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Photoof Kim Cole in her restored MGB, courtesy of Josh Brasted photographer

It's that time of the year again Sunday, May 17th - BMCNO Crawfish Boi Tickfaw State Park - 12:00 Noon

As usual, the way we plan how much crawfish to buy is to RSVP and pay ahead of the event. RSVP to Karen Murray at <u>karenmurray@cox.net</u> or send a check to the club address by May 12th⁻ \$15.00 per member and one guest. The cost for extra guest is \$20.00 per person. It costs \$1 per person to enter the park. park for the day



April 2015

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 29 | 30 | <u>31</u> <u>General Meet-</u> <u>ing</u> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| <u>5</u> <u>Easter</u> | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | <u>11</u> <u>Gulf Coast,</u> <u>MS Meeting</u> |
| 12 | 13 | <u>14</u> <u>Board of Direc-</u> <u>tors Meeting</u> | <u>15</u> <u>Baton Rouge</u> <u>Area Gather-</u> <u>ing</u> | <u>16</u> <u>Northshore</u> <u>Area Gather-</u> <u>ing</u> | 17 | <u>18</u> Brits on the Bay |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | <u>25</u> <u>Acadania</u> <u>Meet-</u> <u>ing/Cruise</u> |
| 26 | 27 | <u>28</u> <u>General Meet-</u> <u>ing</u> | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 |

Saturday, Apr 11, 2015 Gulf Coast, MS Meeting - Second Saturday, Art walk in Bay St. Louis Baptist Church

Tuesday, Apr 14, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting - Location TBD

- Wednesday, Apr 15, 2015 Baton Rouge Area Gathering Dinner 6:00 p.m., Meeting 7:00 p.m. Louis DeAngelo\'s Italian Restaurant, 7970 Jefferson Hwy. Ste. F, Baton Rouge , LA
- **Thursday, Apr 16, 2015** Northshore Area Gathering Casual Meeting 7:00 p.m., Abita Brew Pub 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs, LA 70420
- Friday, April 17, 2015 "Brits on the Bay" Tours and Welcome Party, Museum of Commerce, Pensacola
- "Saturday, Apr 18, 2015 Brits on the Bay" All British Car Show, Pensacola
- Saturday, Apr 25, 2015 Acadania Meeting/Cruise Acadania Monthly Gathering, Contact Area Coordinator for details
- Tuesday, Apr 28, 2015 General Meeting Meeting 7:00 p.m., Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA



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| Calendar at a Glance May thru July | 1.54 | |
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| | Board meeting | Tues .12th. | 6:00 - 8:30 | Ronald and Karen's | Board Mem- |
| | | | p.m. | | bers |
| | Crawfish Boil | Sun. 17 th | 12: 00 noon | Tickfaw State Park | Karen Murray |
| | Baton Rouge Meeting | Wed. 20 th . | 6:00 dinner | Louis De Angelo's Italian | Rick Huber |
| | | | 7:00 meeting | Rest.— 13686 Coursey Blvd. | |
| | North Shore Meeting | Thurs. 21st. | 6:00 dinner | Abita Brew Pub | Cliff Hughes |
| | | | 7:00 meeting | 72011 Holly Street, Abita | |
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| | General BMCNO | Tues. 26th | | Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 | Board of Direc - |
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| | Acadiana /Lafayette | Sat.30th. | | | Dave Hayden |
| | Gulf Coast/Ms Meeting | Sat. 13 th | | Second Saturday, Art-walk in | Peter & Meliss |
| JUNE | | | | Bay St. Louis | Brauen |
| | Back In Time Cruise to | Sat. 13th | | Cruise to Sonic in Thibodaux | Keith Vezina |
| | Thibodeaux | OR Sat. | | (See newsletter for details) | |
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February meeting minutes by Chad Wicker



At 7:01 p.m. the February member meeting was called to order by club president Ronnie Palmisano. Cliff Hughes discussed the Nothshore meeting, Cars and Coffee, and the visit of the MGA Guru. Rick Huber discussed the move

to DeAngelo's, which was closing that location. The meetings will be moved to the other location. 16 people attended the meeting and several topics were discussed including the possibility of the club to set-up a vintage racer for club use, and Randy Kassad's potential moving back to Louisiana. Middendorfs was discussed, with 49 people in attendance it was a successful event. Cliff Hughes discussed problems getting his car started and the assistance provided by the MGA Guru, Barry, who braved the upcoming rain to provide over the top assistance in getting Cliff back on the road and heading home. Barry and his son Sean Elliot were both in attendance at the meeting and his website is <u>http://mgaguru.com/</u>.

Jimmy Hoppe was awarded two long-sleeved Van Hussein shirts with his name and the club logo embroidered on them for winning the sponsor contest last year. The Club sponsored permanent nametags were discussed. Keith Vezina discussed the Wounded Hero project presentation that was held at Carbine Motors . Cash donations to cover expenses will be accepted. Club Vice-President Karen Murray discussed the upcoming Goodie Bag stuffing and welcome reception. Club Treasurer Don Marpe presented the treasurers report and proceeded to discuss the upcoming Car Show. Allan Bradley discussed his red MGB getting rear-ended. Jack Kennedy discussed the work he was doing restoring his Morris Minor.

The 50/50 raffle for \$24 was won by Cliff Hughes. Ed Vail won a brush, Jack Kennedy won a Squeegee, Wally Friloux won a funnel set, and Dan Melesurgo Won a toothpaste dispenser.





January Baton Rouge Gathering by Rick Huber



Another month, another location. Thirteen of us got together on our new night, the 3rd Wednesday of March, and our third location is as many months. This time it was DeAngelo's on Coursey Blvd, and hopefully this one will stick for awhile.

No new faces this month, but long time member who we haven't seen for awhile, Mike Loden came and visited with us, and even volunteered to get the Brian Harris Mini to the show on Saturday, since the steering box is out of his Healey. Thank you Mike.

Rick talked about the Wounded Hero reveal and the charity laps on the NOLA Motorsports track in his Healey, great fun - 100 mph, squealing tires, the smell of hot brakes....priceless! We have

Track Time by Rick Huber

Driving fast and turning hard on a race track is arguably the most fun we can have in our little British cars. The roar of the engine, the squeal of the tires, crisp handling through turns, the smell of hot brakes, feeling one with your machine as you twist and turn, accelerate and brake and make your way around the track is a powerful combination of sensations that, for us in this community, ranks high on our list of high thrill fun. So, when the NOLA Motorsports Park provides us with such an opportunity, I say, carpe diem!

Such was the opportunity after the Wounded Hero Project reveal on February 28th when the Porsche Club of America Mardi Gras Region Club Racing weekend featured Charity Laps for about 15 minutes at noon. For \$20, about 20 of us in a to schedule a club track day. Larry talked about the New Roads show on March 14 with 281 cars, but just a handful of British ones. Still, Wayne Pangburn's 63 TR4 took one of the awards - it's a gorgeous car. Bobby/Milton/Larry talked about the LSU Garden Show on Sunday the 15th, Larry's Triumph Stag was the lone British entrant, but Bobby/Milton/Marc also attended. Milton talked about Middendorf's with the highlight being Barney Gaylord and his son showing up in their MGA at the Bass Pro Shop and driving to Pontchatoula with us. Quite a story, and quite a talented little British car guru!

Rick talked about the show weekend, and upcoming events with Indy cars at NOLA Motorsports Park in April, and the Pensacola show, with a few of us planning to go over on Thursday to take in some of the organized events on Friday. Looking forward to Spring and show season again. see you there!

diverse mix of cars, from my '64 big Healey to a 72 Olds 442, a large variety of old and new Porsche's, and even a few modern sedans got to drive behind a Porsche pace car for 5 laps on the 2.67 mile, 16 turn track set up for the upcoming Indy Car race. No, it wasn't like real racing, but it sure was fun, full throttle acceleration hitting 100 mph in the straight, hard braking before the turns, getting the back end loose and squealing the tires around the corners. Hopefully we'll have more opportunities like this one, or perhaps even organize a club event at the track so more of us can experience the exhilaration of driving fast and turning hard on a race track.

Cheers,

Rick



Crawfish Boil at Tickfaw by Karen Murray, Vice President



Crawfish Boil at Tickfaw State Park by Karen Murray

The Annual Crawfish Boil will again be held at Tickfaw State Park, a little gem of a park about 8 miles west of Springfield, LA. Near Hammond.

The Pavilion has been rented, so let's all put Sunday, May 17th on our calendars and make plans to attend. The park is conveniently situated between the three largest regional groups in the club, and will make great driving experiences on the back roads of southeastern Louisiana driving to and/or home from the event.

TIME: Crawfish eating starts at noon

COST: \$15.00 per member and 1 guest will buy you 5 lbs of crawfish plus potatoes, sausage and corn. All other guest will cost \$20.00 per person. **Please bring whatever you wish to drink!!!** We do **have leftover water from the car show that I will bring.** It costs \$1 per person to enter the park for the day. We do ask the ladies to provide desserts to share, if possible, but not necessary. The cost of this event is offset by the club therefore anyone other than your one guest will be charged \$20.00.

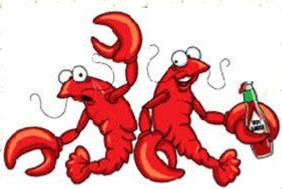


DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT: Tuesday, May 12th

MAIL PAYMENT TO: British Motoring Club New Orleans, P.O.Box73213, Metairie La. 70033 or Karen Murray, 1900 Colony Rd, Metairie, La. 70003 (I am the one that will order the crawfish.) 504-236-7509, <u>karenmurray@cox.net</u>

CONVOY INFO:

- ⇒ Baton Rouge group: Leave the Bass Pro Shop at 11:00 a.m. for a 28 mile ride on Hwy 16 to Hammond then Hood Rd to Hwy 42, then to Firetower Rd. to Patterson Rd. into the park.
- ⇒ North Shore group: Leave from Scooters Restaurant on Hwy. 22 in Madisonville at 10:45 a.m. for a 36 mile ride west on Hwy 22 all the way to Springfield, then Hwy 1037 west to Blood River Rd. which then turns into Patterson Rd just before the park.
- ⇒ South Shore group: Leave Café du Monte on Veterans at 10:30 a.m. If you want coffee please arrive early.





BMCNO Wounded Hero Project by Sue Strachan



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While tailgating at a New Orleans Saints game in November 2014, Kim and Matt

Cole were introduced to Robert Phillips. It was an auspicious meeting, as Kim Cole was looking for someone to fix up a 1972 MG, originally a gift from her mother to her father. Matt was supposed to be the caretaker of the car, but due to injuries sustained in his second tour in Iraq by an enemy mortar attack, he is in a wheelchair, and could not keep up with it.

The MG, like all beloved cars, has a history. When Kim and her two sisters were younger, Kim's mother always wanted an MG, but her father wouldn't buy it for her. The solution? Purchase it as an anniversary gift for the father. Eventually, the MG became the car the sisters drove in high school; one sister even totaled it, and there was an initial restoration. Alas, the car subsequently sat in the garage - about 10 years - until the mother started thinking about getting rid of it and Kim said she wanted it. It soon went from one garage to another, and then Matt was injured.

There was still the intention to restore the car, but the Coles didn't really know where to turn, because they wanted to do it correctly.

Years later, a mutual friend, who knew Phillips worked on British cars, introduced them at the tailgate.

"When I met her, she said 'Are you that guy?" says Phillips, who is a member of the British Motoring Club of New Orleans. "When I said yes, she replied, 'I have been meaning to call you."



The Cole family poses with their restored 1972 MGB. Photos by Josh Brasted he would replace the windshield at

Kim initially asked that they replace the windshield and give it a tune-up. Phillips said he would work on it at no cost, as a thankyou for Matt's service to our country. Unbeknownst to Kim, Matt had pulled Phillips aside to see if they could do more to the car, such as new rims to the tires and fix the interior, but to keep it a surprise for Kim.

"I told him I would take care of details," says Phillips, who had the car towed to his warehouse, where he restores cars as a hobby. The car, says Phillips, was in much worse shape than he expected. "I contacted Keith Vezina, who is also in the club, who said he would replace the windshield at

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no charge."

Vezina did more than that because he also suggested that they put the word out to other club members to see if they could do more. The response was overwhelming, and the club's Wounded Hero Project - a secret to the Coles - was launched. Starting Jan. 3, 2015, club members worked 12 hours the first day, 10 hours the second day on the car, then two nights a week for a month, and a couple of weekends.

Then, at the beginning of February, Phillips started getting phone calls from other club members. "They were saying that even though they don't know how to work on the car, or have the time, they wanted to donate money to the project, as Matt had cut a check initially for parts and we wanted to reimburse him."

As the car's restoration neared completion, Chris Carbine of Carbine Motorcars offered to host a Cars and Coffee event at his dealership, to incorporate a car show with the presentation of the car to Kim and Matt.

On the morning of Saturday (Feb. 28), the Coles were definitely surprised when a restored MG rolled out of the garage.

"We were invited to go to Coffee and

Cars thinking it was just going to be a few guys there with cars," says Matt. "Then we get there and see a bunch of our friends there, and then they pulled out the car.

"It was more than what we expected, especially when they handed the envelope with the money," says Matt. The envelope held \$3,000 of the \$5,000 needed to reimburse Matt. "I have no idea how bad of shape the car was in, and how many hours they spent, volunteering, to work on it. It would have cost a fortune to restore it."

Matt admits that he still gets choked up, a few days later, about it, that the community did that for them.

Matt and Kim, originally from Mandeville, now live in Covington with their three children. After Matt's injuries in Iraq, he said, "I told Kim that I was going to be paraplegic, and I didn't know if we could have children, if I could do anything. I told her that she could go. Kim said she loved me and would stay. And she has helped and supported me.

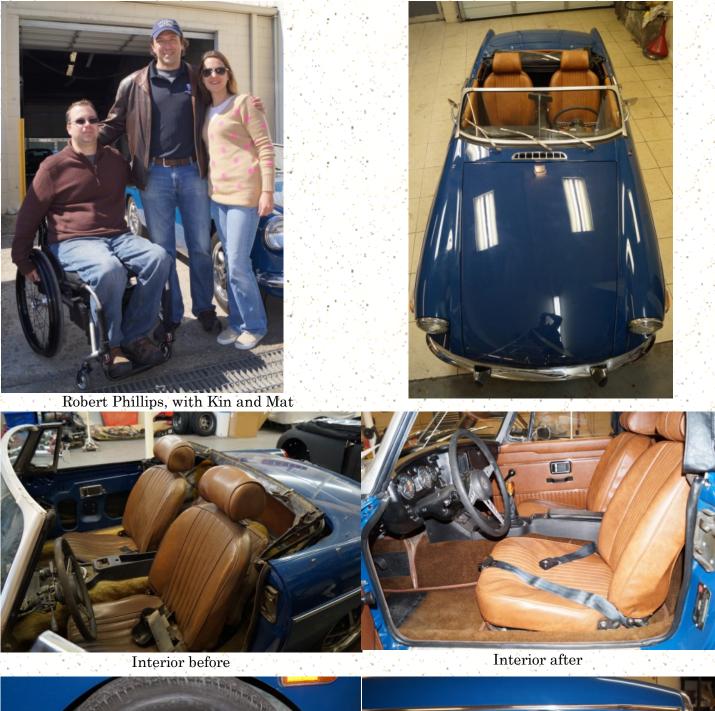
"This was a special surprise for her."

Now that the MG is ready for more adventures for the Cole family.





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Wheels before

Wheels after



BMCNO Annual Middendorf's Run



On Sunday, February, 22nd was our annual Middendorf's run. This year a later lunch was 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 are generally too tired and just want to go home and sleep. Every area left from a designated location and met up in Ponchatoula. It was a great site to see all of the men sitting outside the antique stores complaining about the possible use of their credit cards. Also, the British cars looked beautiful parked in the center of old town.

After shopping the caravan then moved to Middendorf's passing the Corvette caravan that had just finished their yearly event to the restaurant. It really was a cool site to see British antique cars on the right side of the rode and Corvettes on the left.

We finally made it to Middendorf's where our tables were waiting and all set up. It really is great to bypass the line of people waiting to get in.

The BMCNO board of directors once again surprised all of the ladies with long stemmed roses in honor of their support and hard work for the club.

Great food, beautiful cars, and fun friends – what more could a British car enthusiasts ask for??





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Peter Brauen



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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

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"I agree to abide by the rules and regulations as set forth by the Club Officers under The British Motoring Club New Orleans, Inc. Charter and <u>By-Laws</u>."

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