the truck, with the clear understanding that I had better not break her car. I came by FUNCANA after fixing the truck. One of the contestants is a student at LSU and told me that Saturday, November 3rd is the date of an Alabama-LSU game in Baton Rouge. I decided that it would be best to avoid Baton Rouge as the location for the post rally restaurant.

Hoping to have the XJS roadworthy for the next weekend I was buttoning everything up when I noticed that the driveshaft was hanging low. After studying the situation for a few minutes, I noticed that the right rear tire was only about 2" above the garage floor, while the left rear was at least 8" above the floor. On Independent Rear Suspension Jaguars, the rear differential, axles, etc. are mounted in a cradle that attaches to the car with four rubber mounts. Both right side

mounts were broken. In what was now (how many was it?) the fifth "WTF" moment I found myself on the phone...again...ordering suspension mounts.

On Saturday, October 13th Dave Hayden and I found ourselves driving the rally course...in a Jaguar...but this time...in Menda Hayden's XJ8.

Finding a suitable restaurant proved to be yet another challenge. Perhaps overly optimistic, we thought that if we had ten cars participate, amounting to twenty people and fifteen cars would yield thirty, we needed a restaurant that could accommodate up to thirty people in addition to their normal crowd and that was open on Saturday at lunchtime. We were not asking much! We looked in New Roads, Port Allen and the surrounding area. We finally found the China Buffet at 4041 Hwy 1 in Port Allen. They have a large room. Dave and I ate lunch. It is not Commander's Palace, but it was OK and was what we could find. Garmin was of little help at all.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The Start Time has been changed to 10:00 AM!!!!

E.E. REYNOLDS MEMORIAL RALLYE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2012

START TIME - 10:00 AM

STARTS AT

CASH'S CASINO & TRUCK STOP

EXIT 151 OFF I-10 ON HWY 415

ROAD TIME IS ABOUT 2 HOURS 30 MINUTES



2013 British Car Day Update by Don Marpe



The 2013 British Motoring Club New Orleans British Car Day is still six months away, but plans are already being made. The date, March 23 (first Saturday after the first day of spring) has been finalized and the cen-

tral grass area of Delgado College has been booked. The host hotel has been selected and locked in. It is the Days Inn on the I-10 Service Road at Causeway. The hotel has secured parking and spots that will accommodate trailers still attached to the tow vehicle. It has a meeting room that will allow the club to bring it's own food for the welcome party and it is large enough to support a crowd of people. The rooms met Karen Murray's level of cleanliness and the prices are reasonable. Plus the path from the hotel to the car show site is almost a straight shot.

Steve Lindsley has the lead on the shirt design for the car show and is actively seeking ideas. Once we get the shirt design finalized, the award design will likely be some version of the shirt design.

Chad Wicker has completed the development of the one page version of the car show Flyer and is working on the multi fold invitations that will be given out at other clubs car shows. The flyers and invitations are being sent to the various vintage car publications and web sites base on the list provided by last year's car show chairman Rick Huber.

Mike Anderson has again offered to take the lead on the site preparation as long as his usual support team also agrees to help him. Wally Friloux has consented to be the Awards Chairman to help

out the club and to make sure that he finishes ahead of Don Marpe again in the late model Jaguar Sport Class. Rick Huber was the lead for Sponsors and Donations last year in addition to being the show chairman and has again agreed to be the lead for Sponsors and Donations. Cliff Hughes made sure the Goodie Bags were full last year and will do the same thing again in 2013.

One area that is not finalized is the registration process. The long standing lead for the entire registration process has been Cathy Greensfelder but with her current job requirements, it is hard for her to commit to doing it in 2013. Anyone interested in supporting this should contact Don Marpe the 2013 Car Show chairman. Having a working knowledge of Microsoft Access would be a real plus for helping on this.

With all of the prep for the 2013 car show, we could lose sight of the benefits from the 2012 show and that is the awarding of the scholarships to the Delgado College Automotive Group students. Karen Murray will be providing her contacts at Delgado with the scholarship applications and will collect them from the students. The applications will be reviewed by the Club Board of Directors and the winning candidates selected. Those winners will be given the \$500 checks at the Club's Christmas Party.

If you have any ideas for the shirt design, please contact Steve Lindsley. If you would like to learn more about the car show registration process, please contact Don Marpe. There will be more to come on the status of the BMCNO Car Day in future newsletters.

Euro Fest 2012 by Rick Huber



The 4th Annual Renaissance Euro Fest European Auto and Motorcycle Show was another big hit on the weekend of October 5, 6, and 7. The festivities opened with a Renaissance Ridgeland

Rolls Royce Road Rally sponsored by the Southeastern Rolls Royce club at 11 am on Friday including a drive on the Natchez Trace and lunch at a local country club. We



BMCNO members who attended missed the rally, just too far to go for an early start. Rick, Keith & Kim, and Cliff, Linda, and their two grandsons met at the McDonald's in Amite and then drove our own Road Rally up I-55 to Ridgeland, arriving about 2 pm. Just enough time to clean up the cars, have a little nap, and then head over to the reception area about 4 to meet and greet other participants. Food and drinks were plentiful, and getting there early, we had the opportunity to talk with different groups arriving from Pensacola/Alabama and Mississippi. Lory Lockwood displayed her art, which included a collage from our New Orleans show from a couple of years ago.



Lory planned to attend last March, but a family event kept her from it. At 6, Mike Marsh welcomed us and told us about sponsors, awards, and how the day would go on Saturday. Cars are placed in and around the Renaissance at Colony Park shopping mall, with cars grouped by country, so the British cars in one quadrant, German in another, Italian in a third, and then French, Swedish, Yugoslavian, and others in a fourth. The Rolls Royce/Bentley crowd had an area to themselves, and the Porsche club commands a large field for their entrants. You have to start early, with placement starting at 7 am, with judging beginning at 9 and running until



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11. Mike asks that you remain with your car until it is judged so judges can ask questions or get you to open your bonnet. Judging is mostly on fit and finish, shine and polish, so the competition is tough with all entries approved by Mike.

Saturday morning it was quite cool, cloudy, and windy, so quite a change from what we're used to. The early birds placed cars where planned. Keith's MGB and trailer got a primo spot in the center of the British cars circle, and Cliff was just off the circle with his Magnette. Donuts, juice and coffee (but more importantly, warmth) were available in the Hospitality



Suite in the morning, but after setting up cars, it was a short walk back to the hotel for breakfast there. Back to the cars by 9, and wandering around talking with other owner's while waiting for the judges. Amazingly nice rides. Around 10, the crowd starts walking through, many there just to shop, but more there to view cars whether they planned to shop or not. After the judges come by and look at your paint job and interior from an up close and personal perspective, owners are free to head out to view all the cars in the show.

Quite a display of classic, modern, and new vehi-



cles sponsored by several European marque dealerships. Ferrari of Atlanta brings a trailer with a race car and a couple of brand new cars for us all to gawk at. Many other Ferrari owners bring cars to augment the new ones. A large gathering of Rolls/Bentley's is quite a spectacle. The largest marque represented this year were the Porsches. The largest gathering for country was the British cars, with 37 of 115 registered (not sure of the final count, there were a few no shows). So the rest of the day was spent wandering around the displays, talking to owners, eating lunch, and pretty much enjoying all the beautiful automobiles and motorcycles the European automotive



Euro Fest 2012 continued..



industry has produced over the last 60 or 70 years.

The awards ceremony began at 4, with Mike MCing that event. Thanks to all the sponsors, awarding of sponsor choices, then the country awards. Among the Brits, cars that won were Bill Silhan's AC Ace and Ernie Clark's Jaguar E-type, both of which were at our show last March, a Jaguar XK-150, and a red, 1986 Lotus Esprit. Mike mentioned again the Sunday morning drive through the countryside ending up at Mike Glore's country place. After a few more hellos and good byes it was time to move the cars back to the hotel and watch a little football before dinner.

Gene Johnston and the EMC organized a dinner



at Mint the Restaurant right there in the Renaissance area. Dinner was very nice, and another great opportunity to get to know each other.

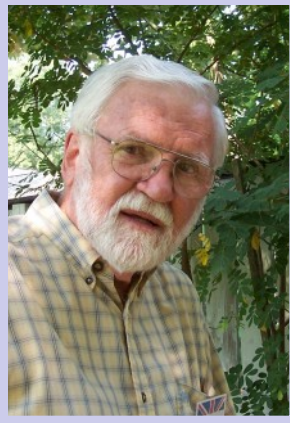
Sunday morning's ride was quite fun, and for those of you who haven't seen Mike's place in Braxton, it is truly something to behold - the garage, the cars, the apartment, the elevator in the silo, the grounds with the lake, quite a automotive get-a-way.

Quite an enjoyable event, a lovely visit to Ridgeland and Renaissance at Colony Park, hard to think of anything that didn't go well, a classic European automobile enthusiast's dream weekend.





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



HELLO ALL!

My original intention and request of the Trivia bits was to encourage more club member's participation.....After six months there seems to be an increased reaction/response.....as I see/hear it..... I'll continue to request the entire club's input.....not just the Baton Rouge Gathering.

Up north here our Trivia answer quests and "bench racing" can become quite lively.....and I'm told with some "entertaining-insightful-biting commentary"..... Have some?

SHARE THEM!

So here goes.

(1...For what British car did Enzo Ferrari express great admiration in a couple of his very rare interviews?

(2...What engineer is credited with fathering the Chevy Corvette.....and what option is associated with his name?

A very special thank you as we give credit to Milton Franklin.....LBC and LBMC enthusiast.....

P.S.....'again, thanks Milton.....these folks do stand tall in anyone's "Automotive Who Done It Lineup".....though Commendatore Enzo early in his car building and racing career did once declare that "to require aerodynamic design of autos was for those who built inferior and weak engines".....then came his own philosophical turn-around and multiple casks of vino to wash down those words....now.....Who is that "small Chevy warship fellow?".....

Bill Avery



Calling all British Motorcycle Owners



It has been suggested that the club work to increase the number of British Motorcycle owners. If anyone knows someone who owns a British Motorcycle please contact them about participating in our club. Milton Franklin, Baton Rouge, is interested in organizing motorcycle events for owners of British Motorcycles. Harley groups are always cruising the roads so we would like to start British motorcycle cruises. We would also like to increase the number of motorcycles at our Annual Car Show. So...let's start looking for British motorcycles to give our business cards and brochures too. If you need more please contact Karen Murray for extras.

Cars For Sale

Abandoned 1975 TR6 project car available. Blasted and primed chassis, Rusty body tub, needs floors and other, Seats, Engine, Transmission, rear end, front and rear fenders, doors, alternator, wiring harness, and most parts to complete this project. Car is completely taken apart. Title included. Make offer. Contact Ronnie @ ronniep70003@cox.net

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

Online Dues and Event Registration – by Don Marpe, Treas-



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.



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Hotel



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Contact Information, Reservations & Regalia

E-mail: info@texastriumphregister.org or web: www.texastriumphregister.org

Registration is available on-line and by mail.



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

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

Don Marpe



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BMCNO Regalia



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