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25th ANNUAL British Car Day



New Orleans March 21, 2015



President's Message



I hope that you enjoyed the holidays and are ready to get back into your normal routine. Well, maybe after Mardi Gras.

BMCNO has an exciting year planned. For starters **Middendorf's Run for**

GREAT SEAFOOD is scheduled in February and our 25th Annual Car Show in March. This is just the beginning. Keep up to date with future newsletters and emails for the latest information.

By now you should know about the Wounded Warrior Project that we are working on.

Former club member Robert Phillips was at a Saints game tailgate party and met a couple with a common interest, British cars. They had a MGB that needed some tender loving care. Those of us with little British cars know that this means spending thousands of dollars to get them back on the road. The woman inherited the car from her father with the stipulation that her husband would work on it.

Her husband was a Marine and in 2005 on his second tour in Iraq his vehicle was hit by an improvised explosive device (IED). He was seriously injured and spent two months at Walter Reed Hospital in Bethesda, MD, with his wife at his side. He will never walk again.

The windshield was cracked, the interior was worn, and of other things needed attention.

She mentioned that they had already purchased a carpet kit, a new top, and asked Robert if she could hire him to install them and maybe buff out the paint and install a new windshield.

Her husband pulled Robert on the side and asked

him if he would do a complete fix-up of the car. He told Robert that he wanted it to be a surprise for his wife because this was the car she learned to drive in. He said he would pay for all the parts and labor.

Well to make a really long story short, members of BMCNO have donated their time and some have even donated money for this great cause.

They both have no idea how much work has been done to their car.

So far the following has been completed:

- Clean engine compartment
- Install the new convertible top
- Buff, polish, and wax paint to a beautiful shine.
- Install a new interior that includes new carpet, door and other panels, rebuilt seats with new diaphragms, seat foams, and seat covers; refurbished the steering wheel and replaced the consoles.
- Install new tires mounted on Minilite style wheels.
- Fix all the electrical problems.
- Rebuild the carburetors and tune the engine
- Rebuild the braking system
- Replace windshield and lots more!

Most of the work has been completed on the car but this Marine has spent more than \$4500 in parts. If you would like to make a donation to help offset the costs, contact Robert Phillips at Robert@gnoproperty.com or 504-270-5292.

The car will be handed over to both of them at a Cars and Coffee event being organized by Carbine Motors in February. Stay tuned for date and time; as we would really like a big BMCNO presence at the surprise unveiling.

An article including before, during, and after pictures will appear in the March newsletter.

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What's happening????? by Vice- President Karen Murray



Many, many thanks to Milton Franklin and Rick Huber for organizing another great Feliciana Cruise. Your continued support and creativity is always welcome and well received.

We have a very busy schedule for this year and hope that many of you can participate in the events. We are known for how active this club is. With that said our next event is scheduled for Sunday, February 22nd. This event draws a large crowd for delicious food, great driving, awe-some conservation and a chance to finalize the Annual Car Show preparations.

Middendorf's Annual Lunch—Sunday, February 22nd at 12:30 p.m.

This year a later lunch has been scheduled to allow time for browsing or shopping at the antique shops and Farmer's Market in Ponchatoula. We always try to do this after Middendorf's but everyone is generally too tired and just want to go home and sleep.

Convoy info:

- North Shore: 10:30 a.m. Scooter's Madisonville
- New Orleans: 9:30 a.m. Morning Call City Park for café au lait and beignets and then on to Ponchatoula
- Baton Rouge: 9.30 a.m. Bass Pro Shop
- Mississippi Gulf Coast group please contact Peter Brauen for information

Hope to see everyone at Middendorf's on the February 22nd.

March is Car Show Month.....

With two successful events this year we are now going into our major event for our club — The Annual British Car Day on Saturday, March 21st

Let's play the number game----

152 members in BMCNO

45 collared shirts and 99 t-shirts ordered

122 cars registered in 2014 Annual Car Show

81 BMCNO members attended with approximately 63 cars registered.

AND FINALLY!!!!!!!!!! 250 plus. The number of cars registered in BMCNO. SO HOW DOES THIS GAME END - with more cars registered in the 2015 Car Show by BMCNO members than ever before. Try to make every effort to register your car(s) in this year's show. This is a time to showcase your car regardless of its condition. Remember, this show is judged by popular vote.

Also consider purchasing a car show t-shirt. If everyone purchased just one shirt we would sell out at the show.

REMEMBER... We are having a **Preservation** Class this year sponsored by Peter & Melissa Brauen. Cars do not have to be in pristine condition to win in this class.

So....everyone has the chance to win an award regardless of the condition of their car. There is no excuse for all members entering their cars this year.

The host hotel this year is Ramada of Metairie, 3400 S. I-10 Service Rd., by Causeway, Metairie. This is the same hotel as last year with a name change.

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Dates to remember:

Saturday, March 7th—deadline for all sponsors and donations to Rick Huber

Saturday, March 14th—Goody Bag Stuffing 4:00 p.m. All donations must be collected before this date.

Friday, March 20th—Welcome reception for everyone at the host hotel Ramada of Metairie, 3400 S. I-10 Service Rd., by Causeway, Metairie. This is the same hotel from last year but with a new name. We still need plenty of food for the Friday night Welcome Reception. The doors open for serving at 6:00 p.m. so please try to have your food there on time. Last year 90 people attended the Friday night reception.

Saturday, March 21st.— 25th Annual Car Show—8:00 set up; 9:00 registration; 12:00 noon—3:00 p.m. Show with Awards following.

8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.—British Breakfast sponsored by Violet and Bill Nix , 79 N. Park Place

5:00 p.m.—after car show dinner TBA

Tentative schedule for 2015

APRIL—Lafitte Cruise with lunch at Des Families

MAY—Crawfish Boil

JUNE—Progressive Dinner or Poker Run ending at Rock & Bowl Lanes

JULY or AUGUST—Bus Trip to the Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum in Birmingham, Alabama

SEPTEMBER—Tech Session ; Mississippi Car Show

OCTOBER—Cruisin' the Coast, Pensacola Car Show / 2016 Board of Directors Elections

NOVEMBER - E.E. Reynolds Rallye

DECEMBER—Annual Christmas Party

Keith and Cliff will give us a date for the Memphis Trip.

Please remember that all of these activities are tentative and subject to change. If you have any suggestions please contact me or a board member.

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The T-Shirts are in and available ,for sale. They will be available at the area meetings (email me at ronniep@cox.net before your meeting to make sure we have the size requested get it to your area coordinator in time for the meeting) and will also available at the show on March 21st. See page 16 for more T-Shirt information.

Some members had their cars in the Harahan Christmas parade. They all had a great time and it was for a great cause, children. Thanks those of you who participated.

I also want to let you know that the Vintage Triumph Register (VTR) is having a membership drive and offering triumph owners who are not currently members a two year subscription for the price of one year. See pages 19 and 20 for the VTR history and membership application. You must join by February 28th to get a two year membership for the price of one year. VTR.ORG

Also the VTR The 2015 Vintage Triumph Register-South Central Regional Convention will be held on April 22 - 25, 2015 in Kerrville, TX See pages 17 and 18 for more information. I encourage all Triumph owners to attend.

www.hillcountrytriumphclub.org/vtr/

Ronnie Palmisano, BMCNO President



January 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 <u>New Years</u> <u>Day</u>	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Gulf Coast, MS Meeting Oil Change Tech Session
11	12	13 Board of Directors Meeting	14	15 Northshore Area Gather- ing	16	17
18	19	20 Baton Rouge Area Gather- ing	21	22	23	24 Feliciana Cruise
25	26	27 General Meet- ing	28	29	30	31 Acadania Meet- ing/Cruise

January 10, 2015 Gulf Coast, MS Meeting Second Saturday, Art walk in Bay St. Louis Baptist Church

January 20th, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting at Karen and Ronnie's

January 15, 2015 North Shore Area Gathering Casual Meeting 7:00 p.m. Abita Brew Pub 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs, LA 70420

January 20, 2015 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

January 24, 2015 Feliciana Cruise See Newsletter page # for details.

January 27, 2015 General Meeting Dinner 6:00 p.m. Meeting 7:00 p.m. Italian Pie Restaurant 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA

January 31, 2015 Acadania Meeting/Cruise Acadania Monthly Gathering Contact Dave Hayden Area Coordinator for details



February 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>1</u> Superbowl	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Board of Directors Meeting	11	12	13	14 Gulf Coast, MS Meeting Valentines Day
15	16	17 Baton Rouge Area Gather- ing Mardi Gras	18	19 Northshore Area Gather- ing	20	21
22 Middendorfs	23	24 General Meet- ing	25	26	27	28 Oil Tech Session and Acadania Meeting/Cruise

February 10, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting, Pat & Allen's house

February 14, 2015 Gulf Coast, MS Meeting Second Saturday, Art walk in Bay St. Louis Baptist Church

February 17, 2015 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, February 17, 2015

February 19, 2015 North Shore Area Gathering Casual Meeting 7:00 p.m., Abita Brew Pub, 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs, LA 70420

February 22, 2015 Middendorfs See page 3 for more info.

February 24, 2015 General Meeting Dinner 6:00 p.m. Meeting 7:00 p.m. Italian Pie Restaurant 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA

February 28, 2015 - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Oil change and lubrication analysis at Lubriport Laboratories. See page 22.

February 28, 2015 Acadania Meeting/Cruise Acadania Monthly Gathering, Contact Dave Hayden Area Coordinator for details



Month	Event	Date	Time	Place	Contact
Iannamı	Gulf Coast/Ms Meet-	Sat. 10 th		Second Saturday, Art-walk in Bay	Peter & Melissa
January	ing			St. Louis Baptist Church	Brauen
	Board of Directors	Tues. 13 th			Karen &
					Ronnie's
	North Shore Meeting	Thurs. 15th	6:00 dinner	Abita Brew Pub	Cliff Hughes
			7:00 meeting	72011 Holly Street , Abita	
	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	Sat. 31st.		see nevisierer for mis	Dave Hayden
	General BMCNO	Tues.78 th	6:00 dinner	Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jeffer-	Board of Direc-
	Meeting	1 ucs. 70	7:00 meeting	son Hwy., Harahan, LA	tors
E I	Gulf Coast/Ms Meet-	Sat. 14 th		Second Saturday, Art-walk in Bay	Peter & Melissa
February	ing			St. Louis Baptist Church	Brauen
	Board meeting	Tues. 10th	6:00 - 8:30		Allen Mocklin
	Baton Rouge Meeting	Tues. 17 ^{8h}	6:00 dinner	The Londoner	Rick Huber
			7:00 meeting	4215 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd. BR	
	North Shore Meeting	Thurs. 19th		Abita Brew Pub	Cliff Hughes
			7:00 meeting	72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs	
	Middendorf's	Sun. 22nd.		See newsletter for info	Karen Murray
	Acadiana / Lafayette	Sat. 23 rd			Dave Hayden
	General BMCNO	Tues. 24 th	6:00 dinner	Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jeffer-	Board of Direc-
	Meeting		7:00 meeting	son Hwy., Harahan, LA	tors
	Lubriport Oil Evaluation	Sat. 28th	9:00 a.m 12:00 noon	1650 Airline Dr. 504-464-1734	Floyd Friloux
March	Sponsorships due date	Sat. 7th		Contact Rick Huber	
	Gulf Coast/Ms Meet-	Sat. 14 th		Second Saturday, Art-walk in Bay	Peter & Melissa
	ing			St. Louis Baptist Church	Brauen
	Goody Bag Stuffing	Sat. 14 ^{5h}			
	Board Meeting	Tues. 17 th	6:00 - 8:30	ТВА	
	North Shore Meeting	Thurs. 19th	6:00 dinner	Abita Brew Pub	Cliff Hughes
			7:00 meeting	72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs	
	Welcome Reception	Fri. 20th		Ramada Hotel - I-10 Service Road	
				and Causeway	
	British Motoring	Sat. 21st	8:00 a.m till	Delgado Community College	
	Club Car Show				
	After Car Show	Sat. 21st.		New Orleans Food & Spirit	
				210 Metairie Hammond Hwy.	
	Baton Rouge Meeting	Tues. 24 th	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	The Londoner 4215 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd. BR	Rick Huber
	Acadiana /Lafayette	Sat. 28 th			Dave Hayden
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BMCNO Annual Christmas Party



The BMCNO Annual Christmas Party was held on December 6th at the Ramada Inn on I-10 Service Road and Causeway. This is also the host hotel and location of the Friday night Welcome Reception for our Annual Car Show. The reason the club moved from the BOCCE club to the hotel this year was because of growing size of the party. This year 83 people attended the party. All tables were decorated with live poinsettia plants and a huge buffet supplied by members. Again the club sponsored the fried turkeys, baked ham, and drinks.

The 2014 Board of Directors were thanked and given gifts from the club for their hard work and dedication to the club. Steve Lindsley retired from the board and his input will be sadly missed. The 2015 Board of Directors are:

President Ronald Palmisano

Vice President Karen Murray

Secretary Chad Wicker

Treasurer Don Marpe

Members at Large Alan Mocklin, Reggie Dunbar, Cathy Greensfelder, Melissa Brauen, Jack Kennedy

Scholarships were presented to 4 Delgado Community College Automotive Students this year. Donald Davenport helped to present the following students with President Ronald Palmisano: Aaron

Blackwell, William St. Blanc, Mariah Castro, and Milton Gethsemane. Also in attendance from Delgado were George Torlage, Randy Trayler,, and Donald Davenport.

Club members received Christmas presents and had the opportunity to win door prizes. Members that donate food for the Second Harvesters Food Bank receives a raffle ticket for each food item. At the end of the evening 35 door prizes were pulled. The club donated 315 pounds of food to Second Harvesters Food Bank this year.

Poinsettia plants from each table were also taken home by members. Everyone had a great time and agreed with the change of venue. Everyone commented that they enjoyed the larger space and had more room to socialize with other members. One member comment "I feel like a kid on Christmas morning".











January Baton Rouge Gathering by Rick Huber





The Baton Rouge group got off to a rousing start of the New Year with a huge turnout and an exciting guest speaker at our meeting on January 20th. We had a few new faces; Clayton and Janeen Romey, club members (Pete and Denise Webber's Stag's for-

mer owners) and founder of R&D Motorsports, an Aston Martin racing team right here in Baton Rouge; David Wilks - a friend of Clayton's and long time SCCA racer and racing photographer, and James Sanford, a friend of Bill Steed who runs the BMW motorcycle shop in Baton Rouge. Together with those four, another 15 of us regulars showed up for a 21 person, multi-table event. The Londoner has moved us to downstairs near the back entrance, not quite as remote and quiet as we'd like, so a move to a more favorable location is in the cards for next month.

Bobby talked about the Wounded Warrior project that he and Rick contributed to in early January, and Rick talked about upcoming events with the Florida Parishes Cruise on Jan 24th, Middendorf's on Feb 22, and of course the car show on March 21st. Rick passed out show flyers and talked about opportunities for sponsors and volunteers for the show. Our food arrived just about then, so we ate and talked before the feature presentation.

Our guest speaker for the meeting was Clayton Romie. Clayton talked about his business, R&D Motorsports LLC, an Aston Martin Racing Dealer in Baton Rouge that provides sales, service, and lease arrangements of the marque sponsored, race prepared Vantage GT4 (more at

www.rdmotorsport.net). They participate in Pirelli World Challenge races around the country, and even some overseas. Clayton talked about how he got into the sport, about the car, the business, and the race season. Kind of like every sports car owner's dream being played out right here in Baton Rouge. Several club members attended an open house on Saturday, Jan 17, but with so many of us interested, Clayton says we can schedule another one so more of us can be amazed at what they can do.

So a fun night in Baton Rouge. Look for news about a new location before next month's meeting.

Car Show Sponsor Contest by Rick Huber

It's that time again, and the Sponsor Contest is off and running, with just a month and a half until we need to wrap up in time for the car show on March 21st. Guidelines for the sponsor contest, car show donations, and a Sponsor Registration Form are on the web site, and can be accessed with these links. Let's get out there and round up as many sponsors and donors as we can think of so we'll have plenty of door prizes for the show and scholarship money for Delgado automotive students. Call Rick with any questions at 225 926 6946 (H) or 225 571 7064 (C).





Harahan Christmas Parade



The 24th Annual Harahan Christmas Parade rolled down Jefferson Highway starting at 12:00 noon. on December. 13th. The parade, which is hosted by the Harahan Police Department, included a roster designed to enter-

tain Harahan kids ahead of the holidays.

Marching bands, dance groups, police officers and Santa Claus paraded down Jefferson Highway. The parade began at Noon on Jefferson Highway and traveled 2.7 miles. Representatives from the Harahan Police Department, the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office, and the U.S. Coast Guard also participated.

British Motoring Club New Orleans member Allen Bradley organized club members to participate I

BMCNO had the following members participate with their cars: Allen Bradley, Ronald Palmisano, Jack Kennedy, Rick Huber, and O.J. Williams.



After the parade Allen & Susan Bradley invited everyone to their new house for a gourmet meal of hamburgers and chips.





















2015 British Car Day Less Than Two Months Away



The holidays are over and it is time to get serious about preparing for the 25th Annual British Car Day on March 21, 2015. The long range planning is complete. The field at Delgado Community College has been rented. The

host hotel Ramada (same hotel as last year just a new name and some nice upgrades) rental agreement and special rates have been agreed to. The insurance forms for the car show have been sent in and are waiting on the approval. The shirt design has been completed and agreed to (not an easy thing to do and get consensus on), the shirts have been ordered and have already been received. The collared shirts individuals ordered are ready for pickup at meetings.

All but two of the event chairpersons have been filled by people interested in making this year's event a success. Thanks to Allen Mocklin (Shirts & Awards), Rick Huber (Donations, Vendors), Cliff Hughes (Judging), Cathy Greensfelder (Registration), Karen Murray (Regalia & Donations), Ronnie Palmisano (Photography), Harold O'Reiley (Signs & Flags), and Mike Anderson (Site Prep & Parking) for volunteering to chair these events. We still need a person to chair the "Day of the Show Parking and Traffic" as well as someone to handle the "Day of the Show Transportation". The Parking and Traffic team are the

ones that make sure the cars get placed on the field properly and no one gets hurt. They are also the first people that the entrants see and help them through the registration process and getting the photographs of their cars taken. The Show Day Transportation team makes sure that the display cars from the Mini dealer, the Rover Dealer, and the Jaguar dealer all get picked up and returned without a scratch. They also can help out members that have more than one car to get to the show and home.

The chairpersons are just part of the team that will make this year's Car Day a success. All the volunteers that help out on each of the events are just as important. Fortunately, we already have lots of people that have already committed to help in those positions. See the Volunteer Schedule in this newsletter and on the web page to look for areas that you want to help with. All the names in red on the schedule have already committed to help in those areas. There is always room for more volunteers in any of the areas.

So what are the next big milestones that need to be met before the day of the show? We need to mail out the reminders of the show and the registration forms to all of the past attendees and invite them to attend this year's show. All of the known British Car related web sites have had information on our show sent to them to put in their calendars or schedule of events. We need







to verify the info is there and correct. We also need to send reminders out to all of the BMCNO members to remind them to attend even if they do not bring their car.

We all need to talk to past or potential sponsors and people that have donated items for the goodie bags or door prizes. Remember there is a contest to see who can get the most sponsors with good prizes for the winners. See the article in the newsletter by Rick Huber on the contest rules. We need to inventory the leftovers from the last show for the goodie bags and for the regalia sales to make sure we know what else we

need to fill the bags and have lots of drawings. We also need to make sure we have all of the supplies needed for the Site Preparation, Registration, Judging, and the day of the show.

The next two General Club Meeting will be full of discussion on the Car Show and things that need to be done. If you want to get involved and offer suggestions, please attend those meetings or your area meetings. Remember there is less than two months until the 25th Annual British Car Day. We hope to see all members at the show.



EXTRA, EXTRA, EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT!!!!! By Karen Murray, Vice President



Ladies of the club this appeal is to YOU!!!!!!!!!!!

The club is reaching out to invite all ladies to volunteer for the following Car Show committees: regalia, registration, Friday night Welcome Reception, Ballot Tally, Ballot Pick up, Door Prizes, Goody bag distribution, and day of show transportation. We only ask for a minimum of one hour during or before the show to help.

ALSO all club members are asked to please sign up to work on at least one committee. This is a big show and all hands are needed. Contact Don Marpe to put your name on his list.





Chef's Corner

By Karen Murray
Annual BMCNO Car Show
Welcome Reception

Ramada Inn

3400 I-10 Service Rd., Metairie

Friday, March 20, 2015



It's that time of year to start planning what "wonderful" dish you are going to share with our guests at the Car Show reception on Friday, March 20th. Let's pull out the recipe books and tantalize our guests with exceptional New Orleans cooking. Serving starts at 6:00 P.M., so please try to have your food at the hotel by 5:30 P.M.

Don't forget that we need members to bring mouth-watering appetizers, casseroles, main dishes, and of course desserts to the Friday Night Reception!!!!!!!!

We have had 70—100 people attend this event with all food donated by our members. The club will provide drinks and all paper items. The ballroom has been reserved and has a patio opening to the pool area. It is always a fun night but we do need to rely on our members for their generous donations of food.

So....please join us for this Pot Luck dinner to meet and great our out of town guests and to catch up with each other. We want our guest to walk away knowing that better food could not be bought in local restaurants.

Don't forget these important times:



You are cordially invited to attend a very

"British Breakfast"

March 21, 2015 (8:30 a.m. till 10:30 a.m.)

Hosted by

Bill & Violet Nix

79 N. Park Pl.

(2 blocks from the Delgado Show)





2015 BMCNO British Car Day T-Shirts

25th ANNUAL British Car Day



New Orleans
MARCH 21, 2015

Car Show Shirts are in.....

We had a record breaking order this year of 45 collared shirts for the show. Included in that number are 5 extras if anyone wants them. You can start paying for your shirts or picking up those already paid for before the show. All shirts will be given out at the New Orleans meetings. Hope to see everymember purchasing a shirt for the 25th Annual Car Show this year. Purchase early. As quantities and sizes are limited.

They will also be available for purchase on the day of the show

The cost of the T-Shirts are:

S, M, L, XL, \$15 (pre-sale) \$17 (day of show)

XXL \$16 (pre-sale) \$18 (day of show)

XXXL \$17 (pre-sale) \$19 (day of show)



Five extra collared shirts were also ordered. The sizes are Large and X Large. If interested the price is \$22.00.

This is the first year that 45 Collared shirts were ordered leaving only 99 t-shirts to order. So....if you are interested in a shirt please purchase one ASAP. We have 152 members in our club therefore if everyone purchased just one shirt we will have a sell out. Remember, ladies do wear these shirts at our car show and for out of town shows as well. It would be really nice if more ladies purchased a shirt for the day of our show.

Make checks payable to BMCNO



The 2015 Vintage Triumph Register South Central Regional Convention April 22 - 25, 2015 Kerrville, TX

The Hill Country Triumph Club in Austin Texas is pleased to invite you to the 2015 Vintage Triumph Register South Central Regional Convention. The Convention will be held in Kerrville, Texas at the "Inn of the Hills" from April 22nd through the 25th.

Kerrville is right in the heart of the Texas Hill Country and is often referred to as the Hill Country Capital. It's on the Guadalupe River with beautiful scenic roads that meander through the hills. Some say the roads are the best in Texas for viewing our legendary terrain and beautiful wild flowers in April and I'm sure you'll agree with them once you experience it.

We chose Inn of the Hills as our hotel in Kerrville. We knew it must be a good choice when during our



discussion the Marketing Director handed me a map with three great drives outlined on it as she said "we love having car clubs." Many of the Texas car clubs are using Inn of the Hills for their events on a regular basis. In fact the Austin Healey club will be using Inn of the Hills for their regional the week before we arrive in April 2015.

The Inn of the Hills is also a convention center with everything we need at one location from accommodating rooms, to a world class banquet hall, trailer parking within walking distance of our rooms and a special car washing area that is always setup for car clubs. All we need to do is move in. Their web site is www.innofthehills.com. To learn more about Kerrville see their website at http://www.kerrville.org/.

We have 75 rooms reserved for the South Central VTR Regional Convention. The room cost will be \$104 per night and that rate is good for three days before and after the regional if you would like to come early and/or stay late. Reservations can be made by calling 800-292-5690 and asking for the "Hill Country Triumph Club Block".

I'll keep you informed as we fill out our plans for a great regional. Please give me a call or send me a note with your questions. If you have members who would like to volunteer for Concours Judging or to help with the Autocross, please let me know and I'll get the list going now. We'll need their help.

The Austin Hill Country Triumph Club is looking forward to having each of you at the 2015 VTR South Central Regional Convention. We'll keep you updated with our regional website: http://www.hillcountrytriumphclub.org/vtr/.

Triumphantly Yours

Steve Johnson President Hill Country Triumph Club



EVENTS

Funkana - For sheer excitement and laughter, you can't beat the Funkana. This is a low speed, high hilarity driving event that everyone can enjoy...participants and onlookers. Don't miss this opprotunity for lots of fun and frolic!

Autocross - This is an event that all enjoy from spectators to the drivers that are going for the prize. Our Autocross is an event that emphasizes safe competition and sports car driving expertise. Drivers will navigate a series of cones set out on the course with twists and turns that challenge each to do their best. It's a timed event. Those with the best times while successfully completing the run will win a first, second or third place trophy. Previous autocross experience is not needed! Let's see how you do this year!

Early Bird Runs - Break those juvenile sleep habits and join us for an early morning jaunt around the glorious Texas Hill Country. Thursday and Friday mornings we will hit the ground running at 7 AM sharp, getting back to the hotel in plenty of time for breakfast. Track shoes are not required...our Triumph engines will do the running, all you have to do is drive!

Tail of the Dragon Rally – TSD - On our time/speed/distance rally we intend to emulate the famous sports car drive along US 129 near Deal's Gap, North Carolina...318 turns in eleven miles! See if you can follow the simple instructions and maintain the prescribed speed through the best twisty roads in the Lone Star State, while enjoying the most breathtaking scenery anywhere.

Fredericksburg Walking Tour - You can't visit the Hill Country without a stop in charming Fredericksburg, the Hill Country's most popular tourist destination. Our walking tour will take you all around town as you search for answers to our clever questionnaire.

Car Wash - The Inn Of The Hills has a permanent carwash available since they cater to so many car clubs. It will help you get the Texas Dust off of those beautiful cars you are bringing. Most of you will want to bring your own preparations, but we will have some basic items like car soap and paper towels available your con-

venience.

Concours - Concours d'Elegance started way back in the 1600s when French aristocracy paraded their horse drawn carriages in the parks of Paris in the summer. Since there is no Triumph breed of horses and Triumph did not make carriages, we will include only Triumph cars in our Concours. Many beautiful Triumphs will be shown at the Concours. This is certainly an event you should not miss!

The Concours Judging will be via VTR rules. Not all the classes will be provided since our Regional will not have enough cars in one class or another. Be aware that if no car in a particular class makes the required number of points for a particular award (e.g., 1st place requires at least 350 points), then no award will be given. The participant VTR Concours Rules can be seen by clicking here.

Awards Banquet - The 2015 Regional Awards Banquet will be the highlight of the Regional. It starts with time to meet, greet and tell stories (some may be true) about your personal experiences and escapades over the past few days. We'll have a cash bar for beer and wine, along with chips and salsa at 6:00 PM.

Then we'll move to the Banquet Hall and have one of the Inn of the Hill's legendary buffets with a choice beef or chicken as the main course, vegetable choices, and finishes with a dessert you'll love, served promptly at 7:00 PM by table. After we've eaten we'll start the awards ceremony with the Hill Country Staff bringing you commentary on each event, as they hand out beautiful awards for your extraordinary efforts in events ranging from the Funkhana, to Tail of the Dragon Rally, to Concours and Autocross, ending when you are finished.





History of The Vintage Triumph Register

In 1973, knowing that a large percentage of Triumph cars built since World War II had been sold in the USA and Canada, a dedicated group of Triumph owners, enthusiasts, and historians planted the early seeds of what would become The Vintage Triumph Register. In 1974 the organization began to take shape, and by January, 1975, the club's first professionally edited and printed magazine appeared. *The Vintage Triumph* has been published continuously since.

VTR is unique as the only Triumph club worldwide that caters to all models of Triumph cars since the beginning. For forty years it has welcomed all Triumph owners and there are more than seventy local VTR chapters!

VTR Membership Benefits;

- The Vintage Triumph, our award-winning, bi-monthly, color magazine.
- Large Number of local chapters.
- · Vehicle consultants covering all models.
- Interesting and informative website with Members-Only sections.
- Annual VTR Convention.
- · Clothing and regalia

An important annual event is the VTR Convention. Called the North American Triumph Challenge, it is held in a different state each year. Every convention includes a fun-filled activity schedule with rallies, autocross, a judged concours d'elegance and participant's choice car show, vendor sales, an auction and much, much more. VTR's national gatherings are always exciting, rewarding and over the years have introduced many Triumph owners to one another and produced fond memories.

We hope you'll join VTR and one of our over 70 local VTR Chapters Use the application form on the other side of this document and join us as we pursue a bright and promising future for the ownership, operation, and preservation of Triumph automobiles







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9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Lubriport Laboratories Oil Change and Lube tech session. Well get together at Floyd and Anne Friloux\'s place to do some servicing on our vehicles and to hear about their business analyzing lubricants.

After we will have lunch at a nearby restaurant.

Thanks in advance to Floyd and Anne for hosting.



Picture from a previous oil change.



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



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



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British Motoring Club New Orleans 25th Annual British Car Day

Saturday, March 21st, 2015

Delgado Community College City Park Campus

Orleans Ave. between City Park Ave. & Navarre Ave.

On-Site Registration: 9 a.m. to Noon

Show: Noon to 3 p.m.

Awards at 3 p.m.

All British Cars & Bikes Invited Spectators Welcome at No Charge

For more information contact:

Don Marpe (504) 394-6343

bdmarpe@att.net

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(aren Murray (504) 236-7509

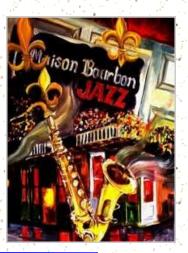
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25th Annual New Orleans British Car Day

Saturday, March 21nd, 2015 New Orleans, Louisiana

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