

British Motoring Club

New Orleans

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July, 2015



Sonic Drive Inn Cruise

Saturday, July 11, 2015 - Dinner Cruise to Catfish Charlie's

Saturday, August 15th - BMCNO Anniversary Party at Rock 'N' Bowl New Orleans



President's Message



Another hot summer is upon us and we still continue to drive our little British Sports cars. We must be crazy, or maybe we love our little cars, cold or hot!

Our next leisurely cruise will on July 11th.

We will have dinner at Catfish Charlie's in Gulfport, MS and then hang out with our Gulf Coast group. This should be lots of fun. The food there is GREAT! Please try to make it.

I especially hope to see everyone on Saturday, August 15th at the BMCNO Anniversary Party at Rock 'n' Bowl. All the food you can eat, beer, wine, or cold drinks that you can drink for \$31.00 plus we get to bowl and listen to a live band. Wow, how can you miss this!

I would like to thank Keith Vezina for organizing the June event this year. Members cruised to Thibodeaux for dinner at the Sonic Drive Inn and then cruised home afterwards. Keith & Karen Vezina saw a large owl in the road and Karen & I ran over a large snake. We generally stayed off of interstate highways and drove back roads that I never knew existed to and from Thibodeaux. The weather was great for an evening cruise, not cold or hot!!

We have more exciting events planned during the next six months. See Karen's article "What's happening" on page 4 for details.

Next, don't forget that dues are renewal now. It's that time again to renew your membership for BMCNO. Letters and applications are in the mail and due by June 30th. New membership books will be mailed in August. This mailing will also include club brochures and business cards

for you to share with prospective new members.



Next month we start nominations for the 2016 Board of Directors. See sign on left!

Hot summer meeting attendance is always low, but I am disappointed by the low member turnout from our recent meetings. But if you add up the attendance at North Shore, Baton Rouge, Gulf Coast, and Lafayette we probably have more active members than ever before. Please attend monthly meetings.

With separate area meetings, many members never get to meet each other. It is important to have events that attract people from all areas, such as the anniversary party. It is essential that members try to attend events at locations other than their own.

Once again I encourage all Triumph members to attend a regional or national VTR convention. This year the 2015 Vintage Triumph Register National Convention is in Fontana, Wisconsin on November 11-15, 2015 titled "Triumphs in the Heartland". This is only a 14 1/2 hour, 999 mile drive from Metairie.

We are always looking for something to do especially if it involves British cars, great people, and food. So please submit your car event ideas; we are always open for suggestions. Send your ideas to Vice President Karen Murray at karen-murray@cox.net. Or another board members.

That's all for now,

Happy 4th of July

Ronnie

*July*

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 28 | 29 | <u>30</u> <u>General Meet-</u> <u>ing</u> | 1 | 2 | 3 | <u>4</u> <u>Independance</u> <u>Day</u> |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | <u>11</u> <u>Gulf Coast,</u> <u>MS Meeting</u> Dinner Cruise |
| 12 | 13 | <u>14</u> <u>Board of Di-</u> <u>rectors Meet-</u> <u>ing</u> | <u>15</u> <u>Baton Rouge</u> <u>Area Gather-</u> <u>ing</u> | <u>16</u> <u>North Shore</u> <u>Area Gather-</u> <u>ing</u> | 17 | 18 |
| 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 | 31 | 1 |

June 30, 2015 - General Meeting - dinner 6:00pm Meeting 7:00 p.m., Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA

June 30, 2015 - BMCNO renewal dues.

July 11, 2015 - Gulf Coast, MS Meeting Second Saturday, Art walk in Bay St. Louis Baptist Church. 5:30 PM. Contact Peter Brauen for more information. pbrauen@gmail.com

July 11, 2015—Dinner Cruise to Catfish Charlie's, 11419 Canal Rd., Gulfport, MS. 39503—228-832-9195
See article page 4 for details.

July 14, 2015 - Board of Directors Meeting , Audrey and Jack Kennedy

July 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

July 16, 2015 - North Shore Area Gathering, Casual Meeting 7:00 p.m., Abita Brew Pub, 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs, LA 70420

July 25, 2015 - Acadania Meeting/Cruise , Acadania Monthly Gathering, Contact Dave Hayden for details

July 28, 2015 - General Meeting - dinner 6:00pm Meeting 7:00 p.m., Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA



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



Many thanks to Keith Vezina for organizing the Thibodeaux Dinner cruise for our June event. I have never driven on those roads to Thibodeaux before. It was cool, enjoyable, and a fun filled night.

Gulf Coast Chapter—Catfish Charlie's - Our next event is July 11th and it will be another dinner cruise to Gulfport, Mississippi. Why Mississippi you ask?? Well we thought it would be interesting to drive the old Highway 90 and meet up with our Gulf Coast members for dinner at Catfish Charlie's. According to Jack & Audrey Kennedy, in the beginning years of the club this was a regular yearly event similar to Middendorf's. We very seldom get to have a meal with the Gulf Coast group and this will be a great opportunity.

We will meet at Ronald's favorite place, Morning Call City Park at 4:00 p.m. for coffee & beignets or meet us to leave at 5:00 p.m. Then we will take a leisurely drive thru the Rigolettes down highway 90 to checkout what camps are still there and what remains of Fort Pike. From there we will cruise along the gulf coast all the way into Gulfport.

Catfish Charlie's is a very casual place with good seafood. The menu is on page 5.

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

Tuesday, June 30th - Membership Renewals. Please try not to be late so we can know how many books to print.

Saturday, August 15th - BMCNO Anniversary Party - 7:15 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Rock 'n' Bowl All the food you can eat, beer, wine, or cold drinks that you can drink. 9:30 p.m. the band begins to play and you will then pay for drinks or food. Cost per person \$31.00 that includes tax and gratuities. Everyone must pay me that night. The Band is Bag of Donuts. Cash only please. See page 12.

Nominations for 2016 Board of Directors is open.

September—Tune up workshop - hosted by Jack Kennedy. Everyone will be taught how to turn up their own car. So... plan on bringing your car and tools. More info to follow

October—Saturday, October 12th —Cruisin' the Coast hosted by the Gulf Coast Group. See article page 15. Registration information is available at <http://cruisinthecoast.com/registration/>

Election of 2016 Board of Directors

November - E.E. Reynolds Rallye- Cruising to Kessler Air Force Base for tours and speed driving. See article page 13.

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

December—Saturday, December 5th — Annual Christmas Party at the Ramada Inn

As of this newsletter we have 171 members and hopefully still growing.

This club never stops having fun so take your calendar out and plan on joining us!!!!



CATFISH CHARLIE


CANAL ROAD • GULFPORT

Old Homestead Special
Country Catfish Fillet (Mississippi Farm Raised) or
Country Chicken Fillet, Jalapeño Hush Puppies,
Cole Slaw, Country Fries or Baked Sweet Potato,
Green Onions, Buttermilk Biscuits (in season)
"All you care to eat" **\$15⁹⁵** "We fry in peanut oil."

Fried Shrimp Plate ^{Wild Caught} **\$16⁹⁵**
Lil' Folks **\$8⁴⁵**

Fried Oyster Plate ^{Gulf Coast} **\$17²⁵**
Lil' Folks **\$8⁴⁵**

Lil' Folks
(Children 12 and under)
"Ask about other choices" **\$6⁹⁵** "Choice of Soda or Tea"

Combination Platter
CATFISH & SHRIMP/OYSTERS
\$18⁹⁵
with all the fixins

COUNTRY VEGETABLE of the day **\$3⁴⁵**

Country Fried DILLS **Old Fashioned ONION RINGS**
LARGE **\$8²⁵**
SMALL **\$6²⁵**
"Ask about other choices"

Aunt Hazel's HOME MADE DESSERTS
\$4⁵⁰

DRAFT BEER **16 oz.**
JAR W/MEAL PITCHER **16 oz.**
\$3⁰⁰ **\$11⁰⁰**

Sweet or Unsweet Tea
Coffee - Lemonade
FOUNTAIN DRINKS
Coke - Diet Coke
Dr. Pepper - Sprite
Pink Lemonade
(FREE REFILLS) **\$1⁸⁵**
Barq's Root Beer (BOTTLE)
Milk or Chocolate Milk
\$2⁰⁰

Sorry, No Doggie Bags.
"The Sinopoli family cooking here since 1980"

**Calendar at a glance**

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| July | | | | | |
| | Gulf Coast/Ms Meeting | Sat. 11 th | | Second Saturday, Art-walk in Bay St. Louis Baptist Church | Peter & Melissa Brauen |
| | Catfish Charlie's dinner cruise | Sat. 11 th | 5:00-- p.m. | Catfish Charlie's dinner cruise | Karen Murray |
| | Baton Rouge Meeting | Wed. 15 th | 6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting | Louis De Angelo's Italian Rest. 13686 Coursey Blvd. 70817 | Rick Huber |
| | North Shore Meeting | Thurs. 16 th | 6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting | Abita Brew Pub 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs | Cliff Hughes |
| | Acadiana / Lafayette | Sat. 25 th | | | Dave Hayden |
| | General BMCNO Meeting | Tues 28 th | 6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting | Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA | Board of Directors |
| August | | | | | |
| | Gulf Coast/Ms Meeting | Sat. 8 th | | Second Saturday, Art-walk in Bay St. Louis Baptist Church | Peter & Melissa Brauen |
| | BMCNO Anniversary Party | Sat. 15 th | 7:15 p.m. | Rock & Bowl Mid City Lanes see article page 12. | Board members |
| | Baton Rouge Meeting - | Wed. 19 th | 6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting | Louis De Angelo's Italian Rest. 13686 Coursey Blvd. 70817 | Rick Huber |
| | North Shore Meeting - | Thurs. 20 th | 6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting | Abita Brew Pub 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs | Cliff Hughes |
| | Acadiana /Lafayette | Sat. 22 nd | | | Dave Hayden |
| | Board of directors | Sun. 23 rd | | Ronald & Karen's house | Board Members |
| | BMCNO Meeting | Tues. 26 th | | Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA | Board of Directors |
| September | | | | | |
| | Gulf Coast/Ms Meeting | Sat. 12 th | | Second Saturday, Art-walk in Bay St. Louis Baptist Church | Peter & Melissa Brauen |
| | Board meeting | Tues. 15 th | 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. | Reggie & Barbara's house | Board Members |
| | Convey to Natchez | Fri., 19 th | | (check newsletter for info) | |
| | Brits on the Bluffs – | Sat., 20 th | | (check newsletter for info) | |
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| | BMCNO Meeting | Tues. 29 th | 6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting | Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA | Board of Directors |



Upcoming car shows in our area....by Karen Murray, Vice President

***July 18, 2015 – EMC Lotus Weekend / Braxton MS** - I'm sure we'll find some interesting roads on our way down to the beautiful burg of Braxton. Come and join the drive and the visit with Mike and Alice. Bring a dish and enjoy lazing on a sunny afternoon in the summertime with the EMC. Lunch starts at 12:00pm. Details: Mike / Alice Glore (504) 231 – 5801.

AUGUST 11-15, 2015: 2015 Vintage Triumph Register National Convention in Fontana, Wisconsin. See page 18 for details.

September 11 - 12, 2015 – Shoals British Car Show / Florence AL - If you haven't had the pleasure of visiting the Shoals British Car Show at Joe Wheeler State Park in Florence AL you should. It's a laid back gathering on the banks of Wheeler Lake. Everything including rooms, meals, Friday night reception and Saturday's Awards Banquet are within walking distance. Details: www.shoalsbritishcars.org.

September 11 - 12, 2015 - Brits in the Ozarks / Fayetteville AR - Still looking for excuses for a mountain drive? Here's another chance to see the Ozarks in all of their colors and have a car show at the end of your drive. The Fourteenth Annual Brits in the Ozarks will be there waiting for you. Details: www.britishironnwa.org

September 18 - 19, 2015 – EMC Brits on the Bluff / Natchez MS - In 2014 we entertained a record crowd and the weather was soooo nice. It's promised to be all sunshine and roses on the banks of the Mississippi for 2015 so we're looking for another great turnout. We hope that friends from near and far will join us. Stay tuned for registration information. ***Please make hotel reservations early. Host hotel: Natchez Grand Hotel (601) 446 - 9994. Reference: English Motoring Club.** Details: John Turbeville (601) 940 – 5288, Gene Johnston (601) 201 – 0801.

October 3, 2015 – Renaissance Euro Fest Car Show / Ridgeland MS - The 2014 Renaissance Car Fest was one to remember. Lots of participation from EMC members as well as friends from surrounding clubs will be the order again for 2015. When posted get your entry in early and make plans to attend. You'll see cars that you don't get a chance to enjoy often and in the surroundings of the Renaissance it's just magnificent. Details: www.euro-fest.net.

October (check for date), 2015 - Brits at the Parthenon / Nashville TN - If you're looking for a nice drive up the Natchez Trace there's no better reason than to attend the Nashville British Car Clubs Annual Show. Lot's to do including taking in the Lane Museum of Cars while in town. A reception is held on Friday evening and the shows on Saturday. Details: www.nashvillebritishcars.com

October 23 - 24, 2015 – South Alabama British Car Festival / Fairhope AL - It's a nice drive down to Fairhope AL so join the caravan to the lovely city by Mobile Bay. The Friday night meet and greet is always fun and the food is fantastic. The 2014 show was a high water mark for the EMC's final travel and show each year. Although moved to a new location the 2014 show remained within easy walking distance of all that downtown Fairhope has to offer. The show organizers put on a well organized show so make plans to attend. Details: www.sabcc.org. Travel plans with the EMC: Gene Johnston (601) 201 – 0801.

***This was taken from the newsletter of our friends in the English Motoring Club of Mis-**



May 26th meeting minutes by Don Marpe



The May General Meeting was called to order shortly after 7:00 with Ronnie Palmisano as President leading the meeting. There were 14 members and guests at the meeting. For Old Business, the Crawfish Boil was dis-

cussed. It was a big success with 41 people attending. No one went away hungry.

Wally Friloux gave a brief report on the North Shore groups meeting and the coffee and cars breakfast. There were 12 people at the meeting and 15 at coffee and cars. There was the normal discussion on cars and the condition of the world. Wally also gave a report on the Gulf Coast Jaguar Clubs latest event. The club members met at the Mississippi welcome center and then drove to Gulfport to tour the Broken Wrench Garage. This garage is part museum and part working garage. The owner John Hand has accumulated a lot of cars we have all dreamed about owning and he owns them. This was an interesting event and may be the subject of a future BMCNO event.

Keith Vezina gave a summary of the Friday Night Mystery Diner. This week they went to Jaun's Flying Burrito. There were 4 MGs at the dinner. Jack Kennedy's MGA, Keith's MGB, Ed Vail's MGT, and Allen Bradley's Magnett. The collection of cars drew some attention from some of the younger people around, so the car owners let them get up close and personal with the cars.

Allen Bradley gave a brief report on the Cruisin Chapelle Chipmunk Car Show. There were only

two BMCNO members at the show.

Ronnie announced that the May Newsletter was out and that the April (with all the car show info) would be emailed out within the week. The 2015 – 2016 membership drive has started. All members should have gotten their reminder letter in the mail. Membership applications and the \$24 dues can be mailed in or given to any of the board members at any of the clubs events.

For future events, there is the June 13 Cruise to Yesteryears. This event will take a scenic route to the Sonic Drive In in Thibodeaux, enjoy the drive-in food with your sweetheart, and then take a different scenic route back to New Orleans. Check the full article on this event in this newsletter.

In August, the club has rented the party room at Rock 'n' Bowl and will have food and drinks plus bowling from 7 to 9. The club is paying for the room, and each member will pay for the food and drink. See the detailed article in this newsletter.

Another subjects discussed at the meeting was a tour of the Hurricane Hunter planes in Mississippi Air field. One of the members is on the crew of the plane and would arrange for the tour. No date is set and there will be more details.

Ronnie checked the status of everyone's car projects and Don Marpe gave the treasurers report. The club is in good financial condition. It was Don Marpe's lucky night because he won the 50/50 drawing plus they drew two more of his tickets for the lesser prizes.



Baton Rouge Gathering by Rick Huber



Even though the club calendar still shows us meeting at the D'Angelos on Jefferson Highway, most of us are getting used to the Coursey location now having met there four months now. A big turnout too, and a few faces we haven't seen in awhile, like Karen

Prestridge, Tim Welborn, and Mike Zobrist - nice to see all of you. So, 17 of us got together, driving a handful of little British cars on the warm but dry June evening. One new face was Pam Myers who had found out through Dick about our meetings, and she attended to introduce herself and tell us about the 1988 Jaguar XJS-C V12 with the T-Top roof that she's parting with a couple of years after her husband passed away. It's a two owner car with just 66,000 miles. Dick's comment is "This car is like new inside and out". See the ad in the For Sale section of the newsletter.

Rick talked about his trip with the Mississippi club on the Arkansas Rally at the end of April, a thrilling 5 days and 1,500 miles in the Healey. Bobby talked about a big national Hot Rod tour that stopped in Gonzales the past weekend and some of the cars and people that were part of that big event. Reg mentioned the Cruise to Thibodeaux that 8 club cars participated in.

Reg talked about upcoming club events with the 25th Anniversary Party planned for the Rock n Bowl on August 15. We remembered that the Syngenta show is usually in late July, but nobody has heard a date for it this year.

Rick reminded everybody about renewing membership and sending in an information sheet to

make sure phone numbers and email addresses are correct. Reg mentioned 171 members now in the club, the biggest number I can remember. Gotta get more of those folks out to our events!

More From Rick

Arkansas Rolling Party 2015 by Rick Huber



The sixth annual, Arkansas Rolling Party, 2015 edition rolled out of Louisiana and Mississippi on Wednesday, April 29th for a rendezvous in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Nine participants in 8 vehicles (4 MGBs, AH3000, Lotus Elise, Mazda Miata, Chevy Z24) from the English Motoring Club of Mississippi and British Motoring Club New Orleans joined forces to tame the rolling and winding roads of the Ozarks in their little British (plus one American and one Japanese) cars. Originally organized by Clay and Gene Johnston and Blake Sonnier, those three in their MGBs led us through some of the finest rural, winding, climbing, two-lane country roads to be found in this great land of ours. We drove the roads, hugged the curves, saw the sights, took the pictures, and ate the country cooking accompanied by bright blue cloudless skies and near ideal open top motoring temperatures in the 50's to 70's.

From Hot Springs, we wound our way across central Arkansas to Mt. Magazine, at 2753' the high-



Rick Huber



next morning and headed back home. Five days and 1,500 miles of some of the most fun that we are allowed to have, white knuckle driving in our little cars made this trip one to remember, and hopefully one to repeat with a few more of us in future years. For a slide show of the event, see this link on the English Motoring Club web site for their [May Newsletter](#).





Back In Time Cruise to the Thibodeaux Sonic Drive inn by Keith Vezina



On Saturday June 15 we traveled back in time to our teenager years when date night involved the nearest drive inn for dinner. We drove to the Sonic Drive inn located in

Thibodeaux , LA. Three cars left from the departure location and another straggler (Karen and Ronnie) joined up with them at the Sonic.

We traveled down River Road to the Luling Bridge to US 90 and then to LA 308 and drive along Bayou Lafourche to Thibodaux.

The return trip north was on LA 20 to South Vacherie, over the Lutchter bridge and then along River Road on the East Bank back to I-310.

Those in attendance were:

- Keith and Karen Vezina
- Allen and Susan Bradley
- Ronnie Palmisano and Karen Murray
- Ed Vail & Audrey Coulter
- Everyone had a great ride.

Usually it is Allen Bradley that hits animals on the road, but this trip, Ronnie Palmisano gets 100 points for rolling over a very large snake that was trying to cross the road at a fast pace.





REMINDER - Celebrate, Celebrate Dance to the Music at Rock 'n' Bowl - Karen Murray, Vice President BMCNO



The BMCNO board has decided to have an all indoors club event during the hottest month of the year, August 15th !!!!

We also decided that we don't celebrate our club anniversary enough or at all: SO...with that said the board of directors is happy to invite

members to celebrate the club's anniversary at [Rock"N" Bowl](#)

The party will include the following:

Entrance fee into Rock 'n' Bowl

2 1/2 hours of bowling

Shoe Rental

The following is unlimited until 9:00p.m.

Draft Beer, Wine, & Soda

Tossed green salad with house vinaigrette

Pepperoni Pizza Tray

Buffalo Wings Tray

Fried Seafood Tray (shrimp & catfish)

Mozzarella Stick Tray

Shrimp Remoulade Tray

We will have a private room with four adjacent bowling lanes. The club is picking up the cost of the party room and other.

Bowling, food and drinks starts promptly at 7:30pm and ends at 9:30pm. The band starts playing at 9:30pm so plan on getting there no later than 6:45 pm to get started with your shoes.

The cost will be \$31.00 total per person. This includes bowling, shoe rental, food, beverages, sales tax, and gratuities. I will collect all money that night so please bring cash to pay the bill.

If you want anything else to drink besides beer, wine, and soda that will be at your expense to pay the bartender.



Those of you who bowl will be divided into two groups. One group will be considered bowlers, and the other will be beginners or not so good bowlers. A Souvenir Rock 'n' Bowl Bowling Pin will be presented to the winner from each group.

The band, Bag of Donuts, starts playing at 9:30 p.m. All unlimited food and drinks will completely stop at 9:30. You may still purchase whatever you want after.

I need to inform Rock 'n' Bowl how many people to expect by August 1st. Whatever number I confirm the club will be charged for just like a wedding reception. Please, please confirm with me before August 1st if you will be attending. If you have to cancel let me know before August 1st. Plans do sometimes have to change but I do not want the club to pay \$31.00 for no shows.

I hope to see many of you at our Anniversary Party on August 15th!





November Event - Keesler Air Force Base tour by Karen Murray

When most people hear the words “Tropical Storm” or “Hurricane,” their first thought is to head for cover. However, for a small group of people, it’s time to head to work. These are the crews that fly and man the aircraft of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) better known as the Hurricane Hunters.

NOAA operates two Lockheed WP-3D Orions (N42RF “Kermit” and N43RF “Miss Piggy”) and one Gulfstream G IV (N49RF “Gonzo”) as Hurricane Hunters out of MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Fla. Additional support is supplied by



Lockheed WC130-J aircraft of the 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron of the Air Force Reserve based at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Miss.

The different aircraft in the Hurricane Hunter fleet serve unique roles. The P-3s are flown at low altitudes directly into the storms to gather wind speed and direction, temperature and pressure data. In addition to instruments on the aircraft themselves, the numbers are obtained by dropping [dropsondes](#) through the bottom of the aircraft that transmit the data to gathering equipment on the aircraft. The Gulfstream G-IV flies at high altitude to gather data regarding winds and conditions above and around the storm, also by using dropsondes.

You are now wondering “what does this have to do with my British car”?

The annual E.E. Reynolds Rallye will take place at Keesler Air Force Base this year!!!!

One of our members, Jeff Ragusa, is a hurricane hunter and I followed his travels with the plane when it was touring the Caribbean. Landing at every island they also gave tours of the plane. So...what a great opportunity for BMCNO to take a private tour of this interesting and live saving piece of machinery.



In one of the many conversations Jeff also gave me a history lesson on the fact that after WWII the United States had so many air strips some of them were used for car racing.

Check out the next page for a tentative schedule of our day. NOTE: we all arrive together for security reasons. The date has not been confirmed yet but will either be the first or second weekend in November.

As soon as we have a confirmed date it will be sent via email to everyone. Please keep these 2 days open for now.

Karen Murray



**ITINERARY FOR VISIT OF
BRITISH MOTORING CLUB OF NEW ORLEANS (BMCNO)
SATURDAY, ??, November 2015**

- 0900-0930 Motorists rally at the Biloxi Lighthouse
Breakfast sandwiches or muffins? Coffee and juice?
- 0930-0945 Motorists drive as a group through Keesler Main Gate to 53 WRS (Bldg 223)
- 0945-1000 Leadership Welcome
Col. Frank Amodeo, 403rd Wing Commander
Others?
- 1000-1045 403rd Wing Mission Briefing & Hurricane Hunter Mission Briefing
Briefed by: Lt Col Jeff Ragusa (BMCNO Member)
- 1045-1100 Motorists back in cars
- 1100-1115 Travel to north end of runway
Enter Flightline at Base Operations
Escorted by Base Ops Vehicle
Rally on Taxiway Foxtrot
- 1115-1145 BMCNO Runway Rally
2 x 2 first time
Photos
Rally on Taxiway Bravo
Drive as whole group north on runway back to Taxiway Foxtrot
- 1145-1200 Motorists travel to Keesler Marina for lunch
- 1200-1300 Lunch
\$10/per lunch
Lunch provided/delivered by:
- 1300-1315 Motorists travel back to 53 WRS (Bldg 223)
- 1315-1400 Aircraft Tour of a Weather Bird
Group photo at plane
- 1400-1445 Driving tour of Keesler
Stops at: BX, Hospital?, Triangle?, Base housing, BBEC, etc
- 1445 All cars exit through Pass Rd. Gate.



News from the Gulf Group by Melissa and Peter Brauen



Cruisin' the Coast is October 4th - 10th and we look forward to the 'British Invasion' once again.

Check <http://cruisinthecoast.com/schedule/> for the calendar of events. Preregistration is before August 15th and is \$60 with a t-shirt included. After that it is \$90 and shirts are not included. Last year we found it difficult for a large convoy to stick together and park at the venues. We feel smaller groups, or no groups, would work better for those who would like to stop and peruse each venue at their own pace. If anyone wants to cruise together (which is fun) we encourage you to coordinate your group. However, we will designate a restaurant for everyone to meet up each day for lunch. For Saturday the 10th we will continue our tradition of meeting under the oaks at Cruise Central in Gulfport for everyone to park

and enjoy other cruisers, some oldies tunes, good conversations, and relaxation. We will then convoy up the shady back roads to Dempsey's for cold brews and great food. More details will be available as we get closer to the event. We hope to see you there!

PETER & MELISSA BRAUEN

Registered Participant

Your first stop is the Registration Desk... to register if you haven't, and to pick up your Registration Packet if you are pre-registered. The packet contains many things, but the main items are your:

- Schedule of Events – so you will know what is going on and where.
- Window ID Card – so you can go to each site as many times as you like.

Location of Sites

- Cruise Central/Registration Desk: 200 Beach Blvd., Gulfport MS – 2 miles east of Hwy. 49 and west of Courthouse Road on the north side of Hwy. 90
- Mississippi Coast Coliseum, where our Swap Meet is held (not a stamping site)
- D'Iberville at City Hall
- Ocean Springs in the downtown area
- Edgewater Mall parking area on the west side of the Mall
- Pass Christian
- Bay St. Louis downtown area





Site Hours of Operation

Registration Desk:

- Monday – open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Tuesday-Saturday – open 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.
- Thursday – 2015 registration open noon- 5 p.m.
- Saturday – 9 a.m.-11 a.m. for 2014 registration and 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. for 2015 registration
- Sunday – 8 a.m.-noon (for 2015 registration only)
- All the other sites are open Thursday- Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Pre-registration Confirmation Cards

If you pre-registered before August 15th, you will have received a Confirmation Card in the mail. Turn this card in at the Registration Desk to pick up your Registration Packet and the card will go into a drawing to be held on Sunday. You **MUST** bring this card to be in the drawing. (We are not responsible for lost, stolen or forgotten cards.)

Getting Into the Venues

Your Window ID Card is your entry into the different venues. This card was in your registration packet you picked up and should be in your car window or on the dash the rest of your visit. With your Window ID Card you may enter a venue as many times as you wish and stay as long as the site is open. Check your Schedule of Events to see when you want to visit each site.

Drawings and Awards

Sunday morning starting at 8 a.m. (not necessarily in this order):

- Pre-registration Confirmation Card Drawing
 - All other announcements and Awards
 - Gene Oswalt Volunteer of the Year Award
- We finish about 11 a.m. or noon.

You do not have to be present to win. You can turn in your Venue Stamp card Thursday 1 p.m.- 5 p.m., to Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Registration Desk or at the venue where you get your last stamp. If you wish to keep it until Sunday morning, you turn it in 8-8:30 a.m.

Spectators

For anyone that does not have a vehicle registered for Cruisin' The Coast®:

- You may park outside the Sites and walk in free of charge.
- Look at the vehicles, enjoy the music and have fun. Please do not touch the vehicles without the owner's permission.

Overview

Each Site is a festival on its own, with live 50's & 60's music, food & beverage vendors, restroom facilities and of course, the vehicles. Each site has parking for registered participants and is within walking distance for spectators.

In addition to the venues, we feature many controlled events including, but not limited to, the following:

- Swap Meet
- Sock Hop
- Car Corral
- After the Cruisin' The Coast® Sites close each day, there will be evening activities at different locations.

There will be an Automobile Auction at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum.

Keep checking back to the events page of their website for updates on the entertainment and events that will be held during Cruisin' The Coast®.





Letter to Don Marpe from Connie Zimmerman



OLD RUSTY TO A NEW OWNER

Dear BMCNO,

I am writing to ask for an opinion on what to do with my 1973 MBG which is sadly in very poor condition. I purchased the car in the early 80s from the original owner, and it was in decent condition. It was the original green color (English Racing Green). It needed a paint job, and my step-dad and I sanded it and then painted it white. It was known as the "white MGB with white sidewalls."

I was in the MG Car Club back in the 80s and enjoyed it very much. Jack Kennedy, I recognize your name from the club. Will Senn and I were dating at that time and were in the club together.

I drove it for several years, but after the clutch went out (for the 3rd time) I ended up having to park it. I lived in an apartment and had no covered or protected parking and for many years it sat in the elements. It is very rusty and in really horrible condition now. I feel terrible for letting her get so bad.

I used to do my own repairs (except for a large job like the clutch) with help from my step-Dad.

My dream has always been to restore it to its former glory and drive it, so I've kept it in my garage (I have a house since 2003) with that in mind, but I now realize that it's just a dream, and for several reasons, I am ready to let her go.

Some parts were stolen over the years it was exposed, such as the driver and passenger mirrors and the front and back MG emblems.

I don't know if there are any folks out there who

would like to have this old lady which needs so much TLC. I would donate her to a good loving home. I'll be glad to cover the cost of the title change or whatever registration requirements pertain to the transfer of ownership. The new owner need only be able to come with a tow truck.

It would need to be retrieved from my home garage in Kenner. I inflated the tires a couple of days ago, and for now, they are holding air, but they were all flat. Of course, it doesn't run, but it does roll. Or it did roll back in the day when I parked it in my garage.

If you feel that you'd like to pass the word about this car, here is a link to a lot of photos, which hopefully give the story of the condition of the car. I was unable to take any engine shots because I could not open the hood/bonnet. More pictures at <http://share.shutterfly.com/action/welcome?sid=1AZs2bds2ZNXHw>

Thank you in advance for your help with this.

Connie Zimmermann





2015 VINTAGE TRIUMPH REGISTER NATIONAL CONVENTION

FONTANA, WISCONSIN AUGUST 11-15, 2015: TRIUMPHS IN THE HEARTLAND

For four mid-summer days, from Tuesday, August 11, 2015, through Saturday morning, August 15, 2015, the 2015 Vintage Triumph Register National Convention will take place on the shores of beautiful Geneva Lake in scenic southeast Wisconsin. The event will be hosted by the Illinois Sports Owners Association, which is committed to providing each registrant with a wonderful experience at the convention by offering not only first-rate social activities (welcome reception, pub crawl/scavenger hunt, optional excursion boat ride on Geneva Lake, and awards banquet with remarks from guest of honor, famed Triumph race team manager Kas Kastner). In addition, there will also be numerous driving events, including a funkhana, a gimmick rally, an ice cream run, a breakfast tour, an autocross and a self-guided tour along scenic Wisconsin rustic, country roads. There will also be technical clinics, an auction, a tour of Mecum Auto Auctions, a panoramic photo, the Participants' Choice and Concours d'Elegance car show.

This will be the sixth national convention hosted by ISOA, and we believe that this will be our finest convention ever! While the Concours and Participants' Choice are a major part of the convention, we encourage all Triumph enthusiasts to bring a Triumph - regardless of its condition.

The convention site will be in Fontana, Wisconsin on the shores of stunning Geneva Lake. Picturesque and uncongested nearby local roads are perfect for tours, rallies, and just plain Triumph driving pleasure. An excellent highway system puts Fontana within an easy two-day drive for over two thirds of the U.S. and Canada. The quaint lake shore village is only an hour from the northwest suburbs of Chicago or Milwaukee's west side. It is also accessible by air (Chicago's O'Hare Airport or Milwaukee's General Mitchell Field) for those who choose not to drive.

The convention headquarters will be the iconic Abbey Resort and Conference Center. The newly remodeled facility has been the host of many successful past car conventions. The resort offers 334 luxury guest suites, 6,000 sq. feet of meeting space, a spa with indoor adult pool and fitness studio, high speed wireless connectivity, uniquely themed restaurants, shops, and it is the only full service resort on the shores of Geneva Lake. Located on the "quiet" side of Geneva Lake, it is still close to the numerous attractions in the Lake Geneva region, including golf, hiking, swimming, sailing, boating, miniature golf, and shopping in historic village of Lake Geneva.

The basic registration fee of \$135.00 (\$120.00 if postmarked before June 15) includes admittance to all events, except for the Breakfast Tour, Excursion Boat Cruise and Awards Banquet. This fee covers one driver in one car. VTR requires all non-VTR members to pay an additional \$35.00 fee for a one year membership in VTR. One additional driver may be added to the registration for a \$15 fee. Additional



VTR 2015 continued....

non-drivers may be added to the registration for a \$10 fee each. Additional cars with the same driver(s) may be added to the base registration for a \$25 fee per car (please attach a separate registration form for each car). Payment may be made on line via PayPal, or if you prefer, you may also pay by personal check by printing out the registration form and mailing it with your check to the convention registrar. (Please see registration web page for further details.) Cancellations after July 20 will be subject to a \$15 fee. No refunds will be made for pre-ordered regalia after July 20.

To guarantee a banquet seat, you must pre-register. Banquet reservations will be accepted on site only if space is available. All orders for regalia are due by July 1, 2015. After that date, we cannot guarantee on-hand availability of all items.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please call the ISOA 2015 VTR Convention information hotline: (815) 332-3119 before 10pm Central Time or email info@vtr2015.com [This email address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it.](mailto:info@vtr2015.com) When registering for the hotel, you must specify "2015 VTR National Convention" to get the discount rate. All blocked rooms at the hotels will be released after June 26, 2015. To guarantee a room, please make your reservation early.

Convention Headquarters/Host Hotel (Currently all rooms are full - please see below for overflow accommodations):

The Abbey Resort, 269 Fontana Boulevard, Fontana, WI 53125,
Ph. 262/275-9000
theabbeyresort.com

VTR 2015 CONVENTION OVERFLOW PROPERTIES

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|---|--|
| Lake Lawn Lodge, 2400 East Geneva St., Delavan, WI 262/728-7950 | 7.5 miles from the Abbey - 10 minutes |
| Fontana Village Inn, 100 Dewey Ave., Fontana, WI | 262/275-6700 [Across the Street from the Abbey] |
| Comfort Suites, 313 Bauer Pkwy, Delavan, WI | 262/740-1000 8 miles from the Abbey - 13 minutes |
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**BMCNO Classified Ads**

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Peter Brauen



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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A type overdrive transmission for 1969 and later Triumph TR6. Will also work on Triumph TR3, TR4, and TR250. Email ronniep@cox.net for more information.

Wanted to purchase luggage rack for Triumph TR6. Please send picture and asking price to ronniep@cox.net



2004 Jaguar Contact Dan Melesurgo For details. Asking price \$15,750. 504-390-1119 or by e-mail at dmm5jag@cox.net.

1988 Jaguar XJX-C for sale: w/removable hard-top. V12, 2 door, chrome wire wheels, original paint, two owners, well maintained with receipts. Maroon with black top, only 66,000 miles - runs and drives very nicely. "Like new inside and out". Asking \$10,000. Call Pam at 225-916-2261 or email pam-myers66@yahoo.com.



2010 Triumph Bonneville SE custom café racer. Bike is in excellent condition. Runs and rides great! 2958 miles.

- Custom parts include:
- Lossa Engineering stubby pipes
- Air box elimination kit
- Single seat with rack (rack is swapped out for custom painted seat cowl)
- Fender elimination kit
- Custom turn signals
- Ace handlebars
- CRG bar end mirror
- British Customs direct mount front brake reservoir kit
- Custom sprocket cover

Contact info: Michael Melesurgo, phone:(504)481-7476 email: michael.melesurgo@gmail.com



For Sale—see article on page 17.



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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: _____ Birthday day _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail: _____ Occupation: _____

Where did you learn of BMCNO? _____

What other car clubs do you belong? _____

Include information in the Online Web Directory yes _____ no _____

Please list me as ICE, (In Case of Emergency) willing to render assistance to members who break down in my area. yes _____ no _____

BRITISH CAR INFORMATION

1st CAR

Make: _____

Model: _____

Year: _____

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Make: _____

Model: _____

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Color: _____

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Make: _____

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

Payable as follows:

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

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

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

Name _____ Date _____