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*1st Progressive Dinner, June 21, 2014
RSVP by June 1st*



President's Message by Ronnie Palmisano



British Car Week is fast approaching. This year it starts on May 31st and ends on June 8th. See page 14 for more information.

Although we don't have club events planned for British Car Week, that doesn't mean you can't

get in your car and go for a drive. Take your wife, girlfriend, or other out to dinner; or take your children or grandchildren for a ride. Karen and I have nine grandchildren. They range in age from sixteen years old to 2 1/2 years old. They have all experienced driving in our TR6. The 2 1/2 year old always asks to go for a ride when she comes over. She loves it!

I want to thank all who attended our crawfish boil at Tickfaw State Park. It was a scenic drive to the park. We had 44 participants. These members were from the North Shore, Baton Rouge, and greater New Orleans areas. After devouring the Crawfish, we sat around and talked, and enjoyed desserts. Fourteen participants left with door prizes. Everyone had a great time!

We have lots of events coming up with something for all. I have listed just a few of what you can expect!

On June 21, 2014 BMCNO members are invited to attend our first Progressive Dinner. This is a popular event with other clubs. Dress is casual, and participation by reservations only!!! Deadline for reservations is June 1st. You will attend all 3 houses for dinner. Please see Karen's article on page six for more information. If you plan to attend, then please email Karen ASAP as the deadline is June 1st. I hope to see many of you there.

On Sunday, July 20th we will once again visit Cars of Yesteryears. Bring a friend or the entire family. For those of you who have never attended this is a must see event. There is something for

all. For those who have already attended, then you must come and see his new cars added to the collection since last year. More information forthcoming in the July newsletter and by email.

And then there is America's Largest Block Party, Cruisin' The Coast. This year it will be October 5th-12th. According to Melissa Brauen early bird registration is open until August 15th. The fee has increased from \$50 to \$60 and goes up to \$90 at time of event, which is October 5th-12th. The CTC officials have set a cut off date for entries so register early. Please see Melissa's article on page 8 for more information.

I encourage you to register for this event. It is well worth the \$60.00. Streets are blocked off to non registrants. Without registration all you can do is ride along the coast. There is lots more to this event. With registration you can drive through the cities of Biloxi, D'Iberville, Gulfport, Long Beach, Bay St. Louis, Ocean Springs, and Pascagoula. Each Site is a festival on its own, with live 50's & 60's music, food & beverage vendors, restroom facilities and of course, the vehicles. Each site has parking for registered participants and is within walking distance for spectators.

This event is Awesome! It reminds me of Mardi Gras with all of the people and parade of cars.

There are more events this year and I will discuss them another month.

Well, I saved this for last.

It's that time again to renew your membership for BMCNO. Letters and applications are in the mail and due by June 30th. New membership books will be mailed in August. This mailing will also include club brochures and business cards for you to share with prospective new members.

Hope to see everyone soon!!

***June 2014***

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>1</u> <u>British Car Week</u>	<u>2</u> <u>British Car Week</u>	<u>3</u> <u>British Car Week</u>	<u>4</u> <u>British Car Week</u>	<u>5</u> <u>British Car Week</u>	<u>6</u> <u>British Car Week</u>	<u>7</u> <u>British Car Week</u>
<u>8</u> <u>British Car Week</u>	9	<u>10</u> <u>Board of Directors Meeting</u>	11	12	13	<u>14</u> <u>Gulf Coast/MS Meeting</u>
15 Father's Day	16	<u>17</u> <u>Baton Rouge Area Gathering</u>	18	<u>19</u> <u>North Shore Area Gathering</u>	20	<u>21</u> <u>Progressive Dinner</u>
22	23	<u>24</u> <u>General Meeting</u>	25	26	27	<u>28</u> <u>Acadania Meeting/Cruise</u>
29	<u>30</u> <u>Membership Renewals DUE!</u>	1	2	3	<u>4</u> <u>Independence Day</u>	5

June 01, 2014 British Car Week May 31st– June 8th britishcarweek.org/

June 10, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting , Location TBA

Jun 14, 2014 Gulf Coast/MS Meeting Second Saturday Art-walk in Bay St. Louis

June 15 , 2014 Fathers Day ,Honor your Father

June 17, 2014 Baton Rouge Area Gathering Dinner 6:00 p.m., Meeting 7:00 p.m., The Londoner Bar and Grill '4215 South Sherwood Forest Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70816

Jun 19, 2014 North Shore Area Gathering. Casual Meeting 7:00 p.m., Abita Brew Pub, 72011 , Holly Street, Abita Springs, LA 70420

June 21, 2014 Progressive Dinner You are cordially invited to attend the British Motoring Club New Orleans 1st Progressive Dinner, June 21, 2014, Deadline for reservations is June 1st. (See article on page 6)

June 24, 2014 General Meeting ,Meeting 7:00 p.m. ,Italian Pie Restaurant ,5650 Jefferson Hwy. ,Harahan,

June 28, 2014 Acadania Meeting/Cruise Acadania Monthly Gathering ,Contact Area Coordinator for details

June 30, 2014 Membership Renewals DUE! , Please help the club and renew early!

**UPCOMING EVENTS - CALENDAR AT A GLANCE - JUNE - JULY**

Month	Event	Date	Time	Place	Contact
JUNE	Board meeting	Tues. 10 th	6:00 – 8:30 p.m.		
	Gulf Coast/Ms Meeting	Sat. 14 th		Second Saturday, Art-walk in Bay St. Louis Baptist Church	Peter & Melissa Brauen
	Baton Rouge Meeting	Tues. 18 th	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	The Londoner 4215 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd	Rick Huber
	North Shore Meeting	Thurs. 19 th	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Abita Brew Pub 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs	Cliff Hughes
	Progressive Dinner	Sat. 21st	4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	See article page 6 for details. June 1st Deadline for reservations	Karen Murray
	General BMCNO Meeting	Tues. 24th	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA	Board of Directors
	Acadiana/ Lafayette meeting/cruise	Sat. 28 th		Check with Dave Hayden info.	Dave Hayden
	Membership renewal due	Sat. 30th		Bring to an area meeting, mail, or Pay Pal.	Jack Kennedy, Don Marpe
JULY	Gulf Coast/Ms Meeting	Sat. 12 th		Second Saturday, Art-walk in Bay St. Louis Baptist Church	Peter & Melissa Brauen
	Board meeting	Tues. 15th	6:00 p.m.– 8:30 p.m.	TBA	Board Members
	North Shore Meeting	Thurs. 17th	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Abita Brew Pub 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs	Cliff Hughes
	Cars of Yesteryears	Sun. 20th	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	See article page 9 for details	Karen Murray
	Baton Rouge Meeting	Tues. 22 rd	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	The Londoner 4215 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd	Rick Huber
	Acadiana / Lafayette meeting/cruise	Sat. 26 th		Check with Dave Hayden for info.	Dave Hayden
	General BMCNO Meeting	Tues 29 th	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA	Board of Directors

**CALENDAR AT A GLANCE cont'd**

Month	Event	Date	Time	Place	Contact
AUGUST	Gulf Coast/Ms Meeting	Sat.9 th		Second Saturday, Art-walk in Bay St. Louis Baptist Church	Peter & Melissa Brauen
	Board of directors barbeque TBA			Karen & Ronald's house	Board Members
	Cruisin' the Coast	15th		Early deadline for Cruisin' the Coast registration \$60. \$90 after August 15th	
	Baton Rouge Meeting -	Tues. 19 th	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	The Londoner 4215 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd	Rick Huber
	North Shore Meeting -	Thurs. 21st	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Abita Brew Pub 72011 Holly Street,	Cliff Hughes
	North Shore Cruise	TBA		(check article pg.-- for info.)	Cliff Hughes
	General BMCNO Meeting	Tues. 26 th		Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA	Board of Directors
	Acadiana /Lafayette meeting/cruise	Sat. 30 th		Check with Dave Hayden for info.	Dave Hayden

Karen Murray, Vice President

Many thanks to those members who participated in the Annual Crawfish Boil on Sunday, May 18th. We had 44 participants from the North Shore, Baton Rouge, and New Orleans area. The club again helped subsidize the cost of this event.

Food served included crawfish, potatoes, corn, sausage, mushrooms, and garlic. Everyone brought their own drinks and the ladies out did themselves with the wonderful desserts provided. Fourteen door prizes were given away and everyone seemed to really enjoy the scenery, food, and companionships of

other British car enthusiasts.

After all the food was eaten and everything cleaned up, members enjoyed looking at one another's cars and just relaxing and sharing car stories. We were the last to leave at 4:00.

Upcoming Events:

Monday, June 30th —2015 Membership dues are due!!!!

Saturday, June 21st—Progressive Dinner -See Article on page 6 for complete details

Sunday, July 20th—Cars of Yesteryears-10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon with lunch following. (Page 9)

August, ??? North Shore Cruise (the cruise is confirmed just waiting on the date)

September—Rescheduled Lafitte Cruise (TBA)

October—Cruisin' the Coast hosted by the Gulf Coast Group

November—E.E. Reynolds Rallye will be held in the Baton Rouge Area

Undetermined Date - Memphis Get Away Weekend Train Trip—look for future info on this trip

December—Annual Christmas Party



UPCOMING EVENTS, *cont'd*—Karen Murray, Vice President



The British Motoring Club New Orleans will host the 1st Progressive Dinner on Saturday, June 21, 2014. Appetizers will be served on the North Shore then caravan to Metairie for dinner ending with dessert in Harahan. This is a driving, eating, and socializing event for our members.

In order for the host to know how much food to provide this event is by previous reservation only. Reservations will end on June 1st. If at the last minute you have to back out please contact Karen Murray for your cancellation.

This is a casual event with great food, good friends, and fun cars. The only thing you have to provide is yourself and a large appetite. So don't forget to make your reservations. Because the host is providing the food we cannot accept late reservations after June 1st and walk ins are not allowed. So sorry!!!!

Please email karenmurray@cox.net, call 504-236-7509, or sign up at your meetings to confirm your participation. I will send a list of confirmed participants after June 1st.

You are cordially invited to attend the British Motoring Club New Orleans

1st Progressive Dinner, June 21, 2014

APPETIZERS

Hosted by Carol & Max Benson

TIME: 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: 428 Autumn Haven Circle, La Combe, LA 70445 (985) 218-9441

DINNER

Hosted by Ronald & Karen Murray Palmisano; Keith & Karen Vezina; Chad & Rachel Wicker

TIME: 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: 1900 Colony Rd., Metairie, LA 70003 504-236-7509

DESSERT

Hosted by Susan & Allen Bradley; Pat & Allen Mocklin, Audrey & Jack Kennedy

TIME: 8:00 p.m.

Location: 123 Imperial Woods Drive, Harahan, LA 70123

Casual Dress. Participation by reservations only!!! Deadline for reservations is June 1st. You will attend all 3 houses for dinner.



April 2014 Meeting Minutes by Don Marpe BMCNO Secretary



Ronnie Palmisano called the meeting to order at 7:10. There were 19 members and guests at the meeting. The first subject in old business was the Pensacola Car Show. Rick Huber, Keith Vezina and others (13 people from the club attended) provided information on the car show activities. The

Panhandle club had good activities set up for the Friday before the show. The most impressive was the welcome reception that was held at the local museum of commerce. They spared no expense on renting the museum and the assortment of food offered. There was even a Beatles cover band. There were 130 people at the reception. The car show had 130 cars with the usual mix of cars. There were 8 Sunbeam Tigers which was unusual. 12 MGB and some TR 3 and 4s. All that attended agreed that it was a good show.

Next on the agenda was the crawfish boil. It will be on May 18 with more details in this past newsletters and in emails that will be sent out just prior to the event.

The Progressive Dinner was discussed and set up for June 21. There will be more details in this newsletter.

In July, there will be a tech session at Delgado but the subject has not been determined yet. If you have suggestions, let Karen know. There will also be a tour of the Cars of Yesteryears set up for July.

There was some discussion on the upcoming VTR car shows. The regional event was in progress and the national event is scheduled for September 9-14. Ronnie was not sure how this happen, but BMCNO is on the agenda to host the 2016 regional event. The discussion among the members was that this would be too much for the club to handle and Ronnie should decline at the Septem-

ber event.

The need to get the Car Show trophies out to the club members that did not get theirs at the show. The name tags for the trophies also need to be sent out. There was also some discussion on the voting at the car show. The Pensacola show had 92 voters out of 130 cars compared to 44 votes out of 123 cars we had at our show had. Some suggestions to increase our voting was to make the ballot nicer and easier to use, give door prizes for those that voted, and there are phone apps that could be adapted to allow voting. Don Marpe presented the adjusted car show layout for 2015. This was one of the suggestions from the last meeting discussion on improvements for the car show.

There was a little discussion on a British National Meet in Hot Springs that some of the members will be attending. It is the week after Memorial Day.

Cliff Hughes gave a detailed summary of his trip to the Henry Ford Museum in Detroit. He spent three days going through the tree parts of the museum complex. The bottom line was that it is a great place for a car guy to go and take his family.

There was discussion on the status of some of the projects members are working on. There is also a TR6 available for sale. See the newsletter for details. There was also news that Paretti is selling some of the cars they have collected over the years. Apparently, one of every version of Jaguar since 1940s was put away in a secret warehouse. There are 30 cars that will be on the market but most likely at premium prices.

If anyone has any old car magazines they no longer want, Audrey Kennedy will donate them to the hospital she volunteers at. Bring them to a meeting.

The 50/50 was won by Karen Vezina again and the meeting was adjourned.



Cruisin' The Coast News from the Gulf by Melissa & Peter Brauen



Early bird registration is open until August 15th. The fee has increased from \$50 to \$60 and goes up to \$90 at time of event, which is October 5th-

12th. The CTC officials have set a cut off date for entries at 1989. A new venue has been added bringing it up to six cruise sites to get your cards stamped. The Gulf Coast Group feels it would be better to break up the group cruise to the venues into two days; that Thursday and Friday. (Trying to hit all venues in one day has gotten too daunting and of course everyone is welcome to do their own thing too.) We will pre-plan a site for lunch each day to avoid a dining disaster like last year. On that Saturday we plan to do the same as years past: Meet up at Cruise Central in Gulfport at 9 a.m., hang out under the oaks, then cruise to an early dinner at Dempsey's in 'da Kill'. Dempsey's will prepare for our arrival, it's not in the hub of crowded diners, and it's on the way home for LA peeps. (plus it's some good food) More details on times and meet ups for the two day venue cruises will be determined closer to the event time. We



will try to get it into the newsletter, but we will request an email message to the club from BMCNO as well. We look forward to participation by BMCNO. It's tons of fun and we enjoy the time we get to share as a group. Check the website for more details and a registration form at <http://www.cruisinthe coast.com>

Hope too see you there.

MELISSA & PETER





Baton Rouge Gathering by Rick Huber



Eleven of us got together at The Londoner for our monthly BR installment on Tuesday the 20th.

We talked about the Pensacola weekend/show, the Crawfish Boil, and one member's visit to the Barber Motorsports Museum in Birmingham. The Zoar

show which was scheduled on May 10th was postponed due to all that rain we got that weekend, and it has been rescheduled for the 31st. Several of our club members plan to attend to increase the British presence. Milton talked about organizing a motorcycle get together in the near future in the Prairieville area (cars invited too) with new members Bruce Rogers and George Smith. Danny did a show and tell with a strange intermittent noise emanating from the clutch area of the new 5

speed transmission in his TR-6. The consensus was pilot bushing, but it's not a certainty. It'll have to get worse and better defined before it gets fixed. Rick's got the E-type back like he bought it, with the rear end out trying to fix the non-adjustable emergency brakes. John told about his recent purchase of a one-of-a-kind ASC McLaren 1990 Mustang, quite a story. He promised to bring it to the next get together.



You don't want to miss this!!! Cars of Yesteryear

What is Cars of Yesteryear??

A private collection of over 150 restored classic cars owned by Mr. Henry Shane in Metairie. Several of the cars are also one of a kind. *Mr. Shane has purchased new cars to add to his collection since last year.* So mark you calendar and don't miss this event!!!!

We will meet at Café Du Monte, 4700 Veterans Memorial Blvd, Metairie at around 8:30 a.m.

How do you get to tour Cars of Yesteryear?? Only by private invitation.

DATE: Sunday, July 20th

TIME: 10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon ONLY!!!! This is a private tour and we are only allowed 2 hours. If you arrive late we still have to leave at 12:00 noon So.....please be on time.

PLACE: 4625 Fairfield St., Metairie, LA, 70006

LUNCH: Following event at: Location to be determined. See July newsletter and email updates for location.



HISTORY OF THE CAR RADIO submitted by Cliff Hughes

It seems like cars have always had radios, but they didn't.

Here's the story:

One evening, in 1929, two young men named William Lear and Elmer Wavering drove their girlfriends to a lookout point high above the Mississippi River town of Quincy, Illinois, to watch the sunset.

It was a romantic night to be sure, but one of the women observed that it would be even nicer if they could listen to music in the car. Lear and Wavering liked the idea.

Both men had tinkered with radios (Lear served as a radio operator in the U.S. Navy during World War I) and it wasn't long before they were taking apart a home radio and trying to get it to work in a car.

But it wasn't easy: automobiles had ignition switches, generators, spark plugs, and other electrical equipment that generate noisy static interference, making it nearly impossible to listen to the radio when the engine was running.

One by one, Lear and Wavering identified and eliminated each source of electrical interference. When they finally got their radio to work, they took it to a radio convention in Chicago.

There they met Paul Galvin, owner of Galvin Manufacturing Corporation. He made a product called a "battery eliminator," a device that allowed battery-powered radios to run on household AC current.

But as more homes were wired for electricity, more radio manufacturers made AC-powered radios.

Galvin needed a new product to manufacture. When he met Lear and Wavering at the radio convention, he found it. He believed that mass-produced, afford-

able car radios had the potential to become a huge business. Lear and Wavering set up shop in Galvin's factory, and when they perfected their first radio, they installed it in his Studebaker.

Then Galvin went to a local banker to apply for a loan. Thinking it might sweeten the deal, he had his men install a radio in the banker's Packard. Good idea, but it didn't work —; Half an hour after the installation, the banker's Packard caught on fire. (They didn't get the loan.)

Galvin didn't give up. He drove his Studebaker nearly 800 miles to Atlantic City to show off the radio at the 1930 Radio Manufacturers Association convention.

Too broke to afford a booth, he parked the car outside the convention hall and cranked up the radio so that passing conventioners could hear it. That idea worked. He got enough orders to put the radio into production.

WHAT'S IN A NAME That first production model was called the 5T71.

Galvin decided he needed to come up with something a little catchier. In those days many companies in the phonograph and radio businesses used the suffix "ola" for their names — Radiola, Columbiola, and Victrola were three of the biggest.



5T71.



Galvin decided to do the same thing, and since his radio was intended for use in a motor vehicle, he decided to call it the Motorola.

But even with the name change, the radio still had problems:

When Motorola went on sale in 1930, it cost about \$110 uninstalled, at a time when you could buy a brand-new car for \$650, and the country was sliding into the Great Depression.

(By comparison, a radio for a new car would cost about \$3,000 today.)

In 1930, it took two men several days to put in a car radio -- The dashboard had to be taken apart so that the receiver and a single speaker could be installed, and the ceiling had to be cut open to install the antenna.

These early radios ran on their own batteries, not on the car battery so holes had to be cut into the floorboard to accommodate them.

The installation manual had eight complete diagrams and 28 pages of instructions. Selling complicated car radios that cost 20 percent of the price of a brand-new car wouldn't have been easy in the best of times, let alone during the Great Depression --;

Galvin lost money in 1930 and struggled for a couple of years after that. But things picked up in 1933 when Ford began offering Motorola's pre-installed at the factory.

In 1934 they got another boost when Galvin struck a deal with B. F. Goodrich tire company to sell and install them in its chain of tire stores.

By then the price of the radio, with installation included, had dropped to \$55. The Motorola car radio was off and running.

(The name of the company would be officially changed from Galvin Manufacturing to

"Motorola" in 1947.)

In the meantime, Galvin continued to develop new uses for car radios.

In 1936, the same year that it introduced push-button tuning, it also introduced the Motorola Police Cruiser, a standard car radio that was fac-

tory preset to a single frequency to pick up police broadcasts.

In 1940 he developed the first handheld two-way radio -- The Handy-Talkie --; for the U. S. Army. A lot of the communications technologies that we take for granted today were born in Motorola labs in the years that followed World War II.

In 1947 they came out with the first television for under \$200.

In 1956 the company introduced the world's first pager; in 1969 came the radio and television equipment that was used to televise Neil Armstrong's first steps on the Moon.

In 1973 it invented the world's first handheld cellular phone.

Today Motorola is one of the largest cell phone manufacturers in the world.

And it all started with the car radio.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO the two men who installed the first radio in Paul Galvin's car?

Elmer Wavering and William Lear ended up taking very different paths in life.

Wavering stayed with Motorola. In the 1950's he helped change the automobile experience again when he developed the first automotive alternator, replacing inefficient and unreliable generators. The invention led to such luxuries as power windows, power seats, and, eventually, air-conditioning. Lear also continued inventing.

He holds more than 150 patents. Remember eight-track tape players? Lear invented that. But what he's really famous for are his contributions to the field of aviation. He invented radio direction finders for planes, aided in the invention of the autopilot, designed the first fully automatic aircraft landing system, and in 1963 introduced his most famous invention of all, the Lear Jet, the world's first mass-produced, affordable business jet. (Not bad for a guy who dropped out of school after the eighth grade.)

Sometimes it is fun to find out how some of the many things that we take for granted actually came into being! AND It all started with a woman's suggestion!

Tire Choices *by Rick Huber*



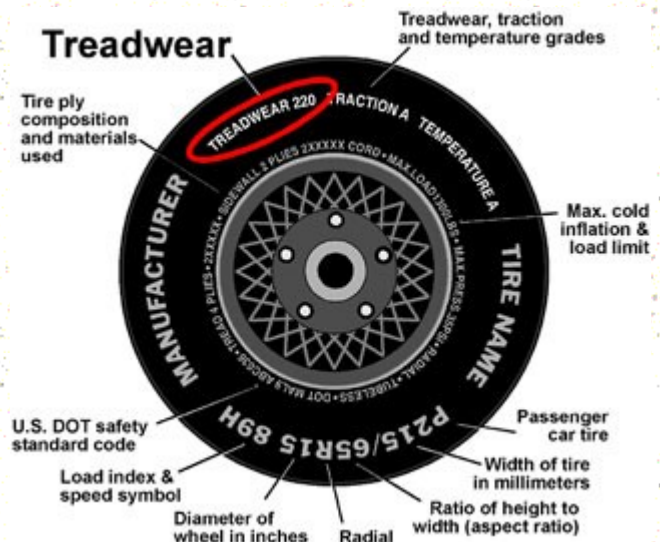
I know it's something we all do pretty regularly, both for our Little British Cars and Bikes as well as for our modern cars, and that is buy tires. After many years and many tire purchases, I just learned something new I thought I would share. After spinning my Healey in 2012, I was determined to get "stickier" tires, and to make a more informed tire choice the next time I bought them.

Previously, I thought the best you could do to determine the grip of tires was to buy a higher speed rating. I had bought Z and V rated tires for the V8 MGB. My brother told me there's another rating, the Uniform Tire Quality Grade (UTQG) tread wear rating that measures how long a tire will last, or the inverse, how soft or "sticky" the rubber is. The stickier the rubber, the lower the tread wear rating, and the shorter the wear life of the tire. But, at the same time the better gripping and the cornering performance - hey that's what we're looking for! Let's face it, we're not going to be putting 40,000 miles on these tires anyway.

Typical passenger car tires' UTQG rating varies between about 400 and 800, all other factors being equal, the 800 rated tires should last twice as many miles as the 400 rated tires. If you look for tires on TireRack.com, you can sort by the UTQG rating to try to find the highest mileage or conversely the stickiest or best gripping, best traction tire in any particular size. So I looked up the Kuhmo Powerstar 758, 165-80/15, H speed rating (130 mph) tires I had on my Healey, and their

UTQG rating is 400. I bought that size for the "original" look and feel, but you can see they're pretty skinny with not much rubber on the road. That might be more of my problem than the grip. Tires that were recommended to me by another LBC enthusiast after the spin were Goodyear Eagle GT's. Although they have a higher V speed rating (149 mph), their UTQG rating is 440. So those tires don't necessarily grip any better than the Kuhmos.

It looks like as you pursue lower and lower UTQG ratings, prices go up and selection goes down. If you look for expensive racing tires, you can find



UTQG ratings at 100 or below. A reasonable compromise is the Vredestein Sprint Classic tires for Vintage Cars, made to provide an "original" look for our cars (although not all the way to bias belted like in the 50's and 60's), with a UTQG rating of 220. A recent Classic Motorsports article compared tires and the Vredesteins came out in the middle on price, but best for performance, and were chosen as the tires to buy. Yes, they're more expensive than the Kuhmos or the Goodyears, but the next time I buy tires for the Healey, I believe I'll spend the extra money and get some stickier rubber on which to roll around those corners. Happy motoring!



It's Membership Renewal Time Again!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Dear BMCNO Member,

This year has been terrific for the British Motoring Club New Orleans. We've had lots of activities and enjoyed not only our beautiful cars but also great friendships. It's now time to renew your membership for the coming year. This letter is early to give everyone time to renew before the July 1st deadline. Enclosed is an application or go online at www.bmcno.org.

I think the best part of what our club does is having fun! Our monthly meetings are times to share ideas and problems. We include speakers, movies, and presentations on British cars. Check online under Member Services for new services provided by the club.

BMCNO has now gone 21st Century. We now have PayPal for all club payments. Now you can use an online registration process for key events like the crawfish boil, car show, renewal of membership, and other events as the need arises. 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 Membership Drive, Crawfish Boil, and Car Show Registration. 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 website. PayPal instructions: Follow these steps for PayPal to get started at www.clubregistration.net:

1. Click the Create Account button
2. Fill in the information and click the Create Button
3. Please fill in your current email address and phone number. That is the way we get your club info. At the bottom there is a "Continue" button that you need to click.
4. Fill in this info for each car that you have and hit the Save button. Continue will ask for more information. From this page you can hit the Search for Event button and get to the British Motoring club info. Enter British and click the Search Button.
5. If you enter British Motoring Club you will get a lot of other motoring club info also.
6. Click on the "View Details (register)" button for the 2014 / 2015 membership.
7. Click on the "Register" button.
8. Answer the questions. The red box means you must put info in that box.
9. If you get stuck and need more help, then send an email to Don Marpe at bdmarpe@att.net with your questions.

The club membership book will be mailed in August with membership and club business cards.

I know that life gets busy, but I personally hope you will make time to renew your membership and come to our next meeting or event.



BMCNO Membership Application

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____

BRITISH CAR INFORMATION

1st CAR

Make: _____

Model: _____

Year: _____

Body Style: _____

Color: _____

2nd CAR

Make: _____

Model: _____

Year: _____

Body Style: _____

Color: _____

3rd CAR

Make: _____

Model: _____

Year: _____

Body Style: _____

Color: _____

Membership - \$24 per year due July 1st.

Payable as follows:

- ⇒ **Check** payable to "British Motoring Club New Orleans (BMCNO)" and return to:
British Motoring Club New Orleans, P.O. Box 73213 , Metairie, LA 70033
- ⇒ **PayPal** - www.clubregistration.net (click on British Motoring Club at this web.site)
- ⇒ **Cash or Check** at any monthly meeting.

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

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

Name _____ Date _____



British Car Week

All Roads Lead...

to British Car Week

A British Car Awareness Week

May 31 - June 8, 2014

A Show For The Road

Drive Your British Cars!

We hope to see on the road!

British Car Week is an annual awareness week intended for owners of Classic British Cars to get their cars out of the garage and drive them. While doing so, all who are involved will help create awareness of the classic British car hobby in local communities wherever there is participation.

It doesn't matter whether your car is in better than new condition, or perhaps it's a less than perfect unrestored gem, but as long as it can be safely driven down the road, this is a great opportunity to show off your favorite car and take advantage of what British car motoring is all about.

Meanwhile, if you want to drive your car and need some ideas for places to go, please take a look at the activities calendar (linked on this page) for some ideas. British car events are always a lot of fun, and a great place to meet others who share the same enthusiasm for our beloved old British transportation of the past.

While viewing on your computer that is connected to the internet, click on the links below for more information.



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Contact Lane Palmisano

504-236-5468

**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.

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Club Resource Library



Club Resource Library



Although our Club Resource Library is still growing, the items that we do have are all excellent and available to all members.

Currently there are many items available. These include service manuals and how to books and videos.

We will be bringing the library to the area meetings.

See the February newsletter for your meeting location and date. We plan to shift locations every 30 days.

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

Don Marpe



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Welcome to MG 2014 in French Lick, Indiana



MG 2014 is the annual convention of the North American MGB Register which is being jointly hosted by the [Southern Indiana Region British Car Club](#) and the [Illinois Flat Land British Car Club](#).

Please mark your calendars for this event which will take place **June 15 to June 19, 2014**.

The location will be French Lick, Indiana and the [host hotel](#) will be the French Lick Resort. On more than 3,000 acres/1,214 hectares in the Hoosier National Forest, in the Rolling Hills of Southern Indiana just an hour's drive from Louisville, Kentucky and a two hour drive south of Indianapolis, Indiana. If you're going to have to come by air then Louisville Int'l Airport is 65 mi or 75 minutes away.

As of February 8 the main French Lick Springs Hotel host hotel is now **sold out again**. However, there are still other lodging options available and details can be found on the [Host Hotel](#) page. We are also working with the hotel to use any cancellations for our MG 2014 convention guests. If you'd like to be put on a wait list for any possible cancellations at the French Lick Springs hotel please use the [Contact Us](#) page to send us a message picking the Host Hotel Wait List subject option. However, please do not rely solely on the "wait list" option and please ensure that you make an alternative hotel reservation. If we can get you a room at the French Lick Springs hotel and that gets confirmed, you could then cancel your reservation with whatever alternative hotel you had picked.

Go to <http://mg-2014.com/> for more information.



2014

VTR National Convention

Celebrating 40 Years of
"THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME"

DOBSON, NC • SEPTEMBER 9-14, 2014



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2014 Vintage Triumph Register National Convention
Back to the Blue Ridge
September 9-14, 2014 | Dobson, NC and environs

Celebrating 40 years of The Shape of Things to Come

20 years after hosting the biggest and one of the very best VTR conventions ever, the Triumph Club of The Carolinas will do it again.

Come “Back to the Blue Ridge” in the Fall of 2014.

The 2014 [Vintage Triumph Register](#) National Convention is hosted by the [Triumph Club of the Carolinas](#) in the Yadkin Valley region of North Carolina. Having last hosted the convention in 1994, we are pleased to welcome you all for a return trip, or your first visit.

The festivities will take place from Tuesday September 9 - Sunday September 14, 2014 on the grounds of [Shelton Vineyards](#) and numerous other local venues.

Use the links below or at left to find the information to plan your journey back to the Blue Ridge. Check back often as additional content will be added as the event draws near.

Registration

Online registration is now available.

Click the link below to open a new browser tab or window and begin the registration process. Category and class descriptions are immediately below.

<http://www.regonline.com/vtrnational2014>

The standard for these classes is the way the Triumph appeared and functioned when it left the dealer showroom as a new vehicle whether it is original or restored.

**MODIFIED Categories**

A car shall be deemed to be "MODIFIED", and placed in one of the two modified classes, if there is a major component change, i.e. engine, or multiple (2 or more) minor component changes, multiple body and/or trim modifications.

MODIFIED TOURING

The standard for this class is an original or restored Triumph set up with modern equipment for touring which does not alter the driving character of the car but enhances the reliability and ease of maintenance. Common modifications for eligibility are wheels, tires, exhaust, ignition, alternator, air cleaners, valve covers, electric fans, paint colors, soft tops, suspension, steering wheels, seat belts, dash boards and/or stereo system.

MODIFIED PREPARED

The standard for this class is an original or restored Triumph set up with performance modifications by modifying any major component. This would include performance ignition system, fuel system modifications, transmission conversions, major interior, suspension or body alterations.

SENIOR CLASS

Any car which has won one (1) First Place Award in Concours (Not Participants' Choice) MAY enter Senior Class. After two (2) First Place Awards, he/she MUST enter Senior Class for the period of the next four VTR National Conventions. Senior Class will be judged against the score sheet only. A score of 350 points or better is required to receive the Senior Award. After winning a Senior Award the car must be entered in Preservation Class if the owner wishes to pursue Concours. There can be any number of Senior Awards at any convention.

PRESERVATION CLASS

If the owner wishes to pursue Concours after having obtained one Senior Award, the car shall be entered for a Preservation Award. The scoring shall be the same as for Senior except that a score

of 365 points shall be required for the awarding of a Preservation Award. Preservation Award cars must be preregistered. There shall be no limit to the number of Preservation Awards that a given automobile may win.

Event Schedule

Times and locations are subject to change. Please [contact us](#) with any questions in the meantime.

TWOA, TCOC, and VTR will welcome special guests *Harris Mann* and *Graham Robson*. This will be TR7 designer Harris Mann's first appearance at a North American Triumph event.

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

- Vendor setup at Hampton Inn-Dobson/Shelton Vineyards
- Self-guided area tours (details at all 3 host hotels)
- Registration and vendors open at Hampton Inn-Dobson/Shelton Vineyards
- Craft-Model-Photo Contest opens
- Tech Inspection for Autocross, Vintage Hill Climb events
- Marty's Brew Swap and Home Brew Contest III
- VTR Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 10

- Registration
- The Moonshine Rally *A Time, Speed, Distance Rally with a unique local flavor*
- Lord Hassell's Blue Ridge Fun Rally: departing from Hampton Inn, Dobson *You'll laugh, you'll cry - Lord Hassell will explain how ridiculously easy it should have been!*
- Technical Sessions
- Walking Rally on the grounds of Shelton Vineyards *Also available Thursday, Friday, or Saturday*
- VTR Chapter Presidents/Coordinators Luncheon
- VTR Counours Judging School
- Welcome Reception

**Thursday, September 11**

- Vintage Hill Climb *Test your nerve and driving skill in a steep timed uphill run. (Swing axle cars must have camber compensator. At least a 3 point safety belt is highly recommended)*
- Mayberry R.F.D Funkhana *Watch out for Barney! He still has one bullet!*
- Technical Sessions
- Coordinated / Group Dinner Runs

Friday, September 12

- Judges Breakfast
- Panoramic Photo
- Concours Car Show *Both shows are on the beautiful grounds of Shelton Vineyards*
- Participants Choice Car Show
- VTR Members Meeting
- "Back to Mayberry" Barbeque, Awards for Fun Rally and Marty's Home Brew *Enjoy Carolina's best barbeque and some great entertainment at the "Back to Mayberry Barbeque".*
- Auction

Saturday, September 13

- Autocross *Test your cone dodging skill on the great skid pad surface at The Surry County Community College Emergency Services Training Center*
- Pre-banquet Social
- VTR Awards Banquet *A unique closing awards event at Cross Creek Country Club. Its not just a banquet, it's a party!*

Sunday, September 14

- Event close, Goodbye breakfasts

Lodging

In years past, much of the action at a VTR Convention took place at a single resort/host hotel. For 2014 we are changing things up; we have three separate "host hotels" in the area. Make

sure to check out the [Venues](#) page for more information on the locations of various show events.

Each hotel will offer:

- Designated trailer parking
 - Car wash site
 - Convention and local area information
 - Welcome desk staffed by host club members
 - Security each night to ensure vehicle safety
- Rooms are **\$99/night** at all of the hotels listed here from September 7 - 16 (spanning the event and 2 days on either side)

Make sure to call the hotel directly and ask for rooms in the "Triumph Club block". Note that use of bonus points / Hilton Honor points / etc. may require that you book outside of the reserved rooms. Contact the hotels directly for details.

[Hampton Inn - Dobson / Shelton Vineyards](#) - Registration is at this hotel
[150 Charlestowne Drive, Dobson, North Carolina, 27017](#)
 336.353.9400

Trailer Parking:
 Look for signs at the Hampton Inn - Dobson directing you to the trailer parking area.

[Hampton Inn - Mt. Airy](#)
[2029 Rockford Street, Mount Airy, North Carolina, 27030](#)
 336.789.5999

[Holiday Inn Express - Mt. Airy](#)
[1320 Ems Drive, Mount Airy, North Carolina, 27030](#)
 336.719.1731

Trailer Parking:

The Mt. Airy hotels are effectively across the street from each other. They share designated trailer parking in an area adjacent to the Holiday Inn Express - Mt. Airy; look for trailer parking signs and additional detail in the hotel lobbies.



One of our three [host hotels](#), the Hampton Inn - Dobson will house registration and a few other events for the convention.

Venues

The 2014 VTR National Convention gives you the opportunity to take in some wonderful locations in and around Surry County. Read on for descriptions of some of the show venues.

Free transportation is available from *every* hotel to *every* venue throughout the course of the convention. While there are some gorgeous drives in the area, you are also welcome to enjoy an air-conditioned ride as a passenger too!

[Shelton Vineyards](#)

Home to award winning wines and southern hospitality, you are sure to love the vineyard, winery and tasting room, and the onsite Harvest Grill restaurant. Celebrating its 15th year, we hope you'll enjoy your visit to one of the largest vineyards on the East Coast.

Hosting:

Concours Show
Participant's Choice Show
Judge's Breakfast
Walking Rally
Moonshine TSD Rally - starting point
Panoramic Photo

~3 miles to Hampton Inn - Dobson
~13 miles to Mt. Airy hotels

[Surry Community College / Shelton-Badgett NC Center for Viticulture & Enology](#)

With a long history (founded in 1964) in the region, Surry Community College offers thousands of classes and serves tens of thousands of students. For VTR they are offering up their facilities for several events. Their Emergency Services Training Facility is no stranger to hosting an Autocross (for little British cars no less)!

Hosting:

VTR Members Meeting

Welcome Reception

Back to Mayberry Barbeque

Auction

Tech Sessions

Judging School

Autocross

~5 miles to Hampton Inn - Dobson

~9 miles to Mt. Airy hotels

[Cross Creek Country Club](#)

Make sure to pack your clubs and schedule a tee time during your trip! Cross Creek offers 18 holes at a championship golf course nestled at the base of the Blue Ridge mountains. Relax at the clubhouse during the VTR awards social and banquet.

Hosting:

VTR Awards Banquet and Pre-banquet social

~19 miles to Hampton Inn - Dobson

~5 miles to Mt. Airy hotels

Hampton Inn - Dobson / Shelton Vineyards

One of our three [host hotels](#), the Hampton Inn - Dobson will house registration and a few other events for the convention.

Hosting:

Registration

Vendor areas

Craft/Model/Photo Contest

Lord Hassell's Fun Rally - starting point

Marty's Brew swap and home brew contest

~3 miles to Shelton Vineyards

~12 miles to Mt. Airy hotels

<http://www.vtr2014.com/>