

# ***British Motoring Club New Orleans Morris Gazette***

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## ***President's Message by Ronnie Palmisano, BMCNO President***



Wow, what an eventful month May has been. We had two major events.

Our first event was our annual crawfish boil held at Fairview Riverside State Park. We had a great turnout with 69 people attending.

Our second was a cruise to Keesler Air Force Base to learn about the Hurricane Hunters and the airplane they fly into hurricanes. Forty six people attended this memorable event. If you missed this, shame on you.

The Keesler tour was organized by Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Jeff Ragusa, and Karen Murray, vice president of the British Motoring Club New Orleans.

We were allowed to drive on the runway with our

British cars at a very fast pace, listen to Jeff Ragusa's show tell on everything you always wanted know about why anyone in their right mind would fly into a hurricane, take a group picture and individual pictures in our British cars in front of a C-130 hurricane Hunter airplane, and actually go into the C-130.

I always considered staying overnight in a haunted plantation to be my very best BMCNO club event, but our trip to Keesler is now my absolute favorite event.

Thank you Jeff Ragusa and Karen Murray for putting this event together for us.

See this newsletter for more information on the Crawfish Boil and Keesler cruise / tour.

Also, see regional events on pages 35-38.

**Don't forget to renew you dues!!! New Membership Books will be mailed out in August.**

Ronnie

## ***Proposed By Law Amendment by Karen Murray, Vice President BMCNO***

I would like to propose an amendment to our current By Laws. The by-laws currently read as follows:

(b) Election and Term: Directors shall be elected annually by the members at a General Meeting of the club in the last quarter of each calendar year. Nominations for officers must be received by the Secretary four weeks prior to the General Meeting at which the election is to be held. Such directors shall **assume office at the January officers' meeting and shall hold office for one year, with the limitation of three (3) consecutive terms in any one position.** The exception to the term limitation being that of the office of Editor. In the event a director's position becomes vacant, the Board of Directors shall appoint a replacement officer until the next General meeting at which the club shall elect a replacement director.

My amendment would add our Webmaster as a Board Member with exception to term limitation as the Newsletter Editor. It would read as follows:

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*June 2016*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 29	May 30	May <u>31</u> <u>General Meeting</u>	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	<u>11</u> <u>Gulf Coast Area Gathering</u> & Jack & Mike Tech Session
12	13	<u>14</u> <u>Board of Directors Meeting</u>	<u>15</u> <u>Baton Rouge Area Gathering</u>	<u>16</u> <u>Northshore Area Gathering</u>	17	18 Cars of Yesterday
19	20	21	22	23	24	<u>25</u> <u>Acadania Meeting/Cruise</u>
26	27	<u>28</u> <u>General Meeting</u>	29	<u>30</u> <u>Membership renewal</u>	1	2

**May 31, 2016 - General Meeting**, Dinner 6:00 p.m., Meeting 7:00 p.m., Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA

**June 11, 2016 - Gulf Coast Area Gathering**, Second Saturday 5:00 p.m. Art walk in Bay St. Louis Baptist Church

**June 11, 2016—Jack Kennedy & Michael Delacerda Tech Session** 9:00 a.m.— 12:00 noon Jefferson Sprinkler, 1903 Hancock St., Gretna, on the west bank. Call Jack to confirm!! *See article pg. 5*

**June 14, 2016 - Board of Directors Meeting**, - Cathy & Mark Greensfelder's house

**June 15, 2016—Baton Rouge Area Gathering**, Dinner 6:00 p.m., Meeting 7:00 p.m, at Nando's Mexican Restaurant and Cantina, 13686 Coursey Blvd. 70817

**June 16, 2016 - Northshore Area Gathering**, Casual Meeting 7:00 p.m., Abita Brew Pub, 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs, LA 70420

**Saturday, June 18—Cars of Yesteryear**, 4625 Fairfield, Metairie (10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon), coffee and beignets at Café du Monde, 4700 Veterans Blvd. before Cars of Yesteryear. We will leave Café du Monde at 9:40 a.m.. Lunch at Martin's Wine Cellar 714 Elmeir Ave. Metairie. *See article pg. 9*

**June 25, 2016 - Acadania Meeting/Cruise**, Acadania Contact Dave Hayden for details

**June 28, 2016 - General Meeting**, Dinner 6:00 p.m., Meeting 7:00 p.m., Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan

**Jun 30, 2016 - Membership renewal, Due!**



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

WHAT A MONTH!!!!

On Sunday, May 15th the North Shore Group hosted 69 people for the BMCNO Annual Crawfish Boil. This year the event was moved to the Riverside State Park outside of Madisonville.

The facility was not only beautiful but also very spacious. Members of the North Shore group and their wives arrived early to help set up and stayed late for clean up. We had ample parking for all of our little British cars, clean bathrooms, plenty of space, cool breezes, fun people to talk with and delicious food. What more could anyone ask for?

**This was one of our largest Crawfish Boil's with 69 people participating and 22 door prizes won.**

Thanks to Cliff Hughes for organizing the Crawfish Boil this year and to the wonderful North Shore members and wives for their hard work. Looking forward to the 2017 Crawfish Boil on the North Shore. See article on pages 14-15

On Saturday, May 21st. 47 BMCNO and Gulf Coast Jag members met at the Biloxi Lighthouse for coffee, donuts, and an organizational meeting regarding our day at Keesler Air Force Base.

This trip was organized by Lt. Colonel Jeff Ragusa, also a BMCNO member and Hurricane Hunter. We had 46 people participate in this event and I can honestly say everyone was awestruck. Check out the pictures and article on pages 16-23.

Thanks Jeff and Susan Ragusa for all of your hard work to make this happen for BMCNO. I cannot even imagine how much red tape you had to go through. The day was well planned and ran so smoothly. What fun I had working with you and

hope that we can repeat this trip again before Jeff retires.

June - No matter how many times we visit Cars of Yesteryear there is ALWAYS something new to see. Many new cars were purchased and the showroom rearranged. Visitors are awestruck by the diversity, cleanliness, friendliness, and sheer magnitude of the collection. We never seem to tire looking at this amazing collection of cars, toys, and everything else. Currently they have **160 cars.** **Lunch follows at Martin's Wine Cellar** on Veterans Blvd. with our private room upstairs. Everyone always enjoys this event. Save Saturday, June 18th for this event. Check out the article on page 9.

Jack Kennedy and Michael Delacerda have graciously agreed to sponsor another Tech Session on June 11th. Check out the article on page 5.

Friday, July 15th—Sunday July, 17th

BMCNO has organized an out of-town event in Leeds, Alabama visiting the Barber Motorsports Museum. Hampton Inn and Barber Motorsports have been reserved. As soon as all reservations are confirmed more info will be sent to you. Mark your calendars.

It will be a fun filled weekend touring this museum.. Check out the article on pages 10 -12.

Saturday, August 20th—39th Anniversary Party of the British Motoring Club New Orleans.

This was a great success last year with 40 plus people. Everyone wanted to repeat this event **again this year. So....don't miss out on this celebration.** Check out page 13 for all of the details.

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

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

club. It list only planned events for each month.

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. So.....we hope to see you at many events.— Karen

**REMINDER**

June is the month that membership dues are collected.

August is the month to nominate someone or yourself for the 2017 BMCNO Board of Directors.

MONTH	EVENT	DATE
June	<b>Tech Session with Jack &amp; Mike</b>	<b>Saturday 11th</b>
	<b>Cars of Yesteryear</b>	<b>Saturday 18th</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>Barber Motorcycle Weekend - Leeds, Alabama</b>	<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 17th</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>BMCNO Anniversary Party / Rock 'n' Bowl</b>	<b>Saturday 20th</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>Convoy to Natchez</b>	<b>Friday 16th</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>Cruisin' the Coast</b>	<b>Saturday 8th</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>Memorial Rallye</b>	<b>Saturday 5th</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>Annual BMCNO Christmas Party</b>	<b>Saturday 3rd</b>

***Another British Tech Session Part II***

Jack Kennedy and Michael Delacerda have agreed to repeat their all British tech session at **Jack Kennedy's office on a date to be determined. Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 11th at 9:00 a.m.**

This last Tech Session was a great success and many members have requested a repeat session. With that said the next Tech Session will be scheduled soon.

You can drive, trailer, or tow your British car to Jefferson Sprinkler, 1903 Hancock St., Gretna, LA on the west bank to the BMCNO tech session.

The intent is that if you have a repair/issue you want to resolve, bring your car with the parts needed. We will provide hands on assistance on any work you need.

We will be scheduling cars every hour from 8:00 till 3:00. Jack and Mike will assist and help, but you will be the lead mechanic on your problem. Note: If you want to come early and help with other cars and learn from what they are working on or if you have something you expect to take a long time - schedule your car for the early slots. Contact Jack Kennedy 504-915-9549 [JackK@jeffersonsprinkler.com](mailto:JackK@jeffersonsprinkler.com) for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Mark your calendars and contact Jack for a space to work on your car with help from experts!!!!!! The session starts at 9:00 a.m.

Tools are available, but you can bring your own if needed.

There will be coffee and Krispy Kreme doughnuts available for you.



## Calendar at a Glance upcoming events

June	British National Meet	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup>		Blythville , AR www.britishnationalmeet.com	
	Gulf Coast/Ms Meeting	Sat. 11 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 p.m.	Second Saturday, Art-walk in Bay St. Louis	Peter Brauen
	Jack & Mike Tech Session	Sat. 11 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	Jefferson Sprinkler, 1903 Hancock St., Gretna	Jack Kennedy & Mike Delacerda
	MG 2016	15 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup>		Louisville, KY mg2016.com	
	Board meeting	Tues. 14 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Cathy & Mark Greensfelder	
	Baton Rouge Meeting	Wed. 15 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Nando's Mexican Restaurant and Cantina, 13686 Coursey Blvd. 70817	Rick Huber
	North Shore Meeting	Thurs. 16 <sup>h</sup>	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Abita Brew Pub 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs	Cliff Hughes
	Cars of Yesteryear Lunch – Martin's Wine Cellar	Sat. 18 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 – 12 noon	4625 Fairfield St, Metairie, LA 70006 <i>See article pg. 9</i>	Karen Murray
	Acadiana Cruise	Sat. 25 <sup>th</sup>			Dave Hayden
	General BMCNO Meeting	Tues. 25 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA	Board of Directors
	Membership renewal	Sat. 30 <sup>th</sup>			
<b>July</b>	Gulf Coast/Ms Meeting	Sat.9 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 p.m.	Second Saturday, Art-walk in Bay St. Louis Baptist Church	Peter Brauen
	Board of Directors	Tues. 12 <sup>th</sup>		Tom McMillan's house	
	Barber Motorsports Museum	Fri. 15 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup>		Leeds, Ala. See newsletter <i>article pg. 10-12</i>	Karen Murray
	Baton Rouge Meeting	Wed. 20 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Nando's Mexican Restaurant and Cantina, 13686 Coursey Blvd. 70817	Rick Huber
	North Shore Meeting	Thurs. 21 <sup>st</sup> .	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Abita Brew Pub 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs	Cliff Hughes
	Acadiana Cruise	Sat. 23 <sup>rd</sup> .			Dave Hayden
	General BMCNO Meeting	Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA	Board of Directors
<b>August</b>	Gulf Coast/Ms Meeting	Sat. 13 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 p.m.	Second Saturday, Art-walk in Bay St. Louis Baptist Church	Peter Brauen
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	BMCNO Anniversary Party	Sat. 20 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Rock & Bowl Mid City Lanes <i>see article page 13</i>	Board members
	Acadiana Cruise	Sat. 27 <sup>th</sup> .			Dave Hayden
	Board of Directors	Sat. 27 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 noon	Ronald & Karen's house	Board Members
	General BMCNO Meeting	Tues. 30 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA	Board of Directors



## *South shore April 26th Meeting Minutes by Cathy Greensfelder, Club secretary*



with a Mini Cooper and is looking for an active club to join. We would love to have her!

### Old Business:

The April 16 Pensacola show was discussed. Turn out for the show was excellent, but the BMCNO participation was very light – only 7 cars. (See article)

Rick Huber reported on the April 9 Natchez Eurofest show. (See article)

Rick also reported on the Baton Rouge meeting. **D'Angello's Pizza has closed and they will have to move the meeting – location to be determined.**

Wally Friloux reported on Cars and Coffee and the Abita Brew Pub meeting on the North Shore.

### New Business:

The club is required to have one member at large for every 30 members and we are currently short two. Jim Clark and Mark Ferketish volunteered to fill the openings until the next term begins.

Upcoming events were discussed. The Crawfish Boil is at Fairview Riverside State Park in Madisonville. Pre-payment is required by May 5<sup>th</sup>. There is a \$2 per person fee to enter the park.

Karen Murray gave a hysterically funny report of the planned events for Kessler Airforce Base.

She demonstrated the agenda with help from Ronnie Palmisano, Rick Huber and Mark Ferketish acting as other cars!! They were convoying in a line (Do the Conga!), driving by to pick up box lunches (Ham or Turkey!), running down the runway four across, turning around (please, let us turn the cars better!) and running back, **box lunches being tossed about... Everyone was laughing!**

On a serious note, Karen reviewed, again, the requirements for entering the base. Keesler is an active military base and anyone not following the rules will not be admitted.

### Projects:

Darek Guichard is closing in on finding a battery drain.

Keith Vezina was working on a car for a customer with one of his Delgado interns. The speedometer **wasn't working. On first glance, everything** looked good. The angle drive is good. However, the little nylon gear is press-fitted in place and was stripped. It turned until you put a load on it. **Keith's intern was pulling the cable out when it** hung up. The helper gave it a yank and that little gear popped off and dropped down into the transmission! He spent an entire day on it but he finally fished it out! Yay!

**Rick Huber reported that an MGB "followed him home". A woman in Baton Rouge is moving to Houston and needed to sell an MGB fast. She** picked it up from Jim Jones several years ago **and it hadn't been run since. Rick is taking it off** her hands!

Dan Melesurgo won \$14 in the 50/50 drawing. Karen Vezina, Cathy Greensfelder, Jim Clark, Mary Lynn Huber and Allen Bradley all one prizes.





## *Baton Rouge Gatherings by Rick Huber*



In what seems like a game of Musical Restaurants, this month when the music stopped we all sat down at Nando's Mexican Restaurant and Cantina, a restaurant that took over the building where we used to meet at DeAngelo's Italian place. However, we sat down a bit late, because Rick forgot to call ahead and reserve a room for us, and wouldn't you know it, the restaurant was packed like never before, so we had to wait about 25 minutes for the back room to clear enough to make room for the 17 of us that showed up to sample the new nation International fare. Not bad - Nando's is a collaboration between Louis DeAngelo and TJ Maurin - long time Baton Rouge restaurateurs, with a chef from Ninfa's, one of the up-scale Mexican places in town. All seemed pleased with the selection and the food, so we made a unanimous choice to come back again next month.

No new faces this time, but a few folks we haven't seen for awhile attended and it was good to see them again. Rick talked about the Crawfish Boil with about 69 members attending at a very nice new location in Madisonville. The drive home on Hwy 22/42 was very pleasant on a gorgeous mid-May day for driving our little convertible cars. Bobby talked about the Zoar Baptist Church show which had about 200 cars in attendance including 7 British ones. Danny's 58 MGA won a first place in his class. Danny talked about Cars n Coffee, which has now moved from the CCs south of LSU to the parking lot on the NE corner of the I-10/Siegen Lane intersection due to the size of the show. He said roughly 250 cars including many exotics from as far away as Houston were at the

last show. That show is the 1st Saturday of the month, so it sounds like it's worth getting out to see.

Bobby and Danny talked about the plans for the Keesler event on May 21st, and Rick talked about the other upcoming events for the summer. Milton and Tom added some comments about the Barber Motorsports Museum and Track. Rick gave an update on his Jag fuel pump/not fuel pump problem that so far is fixed with just cleaning out the fuel delivery system at the carbs. He's keeping his fingers crossed!

So despite the wait to sit, it turned out to be quite a pleasurable evening, enjoying Mexican food and fun conversations about two of our favorite topics - cars and motorcycles.



More from Rick!

Hi Folks,

Well, here's the new location for future Baton Rouge Gatherings on the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

Nando's Mexican Restaurant and Cantina

13686 Coursey Blvd

Baton Rouge, LA 70817

Yes, it's the same address as DeAngelo's Italian Restaurant used to be.

Cheers,

Rick





## ***Cars of Yesteryear—Saturday, June 18th “You don’t want to miss this”***

What is Cars of Yesteryear??

Cars of Yesteryear is a private collection of over 150 restored classic cars owned by Mr. Henry Shane in Metairie. Several of the cars are also one of a kind. *Mr. Shane has purchased new cars to add to his collection since our last visit.* **So mark you calendar and don’t miss this exciting event!!!!**

We will meet at Café Du Monde, 4700 Veterans Memorial Blvd, Metairie at around 8:30 a.m.

How do you get to tour Cars of Yesteryear?? Only by private invitation.

DATE: Saturday, June 18th.

TIME: 10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon ONLY!!!!

This is a private tour and we are only allowed 2 hours. If you arrive late we still have to leave at 12:00 noon **So.....please be on time.**

PLACE: 4625 Fairfield St., Met., LA, 70006

LUNCH: **Martin’s Wine Cellar, 714 Elmeer Ave. Metairie**

You order your food downstairs and we will have a private room upstairs to eat and visit.



## Barber Motorsports Trip

The Barber Motorsports Park is a 740 acres (300 ha) multi-purpose racing facility located on



the eastern fringes of Birmingham, Alabama, USA near Leeds. It was built by George W. Barber, and includes the Barber Vintage Motorsport Museum. It has been the site of the IndyCar Series Grand Prix of Alabama since the 2010 season. Barber is also the home of the North American Porsche Driving School.

George Barber had a serious interest in vintage motorcycles and recognized that there was no museum that reflects the history of motorcycles around the world.<sup>[8]</sup> He wanted to preserve motorcycle history in the United States in a way that represents an international aspect and to supply an example of motorcycles that until then

could only have been seen in books and magazines. The Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum

began in 1988 as Barber's private collection.<sup>[9]</sup> However, in 1994 it officially opened to the public in Birmingham, Alabama. The Museum was relocated to the Barber Motorsports Park in 2003.

The museum has over 1450 vintage and modern motorcycles and racing cars. It is considered the largest motorcycle museum in the world, as well as the largest collection of Lotus race cars. The motorcycle collection includes bikes dating from 1904 to present production. About half of the 1200 motorcycles on display at any given time, from 16 countries that represent over 140 different marques from as far away as Australia, New





## *Instructions for Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum trip* *by Karen Murray, Vice President BMCNO*

Zealand, and Sweden.

### Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum

Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup> – travel to Leeds, Alabama Convoy or mode of transportation is still to be worked out.????

#### Hotel

Hampton Inn, Leeds, Alabama 35094 - 310 Rex Lake Rd. phone - 205-702-4141 - fax 205-702-4157 This hotel is a 6-minute drive to Barber Motorsports which is across the street.

Online register using BMC as your code. Free WIFI; Free breakfast

\$99.00 per night plus taxes. Cutoff date for registration at this price is July 1, 2016

We have 20 rooms reserved.

### Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>

Barber Motorsports Park – 6030 Barber Motorsports Pkwy., Leeds, Alabama 35094 – phone 205-702-8710

Hours 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Group Entrance Fee - \$12.00

Tour guide Fee \$ 5.00 extra

Restoration tour \$10.00 extra (On the Restoration tour you will access the basement which has access to bridges and a pedestrian walkway to the track area.)

The full tour including the restoration tour will last approximately 2 hours, depending on how many questions we have. You will not be rushed through any of the tours. **It all depends on us!!!!**

Box lunch in the Atrium for \$17.00. This needs to be ordered in advance with me two weeks prior to our event. Your choices are turkey, ham or roast beef. Drink machines are also available.

There will be a private race on the Raceway that

day that we can see from the Museum Building.

Dinner Saturday night 6:30 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. ?????

### **Rusty's Barbecue**

Mom-and-Pop barbecue joint with retro decor & a warm vibe dishing up smoked meat & traditional sides.

Address: 7484 Parkway Dr, Leeds, AL 35094  
Phone:(205) 699-4766

Both the Hampton Inn Hotel and Barber Motorsports recommended this restaurant.

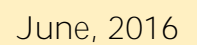
Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> – Home Again until our next adventure!!

### Things to do:

1. Register with the hotel before July 1st. After July 1st I cannot add anymore rooms under the \$99.00 cost. If you register early and we go over the 20 rooms then I can add more at the same price.
2. Let Karen Murray know that you are going and what your lunch choice is. You can email karenmurray@cox.net or call 504-236-7509 or Ronald Palmisano at ronniep@cox.net or call 504-319-8506
3. I have to order the lunches 2 weeks in advance for catering to have the proper amount of food. Drinks can be purchase at the vending machines.
4. We will have lunch in the Atrium of the building.
5. Updates will be sent to club members when confirmed.

This should be a fun weekend so mark you calendar and join us for our out of state trip.





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*Celebrate, Celebrate Dance to the Music at Rock 'n' Bowl - BMCNO 39th 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 direc-

tors 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 9:00 p.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 in advance only. You can mail a check to BMCNO or pay at one of the meetings.

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



pay the bartender.

**Souvenir Rock 'n' Bowl Bowling Pin** will be presented to the male and female with the highest bowling score. We plan on having people bowling and eating at 7:00.

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.

This was a great success last year that members have been talking about and definitely want repeated. I hope to see many of you at our Anniversary Party on August 20th!





## ***“OH What a Day!!” Crawfish Boil by Karen Murray, Vice President,***

This was the first Crawfish Boil in 6 years that Ronald and I did not have to load the Crawfish in our car for this event!!!! It was so nice arriving early and having actual bodies there to help set up this year. North Shore members and their wives were on hand to help and clean up later. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!

What a turn out with 69 people participating. The new facility was very large with clean floors, bathrooms, and tables. We even had enough room to add 2 more tables for dessert and serving with plenty of room to spare.

ganizing the Crawfish Boil this year. Also thanks to Pat Oster and Carol Benson for the beautiful dessert table that was set up. The ladies out did themselves with the wonderful desserts provided.

Twenty-two (22) door prizes were given away and 2 small plants were won at every table. Everyone seemed to really enjoy the scenery, food, and companionships of other British car enthusiasts.

After all the food was eaten and everything



Thanks to those members who participated in the Annual Crawfish Boil on Sunday, May 5. We had participants from the North Shore, Baton Rouge, and New Orleans area. The club again helped subsidize the cost of this event.

Food served included crawfish, potatoes, corn, sausage, mushrooms, and garlic. Everyone brought their own drinks or used what was left over from the Car Show

Many thanks to Cliff Hughes for hosting and or-

cleaned up, members enjoyed looking at one another's cars and just relaxing and sharing car stories.

What a great relaxing day enjoying good food, beautiful cars, and cool breezes under ancient oak trees covered in hanging moss.

Life does not get better in South Louisiana!!!









## *Keesler Tour by Karen Murray, BMCNO Vice President*



On Saturday, May 21st. 47 BMCNO and Gulf Coast Jag members met at the Biloxi Lighthouse for coffee, donuts, and an organizational meeting regarding our day at Keesler Air Force Base. This trip was

organized by Lt. Colonel Jeff Ragusa, also a BMCNO member and Hurricane Hunter.

The day started with a briefing on Keesler policies, then tour of the base. Next it was onto the airstrip for our drive and pictures. How many people get to “put the pedal to the metal” on a real airstrip?

Two professional photographers were on hand to take pictures on the airstrip in groups and then in one large group. Before we left the airstrip each person had the opportunity to have a picture taken with their car in front of a C-130. What a rush to drive on the airstrip—WOW!!!!!!!

Lunch was provided by the base and Jeff reserved a pavilion at the Marina. The scenery was beautiful

and as an added thrill we were able to watch 3 C-130 planes take off.

Next it was back to the briefing room for a simulation of the personnel and their jobs on the plane. **Once we understood what every person’s job was** and our thousand questions answered we then moved outside to the airstrip. We were able to take another picture by the photographer in front of the Hurricane Plane and then tour the plane for as long as we wanted. WHAT AN EXPERIENCE!!!!

I have taken many students and teachers on field trips in and out of the state. I can honestly say this was the best event I have ever participated in. The only thing close to this for me was my tour of the New York battle ship at Northup Grumman and the tour of Northup Grumman in Newport News, Virginia when we were allowed to tour an aircraft carrier and nuclear submarine. Obviously something in me likes to tour military machines.

Those of you who missed Keesler really missed a great day. Many of our members told me after that it was the best event they ever participated in.

Hopefully before Jeff retires, in 3 years, we can repeat this trip again.







*Keesler*







*Keesler*







*Keesler*





*Reprint from the Biloxi Sun Herald by JOHN FITZHUGH/SUN HERALD*  
*From MGs to Austin Healeys, British cars race through Keesler*

By JEFF CLARK [jclark@sunherald.com](mailto:jclark@sunherald.com) Twitter: [thejeffclark](#)

BILOXI -- James Bond was not there, nor was Austin Powers. But vehicles similar to those they made famous could be seen sporting around Keesler Air Force Base.

Keesler on Saturday played host the British Motoring Club of New Orleans as a way to commemorate the post-World War II use of U.S. Air Force base runways for auto racing.

The car show was spearheaded by Air Force Lt. Col. Jeff Ragusa, who said he has had a "lifelong love" for British cars.

"I owned a little British sports car in college that, through a weird turn of events, I never lost it," he said.

The "weird turn of events," he said, meant he first had to let go of his beloved 1974 MGB.

"When I went to college, I sold the car to my dad," he said. "But then he sold it back to me."

Ragusa was driving his metallic royal blue MGB as he led the procession of vehicles in formation

down the airstrip at Keesler.

He said the Keesler meeting grew out of a large-scale coastal event.

"I met some members of the car club at Cruisin' The Coast and I joined the club and we do a handful of events every year and they asked if they could get a tour of the base," he said.



Lt.Col. Jeff Ragusa and his wife, Susan, pose with their 1974 MGB during a meeting of the The British Motoring Club of New Orleans at Keesler Air Force Base on Saturday May 21, 2016.

He said the car show also held some historical significance.

"After WWII and before race tracks were built, Air Force Gen. Curtis LeMay allowed racers to use runways for races. The first two winners in the U.S. racing circuit were driving British

sports cars, so we thought we would tap into that."

Although there is no proof races were ever held at Keesler, he said it was still a "cool event."

"We only had three cars break down and two of them made it all the way to our main picture spot, which was in front of one our aircraft."

JOHN FITZHUGH-SUN HERALD



## *Adventure on the Coast by Ginny Pearson*



It was an adventure – just not the one we had planned but one we will remember for a long time. When John heard the car club would be going to Keesler Air Force Base, he was like a kid at Christmas. He would tell anyone who would listen (and even those **who wouldn't**) **that we were going to Keesler** and would get to drive our cars on the airport runway. And, oh yeah, it had been over 50 **years since he'd been on an Air Force base.** **He also began getting his '59 TR-3** ready for the trip to Biloxi, looking at weather reports every hour, graphing our route, looking up every no-E gas station along the way, etc. The man was excited!!

**So, the Thursday before “the event,”** we drove the TR to Mandeville to spend the evening at our **5-year old Ben's last pre-K** program. On Friday morning, John drove our three excited grandsons to their respective schools for their last school day and then it was off to Biloxi. We spent Friday night at a nearby hotel and on Saturday morning, we were the second car in the Lighthouse parking lot. Jeff and Susan were close behind and then the major part of the group assembled. Karen not only brought coffee and do-

nuts but a table and tablecloth! Ronnie was busy with his camera. What will we do without them on the Board??!!

Keesler was wonderful. John loved being reminded of all the military rules, etc. After Jeff led us in a briefing and the strict conduct rules on the runway, we were off to our cars. I saw Ronnie in his car but he had his camera and it was only later that we realized he had car problems. But John was happily out on the runway in his TR. Five minutes later, we were struggling with backfires and black smoke. A few minutes later, that little British car was dead on the runway!

**Jeff's multi-tasking** abilities kicked in. He kept the group moving around the runway while I was picked up by the airport manager. John stayed with his TR while a group of young Air Force mechanics came to tow him off the runway. On their way out, they took him to have a photo with the C-130. They even took off the tow rope so it would look like the car was drivable!

We were re-united at the picnic area. **New friends, the Ferketish's adopted us** – Mark took John to retrieve our box lunches and Shannon worked to keep my spirits up.

Back to our original starting point after lunch, Jeff talked to the group about flying into hurricanes, the crew members on the plane and their roles, etc. Then we headed out to a plane for photos and the chance to tour the inside of the plane. Meanwhile, John had gone out to see if he could do any-

## *Adventure on the Coast continued....*

thing with the TR ... and found that it started right up! So, he joined us on the plane. What a miracle! Shortly thereafter, it was time to leave Keesler.

The TR started up again and we waved goodbye to the Base and Jeff and Susan. A mile

Sunday we took a long walk looking for a pharmacy and then we watched two movies at the motel: “Mr. Smith goes to Washington” and “Me and Marley” – two thumbs up for each. On Monday, we called Jeff’s mechanic, Richard, and rode in the two truck to get the TR to Richard’s shop. The diagnosis was a

This is a picture that John took in 1968 of a C-130 in Vietnam.



later, we were sitting in a parking lot with a **TR that wouldn’t start again. Now what?** John tried everything but nothing was working. A phone call to Jeff had him jump into action mode. One of his church friends offered to let us park the TR in their driveway in base housing. So, Jeff towed us to his **friends’ and then stayed with us until we located a motel room.** Susan, of course, invited us to stay with them – but, really, how much can we impose ourselves on their kindness?

bad coil. With a new coil installed, we were on our way.

**We cheered as we passed the “Welcome to Louisiana” sign but had to pull over ... with a flat tire!** Would this saga never end? John put the spare on under the afternoon sun with cars and trucks speeding by and then, we hit the road again. But as we were **experiencing on this trip, this wasn’t our last stop.** The spare tire needed air, so we pulled



## *Adventure on the Coast continued....*

into a rest stop. John was able to corral a couple of semi drivers who had an air hose and tire gauges. Job done and we were on our way.

This time we made it to home-sweet-home in time for a late dinner and some wine.

QUESTION: How many men does it take to change a flat tire?

ANSWER: one: John. But it also takes two wonderful semi drivers to volunteer an air hose and a tire gauge to complete the job.

QUESTION: How long does it take to change a flat tire on a '59 TR-3?

ANSWER: About a half hour – because everyone wants to know the whole history of the car and John is only too happy to answer all questions. Did I say that I was sitting in an antique car with no air conditioning??

Personal Inventory:

My hair is so gnarly and wind-blown, I may have to shave my head

Yikes, our clothes really can stand up in a corner (I may have to burn them instead of laundering them)

Gotta do something to even out our “farmers’ tans”

I have a blister the size of my heel – why did I pick “cute” shoes instead of walking shoes? Why? Because I was going to be RIDING in the TR-3 and not walking, that’s why!

Sleep, blessed sleep, will come VERY early

tonight!

**There’s no place like home!**

Blessings/Serendipity/Lagnappe

Jeff and Susan – **we can’t say enough good things**

BMCNO club members – we always feel you have our backs and vice versa

**Ragusa’s church friends** – we never even got to meet them!

Ronnie and Karen – donuts to text messages, they are always there

Richard, mechanic extraordinaire, and he owns an MGB!

Semi drivers – **we’ll only have good things to say about them from now on**

**The Ferketish’s, our new car club friends**

Keesler airport manager, photographer, and the young mechanics who took such good care of us and the TR-3







## Natchez Euro-Fest by Bobby Spann



Wow, what a GREAT show in Natchez last weekend! Rick gave me a ride up to Natchez Friday in his big Healey, leading a group consisting of Danny in his MGA, a souped up Pantera, Ferrari's, Porsches and Mercedes from BR

and NO. Not to mention Marc's little French Caravelle. We met up with a group from the Northshore\* at a gas station in Gloster, MS. Pushing it on Liberty Road entering Natchez, we had a blast and made the police escorted parade through town by FIVE minutes!

The parade ended at the Magnolia Bluffs Casino at the base of the bluffs. Got VIP parking on top of the parking garage, then we were treated to all kind of free meats and fruit on sticks... and an open bar! Fantastic! Danny and I made a quick tour of Natchez after dark in a quest to find some Chap Stick and a fire extinguisher (required for the show). Then we HAD to stop for an ice cream at Dairy Queen!

The Euro Fest started early Saturday morning with cool and clear weather. Over 130 beautiful cars assembled on the grounds of Rosalie Plantation, including almost every make of European car. Plus a line of British cars and some interesting motorcycles. What was really impressive to me was the number of Ferrari's at the show, which included 2 Testarosa's and an F-12. I loved the little 356 Porsche with snow skis strapped to the back too.

Bill from Pensacola had his Aston Martin 'movie car' there, and there was a super rare Land Rov-

er "Dorman" 4-door camper that blew me and Danny away. It has been on 4 continents and was really something. Mike Marsh had food trucks on the grounds as well as a huge hospitality tent. THEN the air show began! A group with experimental aircraft from Arkansas did a bunch of formation flyovers complete with smoke!

After an interesting talk on car values and insuring classic and collector autos from a couple of Hagerty reps, the awards started. Included in the trophy presentations were our own Rick Huber (Austin Healey 3000), Danny Varnado (MGA), Marc Zebouni (Renault Caravelle), Cliff Hughes (Austin Healey 100-6), Bill Silhan (Aston



Best of Show Nouveau went to Tracy and Donny Bridges of Prairieville, LA with their 2004 Ferrari 360 Modena. Best of Show Vintage went to Walter Kettlehack from Pensacola, FL, showing his 1954 Jag-

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## Natchez Euro-Fest *continued....*

Martin DB6), Richard Duperon (Porsche 944 S), John Baldwin (Ferrari 275 GTS and Testarossa), along with several of our Mississippi/Alabama/Florida club friends. The perfect end to a perfect weekend... almost. Danny, Marc, Rick and I cruised home next to a beautiful sunset, stopping to eat at "The Francis" restaurant in St Francisville along the way. I will be back next year!!!

Bobby Spann , Roving Reporter

[Click here to see more pictures from this event.](#)



Additional Natchez Euro Fest information from Rick Huber.

The Baton Rouge group left C.C.'s Coffee on a rally to the Euro-Fest in Natchez. When time to leave came, no one from

New Orleans had arrived. Rick called the leader of the New Orleans group, Lark Sowell, who said they were running 30 minutes late. He and Rick agreed they would do a "stop and go" at C.C.'s where they pulled in and right back out. Apparently, though, the rest of Lark's 9 car group didn't get the message. They pulled in at C.C.s and *everyone piled out of their cars* headed for the coffee shop!! So they FINALLY hit the road, really, REALLY, late. Rick set a brisk pace, trying to make up time. However, Mark Zebouni was driving his Renault Caravelle and wanted to drive slower. Danny Varnado was the designated last car but Mark fell so far be-

hind that Danny gave up and passed him.

The North Shore branch of the rally was on-time but they waited for the BR and NO group at Glouster, MS. Mark finally caught up just as the entire group was pulling out. So Mark pulled in FRONT! They way we wouldn't have to judge his desired speed for him to keep up. Mark didn't have a navigator so he missed the onto Liberty Rd toward Natchez. Everyone else (Rick who was second had Bobby as his navigator, and the cars behind Rick made the turn. Mark had to turn around on the tiny back road and join the back of the pack again, but we all got stuck behind a dump truck and slowed down anyway.

It was a GREAT show. There were actually MG and Healey classes in this non-British show! Danny Varnado, Rick Huber, and Cliff Hughes won prizes in their classes with their Little British Cars, and Marc and John Baldwin won in their other European cars. It was so great - the Best of Class winners - Danny, Marc, and John got to drive across a gold carpet to accept their prizes!





*Natchez Euro-Fest continued....*



Congratulations Danny and Rick





**Bobby's B** by Bobby Spann, Baton Rouge

Well, my "B" now features new transmission mounts! Last night I cruised 'top down' to the Garage-Ma-Hal in Watson for yet another tech session. It was an "uplifting experience" to be

able to work on my car standing up for a change!!!

Air tools, fancy transmission stand, parts washer... I could get used to all that plus equipment!

The old mounts were like gum and had flattened to a fraction of their original height. And removing the cross member exposed close to 5 pounds of gravel, grease and dirt caked inside! (my car felt a little more lively on the way home without all that weight) Took a while to clean that up, then on to the new parts.

The hardest part of the job was insert-

ing the new rubber 1" grommets into the 1/4" holes! Fortunately however, I found out my good friend, Danny Varnado was actually the *2002 Bulgarian Thumb Wrestling Champion!* So with a little liquid soap and choice words in a language I didn't understand... he made quick work of the bushings.

A passing cloud dropped a little drizzle while I was wrapping the exhaust pipe with insulation and greasing the

driveshaft but it only cooled things down some. Drove home in the cool night air with a crescent moon watching over me. What a great evening!



Thanks to "The Champ" for the use of his lift and thanks to "Mrs. Champ" for the delicious Fajitas.

Roving Reporter,

Bobby Spann

*Panhandle British Car Club Show by Cathy Greensfelder, Club secretary*

It rained intermittingly on Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, for the convoys from BMCNO to Pensacola. The Huber's got caught in the rain on the highway **with the Healey's top down.** They stopped under an overpass and Rick got out to put the top up. But the passenger side was in a muddy spot and the passing trucks were buffeting them around... Mary Lynne was concerned for Rick's safety and Rick was concerned for his carpet so they decided **they didn't mind the rain.** The Healey is one of those cars that will deflect rain over the cockpit as long as you maintain speed over 40 mph. So they put on jackets and took off. Rick thought **the wipers weren't working but realized the water was in the INSIDE.** So Mary Lynne kept the inside of the windshield clear until they out-ran the storm! They met up with Mark and Cathy in Mobile for lunch.

Several more BMCNO members made it in for the Friday night reception Friday at the Pensacola Commerce Museum. The venue is lovely and the food was very good! A Scottish bagpipe and drum band played for us, there were door prizes

(beautiful, exotic-wood spoons hand-carved by one of the PCBA members!) and 130 participants had a lovely evening socializing.

Show day was cloudy and a little chilly but there was no rain. Approximately 140 cars were on the field and the competition was really tough! In addition to many other cars, there were 21 MGB/GTs, and 7 Sunbeam Tigers, very large numbers for both models. With that many cars, many of the classes had 6 to 8 cars, and with so



many beautiful cars on the show field, that made it very difficult to pick a favorite in each class.

Sixteen BMCNO members and spouses attended the PBCC Show on April 16, 2016, entering seven British Cars.

Mary Ann and Cortland Musgrave and Pat and **Ted Oster** attended the show but didn't enter a car.

Sue and Allen Bradley	1957 MG Magnette	--
Cathy and Mark Greensfelder	2001 Jaguar XK8	--
Mary Lynne and Rick Huber	1964 Austin Healey	3 <sup>rd</sup> place
<b>Harold O'Reilly</b>	1994 Jaguar XJS	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Melissa and Bill Silhan*	1949 Triumph 2000	1 <sup>st</sup> place, People's Choice
Bobby Spann	1970 MGB	--
Dana and Danny Varnado	1976 MGB modified	--

\* Also a member of PBCC and SABCC.





## *Panhandle British Car Club Show continued....*



Sue and Allen Bradley were a strong contender for the Hard Luck award. They left Harahan for the South Shore convoy in their MGB. The electrical system was dropping in and out and after they got over the High Rise, Allen said to himself if it dropped out once more, they were quitting.



And it did. So they limped home along the lake front to avoid any steep inclines. At home, they started out again at about 11:00 in the MG Magnette. Along the way, a tire started to go flat so they stopped and changed it. However, by the time they reached Pensacola, the car was running badly. And Sue noticed they were missing the garment bag with their good clothes! She **hoped they didn't leave it on the side of the road** where they had the flat! The next day at the show, Allen and a group of helpers spent the entire day working on the engine. They cranked it **so much the battery went flat and wouldn't re-**



charge. Allen had to go out and buy a new battery (and a new spare tire). By the end of the day, the Magnette was running but only on three cylinders. Sue and Allen considered limping it home by the back roads and several BMCNO members offered to escort them. But Allen finally decided to leave it in Pensacola. They rode **home with Harold O'Reilly and former member Roy Richardson**. The garment bag was found safe at home in the garage and Allen came back to Pensacola with a trailer later in the week to tow the car home.

Now what could beat that you think? Someone else *blew a head gasket* on the way to the show. He changed out the gasket in the hotel parking lot!!





*Its membership renewal time again!*



Dear BMCNO Member,

This year has been terrific for the British Motoring Club New Orleans. We've had lots of activities and enjoyed not only our beautiful cars but also great friendships. It's now time to renew your membership for the coming

year. This letter is early to give everyone time to renew before the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. Use the application in this newsletter or go online at [www.bmcno.org](http://www.bmcno.org). PLEASE FILL OUT ALL INFORMATION. WE EXPECIALLY NEED YOUR CORRECT EMAIL ADDRESS. We send all announcements and newsletters by email.



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I think the best part of what our club does is having fun! Our monthly meetings are times to share ideas and problems. We include speakers, movies, and presentations on British cars. Check online under Member Services for new services provided by the club.

BMCNO has now gone 21<sup>st</sup> Century. We now have PayPal for all club payments. Now you can use an online registration process for key events like the crawfish boil, car show, renewal of membership, and other events as the need arises. The web site [www.clubregistration.net](http://www.clubregistration.net) now has a category "British Motoring Club". **Once you select the category you can search for events that will include the Membership Drive, Crawfish Boil, and Car Show Registration.** There is an easy process to create a member profile at the web site. Once on the web site, you can pay your membership dues or the crawfish ticket price with a credit card or use PayPal if you have an account. Setting up a PayPal account is also supported by the website.

The club membership book will be mailed in August with membership and club business cards.

I know that life gets busy, but I personally hope you will make time to renew your membership and come to our next meeting. Members will be happy to see you there.

Sincerely,

Karen Murray, Vice President

British Motoring Club New Orleans







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**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.

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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.



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## SOUTH CENTRAL VTR REGIONAL 2016 “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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## NAMGAR GET TOGETHER EVENT

MG2016.GT-41

June 13-17, 2016

Organized by North American Council of  
MG Registers  
Louisville, KY

### REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Join the North American MMM Register, the New England MGT Register, the North American MGA Register, and the North American MGB Register for four fun-filled days of MG camaraderie. Louisville is home of the “Louisville Slugger” (the official baseball bat of major league baseball), Churchill Downs (where the “most exciting two minutes of sports” is held each May), and is the source of 1/3 of the world’s supply of bourbon. Louisville will have something to offer to everyone in attendance.

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](http://www.mg2016.com)





**Dillard Georgia 2016**



**NAMGAR**  
North American MG Register

***Save the Date!***

## **The Southeast British Car Festival**

**Dillard, Georgia**

**September 15-18, 2016**

***The Peachtree MG Registry of Atlanta presents:***

**A Southern British Car Weekend in the mountains of North Georgia**

All marques of British cars and motorcycles are invited to participate. Self driving tours, guided tours, wine tours, local arts and crafts, valve cover racing, silent auction and live auction, great food and fellowship. Hosted by The Peachtree MG Registry at:

**The Dillard House Inn**

**Dillard, GA.**

*This is a NAMGBR and NAMGAR regional event!*



## 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

