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What does 10 Lockheed WC-130 planes in Biloxi have in common with our little British cars? Read on and find out.

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President's Message by Ronnie Palmisano, BMCNO President



By the time you read this April newsletter our 26 annual British Car day is over. All information regarding the car show will be in the May newsletter.

I do want to remind you of some important events that will be happening soon.

Friday, April 16, Annual "Brits on the Bay" British Car Show convoy to Pensacola. The show is on Saturday. Check out page 3 for convoy details.

Next is our annual BMCNO crawfish boil/ cruise/ bash. This year it will be hosted by our North Shore group. It will be at the Fairview Riverside State Park, 119 Riverside Rd, in Madisonville, LA . Please view the article on page 7 for more information. There is a \$2.00 fee per person to enter the park. Free for Seniors (62 and older) and children (3 and under)

On Saturday, May 21st we have a very rare opportunity to drive our British "ONLY" cars on the air strip at Kessler Air Force Base and also visit one of the Hurricane Hunter planes. The schedule has been confirmed for Saturday, May 21st. See pages 8-10 for more detailed information. **If you plan on attending, there are certain rules you must follow, or you will not be allowed on base.** See page 10. The main thing we need by May 5th is your drivers license number, State issued, and date of birth, and ham or turkey sandwich for lunch. . Everyone in your car must be pre-registered.

1. Complete form on page 10 and return to me by May 5th.
2. Everyone must have a current photo ID—no exceptions.

3. Every car must show proof of insurance.
4. We must enter the base at 9:30 a.m. in a convoy.
5. Lunch orders will be taken in advance and paid for in the morning. \$15.00 per person, please bring cash.
6. Breakfast will be provided by BMCNO at the Biloxi lighthouse at 9:00 a.m.
7. A photographer will be on hand to take pictures for sale. We do not have to worry about taking pictures on the runway or in front of the Hurricane Plane.
8. Please wear a BMCNO club shirt, if possible.

If you cannot email the form, please send the required information.

Today we had our last Membership Appreciation Pizza Meeting on the Gulf Coast. The Board of Directors and I hope that everyone enjoyed their pizza and drinks. The Area Coordinators commented on how many members attended that particular meeting!! Karen and I were able to attend all of these meeting with the exception of Acadiana. Dave Hayden reported that his was a success as well.

It was a fun time to catch up with everyone and brainstorm ideas for upcoming events for our club.

Remember BMCNO may have 5 groups but we are ALL one club!!!!

In May we will be sending out membership renewal forms. If you do not receive one please let me know. We are almost finished our fiscal year and hope that everyone has enjoyed the activities, meetings , and events.

Hope to see all of you at our Crawfish Boil and Kessler Air Force Base next month.

Ronnie Palmisano
BMCNO President / Newsletter Editor

**April 2016**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	<u>29</u> <u>General Meet- ing</u>	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	<u>9</u> <u>Renaissance Euro</u> <u>Fest Natchez MS</u> <u>Gulf Coast Area</u> <u>Gathering</u>
10	11	12	13	14	<u>15</u> <u>Convoy to</u> <u>Pensacola</u>	<u>16</u> <u>Pensacola Car</u> <u>Show</u>
17	18	19 <u>Board of Di- rectors</u>	<u>20</u> <u>Baton Rouge</u> <u>Area Gather- ing</u>	<u>21</u> <u>Northshore</u> <u>Area Gather- ing</u>	22	<u>23</u> <u>Acadania Meet- ing/Cruise</u>
24	25	<u>26</u> <u>General Meet- ing</u>	27	28	29	30

Apr 09, 2016 - Gulf Coast Area Gathering - Second Saturday, Art walk in Bay St. Louis at Baptist Church

Apr 09, 2016 - Renaissance Euro Fest Natchez MS , contact Rick Huber

Fri., Apr 15, 2016 - Convoy to “Brits on the Bay” British Car Show in Pensacola (see flyer p 21)

- ⇒ 9:00 am - New Orleans Group - Depart Lowes Parking Lot at the Reed Blvd Exit
- ⇒ 9:00 am - North Shore Group - Depart Belk's shopping center parking lot , Brewster Rd. Hwy. 21. Contact Cliff Hughes for more information.
- ⇒ 8:30 am - Baton Rouge Group - Bass Pro Shop parking lot in Denham Springs. . Contact Rick Huber for more information.
- ⇒ 9:00 am - Gulf Coast Mississippi Group-Contact Peter Brauen for more information.
- ⇒ All three groups will meet at the Mississippi Visitor's Center (Stennis , I-10 exit # 2, Highway 607) at 10:00 am.

Then off to LUNCH along the way, and then to Pensacola.

Sat., Apr 16, 2016 - “Brits on the Bay” British Car Show in Pensacola (see flyer p 21)

Tues, Apr 19, 2016 - Board of Directors Meeting, Jack and Audrey Kennedy's Home

Wed., Apr 20, 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

Thurs., Apr 21, 2016 - Northshore Area Gathering, Casual Meeting 7:00 p.m., Abita Brew Pub
72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs, LA 70420

Sat., Apr 23, 2016 - Acadania Meeting/Cruise, Acadania Monthly Gathering, Contact Area Coordinator for details

Tues., Apr 26, 2016- General Meeting, Dinner 6:00 p.m., Meeting 7:00 p.m., Italian Pie Restaurant,
5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA



Calendar at a Glance upcoming events

April	Gulf Coast/Ms Meeting	Sat. 9th		Second Saturday, Art-walk in Bay St. Louis Baptist Church	Peter & Melissa Brauen
	Euro Fest Natchez	Sat. 9th		Natchez , Ms.	Rick Huber
	Board meeting	Tues. 19th	6:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Jack & Audrey Kennedy's house	
	Convoy to Pensacola Car Show	Friday 15th		(check newsletter for info)	
	Panhandle British Car Show in Pensacola	Sat. 16th		(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. 26th	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA	Board of Directors
May	Gulf Coast/Ms Meeting	Sat. 14th		Second Saturday, Art-walk in Bay St. Louis Baptist Church	Peter & Melissa Brauen
	Spring time in the Smokies	13th – 15th		Townsend, Tennessee contact Jim Watson spridget@chater.net or Richard Lockhart (865)9891	
	Crawfish Boil	Sun. 15th	12:00 noon	Fairview Riverside State Park 119 Fairview Dr. 2 miles east of Madisonville	Cliff Hughes
	Kessler Air Force Base Tour	Sat. 21st		See article pages 8-10 for all details	Jeff Ragusa
	Board meeting	Tues 17th	6:00 – 8:30 p.m.		
	Baton Rouge Meeting	Wed. 18th	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Louis De Angelo's Italian Rest. 13686 Coursey Blvd. 70817	
	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	Tues. 31st		Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA	Board of Directors
June	British National Meet	3rd – 4th		Blythville , AR www.britishnationalmeet.com	
	Gulf Coast/Ms Meeting	Sat. 11th		Second Saturday, Art-walk in Bay St. Louis	Peter & Melissa Brauen
	MG 2016	15th – 17th		Louisville, KY mg2016.com	
	Board meeting	Tues. 14th	6:00 – 8:30 p.m.		
	Baton Rouge Meeting	Wed. 15th	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Louis De Angelo's Italian Rest. 13686 Coursey Blvd. 70817	Rick Huber
	North Shore Meeting	Thurs. 16th		Abita Brew Pub 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs	Cliff Hughes
	Acadiana Cruise	Sat. 25th			Dave Hayden
	General BMCNO Meeting	Tues. 25th	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA	Board of Directors
	Membership renewal	Sat. 30th			



February Meeting Minutes by Cathy Greensfelder, Club secretary



The meeting was rescheduled from the regular last Tuesday of February to March 1, 2016 due to extreme weather on the scheduled date.

Old Business: The Car Show was the big topic of discussion: the Goody Bags party, car class signs, food trucks, volunteers needed. Bobby Spann volunteered to drive one of the Paretti cars as a shuttle to and from the English Breakfast at Bill Nix's home. The Ladies' British Tea was moved up some to allow for ballot counting.

We discussed the idea of having a Flea Market meeting where members could bring parts and paraphernalia to buy, sell or give away. The Katie, TX MG club does this and it is very popular.

New member: Mark Ferketish was introduced. He has a blue 1976 TR6.

New Business: The upcoming trip to Kessler Air Force Base was discussed. It will be Saturday May 21st. We will tour the base, the hurricane plane and drive on the runway. You **MUST** be on time – we will be escorted onto the base in a group. You **MUST** bring a valid photo ID.

The Crawfish Boil will be Sunday, May 15 at Fairview Park in Madisonville.

Holy Cross High School is holding a Crawfish Boil and Car Show on April 30. Members are encouraged to attend.

Projects: Keith Vezina is almost done with the Bugeye Sprite he's been restoring. Martin St Romain donated his Jaguar to Bridge House. He noticed it sold right away.

Joel Ross pulled the fender off a new acquisition only to discover it was full of chicken wire and spray insulation.

One of Anne and Floyd Friloux's employee's had a breakdown with his MGB, a Katrina car. Christopher blew a freeze plug so he stopped at O'Reilly's and bought a replacement. Floyd offered to help him with it but he said it was fine, drove across the spillway and the engine seized up. Now he needs a new engine.

Rick Huber was driving his Austin Healey when it started to rattle. The temp started climbing, more rattling then all the blades blew off the fan. He brought the remains of it to the meeting. Someone used to make a "Texas Cooler" fan, made from solid nylon, much heavier than the one that blew. Rick tried to find one but it's discontinued - the company went out of business.

Don Marpe has bought a house in Dallas, TX and will be moving this fall. We'll miss you, Don!

Paretti's Rover dealership caught fire over Mardi Gras weekend. Several Rovers burned up but the other buildings were undamaged.

Dan Melesurgo won \$22 in the 50/50 drawing. O.J. Williams, Karen Vezina, Wally Friloux, Rick Huber and Harold O'Reilly also won assorted prizes.

Cathy

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

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 Euro Fest Car Show has been organized. Check page 20 for the details.

Friday, April 15th is the convoy to Pensacola for their Annual Panhandle Car Show on Saturday, April 16th. (see flyer p 21)

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.

Also, our long awaited Kessler Air Force Base tour has been approved for this month!!! The club never has 2 events in one month but it was agreed upon that the Kessler tour would be scheduled whenever we were approved to attend. Hope we can see many of you there!!

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.

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
April	Euro Fest Natchez	Saturday 9th
	Convoy to Pensacola Car Show	Friday 15th
	Panhandle British Car Show in Pensacola	Saturday 16th
May	Crawfish Boil	Sunday 15th
	Kessler Air Force Base	Saturday 21st.
June	TBA	
July	Barber Motorcycle Weekend - Leeds, Alabama	Friday 15 th – Sunday 17th
August	BMCNO Anniversary Party	Saturday 20th
September	Convoy to Natchez	Friday 16th
	Brits on the Bluffs	Saturday 17th
October	Cruisin' the Coast	Saturday 8th
	Convoy to Fairhope, Alabama	Friday 21st
	South Alabama Annual Car Show	Saturday 22nd
November	Memorial Rallye	Saturday 5th
December	Annual BMCNO Christmas Party	Saturday 3rd



Crawfish Boil at Fairview Riverside State Park by Karen Murray



The Annual Crawfish Boil will be held this year at Fairview Riverside State Park 119 Fairview Drive, two miles east of Madisonville. The Pavilion has been rented, so let's all put Sunday, May 15th on our calendars and make plans to attend. The North Shore has graciously agreed to spearhead this event this year.

TIME: Crawfish eating starts at noon

COST: \$15.00 per member and \$15.00 for one guest will buy 5 lbs. of crawfish, potatoes, sausage, and drink. All others will cost \$20.00 per person

Bring whatever you wish to drink but we do have plenty leftover drinks and water from the car show that I will bring. It costs \$2 per person to enter the park for the day unless you are 62 or above.

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: Tues., May 3rd.

MAIL PAYMENT TO: BMCNO PayPal, British Motoring Club New Orleans, P.O. Box 73213, Metairie La. 70033 or Karen Murray, 1900 Colony Rd, Metairie, La. 70003



Due to the increase cost of crawfish this year extra food will not be ordered to purchase that day.

CONVOY INFO:

- ⇒ Baton Rouge group: Leave the Bass Pro Shop at 11:00 a.m. for a 53 mile ride to Madisonville
- ⇒ North Shore group: Meet at the park for 12:00 noon
- ⇒ South Shore group: Leave Morning Call on Severn behind Lakeside at 11:00 a.m. If you want coffee please arrive early.
- ⇒ Gulf Coast Group please check with Peter Brauen
- ⇒ Acadiana Group please check with Dave Hayden





May 21, 2016 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”?

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 life saving piece of machinery.

In one of the many conservations 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. It is a very ambitious schedule that I hope we can keep.

We will have time to drive our British “ONLY” cars on the air strip and then we will run again with a Keesler Air Force Personnel. The schedule has been confirmed for Saturday, May 21st. Attached is the information that I must have to Jeff by May 10th. Everyone in your car will have to be included on this form and everyone in your car will need a photo identification without exception. Also, let’s all try to wear a BMCNO shirt to recognize our group.

Karen Murray



BRITISH MOTORING CLUB OF NEW ORLEANS (BMCNO)

Saturday, May 21, 2016

- 0900-0930 Motorists rally at the Biloxi Lighthouse—BMCNO will provide donuts, coffee, and juice.
Lunch payments will be collected here.
- 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
- 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 Flight line at Base Operations
Escorted by Base Ops Vehicle
Rally on Taxiway Foxtrot
- 1115-1145 BMCNO Runway Rally
4 at a 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
\$15/per lunch
- 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.

Convoy information to this event will follow in November newsletter and also by email. Please email rsvp to Karen if you will be attending. karenmurray@cox.net

**Kessler Air Force Base registration form.**

This form must be completed and returned to Karen Murray by May 5th. Everyone in your car must be listed and have a photo ID on them the day of the event. You will also have to show proof of insurance. You may return via email, karenmurray@cox.net, club meetings or mail to Karen Murray, 1900 Colony Rd., Metairie, 70003.

I will send out a completed list on May 5th but will not share your Driver's License/DOB.

2. Kessler Air Force Guest list.

LAST Name	FIRST, Middle Initial	Driver's License/ ID # and DOB	State Issued from	Lunch (ham or Turkey sandwich

We have been waiting a long time for this trip so please let's make it successful without any stress. These are the procedures from Kessler and not BMCNO. All of Kessler's protocol must be followed by everyone.

Also, we ask that everyone wear a BMCNO club shirt on this day. It will help distinguish us from everyone else. We will only be allowed in a convoy so everyone must be on time and meet at the designated location.

Again, these are the rules and procedure of Kessler Air force Base and if not followed you will not be admitted with no exceptions. So...let's plan on a fun trip and experience at Kessler. It is a great honor to be allowed to visit and run our cars on the air strip.

RECAP:

1. Complete form and return to me by May 5th.
2. Everyone must have a current photo ID—no exceptions.
3. Every car must show proof of insurance.
4. We must enter the base at 9:30 a.m. in a convoy.
5. Lunch order will be taken and paid for in the morning. \$15.00 per person, please bring cash.
6. Breakfast will be provided by BMCNO at the Biloxi lighthouse at 9:00 a.m.
7. A photographer will be on hand to take pictures for sale. We do not have to worry about taking pictures on the runway or in front of the Hurricane Plane.
8. Please wear a BMCNO club shirt, if possible.
9. If it rains we will reschedule!!! Check your email or call me at 504-236-7509.



Celebrate, Celebrate Dance to the Music at Rock 'n' Bowl - BMCNO Anniversary Party, August 20th

Karen Murray, Vice President



The BMCNO board voted last year to designate a monthly activity celebrating the club's Anniversary during one of the hottest months of the year.—August.

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 on August 20th.

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 eight (8) adjacent bowling lanes. The club is picking up the cost of the party room and other.

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

The cost will be \$30.00 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.



Ladies and Men will receive a first and last place award for their bowling abilities. A Souvenir Rock 'n' Bowl Bowling Pin will be presented to the winner from each group.

The band 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 \$30.00 for no shows.

I hope to see many of you at our Anniversary Party on August 20th!

This was a great success last year that members have been talking about and definitely want repeated. Hope to see many of you there!!!





Baton Rouge Gatherings by Rick Huber



Eleven of us got together the Wednesday before the car show. We talked about the Middendorf's Lunch, and the LSU and New Roads shows that had just been the previous weekend. Great turnout for Middendorf's and it wasn't too much

problem not all getting to sit in the same room. It was good to get to meet some new people from other regions of the club. The LSU Spring Garden Festival and Car Show was a nice event combining gardening stuff, a chili cooking contest, and the car show, so there was plenty to do at the Ag Center and it's parking lot. Sixty-one cars were entered in the show on Sunday the 13th, down from previous years partly because the New Roads show got moved from Saturday to Sunday because of the weather. Still it was a diverse mix of old/new/British/American/standard/ custom/hot rod cars and motorcycles split up into 6 different classes. Marc Zebouni took a second place in the pre-War category with his 1930 Austin Chummy.

Mike Glore from the Mississippi club took a first place with his 2013 McLaren. We also had an MGB, TR6, Rolls Royce, Stag, and a big Healey to represent Great Britain's contribution to automotive history. Dick Prestridge attended the New Roads show and said they drew about 250 cars, mostly American muscle, but a couple of British cars there too.

Then we talked about the activities planned for our car show weekend on the 19th and 20th to let everybody know about convoys from Baton Rouge and the special events like the English Breakfast and English Tea if they were interested. Sounded like plenty of us were going to make the trip to New Orleans for the show even with the ugly weather forecast for the weekend.



British Humor

We know you, because we're pretty much like you. We (yeah the whole bloody lot of us) are all charter members of B.A.F.D. (British Auto Fanatics of Davis), and we think just like you. We didn't buy the car as transportation, but because it's fun. Any fool can own a Honda Civic, but how many of us have the unflinching nerve to tackle a Lucas Starter at 3:30 AM, on a rainy highway ten miles out of Bemidji, Minnesota? How many would bother? But if you have a personal love for British Iron, maybe you should join the asylum we've established. No dues, pay as you go, with plenty of driving, wrenching, partying and English Ale to keep your spirits up.

You don't have to be crazy to join B.A.F.D

Just own a British Car.

Maxwell Benson — 1939 - 2016



Max was born in Ambleside, Cumbria in the Lake District of England in December, 1939. His parents lived in Liverpool but wanted him to be born in the Lake District where his father originated, so off they went for him to be born there. Max grew

up in Childwall, a leafy suburb on the outskirts of Liverpool, during the era of the Beatles and Fleetwood Mac (same neighborhood) and since Liverpool is a port city (very similar in many ways to New Orleans) he decided to go to sea.

At sixteen Max enrolled as Cadet Marine Engineer, this consisted of a five year period in which Max would spend equal periods of academia in a technical engineering college and hands-on experience on different vessels in the Brocklebank fleet.

On completion of this Cadetship, Max was assigned to different vessels in the Brocklebank and subsequently Cunard Brocklebank fleet and progressed up to the position of Third Engineer on the cargo vessels. His many duties would include maintenance of the steam main engine and ancillary equipment that would include the generators for the vessels electrical systems. During this period he became an Acting Second Engineer and was involved in helping to avert a serious fire on board a vessel in Dundee, with a cargo of Jute.

After a period of some years, Max left Cunard Brocklebank and joined a vessel being built in

Newcastle, in North East England for an American Companies United Kingdom subsidiary Maritime Overseas, now known as OSG Group. This vessel was the start of the huge oil tankers called VLCC (Very Large Crude Carrier) that had the capacity to carry some 300,000 tons of crude oil. This type of vessel later proved very fortuitous with the closing of the Suez Canal, as they were able to carry these large amounts of oil from the Persian Gulf to Europe travelling round the Cape, the southern tip of South Africa.

Max did leave this company after four or five years and re-joined Cunard Brocklebank as a Refrigeration Engineer. This position became vacant due to Cunard purchasing three fleets of refrigeration vessels from the former Island Fruit Company. These vessels carried fresh produce/fish frozen or chilled and due to their cargo were by virtue of the cargos they carried, capable of high speed passages. This made them very suitable to carry fresh stores and spares to the Falklands during the Falkland's conflict.

He then transferred to the container fleet of ACT (Associated Container Transportation), managed by Cunard Shipping Services. They traded between Australia/New Zealand and UK/Europe. During this time Max had a serious accident falling down an access ladder to the hatch refrigeration control equipment, breaking both legs and ankles and doctors said he would never walk again, his sea days were over.

On one of his early trips to sea he came to New Orleans...where he met his now wife Carol when they were both teenagers, she was a Girl Scout working on a mariner scout badge on his ship via her connections to the Daughters of the British Empire who were hosting the officers on the English ships in port. They eventually went their separate ways and met up again many



years later at a family gathering. He worked in various capacities as a mechanical engineer in Liverpool until he retired in 2006. In the meantime Carol was transferred by IBM to the UK, they married in 2011 and moved to the Northshore in 2013 to be closer to her parents. The move included a 20 foot container of household goods, three pets and a 1971 MGB. The 1998 MGF couldn't make the journey due to US import restrictions on this type of car.

Max was a founding member of the Merseyside MG Owners Club and enjoyed being the route designer for the annual charity runs through the English countryside, sponsored by the club. Max and Carol took the MGB and the MGF on many trips abroad...camping several times at the leMans 24 hour Classic Run (with two weeks of camping gear and clothes/food packed into every inch of the car along with a hair dryer with special outlet installed in the glove box), the Gordon Bennett Run near Dublin, Ireland a few times, a lovely run with 45 MGs from all over the UK to the Scottish Highlands. During the summers an MG Owners Club chapter would host a run almost every weekend, ending up at a stately home for a picnic or a country pub for a lovely meal. He also went on many trips with Paul Georgeson (UK BMCNO member) to MG Live at Silverstone and they even completed the London to Brighton Regency Run with almost a thousand other MGs. Those little cars and the driver have seen lots of action! Quite often the MGB would be in bits in the driveway, then after a few hours amazingly all back together again, no bits left over and immediately on the road again.

This picture was taken during a December Christmas Cracker Run in the Lake District, up and down steep hills and dales, narrow switch-back roads and really cold and wet weather, what fun!

His introduction to BMCNO was at a party hosted by the Daughters of the British Empire where he met Wally and Margaret Friloux. That club has a lot to answer for...

He loved jazz, was a frustrated drummer and was more than happy to enjoy the wonderful New Orleans jazz scene. Finding the Dew Drop Inn so close to home was amazing to him and had many fun evenings there.

He never met a stranger, would talk your arm off and was a real 'people person'.

Sadly Max was quite poorly for the last eighteen months and didn't get to fully enjoy the good life in South Louisiana. There will be a memorial service held in Liverpool in April and he will be joined again with his family in the Lake District.

"The twinkle in his eye, warm heart, and laughing eyes will sadly be missed by everyone."

Karen Murray





2016 Austin Healey Enclave by Terry Lopez



In July this past year my wife Laura, my 10 year old grandson Henry and I attended the annual Austin Healey Enclave in Gettysburg Pennsylvania. The northeast has two prominent Austin Healey clubs, the Austin Healey Club of America and The Austin Healey Sports and Touring Club. Both of these clubs hold an annual event featuring the marque. The Sports and Touring Club calls their gathering "Rendezvous" and The Club of America calls their gathering "Conclave". For 2015 the two clubs decided to combine their annual event and call it "Enclave" and hold it in Gettysburg. This presented the possibility of one of the largest gathering of Austin Healey's in one place in the history of the marque. As it turned out the total was just short of 300 entries.

Now a BJ8 Healey is technically a 4 seat automobile but as we all know this is in name only, so when Henry expressed a desire to come with us that meant trailering the Healey would be necessary.

We left Friday morning July 17th headed for my wife's sisters home in Johns Creek, Georgia, which

is just north of Atlanta. We spent Saturday visiting and left Sunday morning for Gettysburg. We arrived late afternoon, checked in and unwound from the days travel.

This event was four days of scheduled activities. A rally was held Tuesday and Henry was my navigator. Thursday was the gymkhana and funkhana and Henry was with me in the car for both events.

The popular choice car show was held on Wednesday and as I mentioned earlier there were a whole lot of Healey's present. As happens often the largest number of cars was the BJ8's, so they decided to separate them by dual running lights and then by color.

As our car is Florida green over ivory it was entered in the green class with 16 other cars, all of which were British racing green. Several were two-tone but the primary color was BRG.

Well we came away with 1st in the class for the green cars and let me tell you there was significant competition at this show. The fit and finish on every car was spectacular. I really felt honored to win considering the competition.

We left Gettysburg Friday morning and spent the night again in Georgia. We arrived home on Sunday with another first place trophy for the car.



This trip was made very special by the presence of my grandson which I hope will provide him with some lifetime memories. I know it did for me.



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

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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

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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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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.

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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



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

