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President's Message by Ronnie Palmisano, BMCNO President



It's less than one month until the 26TH annual BMCNO "British Car Day".

Did you volunteer 1-2 hours of your time to devote to the show? It's not too late. Contact Don Marpe at (504-812-8611 or

email to bdmarpe@att.net) and let Don know that you want to help.

Did you register your car? Every member should register his or her car to support the show/club. If you have more than one car, put all of them in. Even if your car doesn't look pretty and perfect, register it anyway. I did that for many years. It looks a lot better now, but not perfect.

In 2014 BMCNO Vice-President and also my wife Karen Murray wrote this in the newsletter. *"I remember my first car show with BMCNO. Our 1976 Triumph TR6 was 3 colors (blue, primer, and rust), the interior was dreadful, wires hanging out, windshield & dash cracked, and all gauges broken. WE THOUGHT IT WAS BEAUTIFUL!!!!!!!!!! Not only was it beautiful to us, but we had the time of our life at that show and everyone since. Moral of the story - it's not how perfect your car is but how much fun it is sharing with other British car enthusiasts. So, if you have a British car that can run, be towed, or pushed onto the field please register it. You will not regret participating".*

It is not only a lot of fun but you also get to see other member's cars, make new friends, attend seminars, and tour the Delgado body and paint training center. Britt Barrack of Moss Motors will conduct a 30 minute tech session. Don't forget the 50/50 Raffle, BMCNO Regalia items for sale including T-shirts, cups, tote bags, lots of

other British themed items, etc.

Proceeds from the show go to Delgado Community College student scholarships. Last year we gave out \$3,000.00 in scholarships. During the school year, we also purchase supplies and other items for the Delgado Department of Automotive Technology.

All members should attend the Friday night Car Show Hospitality Reception at the Ramada Hotel on March 18th. As usual, there will be lots of door prizes given out and great free food will be available. If you like Great New Orleans Cooking, then this is for you. You will also meet and greet our out of town guests. See Karen's article on page 18.

On the morning of the car show, please come to the Very Special British Breakfast sponsored by Bill and Violet Nix. It is from **8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. only**. You will dine on Coffee, Tea, and Scones. It's FREE, You can drive directly there or BMCNO will also offer a shuttle to their home and back to the show site. It's only 3 blocks from the Show site. Bill and Violet have a beautiful home, but he also has a very large garage/shop with lots and lots of cars. He even has a paint booth in his garage. This is a MUST DO.

The 2016 club T-shirts are available to purchase at membership meetings, goody bag stuffing party, and also on the day of the show. Purchase early as sizes are limited. Purchase one and wear it to our show and other car events.

Yes, the day always ends with GREAT Seafood at a local New Orleans restaurant. We will meet after the show again this year at New Orleans Food & Spirits Restaurant in Buck town after the show at 5:30 p.m.

See you there,

Ronnie Palmisano
BMCNO President / Newsletter Editor

**March 2015**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	<u>12</u> <u>Goodie Bag</u> <u>Stuffing</u> <u>Gulf Coast Area</u> <u>Gathering</u>
13	14	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u> <u>Baton Rouge</u> <u>Area Gather-</u> <u>ing</u>	<u>17</u> <u>Northshore</u> <u>Area Gather-</u> <u>ing</u>	<u>18</u> <u>BMCNO Re-</u> <u>ception</u>	<u>19</u> <u>BMCNO British</u> <u>Car Day</u> <u>Club Dinner af-</u> <u>ter Car Show</u>
20	21	22	23	24	25	<u>26</u> <u>Academia Meet-</u> <u>ing/Cruise</u>
27	28	<u>29</u> <u>General Meet-</u> <u>ing</u>	30	31	1	2

February 23, 2016 - General Meeting, Meeting 7:00 p.m., Italian Pie Restaurant. 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA

March 12, 2016 - Goodie Bag Stuffing, 9:30 a.m. @ Delgado Community College Automotive Technology Dept.

March 12, 2016 - Gulf Coast Area Gathering, Second Saturday, Art walk in Bay St. Louis Baptist Church

March 16, 2016 - Baton Rouge Area Gathering, Dinner 6:00 p.m., Meeting 7:00 p.m., Louis DeAngelo\'s Italian Restaurant, 13686 Coursey Blvd, Baton Rouge , LA

March 17, 2016 - Northshore Area Gathering, Casual Meeting 7:00 p.m., Abita Brew Pub, 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs, LA 70420

March 18, 2016 - BMCNO Reception, Ramada Metairie, 3400 South I-10 Service Rd W, Metairie, LA 70001, Please bring dishes before 5:30 p.m., Doors open for serving at 6:00 p.m.

March 19, 2016 British Breakfast (FREE) See Newsletter page 19.

March 19, 2016 - BMCNO British Car Day, Delgado Community College, City Park Ave., New Orleans, LA, Registration 9:00 a.m. -- 12:00 noon, Awards 3:00 p.m., See Newsletter further details.

March 19, 2016 - Club Dinner after Car Show, New Orleans Food & Spirit Restaurant, 210 Old Hammond Highway.

March 26, 2016, - Acadania Meeting/Cruise -,Academia Monthly Gathering—Contact Area Coordinator for details

March 29, 2016 - General Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Dinner—Meeting 7:00 p.m., Italian Pie Restaurant. 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA

**What's happening???? by Vice- President Karen Murray****MARCH is our Annual Car Show.**

Dates to remember: Saturday, March 12th—Goody Bag Stuffing has been moved to 9:30 a.m. at Delgado Community College Automotive Department.

Coffee, juice, and donuts will be served. This should only take about 2—3 hours. All donations must be collected before this date. Please put this on your calendar to come and help!!!!

Friday, March 18th - Welcome reception for everyone at the host hotel Ramada of Metairie, 3400 S. I-10 Service Rd., by Causeway, Metairie. 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. Come and join everyone in welcoming our out of town guests and spending time with each other. This year we are also inviting our sponsors to the dinner. Last year 90 people attended Friday night.

Saturday, March 19th—26th Annual Car Show

On-site registration	9:00 a.m. -12:00
British Breakfast	8:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m.
Bill & Violet Nix 's House	79 N. Park Pl.
SHUTTLE AVAILABLE	
Show time (cars must remain on the field)	Noon—3:00 p.m.
Judging (Popular Choice)	12:30 p.m. –2:30
British /American Tea	1:30 p.m.—3:00
Ladies only	
Awards	3:00 p.m. - till
New Orleans Food & Spirits Dinner (Dutch treat)	5:30 p.m.

APRIL

BMCNO does not have a scheduled event because this month is so busy with other club car events.

Saturday, April 9th is the 300 year of the founding of Natchez, Ms. During these celebrations a EuroFest Car Show has been organized. Check page 29 for the details.

Friday, April 15th is the convoy to Pensacola for their Annual Panhandle Car Show on Saturday, April 16th.

The last 2 weekends in April is our beloved Jazz Fest.

So... catch you breath in April because the rest of the year is packed for BMCNO.

MAY

We will have our annual crawfish boil on Sunday, May 15th at the Fairview-Riverside State Park located at 119 Fairview Dr, in Madisonville, LA 70447

The event starts at 12:00 noon and the North Shore Group is in charge of it this year.



So.....we hope to see some of you at these events.
Karen



Calendar at a glance for the remainder of 2016

March	Gulf Coast/Ms Meeting	Sat. 12th		Second Saturday, Art-walk in Bay St. Louis Baptist Church	Peter Brauen
	Goody Bag Stuffing	Sat. 12th.	9:30 a.m.	Delgado City Park Campus Automotive Department City Park Av entrance	Don Marpe
	Board Meeting	Sat. 12th .		During goody bag stuffing	
	Baton Rouge Meeting	Wed., 16th	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Louis De Angelo's Italian Rest. 13686 Coursey Blvd. 70817	Rick Huber
	North Shore Meeting	Thurs. 17th.	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Abita Brew Pub 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs	Cliff Hughes
	Welcome Reception	Fri. 18 th .		Ramada Metairie - I-10 Service Road and Causeway	Karen Murray
	British Motoring Club Car Show	Sat. 19th	8:00 a.m. - till	Delgado Community College	BMCNO
	Club Dinner after Car Show	Sat. 19th.	5:30 p.m.	New Orleans Food & Spirit Rest. 210 Old Hammond Highway	Karen Murray
	Acadiana Cruise	Sat. 26 th			Dave Hayden
	General BMCNO Meeting	Tues. 29th.	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA	Board of Directors
April	Gulf Coast/Ms Meeting	Sat. 9 th		Second Saturday, Art-walk in Bay St. Louis Baptist Church	Peter Brauen
	Euro Fest Natchez	Sat. 9th		Natchez , Ms.	Rick Huber
	Board meeting	Tues. 12th.	6:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Jack & Audrey Kennedy's house	
	Convoy to Pensacola Car Show	Friday 15 th		(check newsletter for info)	
	Panhandle British Car Show in Pensacola	Sat. 16 th		(check newsletter for info)	
	Baton Rouge Meeting	Wed. 20th.	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Louis De Angelo's Italian Rest. 13686 Coursey Blvd. 70817	Rick Huber
	North Shore Meeting	Thurs. 21st.	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Abita Brew Pub 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs	Cliff Hughes
	Acadiana Cruise	Sat. 23rd.			Dave Hayden
	General BMCNO Meeting south shore	Tues. 26 th	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA	Board of Directors
May	Gulf Coast/Ms Meeting	Sat. 14 th		Second Saturday, Art-walk in Bay St. Louis Baptist Church	Peter Brauen
	Crawfish Boil	Sun. 15 th	12:00 noon	Fairview-Riverside State Park located at 119 Fairview Dr, in Madisonville, LA 70447	Cliff Hughes
	Board meeting	Tues 17th.	6:00 – 8:30 p.m.		
	Baton Rouge Meeting	Wed. 18 th .	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Louis De Angelo's Italian Rest. 13686 Coursey Blvd. 70817	Rick Huber
	North Shore Meeting	Thurs. 19th.	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Abita Brew Pub 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs	Cliff Hughes
	Acadiana Cruise	Sat. 28th.			Dave Hayden
	General BMCNO Meeting south shore	Tues. 26 th	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA	Board of Directors



What's happening???? Tentative 2016 Event Agenda by Vice-President Karen Murray



This is a “Heads Up” on what is booked for the BMCNO year.

I wanted to include the yearly BMCNO event calendar in the newsletter. This calendar does not include all of the meetings each month for our club. It list only planned events for each month. Note we are planning an out of town weekend for July 15th—17th to Leeds, Alabama. More info will be posted when everything is complete. Also, we asked for 3 tentative dates to Kessler Air Force Base. I am waiting to hear on a confirmation for that event.

With that said all of the other dates are confirmed. So... please mark your calendars and join us for fun, good food, great conversations and friendship, and most importantly beautiful little British cars!!

As you can see we are a very busy car club.

MONTH	EVENT	DATE	TIME
January	Baton Rouge Cruise	Saturday 23, 2016	
February	Middendorf's	Sunday 21, 2016	
March	Goody Bag Stuffing	Saturday 12, 2016	9:30 a.m. - till
	Welcome Reception	Friday 18, 2016	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
	British Motoring Club Car Show	Saturday 19, 2016	9:00 a.m.- till
	Registration		9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
	Very British Breakfast		8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
	Judging		12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.
	Ladies British Tea		1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
	Awards		3:00 p.m.
	New Orleans Food & Spirit Restaurant		5:30 p.m.
April	Euro Fest Natchez	Saturday 9, 2016	
	Convoy to Pensacola Car Show	Friday 15, 2016	
	Panhandle British Car Show in Pensacola	Saturday 16, 2016	
May	Crawfish Boil	Sunday 15, 2016	
June	Kessler Air Force Base Tour	TBA – June 4 th , 11 th or May 28 th	
July	Barber Motorcycle Weekend - Leeds, Alabama	Friday 15 th – Sunday 17, 2016	
August	BMCNO Anniversary Party	Saturday 20, 2016	
September	Convoy to Natchez	Friday 16, 2016	
	Brits on the Bluffs	Saturday 17, 2016	
October	Cruisin' the Coast	Saturday 8, 2016	
	Convoy to Fairhope, Alabama	Friday 21, 2016	
	South Alabama Annual Car Show	Saturday 22, 2016	
November	Memorial Rallye	Saturday 5, 2016	
December	Annual BMCNO Christmas Party	Saturday 3, 2016	



January Meeting Minutes by Cathy Greensfelder, Club secretary



The meeting was called to order at 7:01.

Old Business:

The Christmas Party was a great success. Sixty-three (63) members and guests attended. We have since received a Thank You

letter from Jimmy Hoppe's son Patrick for the grant that he was awarded..

Alan Bradley, O.J. Williams, Pete Weber, Ronnie Palmisano and Rick Huber drove their cars in the Harahan Christmas Parade. It was a lovely day for the parade and only two of the cars broke down! Denise Petit threw candy and there was a very nice party afterwards at Allen and Susan Bradley's home. Pete's Stag was called a Thunderbird, an Impala (hey, it's a deer-like creature) and a Reindeer!! (The "reindeer" gentleman's wife assured them he was drunk but harmless!) Another drunk insisted the Austin Healey was an Aston Martin.

Cliff Hughes related a cautionary tale about texting while driving. See article p 8.

Cliff reported on the "Cars and Coffee" Northshore meeting. The event has been growing with more people coming every month.

Jim Clark reported on the Baton Rouge Cruise. 48 people and 17 British cars participated. It was a lovely event but the leader got lost at one point and 20 cars followed him the wrong way down a long 2-lane country road. There was a lot of complaining about 3-point-turns to reverse direction! Everyone enjoyed the stop at a train mu-

seum in Jackson, LA. They also stopped at a vineyard for a wine tasting. The vineyard makes Muscadine wine which. Martin St Romain stayed overnight at a Bed and Breakfast in Jackson that had at one time been a bank. It had "themed" rooms like the Cinderella room, Rhet Butler room. His wife loved it! The members gave a round of applause to the organizers. A trip like this takes a lot of prep work.

New Business:

Karen Murray reviewed the calendar for the upcoming year.

Don Marpe discussed the upcoming car show.

During the meeting, several members stuffed entry forms into envelopes for mailing to previous entrants to our car show. Rick Huber (not present) is calling for sponsors and for donation of materials for the Goody Bags. We have some items left over from last year and will be buying something to put in the bags. We discussed guidelines for soliciting goody bag items and other donations.

Bill Nix is again offering a buffet breakfast from 8:30-10:30 at his home to all Car Day participants. Bill's house is close to Delgado but further than many would like to walk. We will be organizing shuttle service. Members with minivans or SUVs are needed to volunteer.

This year we will be hosting a Ladies' British Tea after the judging is completed.

Don Marpe, our current show chairman, is moving to Dallas, TX later this year. We will need someone to chair the show next year. Any-

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January Meeting Minutes by Cathy Greensfelder continued.....

one interested should talk to Don as soon as possible.

Mark Greensfelder gave the treasurer's report. The club can now receive payments via Pay Pal and Square.

Member Projects:

Sam McGrew has installed the Webber carbs in his car. Sam has taken over the club Facebook page and our following has been growing nicely.

Martin St Romain donate an old Jaguar to Bridge House

Jimmy Hoppe has several cars for sale. He is getting out of antique cars.

Dan Melesugo won \$21 in the 50/50 drawing. Martin St Romain won ANOTHER SPONGE! , Sam McGrew picked up a Squegee and Pete Webber won brushes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm

Cliff Hughes related this cautionary tale. DO NOT TEXT WHILE DRIVING!!!

A member (who shall remain nameless) was driving on the Causeway Bridge in his regular car. Since traffic was crawling along at 10 mph he thought it was safe to text. He was wrong. He rear-ended the big pickup truck ahead of him. The trailer hitch punched through the grill, radiator and hood. Now our member had been holding the steering wheel between his index and middle fingers (instead of between the index finger and thumb) and the impact broke his knuckles. Then his son, who had been following him, rear-ended him adding insult to injury.

A brand new Causeway police officer responding to the accident demanded the member's license, registration and insurance. With his broken hand, our member dug out documentation.

"This insurance card is expired" responds the young cop. Our member found about 10 more cards, all expired. The green officer started talking about impounding the car. Thankfully a veteran officer came up and intervened. "Look at this guy! And look at this car! He's got insur-

ance – give him a minute." So our member texts his insurance agent and gets a photo of his valid insurance SMSed back to him. Then the new cop demands a copy. "SURE! I'll grab the printer out of my trunk and...". Fortunately our friendly veteran cop intervenes again before things get out of hand.

So no one is arrested but the car is a mess, our member has a busted hand, and his insurance company is going to have a hissy fit.

So let this be a lesson – DON'T TEXT WHILE DRIVING!!! (And thank you, God, for veteran cops.)





Baton Rouge Gatherings by Rick Huber



Sixteen of us got together in February for our monthly meeting. The first topic we discussed was a very sad one. We've lost another club member and close friend last month, as Randy Kassed has left this world for a better place. It hurts us any-

time we lose a friend, but when that person was only 32 years old, the age of many of our kids, it feels much more painful. He had worked with about a half a dozen of us here in Baton Rouge, doing various things with our cars that he knew so well. Milton and Bob Davis had both offered to help him set up a business here in Baton Rouge taking care of our cars, but he never got that opportunity. We sure will miss him. Randy leaves behind his girlfriend, Kacey, and one year old son Jackson in Baton Rouge in addition to his parents and siblings in Rhode Island. Hopefully we will hear when they set up a service for him so that we can send our condolences. May Randy rest in

peace.

Several of us talked about our Baton Rouge Cruise in January. It was a great day, with a huge turnout from the club and it looked like just about everybody enjoyed themselves. Can't beat that.

We talked about getting together for Middendorf's this weekend, and then the car show activities. Several people volunteered to help on show day, and many people were happy to hear about the Nix's English breakfast getting more publicity, and likely a larger crowd this year.

Other events coming up are the New Roads show on March 12, typically not many British cars, but Brian Pangburn will be there with the TR4 that he and his late father, Wayne, restored together.

A few of us talked about our cars and our projects before we decided to call it a night. On a beautiful night for open top driving, we had a few sporty cars in attendance - a TR3, a big Healey, a V8 big Healey replica, a V8 Miata, a 2014 Corvette, and a Jaguar XKR.



Randy Kassed



Middendorfs Run



The BMCNO Annual Middendorfs cruise took place on Sunday, February 22nd. **Middendorfs** was a huge success as always. We had a total of 57 people gather to indulge in their delicious seafood dinners. All of the ladies were again thanked for their continued support of BMCNO with long stem roses and cards.

The South Shore group started off at the Veterans Café Dumonde having Café and Beginets. Caffeine and sugar, it was so good.

Some of us met early to shop at antique stores in Ponchatoula and some decided to shop after lunch. Whatever the decision everyone really enjoyed visiting and viewing our beautiful little British cars. This was the start of the ladies shop till you drop event. Luckily for the husbands we couldn't fit many purchases into our little British cars.

At 12:15 a.m. we all drove to Middendorfs for a wonderful seafood lunch.



After lunch we departed for home with a full belly.

WHAT A FUN DAY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!





Middendorf's Run continued...





Middendorf's Run continued...





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: _____

Body Style: _____

Color: _____

2nd CAR

Make: _____

Model: _____

Year: _____

Body Style: _____

Color: _____

3rd CAR

Make: _____

Model: _____

Year: _____

Body Style: _____

Color: _____

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

Payable as follows:

⇒ **Check** payable to "British Motoring Club New Orleans (BMCNO)" and return to:
British Motoring Club New Orleans, P.O. Box 73213 , Metairie, LA 70033

⇒ **PayPal** - www.clubregistration.net (click on British Motoring Club at this web site)

⇒ **Cash or Check** at any monthly meeting.

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

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

Name _____ Date _____



British Motoring Club New Orleans 26th Annual British Car Day

Saturday, March 19th 2016

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 3:30 p.m.

All British Cars & Bikes Invited

Spectators Welcome at No Charge

For more information contact:

Don Marpe (504) 812-8611 bdmarpe@att.net

or

Karen Murray (504) 236-7509 karenmurray@cox.net

Registration form available at our web site: www.bmcno.org

Online registration available at BMCNO.ORG

Ramada of Metairie

3400 South. I-10 Service Rd W,

Metairie, LA 70001

(504) 833-8201

Ask for special BMCNO room rate

available until 3/4/16



2016 British Car Day is just 3 weeks away



Time has been flying by and fortunately there has been lots of preparation for the car show done in that time. All of the needed chairman for the events have



stepped up and are making the prep for their part of the car show. The show shirts have been designed, ordered, and are now ready for sale. The awards have been ordered and will be picked up in the next couple of weeks. The invitations to all of the past show attendees have been sent and many of those people have already registered. The reminder letter to all of the club members has been sent and many of the club members had already registered before the letters went out. In the next three weeks, any club members that have not registered will get a phone call making sure they know about the show and encourage them to bring their car so everyone can see them.

There are a few things that we will be doing different this year to make the show even better and easier to get ready for. The Goodie Bag stuffing party will be at Delgado College in the automotive school buildings. This makes the transporting of the pickup load of goodie bags to the show area much easier. The Goodie Bag stuffing will be done on Saturday March 12 starting at 9:00 and should finish in time to go to lunch at a nearby restaurant. Of course there will be coffee and doughnuts to tide us over until

lunch. The assembly of the registration packets may take place at a location more convenient to the registration chairman Cathy Greensfelder. She will set up the time and place that works for her. This will eliminate having to move all of her computer stuff and office supplies around.

The field layout of the cars for the show will also look a little different. We are going to showcase the cars that started the whole British Invasion by putting their areas up at the front of the field. The poor Jag owners will have to go way to the back of the grassy area. That means the MG Ts, TD, etc. will be where the Jags were previously. The MGAs will be next to the sidewalk and the vintages will work their way back from there. Rick Huber is working with the Site Prep





2016 British Car Day is just 3 weeks away continued...



Team and the Parking and Traffic Team to set up the final layout. It will be easy for everyone to find the area for their cars because Tom McMillan is making new Class Signs for the field. They will be A-frame signs that work on the grass (or asphalt but that will not be needed) with the car / class info on both sides. The class letters will be big, the marque and model info will be in smaller letters and the shirt logo will be on the bottom. This will class up the field a lot.

You can expect the staging of the cars on show day to go better also. Ed Vail is providing Walkie Talkies for the Parking and Traffic Team so they will be able to assist cars getting in the right spot quicker and with less arm waving and

running.

Each show there seems to be left over goodie bag stuff and door prizes and regalia that does not sell. This year we will be cleaning out the cupboards (or Jack Kennedy's son's basement). Anything that is left there will be put in the Door Prize bags. This should mean a lot of people will get stuff they really do not need but the thrill of winning something will still be just as exciting.

We still need everyone to contact companies that they know that have some affiliation with



British Cars or any car for that matter to see if they would like to be a sponsor of the event or provide more stuff for door prizes. The money we get from sponsors is essentially the money that ends up going to the Delgado Scholarships.

With just three weeks left before the show, there is still lots of things that need to be done and coordinated. Please help by doing the things you did for the last show and look for some other activity that you can help with.

Don





2016 Preservation Award sponsored by Peter Brauen



Un-restored cars may not be the headline-making winners of best-in-show awards, but preservation classes are increasingly a feature of many events, and collectors are recognizing their special status by driving up their

prices. "Barn find," a catchall term for cars unearthed after decades of neglect, has become a buzzword on cable television and at auctions of vintage autos.

For those exceedingly uncommon examples of vintage cars that have managed to survive with original powertrains, finishes and interiors in sufficient condition to serve as an exemplar for a correct restoration on other less fortunate examples, clearly, careful preservation is the route that will ultimately result in the greatest return on their owners' investments

To be Certified as a SURVIVOR in our show the car must met this set of standards:

1. Is 25 years or older
2. Drivable
3. Is over 50% un-restored, un-refinished, and unaltered from the way it left the factory in at least three of the four areas
 - Exterior (Paint, Trim, Glass)
 - Interior / Trunk
 - Under Hood d. Chassis (Suspension, Frame, Wheels)
 - Over 50% of the original finishes

(paint, fabrics, plating) remain good color references for the restoration of a car just like it.

PRESERVATION CLASS CONDITION CARS should have virtually all of their original factory paint intact and in good condition. A small unobtrusive blend on a panel or two or minor touch-ups are acceptable but at least 80% of the exterior finish should be original factory applied paint. The paint should be in sufficient condition to accurately convey the original shade and be reflective. Minor scratches, checking, and small dings are expected and acceptable.

With the exception of consumables such as rubber floor mats, the interior of the car should also be original. Soft materials such as leather may display a patina, dirt, minor discoloration and minor cracking but no tears. Replaced material should be at a minimum and be unobtrusive.

The engine compartment and trunk should also be well preserved and original with no paintwork and with original wiring harnesses intact and functional. It is expected that consumables such as hoses and belts may have been replaced; however, the car must have the powertrain that it was delivered with, its original tools (if supplied), and a period spare should be present.



Example



Chef's Corner.....by Karen Murray, Vice President BMCNO



Chef's Corner

By Karen Murray



Annual BMCNO Car Show Welcome Reception

Ramada Metairie

3400 I-10 Service Rd. , Metairie

Friday, March 18, 2016

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 18th. 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 had a tremendous amount of desserts at our Christmas Party. Which is great for Christmas!!!! Please bring more appetizers, casseroles or main dishes to this event as people have been traveling all day and really need something to stick to their ribs and empty stomachs.

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.

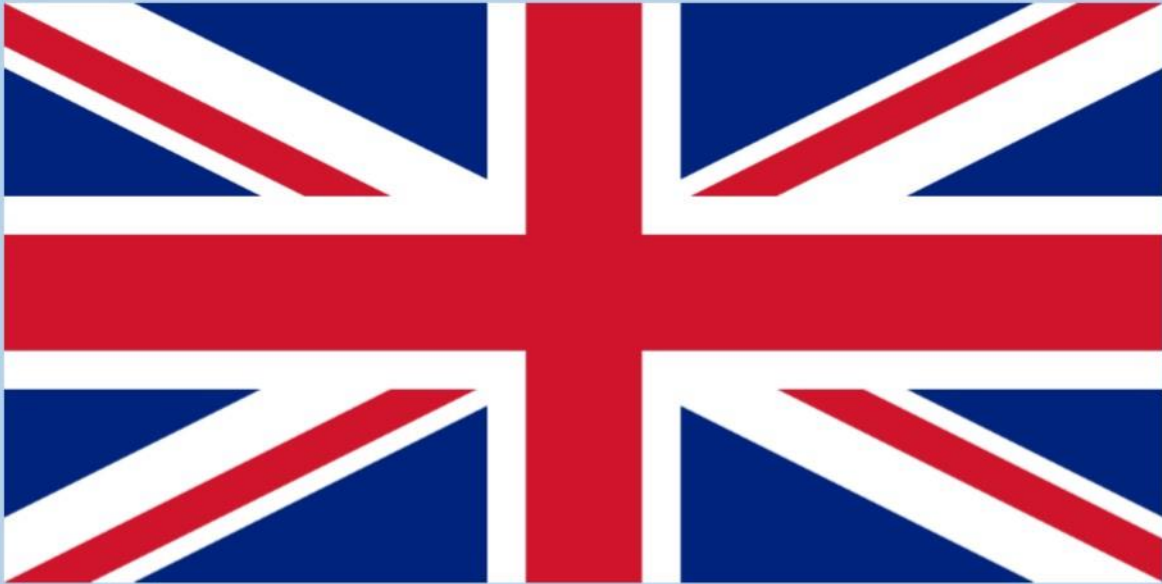
So....please join us for this Pot Luck dinner to meet and greet our out of town guests and to catch up with each other. We want our guest to walk away knowing that better food could not be bought in local restaurants.

Don't forget these important times:

Please bring dishes before 5:30 p.m. Doors open for serving at 6:00 p.m.

You are cordially invited to attend a free very

"British Breakfast"



March 19, 2016 (8:30 a.m. till 10:30 a.m.)

You will dine on Coffee, Tea, Scones and other.

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You must come and tour their garage!

Please join them for this event!!!

British Motoring Club New Orleans

Cordially invites

Ladies to an

American / British Tea Party



Honoring all ladies attending the Annual BMCNO Car Show

Date: Saturday, March 19, 2016

Place: Delgado Community College

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

British (Hot tea), American (Southern Ice Tea), and desserts will be served.

Favors and Door prizes



2016 BMCNO British Car Day T-Shirts

Actual photograph of T-Shirt below and the lettering is not crooked.



CAR SHOW SHIRTS!!!

Our 2016 shirts this year are gold with a black sketch of an old gas station with antique British cars around.

We do have 4 collar and 2 long sleeve sweat shirts left over. If you are interested please email me at karenmurray@cox.net. First come first serve. Collards and long sleeve sweat shirts are \$22.00 (S-XL) and (\$24.00) above.



T-shirts are in and will be sold at the General Meeting and day of the car show. Left over t-shirts will be sold the day of the show. We only order so many in each size so buy early to guarantee your size.

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)

We have 168 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



26th Annual British Car Day

2016 SPONSOR SOLICATION GUIDANCE

We will not have a sponsors contest for this year's show. We still encourage all members to solicit sponsors for the show but want to target sponsors that get some benefit from the exposure at the show. If the sponsor has the potential to sell a product or service to a British Car owner / club member, than they are a good target. Examples and past sponsors are shown below. We do not want this to just be about getting money for the show so that we can give that money away as scholarships. We want the sponsors to know that they received some benefit for their sponsor money.

Class Sponsorships are \$50 or more. See Sponsor Registration Form for details.

If you'd like to approach a potential sponsor, please call or email Rick Huber (225 926 6946 or mlandrick@gmail.com) to put your name on the potential sponsor list. This will avoid more than one member soliciting the same potential sponsor. Please also ask for other donations of door prizes or goodie bag items.

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2016 SPONSOR REGISTRATION FORM

26th Annual British Car Day – March 19, 2016

Due Date March 12, 2016

Class Sponsor: \$50 or more

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Address _____
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Contact Name & Phone(s) _____
Class (if desired) _____
Sponsor Amount _____

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MGA 1600
MGB/C Chrome Bumper (1962-1969)
MGB/C Chrome Bumper (1970-1974)
MGB Rubber Bumper (1975-1976)
MGB Rubber Bumper (1977-1980)
MGB/C GT
Mini Cooper, Classic (1959-2000)
Mini Cooper, Modern (2002 and newer)
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Motorcycles
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Rolls Royce & Bentley
Rover
Saloons (small)
Saloons (large)
Triumph TR2, 3, 4 & 250
Triumph TR6 (1969-1973)
Triumph TR6 (1974-1976)
Triumph TR7 & 8
Triumph Spitfire & GT6



Official entry form

26th Annual New Orleans British Car DaySaturday, March 19th, 2016 New Orleans, Louisiana

Please Print

Name	Guest (for name tag)	
Address		
City	State	Zip
Telephone	Email <small>e-mail for Entry Receipt</small>	
Club Affiliations		

Cars / Motorcycles entered

\$25.00 early registration

\$30.00 after 3-12-2016

	Year	Make / Model / Type / Color	Entry Fee
1			

More than one car—add \$10

2		
3		
4		
		"Show layout and classes based on pre-registration"

M:	L:	XL:	2XL	3XL	Shirt Total:
I plan to attend the Friday night reception with _____ total people. I plan to attend the Saturday British American Tea 2:00 p.m-3:00p.m. with _____ total people. FREE— Ladies Only.					Grand Total

Special Pre-Order Show T-Shirt Pricing: Size M through XL \$15. size 2XL \$16. 3XL \$17 (Show Price \$2 more per shirt)

In consideration of this entry, I waive any and all claims for me and my heirs against the British Motoring Club New Orleans, Delgado College, their officers and any sponsor of this event for injury or illness which may result directly or indirectly from my participation. I also give my permission for use of my name and / or pictures in the BMCNO newsletter, any broadcast, telecast or any other account of this event.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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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 Milton at densalprop@cox.net.

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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***Club Resource Library**



PRESS RELEASE

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Natchez Hosting Euro Fest Classic European Auto & Motorcycle Show

The Euro Fest Classic European Auto & Motorcycle Show, combining European engineering and beauty with Southern hospitality, will create an exciting, inaugural automotive and motorcycle event in Natchez on April 9, 2016.

As part of Natchez's Tricentennial Celebration, Euro Fest will be a free, fun, family event held on the bluffs of the Mississippi River on the beautiful grounds of Rosalie Plantation. The show will open to the public at 10:00 a.m. with the awards presentation at 4:00 pm.

Car owners with rare and significant European automobiles and motorcycles, twenty five years and older, are expected to participate from several southeastern states. Also expected are regional European auto clubs conducting a Showcase Corral of their members' newer autos.

For more information or to enter your vehicle for consideration, please visit www.euro-fest.net.





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Louisville is centrally located for the majority of the host registers’ members. The mid-week event will allow for travel to and from Louisville on weekends! Contracts have been secured with a group of seven hotel properties (essentially across the street from each other) that will meet your budget and expectations.

Plan to arrive in Louisville on Monday afternoon as you will not want to miss our opening ceremony that evening at Churchill Downs, home of the Kentucky Derby. (This event will have limited seating, so register early!).

For more information, visit:

www.mg2016.com

**South Central VTR Regional****The Oklahoma Run • April 20-24, 2016****SOUTH CENTRAL VTR
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“THE OKLAHOMA RUN”
APRIL 20-24
NORMAN, OK**

On April 22, 1889, President Benjamin Harrison authorized the Great Land Run for "white settlement" to be established in what had previously been Indian Territory in central Oklahoma. At high noon an estimated 50,000 individuals charged off by wagon, horseback and on foot at the firing of the canon at Fort Reno signaling the start of the Land Run. This event, to award the "Unassigned Lands", attracted homesteaders from near and far to lay claim to the 160 acre tracts that were available by personally staking out your claim. This resulted in overnight tent cities in Oklahoma City, Stillwater, Kingfisher, El Reno, Guthrie and Norman, Oklahoma.

On behalf of the Central Oklahoma Vintage Triumph Register car club, we encourage you join us in our own "Oklahoma Run" while attending the 2016 South Central VTR Regional to be held in Norman from April 20 through April 24. You may know that Norman is situated just north of the South Canadian River and about 15 miles south of Oklahoma City. Lodging and many of the planned events are being conducted at the Marriott Conference Center which has 964 guest rooms. The conference center is located at 2801 East State Highway 9 on the southeast side of Norman and provides a beautiful relaxed setting. If you like pleasant Triumph drives with interesting scenery then this is the place for you. We are planning several fun events with the Oklahoma Run as our theme. All of our events will take place in the surrounding Norman area so please join us so that you can meet old friends and maybe even some new ones while enjoying our fine Oklahoma hospitality.

Dave Hogan

2016 South Central VTR Regional Chairman

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Red River Triumph President's Message

Hello Friends,

On behalf of all Texans, The Red River Triumph Club extends to you a very hearty welcome to the 2016 Vintage Triumph Register Convention. With unforgettable sunsets, scenic landscapes rising from the rolling plains, to the heights of majestic Guadalupe peak, there is much to explore and enjoy in our great state.

We have selected the Lake Texoma area as our venue. Located north of Dallas/Ft Worth metropolitan area and bordering the Texas – Oklahoma state line, Lake Texoma offers over a 1000 miles of shoreline wrapping around 89,000 acres of sparkling fresh-water. Our host hotel, Tanglewood Resort, is nestled on Lake Texoma and offers the finest accommodations, meeting areas and activities surrounded in a country setting and scenic views.

This year's convention offers a full schedule. You will find many familiar events, like scenic drives and gimmick rallies, as well as some new events. In addition, autocross on a converted WWII airfield and a planned Concours plus antique airplane fly-in are just a few of the interesting points of this convention.

October is a great time of the year as you maneuver your Triumph through North Texas, where you will find the self-guided drives taking you through scenic areas around

the lake and the events to be a challenge. It is always good to see so many come to the convention given all the demands on our time. But even with the planned schedule we have put together, there should be enough time to relax and explore what the area has to offer. Our hope is that you enjoy your Triumph, renew acquaintances, and exchange a few stories. After all, that is what this time is for!

I would like to thank the many RRTC club members and local city leaders that made this event possible. Please join me in thanking them for all of their efforts.

We hope you find this program useful as it will give details of the events, history, and places of interest around Lake Texoma. I encourage you to contact any of the RRTC members with any questions or concerns.

Welcome to Texas and I look forward to visiting with each of you.

*Bigger in Texas,
Better in a Triumph!*

Sincerely,

Michael Sabelhaus
President
Red River Triumph Club

Go to <http://vtr2016.org> for more information

