

# *British Motoring Club New Orleans Morris Gazette*

*October / November, 2014*

*Official publication of British Motoring Club New Orleans*

*Vintage Triumph Register 2014 National Show*



*Come join us at the  
2014 E.E. Reynolds Memorial Road Rally  
Saturday, November 15th, 2014*

*See article page 7.*





*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 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014*

*6:00 p.m. - 9:00p.m.*

*Note, new location*

*Days Hotel*

*3400 South Interstate 10 Service Rd*

*Metairie, Louisiana*

*RSVP: Karen Murray,*

*[karenmurray@cox.net](mailto:karenmurray@cox.net)*

*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.*

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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.



# October 2014

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28	29	<u><a href="#">30</a></u> <u>General Meeting/Board Nominations</u>	1	2	3	<u><a href="#">4</a></u> <u>Renaissance Euro Fest Classic European Auto and Motorcycle Show</u>
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<u><a href="#">12</a></u> <u>Cruisin the Coast</u>	13	<u><a href="#">14</a></u> <u>Board of Directors Meeting</u>	15	<u><a href="#">16</a></u> <u>Northshore Area Gathering</u>	17	<u><a href="#">18</a></u> <u>Cars And Coffee</u>
19	20	<u><a href="#">21</a></u> <u>Baton Rouge Area Gathering</u>	22	23	<u><a href="#">24</a></u> <u>SABCC British Car Festival</u>	<u><a href="#">25</a></u> <u>SABCC British Car Festival Acadania Meeting/Cruise</u>
26	27	<u><a href="#">28</a></u> <u>General Meeting/Board Election</u>	29	30	<u><a href="#">31</a></u> <u>Halloween</u>	<u><a href="#">1</a></u> <u>L'Auberge Euro Fest</u>

**Tuesday, September 30, 2014 General Meeting/Board Election**, Meeting 7:00 p.m., Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA,

**Saturday, October 04, 2014 Renaissance Euro Fest Classic European Auto and Motorcycle Show**, The Sixth Annual Show. Pre-entry required. <http://www.euro-fest.net/>

**October 09-11, 2014 Cruisin the Coast. See article on page 8.**

- ⇒ Gulf Coast members and all convoys will all meet at Cruise Central in Gulfport at the old V.A. for 9:00 am.
- ⇒ New Orleans group **leave** from Lowe's parking lot at I-10 and Reed Blvd. at 7:30 am. Arrive a little early.
- ⇒ Baton Rouge group will **leave** from the Bass Pro shop in Denham at 7:00 am. Arrive a little early.
- ⇒ North Shore and Lafayette area will all meet at Cruise Central in Gulfport at the old V.A. for 9:00 am.

**Saturday, October 11, 2014 Gulf Coast/MS Meeting**, Second Saturday Art-walk in Bay St. Louis

**Tuesday, October 14, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting**, Location TBD, 6:00 p.m.

**Thursday, October 16, 2014 Northshore Area Gathering**, Casual Meeting 7:00 p.m., Abita Brew Pub, 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs, LA 70420

**Saturday, October 18, 2014 Cars And Coffee** Morning Call - City Park, New Orleans

**Tuesday, October 21, 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

**Friday, October 24, 2014 SABCC British Car Festival, Convoy and The Friday night "Welcome Party"** **Convoy Information will be posted on website and also sent by email.**

**Saturday, October 25, 2014 SABCC British Car Festival**

**Saturday, October 25, 2014 Acadania Meeting/Cruise**, Acadania Monthly Gathering, Contact Area Coordinator for details

**Tuesday, October 28, 2014 General Meeting/Board Election**, Meeting 7:00 p.m., Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA, (2015 Board of Directors Election)



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**Saturday, November 01, 2014 L'Auberge Euro Fest, Baton Rouge**

**Saturday, November 08, 2014 Gulf Coast/MS Meeting, Second Saturday Art-walk in Bay St. Louis**

**Tuesday, November 11, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting, Audrey and Jack Kennedy's home, 6:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, November 15, 2014 Cars And Coffee, Morning Call - City Park, New Orleans 8:00 a.m.**

**Saturday, November 15, 2014 E. E. Reynolds Rallye, See page 7 for Details**

**Tuesday, November 18, 2014 North Shore Area Gathering, Casual Meeting 7:00 p.m., Abita Brew Pub, 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs, LA 70420**

**Tuesday, November 18, 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**

**Tuesday, November 25, 2014 General Meeting, Dinner 6:00 p.m. and Meeting at 7:00 p.m., Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA**

**Saturday, November 29, 2014 Acadania Meeting/Cruise, Acadania Monthly Gathering, Contact Dave Hayden Area Coordinator for details**



## UPCOMING EVENTS - CALENDAR AT A GLANCE by Karen Murray, Vice President

Month	Event	Date	Time	Place	Contact
September	General BMCNO Meeting	Tues. 30 <sup>TH</sup>	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan,	Board of Directors
October	Cruisin' the Coast	Thurs. 9 & Fri. 10th		(check newsletter article for info)	Peter & Melissa Brauen
	Cruisin' the Coast	Sat. 11 <sup>th</sup>		(check newsletter article)	
	Board meeting	Tues. 14 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Don Marpe	Board Members
	North Shore Meeting <i>Election of 2015 Board</i>	Thurs. 16 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Abita Brew Pub 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs	Cliff Hughes
	"Cars & Coffee"	Sat. 18th		Morning Call -City Park	8:00 – 11:00 a.m.
	Baton Rouge Meeting <i>Election of 2015 Board</i>	Tues. 21 <sup>st</sup>	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	The Londoner 4215 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd	Rick Huber
	Convey to Fairhope, Alabama	Fri. 24 <sup>th</sup>		(check newsletter article for info) Fairhope, Alabama	
	South Alabama British Car Show	Sat. 25 <sup>th</sup>		(check newsletter article for info) Fairhope, Alabama	
	Acadiana /Lafayette meeting/cruise	Sat. 25 <sup>th</sup>			Dave Hayden
	BMCNO Meeting <i>Election of 2015 Board</i>	Tues. 28 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA	Board of Directors
November	L'Auberge Euro Fest	Sat. 1 <sup>st</sup>		Baton Rouge	
	Gulf Coast/Ms Meeting	Sat., 8 <sup>th</sup>		Second Saturday, Art-walk in Bay St. Louis Baptist Church	Peter & Melissa Brauen
	Board meeting	Tues. 11 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Jack Kennedy	Board Members
	E.E. Reynolds Rallye	Sat. 15 <sup>th</sup>		(check newsletter for info)	
	"Cars & Coffee"	Sat. 15 <sup>th</sup>		Morning Call -City Park	8:00 – 11:00 a.m.
	Baton Rouge Meeting	Tues. 18 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	The Londoner 4215 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd	Rick Huber
	North Shore Meeting	Tues. 18 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Abita Brew Pub 72011 Holly Street , Abita	Cliff Hughes
	General BMCNO Meeting	Tues. 25 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA	Board of Directors
	Acadiana /Lafayette meeting/	Sat. 29 <sup>th</sup>			Dave Hayden
December	Annual BMCNO Christmas Party	Sat. 6 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.	Days Hotel - 3400 S. I-10 Service Rd. Metairie.	Board of Directors
	Board meeting	Tues. 9 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 – 8:30 p.m.		Karen & Ronnie's





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January	Gulf Coast/Ms Meeting	Sat. 10 <sup>th</sup>		Second Saturday, Art-walk in Bay St. Louis Baptist Church	Peter & Melissa Brauen
2015	Oil Change Tech Session	Sat. 10th.	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Lubriport Laboratories 1650 Airline Dr.	Floyd Friloux
	Board of Directors meeting	Tues. 13 <sup>th</sup>			Chad Wicker
	North Shore Meeting	Thurs. 15th	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Abita Brew Pub 72011 Holly Street , Abita	Cliff Hughes
	Baton Rouge Meeting	Tues., 20th	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	The Londoner 4215 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd. BR	Rick Huber
	Feliciana Cruise	Sat. 24th.		See newsletter for info	Milton Franklin
	Acadiana/ Lafayette meeting/cruise	Sat. 31st.			Dave Hayden
	General BMCNO Meeting	Tues. 78 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA	Board of Directors
February	Gulf Coast/Ms Meeting	Sat. 14 <sup>th</sup>		Second Saturday, Art-walk in Bay St. Louis Baptist Church	Peter & Melissa Brauen
	Board meeting	Tues. 10th	6:00 – 8:30		Ronald & Karen
	Middendorf's	Sun. 22nd.		See newsletter for info	Karen Murray
	Baton Rouge Meeting	Tues. 17 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	The Londoner 4215 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd. BR	Rick Huber
	North Shore Meeting	Thurs. 19th	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Abita Brew Pub 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs	Cliff Hughes
	Acadiana / Lafayette meeting/cruise	Sat. 23 <sup>rd</sup>			Dave Hayden
	General BMCNO Meeting	Tues. 24 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA	Board of Directors
March	Gulf Coast/Ms Meeting	Sat. 14 <sup>th</sup>		Second Saturday, Art-walk in Bay St. Louis Baptist Church	Peter & Melissa Brauen
	Goody Bag Stuffing	Sat. 14 <sup>th</sup>		TBA	
	Board Meeting	Tues. 17 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 – 8:30		
	North Shore Meeting	Thurs. 19th	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Abita Brew Pub 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs	Cliff Hughes
	Welcome Reception	Fri. 20th		Days Hotel - I-10 Service Road and Causeway	
	British Motoring Club Car Show	Sat. 21st	8:00 a.m. - till	Delgado Community College	
	After Car Show Dinner	Sat. 21st.		TBA	
	Baton Rouge Meeting -	Tues. 24 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	The Londoner 4215 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd. BR	Rick Huber
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## 2014 EE Reynolds Rallye Saturday November 15<sup>th</sup>

Tally ho!

Prepare yourself for the smell of petro and burnt oil, a lowered hood, 4 speed tranny, knock off spoke wheels, chrome bumpers, open backed driving gloves and curvy roads!

Her Majesty and the British Motoring Club of New Orleans cordially invites you to join in the EE Reynolds British cars only Rally on November 15<sup>th</sup> 2014.

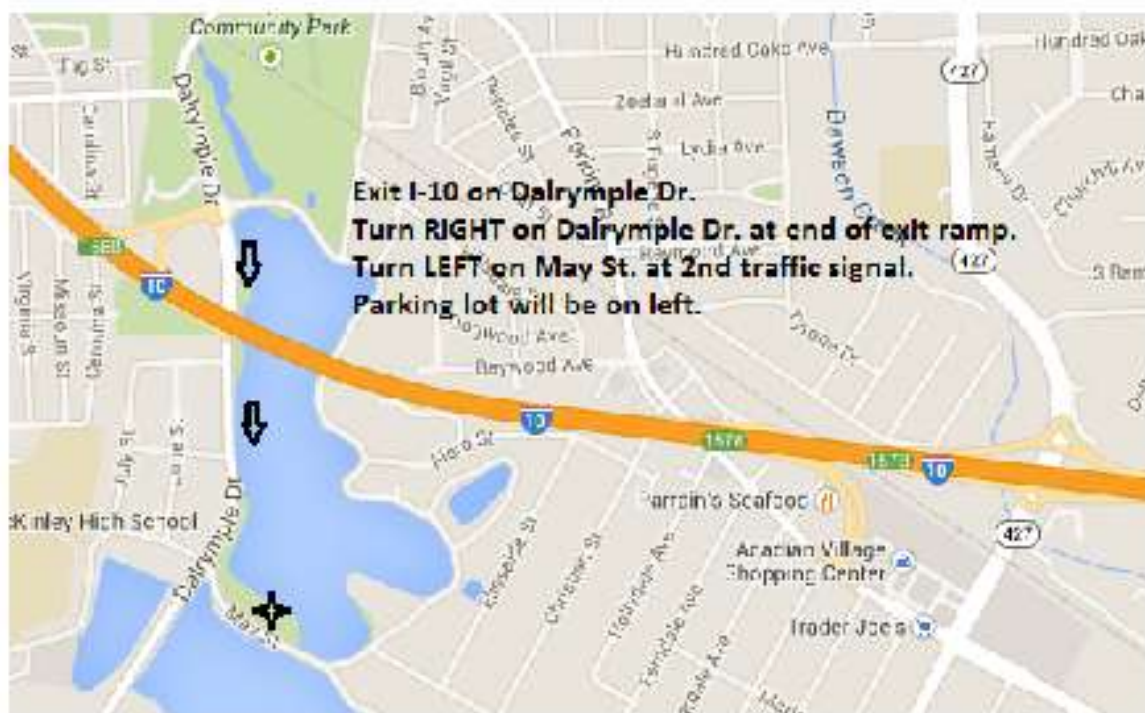
This will be a timed rally with the winner being the car that completes the course closest to the official time which will be 2 hours (more or less). The course is approximately 60 miles and will take you through many town and country scenic routes.

We will meet at the BREC park located on May St. on the banks of City Park Lake for a drivers meeting to be held promptly at 9:00. The first cars departure time will be determined by the total number of entries. Cars will depart every 5 minutes with the last car leaving no later than 10:00.

The Rally will end at a Denham Springs La. restaurant where participants can start eating and/or compete in other games for prizes.

At the conclusion of the event, those that would like to visit the Denham Springs Antique district may do so and/or possibly take a short drive (10 minutes or less) north to Danny's house for coffee and a shop tour.

Please RSVP to [dannyvarnado@cox.net](mailto:dannyvarnado@cox.net) or [bobbyspann@aol.com](mailto:bobbyspann@aol.com) if you intend to participate. RSVP even if you might participate so that we can determine the actual departure time and be sure to get a big enough private room at the restaurant.





**UPCOMING EVENTS.....Mark your calendar by Karen Murray, Vice President****Thursday, October 9th and Friday, October 10th—Cruisin' the Coast BMCNO Style**

Peter & Melissa Brauen are making arrangements for a tour on Thursday and Friday to drive the coast and collect all of the stamps required. Peter will also make arrangements for lunch stops. Let's try to cruise together for that WOW factor of showing off our cars.

**Saturday, October 11th—Cruisin' the Coast—Under the Oaks for BMCNO**

This is the day that we all meet to park under the beautiful oak trees on the old Veterans Hospital on the Gulf Coast. What a great this has been in the past. All of our British cars parked together is a sight to see and plenty of the participants do come to see. Bring your folding chairs to watch the cars coming in for their stamps. After we will caravan to Dempsey's for lunch.

**POSTPONED —Thursday, November 6th—Sunday, November 9th—Memphis Weekend Get-away** The general membership has requested that this event be rescheduled at a later date due to the busy car show schedules in October and November. Cliff Hughes and Keith Vezina will keep us posted to updates.

**Saturday, November 15th—E.E. Reynolds Rallye**

Check out the article on page\_\_\_\_\_ for this fun event that will be organized by Bobby Spann and Danny Vardano from Baton Rouge.

**Saturday, December 6th (6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.) BMCNO Annual Christmas Party**

Due to the increasing number of attendance at our Annual Christmas party, the board voted to move the event this year from the BOCCE Club to the **Days Hotel of Metairie, 3400 S. I-10 Service Rd., by Causeway, Metairie**. This is also our host hotel for the Annual Car Show.

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**MANY THANKS** by Karen Murray, Vice President'

*This club, with all of the diverse events, would not exist without the help of many people. I would like to thank the following members for organizing and hosting club events:*

**January** (Feliciana Cruise)—Milton Franklin, Danny Varando, and Rick Huber

**March** ( 19th Annual New Orleans British Car Show) **EVERYONE!!**

**June** - ( Progressive Dinner) Keith & Karen Vezina, Chad & Rachel Wicker, Jack & Audrey Kennedy, Allen & Pat Mocklin, Allen & Susan Bradley, and Reggie & Barbara Dunbar.

**August** - (Abita Brewery and Brew Pub) Cliff Hughes

**September** - Delgado Community College Automotive Department

**October** - (Cruisin' the Coast) Peter & Melissa Brauen

**November** - (E.E. Reynolds Rallye) Bobby Spann & Danny Varando

**December** - **EVERYONE!!!**

**Harahan Christmas Parade**

Allen Bradley is looking for members with cars to participate in the City of Harahan Children's Christmas parade on Saturday, December 13th, 2014

Line up at 10:30 a.m.

Starts at 12:00 noon

2.7 miles on Jefferson Highway in Harahan

Benefiting the Magnolia School

Please contact Allen Bradley for more information and release form.

504-232-8022

Marching bands, dance groups, police officers and Santa Claus will parade down Jefferson Highway Saturday during the [22nd Annual Harahan Christmas Parade](#). A total of 28 groups and seven floats will take part in this year's procession, according to organizer David Roberts, a sergeant with parade's sponsor, the [Harahan Police Department](#).

The parade begins at Noon on Jefferson Highway at Hord Street and will travel about 2 miles to Folse Street, Roberts said. The reigning king and queen will be B.J. Stevinson and Mindy Harrison, students from the Magnolia School. Jefferson Parish President John Young will be the grand marshal.

Representatives from Harahan Police, the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office, Gretna Police, Kenner Police and the U.S. Coast Guard will appear Saturday.

The parade will feature marching bands from Riverdale High School in Old Jefferson and John Curtis Christian School in River Ridge, Roberts said. ROTC units from several local schools, including Riverdale and Grace King High School in Metairie will also march.





## September 2014 Meeting Minutes by Don Marpe BMCNO Secretary



President Ronnie Palmisano called the meeting to order shortly after 7 pm. There were 23 members and guests present and most were enjoying the food at the Italian Pie. New member Dale Lauque was introduced and he gave us a brief summary of the reasons he joined the club and the cars that he has. He later offered his shop parking area to any club members going to the Gramercy area bonfires around Christmas.

For old business the Natchez car show was discussed by those that attended. The ladies praised the shopping and tours of homes set up by the host club. The guys said there were only 39 cars in the show but they still thought it was a good show and several brought back trophies.

The Peachtree MG Club show was the next item discussed. The show was in Dillard Georgia. This show had 140 cars and they included all British marquees. By all accounts this was a great show. It went from Thursday to Sunday with events each day and great food each night. The host club set up several trips and events to keep the attendees busy.

The Vintage Triumph Registry (VTR) national event was the next item discussed. The event was in Dobson North Carolina with some of the show being in Mount Powell (the town Andy Griffin's Marberry was based on). There were 289 Triumphs of all versions at the show and almost all were in perfect condition. The host club had set up the car display area in Sheldon Vineyards with different areas of the various classes. In addition to the show, there was a timed hill climb event and a Moonshine rally. A more detailed article on this event and why members should join VTR will

be in future newsletters.

This show prompted some discussion on how many club members belong to VTR, NAMGR, and NAMGB. A club needs to have a certain number of members in these groups to be allowed to use that groups insurance coverage at our car show. The board members will make an effort to get an accurate count of the current members in these associations and determine any needed actions. In addition to these national clubs for Triumphs and MGs, the national Jaguar club will also be considered in this effort.

The Tech Session at Delgado was discussed. See the article in this newsletter.

This meeting was the final time for people to be nominated to hold positions on the Board of Directors for the club. The final additions and adjustments to the nominations were made and the nominations were closed. The nominated candidates are shown in other sections of this newsletter.

There was a lot of discussion on the theme for the car show and the artwork to go on the T shirts. Several options for the artwork were reviewed but there was no clear winner. Based on the feedback by the members, the board will make the final decision at the next board meeting. In general, the design will have a wheel (wire wheel or steering wheel) with the BMCNO logo in the middle and have the "25<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Day" in the appropriate location on the shirt.

Other parts of the car show are moving smoothly. The host hotel has been booked and the meeting room for the welcome reception is reserved. The display area at Delgado is reserved and commitments from food vendors (continued on page 7) are starting to be received. *(Continued on page 12)*





## October 2014 Meeting Minutes by Don Marpe BMCNO Secretary



Ronnie Palmisano called the meeting to order with 19 members and guests present. There were no new members at the meeting, but there have been some additional membership renewals received. The total active

members now stands at 144.

After the usual opening discussion, the satellite groups reported on their meetings. The Baton Rouge meeting had 18 people attend. It appears like the new hamburger special at the Londoner has become a favorite of the group. Rick Huber reported that there were lots of stories told while the burgers were consumed.

The North Shore group had 12 people attend their official meeting and 17 people attend the last Coffee and Cars session. Cliff Hughes said that the Coffee and Cars sessions have become very popular and he has been surprised at the number of people that just drop in. They see the cars in the parking lot and figure something must be going on. They are right. Each session has lots of lively car related discussions and stories.

Past events were discussed and the details can be found in other articles of this newsletter.

Upcoming events were the next subject for the meeting. The next big event is the EE Reynolds Rally on Saturday November 15. This year's event will be hosted by Danny Varnado and Bobby Spann who won last years event. They have a great rally planned and there is more details on the event in this newsletter.

The BMCNO Christmas Party was also discussed. The party will be at the Days Hotel (same location as the Car Show Host Hotel) in the reception area. This is a bigger area then the past location and should allow for more guests. In addition to the party activities, this is also the event that we

award the Car Day Scholarships to the selected Delgado Automotive Students. This is always a fun thing for the club to do and is appreciated greatly by the students. An if those activities are not enough, the installation of the new club Board of Directors are inducted. More details on the Christmas Party are in this newsletter.

The next item of business at the meeting was accepting the nominees for the 2014-2015 Board of Directors. There were no challenges to the nominees, so formal voting was not held. The board members are:

- President – Ronnie Palmisano
- Vice President – Karen Murray
- Secretary – Chad Wicker
- Treasure – Don Marpe
- Members at Large – Jack Kennedy, Reg Dunbar, Cathy Greensfelder, Alan Mocklin, Melissa Brauen

The British Car Day was the next subject discussed. Don Marpe made a plea for people to get involved with the show and become one of the event Chairpersons. There is an article in the newsletter that gives a brief summary of what is involved with each position and the web site has the car show manual that has the complete details of everything the chairpersons do.

The theme for the show and T-shirt design are up in the air now. No consensus could be reached on the shirt design options, so it is back to the drawing board or sketch pad. The Board of Directors and the Car Show Chairman will need to make the decision and get the shirt ordered to ensure they are ready for the show.

Jack Kennedy reported that the club funds and car day funds are in good shape and can support the needed activities.

Club member projects were the final subject discussed. Lots of members doing things to their cars. The meeting was adjourned



## September Baton Rouge Gathering by Reg Dunbar



The Baton Rouge group had 13 people in attendance at the September 23rd meeting.

This included 3 new people. Past events were discussed. Danny Varnado and Bobby Spann at-

tended "Brits On

The Bluffs" in Natchez and went over highlights of the show. Reg Dunbar reviewed the topics of the last board meeting.

Future events were previewed including the September 27th tech session at Delgado Community College automotive Department and the Renaissance Euro Fest in Ridgeland, MS (drive up on Friday for the Saturday October 4th show. The show will be followed by a "Props & Pistons" drive in / fly in at Byran Airport. BMCNO will attend "Crusin' The Coast" on October 9th, 10th and 11th. For the Fairhope, AL, show the group will convoy over on October 25th for the Saturday October 25th show.

The next meeting of the Baton Rouge group will be at 6:00 pm on October 21st.

The L'Auberge Eurofest will be on November 1st at the L'Auberge Casino. Bobby

Spann and Danny Varnado told us of the E. E. Reynolds Rally to be held on Saturday November

15th, but withheld a lot of information as they want it to be a bit of a surprise!

The November meeting of the Baton Rouge group will be on November 18th at 6:00 pm again at the Londoner. The club Christmas party will be held on December 6th at a motel to be advised later instead of the BOCCE Club.

"The One That Got Away" for this month was a white 1954 Corvette that Reg Dunbar purchased in 1962 for the motley sum of \$180. The 2 speed Powerglide transmission was locked up. Reg hauled it to a friend's father's transmission shop and for \$30 in parts and three weekends repaired the transmission with the shop owner's guidance. After being kidded for having a six cylinder 'Vette for over a year he sold the car for \$1,800 (more cash than he had ever seen). Should have kept the 'Vette!

No one had any progress to report on their project cars for the past month.

Tom Miller announced that the first MG meeting will be held at his home at 4608 Tartan Dr.



## September 2014 Meeting Minutes continued.....

One of the things to improve that came out of last year's show was that volunteers to chair the key parts of the show need to be identified earlier. Based on that you can expect a call from Don Marpe the show chairman in the near future.

The meeting closed with several members giving updates on their car projects. And as usual, the discussions continued in the parking lot after the meeting.





## October Baton Rouge Gathering by Rick Huber



Amazing, 18 of us got together in October, and a few of the regulars were missing. I think the turnout was so good because everybody wanted to vote! Or maybe not. Anyway, we had a few new faces - Ric Simons, Don Prestridge, and Karl Hudson who told us

about themselves and their association with little British Cars & Bikes. Milton talked about the Renaissance Euro-Fest in Ridgeland, MS, a very nice, fun, and FREE show the first weekend of October. Rick/Larry/Bobby talked about Cruisin' the Coast and the parts each participated in. Rick talked about his and Mary Lynne's trip to Nashville for the rained out British Car Show up there, and the ride back on the Natchez Trace. For future events, Rick talked about the upcoming caravan and Fairhope show and the L'auberge Euro-



Fest the first of November, and Bobby talked about the EE Reynolds' Rallye that he and Danny won last year and are planning this year on November 8. We voted for 2015 board members, Bobby talked about chasing down the electrical/ignition problem in his MGB, and a few of us talked about projects we're working on. A surprise for the month was Bruce Rogers offering a "Lucas Lamps" sign as a door prize, which was won by Bill Avery. Thank you Bruce! That'll make a nice addition to Bill's shop.

## The Second Annual L'Auberge Euro Fest Classic European Auto and Motorcycle Show by Rick Huber



What a weekend for a car show in Baton Rouge! The weather was about as delightful as it could be, clear and sunny, a lovely low-70s Friday, and a chilly 39 Saturday morning with a high of about 60 during the show. Mike

Marsh put on his 3rd Euro-Fest down here in Louisiana, the second one at the L'auberge Casino along the Mississippi River. L'auberge really puts on a spread for show participants. The weekend kicked off with a drive



from the casino down river road to Houmas House for lunch. The organizers of the ride were the Rolls Royce and Bentley club so 8 to 10 of the 30 cars were antique, classic, and modern saloon cars. BMCNO had a reasonable representation

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## *L'Auberge Euro Fest y Rick Huber continued....*



with Marc Zebouni in his MGA, Milton and Annette Franklin in their TR6, Larry Joubert in his Stag, and Rick & Mary Lynne in their AH 3000. When we got to Houmas House, the staff directed us through a normally closed gate and onto the lawn in front of the plantation home - check out the pictures. Lunch was a delicious buffet in the large conference room sponsored by (paid for) the Rolls Royce club - thank you very much! After lunch, many drive participants toured the house before heading back up the river road as single, two, or three car groups. At 5, the reception started in the VIP lounge at L'auberge overlooking the river during sunset. Talk about a spectacular view! L'auberge provided heavy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar while show participants mingled, picked up registration packets, and listened to a welcome from the Mike and the staff, and Mike went over the plan for Saturday.

Mike's Euro-Fests start early, with cars placed on the show field from 7 to 9. I'm glad it wasn't too long a drive from home with the top down at 39 degrees. Exhilarating is the best way to describe it. Yes, I had on a coat, gloves, and my Dad's old fur-lined bomber's hat, like the one Frazier wore in Fairhope. With the car in place, it was time to wander around and talk to the other chilly participants. About 8:45 Mike called for a Judge's meet-

ing. He had recruited several of us from the BMCNO - John Pearson, Milton, Bill Avery, Bob McAnelly, Marc Zebouni and I. Bob and I got the 25 vehicle Rolls Royce and Bentley class - fortunately Mike teamed us up with a 40 year RR/B veteran to explain to us the finer points. Mike changed the awards for this show, giving a number of "Best of Class" awards to each category depending on the number in the class. The RR/B class received 6 awards, the British class received 4. Those awards went to Marc Zebouni's 1929 Austin Seven, Wayne Pangburn's 1963 TR4, a couple from Lafayette's 1971 E-Type coupe, and Bill Silhan's Aston Martin. Another LBC, Bob Mansky's original condition, 12,000 mile MG-TF won an award for Preservation Class and was also the 1989 and earlier Best of Show winner.

Bob McAnelly's Jaguar Mark IX won the Big Cat award presented by sponsor Paretti Jaguar. Other classes were Italian, Motorcycles, and German with many beautiful examples.

L'auberge was on hand to provide a catered lunch for show entrants, and there was live and taped music throughout the event. It sounds like everyone that attended, whether an entrant or a visitor, had a good time and enjoyed the show.







## September News from the Gulf Group by Melissa and Peter Brauen



Our meeting September 13th was small★ but that is ok, we had four British cars on display just the same. In attendance were the Schobers & Family, The Brauens and friend, the Filinas, and the Rices. We chose Canella's for an Italian and German menu and all beers are imports. The food is DELISH, but as you can see in the picture, the owner/manager decided we could not move tables. (Jeff and Heather Filina are rebels tho, lol) We talked about Cruisin' and our plans to divide our cruise into two days and we shared Buddy Clark's offer to dine at the Yacht Club one of the days. It a casual, nice place with good food and not open to the general public. Thanks Buddy!

### General Itinerary for 'Brits Cruise the Coast'

Oct 9th and 10th, meet at Cruise Central, Gulfport 9 a.m.

This gives people an opportunity to pick up packets. Cruise east or west, then relax for lunch

Oct 11th, meet and park at Cruise Central, Gulfport 9 a.m. Cruise to Dempsey's in Kiln for lunch

Gulf Coast members will all meet at Cruise Central in Gulfport at the old V.A. for 9:00 am.

New Orleans group leave from Lowe's parking lot at I-10 and Reed Blvd. at 7:30 am. Arrive a little early.

Baton Rouge group will leave from the Bass Pro shop in Denham at 7:00 am. Arrive a little early.

North Shore and Lafayette area will all meet at Cruise Central in Gulfport at the old V.A. for 9:00 am.

[www.cruisinthecoast.com](http://www.cruisinthecoast.com) for more info .

Hope to see you there!

MELISSA & PETER BRAUEN







## October News from the Gulf Group by Melissa and Peter Brauen



With such great weather and many events all along the Gulf Coast, many of our members were engaged in other activities. We managed a meeting with Melissa & Peter Brauen, Gene & Anne Gilliam, and Frazer & Beverly Rice which was held at Canella's Restaurant in Bay St Louis. We discussed possibilities for future activities which include attending a reenactment of the Battle of Bay St Louis on Dec 13th in the early afternoon, as well as a visit to Biloxi and a possible lunch in Gulfport. We also decided that since it is getting dark earlier we will meet in the day so we can drive our cars safely and they can be seen and enjoyed by others. We may also meet on days other than Second Saturday of the month. With the Holiday's looming much of our plans will wait until January and beyond. We adjourned with full bellies and lots to look forward too.

Crusin' the Coast was bigger and hotter than ever - literally 'hotter' - as temps rose steadily through the week. As the number of registrants increased this year, it was more difficult to park 8-10 cars in a convoy at the venues so we 'drove thru' only.

That Thursday we met at Gulfport and cruised into Ocean Springs which had a delay long enough to cause some to start to overheat. We got thru it, (we British car owners are survivors

after all) and we headed straight for A/C at the pre-determined restaurant - TGI Friday's, AKA Ruby Tuesdays. (Those who were there, 'know') Next was the D'Iebervill venue where they had vendor booths that were indoors with A/C. (*Sensing a theme here...*) They had lots of cool car related goodies, including custom embroidery while you wait. We decided to call it a day and met up again Friday at Gulfport once again.

We cruised thru Edgewater Mall and thru the lovely towns of Pass Christian and Bay St Louis where we cruised on to La Chula's Mexican restaurant for some cold drinks and ....did you guess? ....some A/C. Several NOLA club members met up with us there and we made our plan to meet up in Gulfport once more on Saturday morning. We parked all together and spread out in our lawn chairs to watch all the varied and beautiful cars cruise in and out. We wondered how many people had pictures of our cars as so many were taken.

After half a day of relaxation and car talk we cruised up curvy, shady, country roads to Dempsey's Seafood Restaurant for cold brews, good food, and great camaraderie.

In spite of some challenges with heat and a delay or two, we had a blast and look forward to next year.

Be sure to visit our Facebook page "British Motoring Club of New Orleans - BMCNO" for pictures of this event and more.

**PETER & MELISSA BRAUEN**







## VTR Nationals at Dobson, North Carolina by Ronnie Palmisano



The 2014 Vintage Triumph Register National convention was hosted by the Triumph Club of the Carolinas in the Yadkin Valley region of North Carolina.

The festivities took place from Tuesday September 9 - Sunday September 14, 2014 on the grounds of Shelton Vineyards and at numerous other local venues.

It was a great event with 289 triumphs of all models and years represented:

This was by far the best car show that I have ever attended. I encourage you to attend a VTR regional or National show in the future.

I'll keep you informed of future dates and locations.

Ronnie



During the many days of this event there were:

- Tech Sessions
- Guest Speakers - An all-star cast of Triumph Racers that shared their experiences. They included Bub Tullius, Ken Slagle, Mike Cook and others.
- Concours Judging School
- Welcome Reception
- Coordinated / Group Dinner Runs
- Concours Car Show
- Participants Choice Car Show
- VTR Members Meeting
- Back to Mayberry" Barbeque
- Fun Rally
- Hill Climb
- Moonshine (TSD) Rally
- Model/Craft/Photo Contest







## Delgado Community College Tech Session "How to tune up your British Car"



Maybe it was the free coffee and doughnuts, but there was a great turnout of BMCNO Members (and some potential new members) to listen to



Randy Traylor (Delgado Automotive Department Instructor) give them the basics of engine tune-ups. There were 26 people and one MG T in the classroom when the session started. Dave Loeb volunteered his T to be the show and tell vehicle and Danny Varnado, Ronnie Palmisano, Mike Lewis, and others brought in parts of cars and tools that would be passed around and discussed.

Randy started out the class with a good discussion on issues and things to do that centered on gas, coolant systems, and lubricants. Several attendees provided their own stories and recommendations on these areas. It was clear that Randy had

done a lot of research on British cars prior to the class. He had found several U-Tube videos that helped provide instructions on how to do the basics in tuning the engine. The videos will be helpful as refresher training before you take on any of these tasks on your car so the titles are included in this article. The first one was "147.MG Carburetor Tuning". This started with an explanation of what hoses do what, what hoses to disconnect to tune the carburetor, and the steps to do the adjustments. It was very detailed and showed the special tools needed to balance the carburetors. Fortunately, Danny Varnado had brought along those special tools. We all now know who to be friends with before you start working on your carburetor.

The next video was "Carburetor Floats – 3 Things that can go wrong". It was pretty quick but did show the possible problems. There is a series of related videos on float adjustments and other carburetor instructions that show up on U-Tube. Next was a short video on "How Ignition Systems Work". It was pretty basic, but some us needed something that basic. Then came "How to set points" and "Fitting Accu Spark electronic Ignition to MGB".

When the videos were finished, some of the items members brought for show and tell were passed around and their stories (*Continued on page 19*)







## *Delgado Community College Tech Session continued....*



told. It was clear that some of the items needed lots of work before they were useable. After a break for more coffee and doughnuts, Randy used the MG T to show the group the actual timing process and some other key items on the engine. If we had not had the T to work on, there were plenty of MGBs, Austin Healeys, TR6s, Jag XK8, MG coupe in the parking lot that could also be used for demonstrations.

As usual, people hung around talking cars for a good while after the class and then continued those discussions while they waited in line for ever at Parkway Bakery for lunch

This was a great event and brought out members that we normally do not see. The club will work to have more events like this.

Don Marpe

### **Bobby Span wrote:**

We all had a great time at Delgado College at the "Tuning a British Car" seminar. Free coffee and donuts too! Danny and I drove down in his TR6 and that thing flies! Stopped at Morning Call in City Park first, then we cruised over to Delgado Community College for the class. There were members from all over. We had good participation from Baton Rouge! Reggie, Bill, Rick, myself and Danny to name a few...

Afterward we motored over to The Parkway Bakery for lunch. It was a long wait for food, but it was well worth the wait!

Great day! Great People! Great Food!

Bobby





## October Healey Fest by Rick Huber



You all know about October Fest. We've put a new spin on the old theme, making Oct 2014 a Healey driving month that we just have to call our Oct-Healey Fest. Wow, what fun we had in Missy (she came to life at BMC Restorations in Mississippi) in

October. We attended 5 events and put almost 2,500 miles on the Healey and our rear ends. Here's a day-by-day recap:



Friday, October 3. We got up real early to pack and head to Richland, MS for the Friday Renaissance Euro Fest drive. A cold front was going through and it looked like the rain would stop in Baton Rouge about 7am, and had already stopped in Richland. I sent Mike Marsh an email saying that we might be late if it didn't stop raining in Baton Rouge in time. He sent a note back saying that the drive had been cancelled due to the rain/wet roads. So, with that lemon we made lemonade, changed our route, drove up to Clinton for lunch with a friend, then the Louisiana two lane back roads up to Brookhaven, MS where we caught I-55 to Ridgeland in time for the reception

at 5. Nice free, catered reception and get together with Marc Zebouni, Milton and Annette Franklin and many of our Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida club friends. 164 miles and four hours of driving, lunch, and a stop for gas in Liberty, MS.

Saturday, October 4. Early car placement at the Renaissance Euro-Fest and a lovely day for the show in Ridgeland, MS. Missy won a sponsor award from a local law firm, which I think was really an appreciation/get well award after Rick's illness in September.

Sunday, October 5. We left at 10 on a Euro-Fest organized drive with about 25 cars from the hotel along the Natchez Trace to the John Bell Williams airport southwest of Jackson for the Pistons and Props event that ended the Euro-Fest activities. After lunch there, we got back on the Trace all the way to Natchez. Mary Lynne even got in the driver's seat and did an hour or so of trace cruisin' herself. Not too bad driving Missy on the Trace she said. 196 miles and about 5 hours of driving, car and airplane show, lunch, and cruisin' on the trace.

Wednesday, October 8. We departed about 3 pm, this time heading to Waveland, MS for Cruisin' The Coast (CTC) before going to Nashville on Friday to visit kids and attend the car show. When

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we got to the Coast Inn, there were very few cars in the parking lot, and a big "For Sale" sign on the hotel, so we checked our phones for another hotel, called the Holiday Inn Express in Long Beach, cancelled our reservation, and hopped back in for another half hour ride to the hotel. A lovely stay on the beach and walk along the boardwalk (its really concrete), to a nice dinner at Steve's Marina Restaurant. 124 miles and about 3 hours of driving, a stop and do over at the first hotel, and then heading to Long Beach.

Thursday, October 9. Left about 8:30 to meet with Peter & Melissa and the club CTC caravan for Thursday. After a couple of U turns, we finally found the Veteran's Hospital Cruise Central, checked in, then met with the club in time for the departure at 10. It was hot, and there was

a long line getting through Ocean Springs. At one point I shut off the key, and when it was time to go again, the starter wouldn't turn. I started pushing, and a guy from the car behind us helped, and she jump started. After getting the

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stamp in Ocean Springs, we went to lunch with the group, then headed back to Long Beach to pick up our bags. We decided if it started again in Long Beach, we'd drive Missy to Nashville, and if not, we'd drive home and take the Honda. Vroom, vroom, off we went toward Meridian, our overnight stopping point. We did put the hood (top) up at lunch for the mostly high speed travel to Meridian, and enjoyed the cool comfort of air conditioning (boy, was that a good idea!) during the hot part of the day. 210 miles and 8 hours of driving, Cruisin', and lunch.

Friday, October 10. We contemplated taking the back roads to Nashville from Meridian, but with rain approaching, we decided to get there quickly and hopefully miss it. So we hopped on the Interstate and bee-lined it up there. That plan worked until lunch time, when the weather radar on our phone said we were just about to get wet, and we stopped for lunch just inside the TN border. Amazingly accurate, it started raining 5 minutes later. We hung out at "The Tennessean" restaurant until the thunderstorms rolled through and settled into a light drizzle. We taped up the windows and windshield/hood seam, and pressed on - only a few drips on the legs. Wow, the A/C is great getting rid of a fogged up windshield! On in to Nashville by about 3. 335 miles and 7 hours of driving, gas stops, and an extended, rain delayed lunch.

Saturday, October 11. Nashville British Car Club's annual show. Weather radar looked foreboding. Massive area of rain and thunderstorms approaching from the southwest threatening to engulf Nashville in heavy rain all day starting about 10 or 11 am. Andrew and I went to the show site at 8 to see what they were going to do, and they said they'd line up cars on the road instead of the grass, depart when it started raining, and postpone the show to an indoor venue on Nov.



1. I brought the Healey back over there and distributed flyers to the 50 or so cars that had arrived by 10 and departed at about 10:30 before the rain started at 11. Turns out we had a little light rain for about an hour and a half. When it stopped, the 4 of us went by the show site before going to lunch, and everybody was gone. A shame to go all that way and miss the show, but we had a great visit with Andrew and Joy.

Sunday, October 12. Facing 357 miles at 50 miles per hour, we got on the road about 10. We got on the Trace about 20 miles from our Andrew's house, and it was beautiful, peaceful, relaxing cruising the rest of the day. The fall colors were not quite to their peak in the Tennessee section, but close. Talk about marvelous colors! Rain threatened and was on and off, so we had the top up and down a few times. Still, it was a great ride and wonderful sight to drive that far through the country with no lights or billboards, and very little traffic. Mary Lynne drove again for another hour and had fun. For me, check off driving The Natchez Trace in a LBC with my honey from my bucket list. We thoroughly enjoyed it, and if you haven't done The Trace, we highly recommend it. 357 miles and 7 1/2 hours of glorious cruising and a quick stop for lunch on the way to Ridgeland, MS.

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Monday, October 13. Since we had run the Trace from Ridgeland to Natchez the weekend before, and we needed to get home in time for grandparents day by 11, we hopped on I-55 early Monday morning and ran the last 3 hours at 70 mph. 182 miles and 3 hours with one gas/snack stop.

Friday, October 24. Fairhope weekend. We set off at 8 am in 46 degree Baton Rouge weather all bundled up with the top down, meeting the rest of the club at the Mississippi Welcome Center. From there we rode with the club caravan of 8 cars to Mobile for lunch, and then on in to Fairhope and Baron's on the Bay. 216 miles and 7 hours of driving, stopping, gas, and lunch.

Saturday, October 25. South Alabama British Car Club Fairhope show. Another glorious fall day, and a wonderful show. We met the Lou and Pat Ballard from Atlanta, who have driven their '63 AH 3000 back and forth across the US once, Canada once, and made a UK trip with some other Healey couples, driving around in their Healey for 3 weeks. Talk about inspiration!

Sunday, October 26. Left Fairhope at 8:30 with 4 other cars/couples, had breakfast just north of Fairhope, then caravan back home. At the Mississippi Welcome Center, we told Keith & Karen and Allen & Sue that we were going to get off at Ocean Springs and cruise the coast one more time. We had an enjoyable drive with no traffic, stopped in Bay St. Louis for a snack and a walk around downtown, then drove down through Waveland, and back toward the Interstate. By that time it was hot again, and we were back to A/C with the top up mode for the rest of the drive home. We saw I-10 was a parking lot at the entrance, so we backtracked and took the Chef Menteur highway to Hwy 190 into Slidell where we got on I-10 East and back on I-12 West. Our lucky day to miss the backed-up interstate and enjoy the coast one more time. 228 miles and 6

hours driving, breakfast, Cruisin' the coast, snack and Bay St. Louis tour.

Friday, October 31. We finished our Oct-Healey Fest in fine fashion, joining the Baton Rouge L'auberge Euro Fest crowd of about 30 cars for a drive down the river road from the casino to Houmas house. We parked on the lawn, had a buffet lunch, and then headed back up the river road to put away our trusty steed after a month and about 2,500 miles of endless fun (Don't try to add it up, I counted all the little side trips and around town miles).

Thanks to Peter for all the quality work he did restoring Missy, and making her so reliable after we've driven her for almost 4 years and 16,000 miles. This October was our most adventuresome travel yet, but there may be more in the future. After hearing the Ballard's story, we're planning to take some even longer trips in the years to come. Wanna join us?





## *I Really Want To Buy A Jaguar F Type, But Should I Really? by Don Marpe*



Jaguar has done a great job at making the new Jaguar F-Type seem like a car that future car buffs will talk about the same way they talk about the E-Types of the past. Most of the Automobile Magazine writers and car test drivers rave about the F-

Type and its performance. Even Porsche seems to be concerned that the F-Type may steal some business.

So is this a car that a normal member of the British Car Club New Orleans should buy? Many of the members have done a test drive of the various models and have great things to say about the car. Yet none have bought one. Probably the biggest reason there has not been a F-Type parked in the Italian Pie lot on a Tuesday night is that you could put around six of our members Little British Cars in the parking lot for the same price. But if rationalize that you would keep the F-Type long enough for it to become a classic car like the E-Type, you may be able to convince yourself (and your spouse) it is money well spent. Let's assume that money is not the deciding factor.

What are the things that are important to a BMCNO member? One very important thing would be could the car win an award at the annual British Car Day. At least for the first few shows, an F-Type would certainly beat out the modern Jag perineal winner Wally Friloux. For some people, that alone would be worth the price of the car.

Another important thing to a member is the fun of taking the car out on a weekend drive. There is no question the F-Type would satisfy that need. Plus, your spouse would also come along since there is air conditioning and no leaks.

Another thing that members normally do for fun is work on their Little British Cars. Some members do most of the work themselves and some depend on Keith Vezina for the complicated work. After looking under the hood of the F Type, washing and waxing will likely be the extent of the hands on fun you can have. The rest will be up to Paretti.

There are a few members that use their Little British Cars as daily drivers. At the price of the F-Type, you probably will not be able to afford another car so it would need to be your daily driver. So now we need to look *(continued on page 25)*







## *I Really Want To Buy A Jaguar F Type, But Should I Really? Continued...*

at what things are important for a car you will use for other than pleasure drives.

Gas mileage is not a big thing but is something that needs to be considered. The Jag F Type has three engine sizes. The normal six cylinder (340 hp) with a little super charging, the six cylinder (380 hp) with a lot of super charging, and the eight cylinder (495 hp) with a lot of super charging. The predicted mileage rating for the normal six is 20 city and 28 highway, for the other six is 19 city and 27 highway and for the eight it is 16 city and 23 highway. These ratings are not great but they are acceptable and probably better than the old Little British Cars get. The 18 gallon fuel tank will still be enough to keep you in the driver's seat longer than you bottom can take it.

Since your spouse will be riding with you a lot, you need to consider ride comfort. If you get the sport handling option which only comes in the F-Type S and costs an additional \$3,000, the suspension can be adjustable. There is the factory setting (ie track mode) and the custom setting. The Paretti salesman told me that even with the softest suspension settings, there is not a "wife in

the car" ride quality. If you consider the quality of the roads in New Orleans, this may be a deal breaker. You will need to do an extended test drive to decide if the ride is acceptable.

The next question will be the ability to handle more than one passenger. There is no way even the smallest grandchild could be a third passenger in the F-Type. But that is really no different than other Little British Cars.

Trunk space is the next question. I have always told my wife that if the groceries fit in one cart, they will fit in the trunk. There may be some question on whether that is true in the F-Type. It will take a trip to Sams or Rouses to answer that question.

The next thing to consider is neighbor envy. Parking the F-Type in front of the house or in the front part of the driveway will definitely have the neighbor men and boys wishing they could have one.

The next step in this decision process will be test drives. Those results will be in next month's newsletter.





## *When a Barn is not a barn by Wally Friloux*

What pops in your head when someone mentions “going to the barn”? Do you have mental images of four legged critters snacking on freshly cut hay? Can you see the farmer in overalls carrying a pitch fork?

Well how about replacing this with real life images of a fantastic, two story brick and steel building housing four wheeled exotic sports cars and two wheeled motorcycles?

That’s what we had the distinct pleasure of experiencing a few weeks ago. Club member, Mike Glore graciously extended an invitation during one of our North Shore Cars and Coffee get together, to visit his barn in Braxton, MS for a visit. Of course, we couldn’t refuse, knowing his car and cycle collection would be there. We also had the pleasure of meeting old friends from the English Motoring Club of MS. who were also there at Mike and his wife Alice’s invitation.

I stopped counting Mike’s toys after climbing the stairs onto the second floor where the “WOW” factor of his collection was expanded with incredible living quarters including an impressive kitchen, dining, lounging, sleeping and office area. The second floor living quarters overlooks a large stocked pond and manicured lawn complete with

split railed fencing. To consider this just another “man cave” would be a disservice. The TV crews from the Home and Garden TV network should give Mike and Alice a call to schedule their next program.

Before I forget, Mike has an impressive air distribution unit designed into his central air conditioned system at the barn. It’s called a “One Big Ass Fan”... Really, that’s the name of the unit. If you look closely at a couple of the photos in this article, you’ll see it working above a couple of the exotic vehicles parked on the ground floor. There’s actual helicopters with smaller blades than this “Big Ass Fan”!

Also, I was able to take photos of what makes the “barn” look like a “barn”. It’s a red brick silo built to the side of the building up to the second floor living quarters. This silo wasn’t built to store hay or anything else for that matter. It’s really a structure housing an elevator. Should you not have the energy or inclination to climb the stairs in Mike’s barn, you can always ride up and down on his elevator. What a convenience...

Inside the barn you can find hydraulic lifts where Mike stores one vehicle above another, as necessary. Even with a large area *(Continued on page 27)*







## *When a Barn is not a barn continued....*



If the average club member were to be asked to list the vehicles they've owned over the years, I have to guess this would take hours. Asking Mike to list the exotic cars and cycles located in his barn when we visited, was almost as complicated but here's Mike's list:

1. Four cycles: 1986 Bimota SB6 and three Hondas ( 1990 RC30, 1985 NS 400R – V 3 cylinder 2 stroke, and a CB1 inline 4 cylinder-400cc ).

2. Four Lotus exotics: 1964 Lotus Elan Series 1, 1971 Lotus 7 Series 4, 1991 Lotus Eland M100, and a 2005 Lotus Elise.

3. Two Esprits: 1983 Turbo and a 2004 Esprit T.T. final edition.

4. 1969 Europa Series 2

5. 1966 Austin Mini Moke

6. 1971 MGB

7. 1976 Triumph TR6

8. 1971 Alfa Junior Zagato

9. 2012 McLaren MP4-12C

In conclusion, we thank Mike's wife Alice for arranging a wonderful lunch after this incredible "barn visit" and Mike for his gracious invitation to see and occasionally "play with" his interesting and exotic toys.



like this barn, if one finds themselves running out of space for more toys, one can always innovate by stacking one over the other... During the climb up the industrial strength metal stairs, I noticed dozens of boxes of parts and pieces used to maintain and repair Mike's toys. Finding the right part or tool necessary to maintain these vehicles must be one heck of a challenge, even for someone as organized as Mike.



**British Motoring Club New Orleans Car Day March 21, 2015 by Don Marpe**

The **Publicity and Promotions Chairperson** is responsible for all advertisements, media releases, and articles related to the Show. This involves submitting information to the many British Car related web sites, magazines, newspapers, TV stations and any other way of promoting the car show. The level of effort for this position starts in November (two days to send information to all of the web sites) and picks up again in the month before the show to coordinate any newspaper and TV information.

The **Donations Committee Chairperson** is probably the hardest and more important jobs needed for the car show. This involves sending letters to vendors to ask them to donate some product or offer money to sponsor the show. Then following up with phone calls or face to face meetings with the vendors to encourage them to participate. When the donations start to come in you need to track all of the dollars and gifts so that when the car show is over the appropriate thank you letters are sent. We could still have a car show without this position, but there would be no money for the Delgado scholarships. The level of effort for this position starts in January (several days to send out letters) and continues up to the day of the show (at least part of a day each week) and is over when all of the thank you letters are sent out.

The **Trophy and Awards Committee Chairperson** coordinates the design of the trophies for the show based on the T-shirt design, orders the trophies and picks them up in time to be presented at the car show. The level of effort for this position starts in November (make contact with the trophy vendor to place the order) continues in

January (check the progress of the vendor to make sure he will deliver on time) and just before the show to pick up the trophies. It sounds easy but has been a headache in the past.

The **Score Sheet Tabulation and Ballot Committee Chairperson** makes sure there are enough people available at the show to count the ballots quickly. This person also ensures the needed supplies are available. The level of effort is to line up some volunteers at the general meeting before the show and make sure they show up to count the ballots on the day of the show.

The **Parking, Traffic, and Site Preparation Committee Chairperson** is one of the more important positions to make sure the show goes smoothly. This person typically gets lots of volunteers to assist with the work but there is some serious responsibilities. The level of effort starts one month before the show to inspect the show site to make sure nothing has changed and does an inventory of the signs used to direct entrants to the show. Based on the preliminary (one week before the show) list of cars entered, develops the class layout for the show field area. Sketches of the field and an Excel model of the field is developed to use to do the marking of the field. The Friday before the show, volunteers help mark the field so that the set up of the field the morning of the show goes quickly. This *(Continued on page 29)*







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position ensured that there are enough volunteers on the day of the show to set up the field, place the signs directing to the show, control the traffic into the show area and safely direct traffic at the end of the show. This position will work with registration to make any adjustments in the field layout required by day of the show registrations.

The **Raffle and Regalia Committee Chairperson** coordinates the purchase of items to be sold at the car show and ensures there are volunteers on the day of the show to sell the items. The 50/50 raffle tickets and door prize give away drawings are also coordinated by this position. Other than purchasing items year round and coordinating volunteers, the level of effort is full time the day of the show.

The **Photography Committee Chairperson** needs a good camera and some helpers to stage the cars. Once the pictures are taken, the camera card is taken to the photo lab and the pictures are made. The level of effort is full time on the day of the show to set up the photo area, take pictures, run to the photo lab, put the pictures in the folders and place them on tables so the entrants can pick them up.

The **Show Day Entertainment Committee Chairperson** makes sure the PA system is moved from the storage location to the show and is set up and functions. This person can be the person with the mic and make announcements during the show or can find a volunteer to do the announcing. If there is a decision to have a band or guest speaker or other entertainment, this person would coordinate the effort.

There are plenty of opportunities for club members to be actively involved in the 2015 BMCNO Car Day. Contact Don Marpe the 2015 Car Show Chairman to let him know what fits your skills and availability. Since this will be the last year Don will be the chairman, it is a good time to be his assistant so you can take over in 2016.



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## 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.

Rick Huber



## Club Resource Library



## BMCNO Membership Application

*Print this form to submit your application.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Body Style: \_\_\_\_\_

Color: \_\_\_\_\_

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Make: \_\_\_\_\_

Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_

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Make: \_\_\_\_\_

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