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Cars of Yesteryear

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



I hope everyone is enjoying our hot and wet summer so far. I ask myself every year why do I live in the deep south during the summer months?

School buses are starting to run which means those of us who are retired and with grandchildren can start working on the 3rd love in our life, after God and family - Little British Cars!!!!

I want to thank all those who attend our meetings and events in 90 - 100+ degree, 100% humidity days and nights. Thanks for making BMCNO a GREAT SUCCESS. You are the club and your presence makes the meetings and events more enjoyable. What a hot and wet Summer!!!

Many thanks to everyone who have already renewed their club membership. This year we have more renewals in by August than ever before. Your new membership books along with business cards and brochures will be in the mail by the end of August. Always carry a business card or brochure with you to share with other British car enthusiasts.

We hope to see everyone at Rock 'n Bowl on the 20th of this month. Contact Karen Murray if you have not confirmed and paid. The band playing that night is **Rockin Dopsey**. **It's not too late to register.** See page 6 for more information.

August is also the beginning of nominations for the 2017 Board of Directors. I am termed out along with our Vice President, Karen Murray and two members at large. I will continue publishing this newsletter, but no other board positions.

Consider running for the board next year. Included in this newsletter on page 18 is a description of all positions on the board. It is a great

way to become more involved and make close friends.

For those of you planning to participate in **Cruisin' the Coast, the Early Bird** registration deadline is midnight Monday, August 15, 2016.

A luncheon has been scheduled at The British Tea Room and Eatery in Covington on Saturday, September 3rd. We are doing this for three reasons. One is to thank the British Tea Room for supplying the scones and topping for the ladies tea at our car show. The second is for the ladies to enjoy a day of antiquing, and the last reason is to get together and enjoy sharing car stories. The owner is trying to get the newspaper there for pictures and publicity.

Don't forget to make your hotel reservations for The English Motoring Club's "Brits on the River" show in Natchez, Mississippi. What a fun trip this show always is!!!

Once again I encourage all MG, Triumph, and other marque members to attend a regional or national show/convention of their choice. Take lots of pictures and send them to me.

Please try to attend the all marque NAMGBR / NAMGAR regional event in Dillard, GA this September and the 2016 National Vintage Triumph Register Convention at The Tanglewood Resort located in Lake Texoma, TX this October. See pages 28 and 29 for more information.

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

It is with great sadness that I post the death of a long time BMCNO friend and member, Mr. Richard Cunningham. His presence will be missed.

Ronnie Palmisano
BMCNO President / Newsletter Editor



August 2016

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| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 Gulf Coast Area gathering |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 <u>Baton Rouge Area Gathering</u> | 18 Northshore Area Gathering | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 Board of Directors BBQ & Acadiana Gathering |
| 28 | 29 | 30 BMCNO General Meeting | 31 | | | |

Saturday, August 13th, 2016 - 5:00 p.m. Gulf Coast Area Gathering, Second Saturday, Art walk in Bay St. Louis starting at the Baptist Church

Wednesday, August 17th, 2016 - Baton Rouge Area Gathering, Dinner 6:00 p.m., Meeting 7:00 p.m., Deangelo's Restaurant, 7550 Bluebonnet Blvd.-Baton Rouge, LA Rick Huber Coordinator

Thursday, August 18th, 2016 - Northshore Area Gathering, Meeting 7:00 p.m., Abita Brew Pub 72011 Holly Street, Abita Cliff Hughes Coordinator

Saturday, August 20, 2016—39th BMCNO Anniversary Party, Rock 'n' Bowl check out article on page 6

Saturday, August 27, 2016 - Board of Directors Meeting, - Karen and Ronald's 12:00 noon

Saturday, August 27th 2016 - , Acadania Monthly Gathering, Dave Hayden Coordinator

Tuesday, August 30th, 2016, - General Meeting, Dinner at 6:00 pm, Meeting 7:00 p.m., Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA Karen Murray Coordinator

Saturday, September 3rd.—The British Tea Room and Eatery Lunch 734 East Rutland St. Covington. Check out article on page 8.

Convoy info:

South Shore will meet in the back parking lot of Lakeside for 11:30 a.m.

Baton Rouge will meet at Bass Pro Shop for 11:30 a.m.

North Shore members will meet at the Tea Room for 12:30

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

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

According to BMCNO by-laws, a board member can only hold a position for 3 consequent years. Three

positions are termed out this year: President, Vice President, Member at large. Please consider running for the board and help our club grow!!

Many thanks to Jim Clark and Milton Franklin for pitching in with Barber Motorsports Museum. Ronald and I had a family emergency that week.

Upcoming Events:

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 the celebration. Check out page 6 for all of the details

Saturday, September 3rd—Lunch at The British Tea Room and Eatery then **Antiquing**

Calling all ladies!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The British Tea Room was gracious to provide all of our scones and topping for our British Tea at this year's Annual Car Show. He has also committed to provide the scones and topping for the 2017 show. The only request from the owner was for us to bring our British cars and park outside of his business for pictures and publicity.

The board decided that this would be a great venue for a lazy Saturday lunch. In the next block are 2

great antique stores to browse in. So.....in gratitude for the Tea Rooms generosity please put this on your calendar to attend. The guys will love the food and cars. Lunch will be at 12:30 p.m. check out the article on page 8 for all of the details.

Friday, September 16th is also the English Motoring Club's Annual Car Show in Natchez. What a fun weekend for everyone!!! Check out their website for more info and remember to book your hotel room.

Saturday, October 8th—Cruisin' the Coast

We will convoy again this year meeting up at the old VA Hospital grounds. There we can park under the old oak trees and watch the beautiful cars coming in.

Mark your calendar for the remaining events of 2016!!!

| MONTH | EVENT | DATE |
|-----------|---|---------------|
| August | BMCNO Anniversary Party / Rock 'n' Bowl | Saturday 20th |
| September | The British Tea Room Lunch / antiquing | Saturday 3rd |
| September | Convoy to Natchez | Friday 16th |
| October | Cruisin' the Coast | Saturday 8th |
| November | Memorial Rallye | Saturday 5th |
| December | Annual BMCNO Christmas Party | Saturday 3rd |

Don't forget we need a NEW Vice President for next year. The job of the Vice President is to plan and oversee all BMCNO monthly events.



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| August | Gulf Coast/MS Meeting | Sat. 13th | 5:00 p.m. | Second Saturday, Art-walk in Bay St. Louis Baptist Church | Peter Brauen |
| | Baton Rouge Meeting | Wed. 17th | 6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting | Deangelo's Restaurant, 7550 Bluebonnet Blvd.-Baton Rouge, LA | Rick Huber |
| | North Shore Meeting | Thurs. 18th | 6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting | Abita Brew Pub 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs | Cliff Hughes |
| | BMCNO Anniversary Party | Sat. 20 th | 7:00 p.m. | Rock & Bowl Mid City Lanes see article page 6. | Board members |
| | Acadiana Cruise | Sat. 27th. | | | Dave Hayden |
| | Board of directors Barbeque | Sat. 27 th | 12:00 noon | Ronald & Karen's house | Board Members |
| | General BMCNO Meeting | Tues. 30 th | | Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA | Board of Directors |
| September | The British Tea Room lunch / antiquing | Sat. 3 rd | 12:30 p.m. | 734 East Rutland St. Covington | Karen Murray / Margaret Friloux |
| | Gulf Coast/MS Meeting | Sat. 10 th | 5:00 p.m. | Second Saturday, Art-walk in Bay St. Louis Baptist Church | Peter Brauen |
| | Brits in the Ozarks | Fri. 9 th – Sat. 10 th | | Fayetteville, AK www.britishironnwa.org | |
| | Board meeting | Tues. 13 th | 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. | Jim & Donna Clark | Board Members |
| | Shoals British Car Show | | | Florence, AL www.shoalsbritishcars.org | |
| | Brits on the Bluffs – | Sat., 17 th | | (check newsletter for info) | |
| | Baton Rouge Meeting | Wed. 21st | 6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting | Deangelo's Restaurant, 7550 Bluebonnet Blvd.-Baton Rouge, LA | Rick Huber |
| | North Shore Meeting | Thurs. 22 nd . | 6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting | Abita Brew Pub 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs | Cliff Hughes |
| | Acadiana Cruise | Sat., 24 th | | | Dave Hayden |
| | General BMCNO Meeting | Tues. 27th | 6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting | Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA | Board of Directors |
| October | Renaissance Euro Fest | Sat. 1st | | Ridgeland, Ms. www.eoro-fest.net | Rick Huber |
| | North American Triumph Challenge | Mon. 3 rd – Fri. 7 th | | Pottsboro, TX www.vtr2016.org | |
| | Cruisin' the Coast | Sat. 8th | | (check newsletter for info) | Peter Brauen / Gulf Coast |
| | Brits at the Parthenon | | | Nashville, TN www.nashvillebritishcarday.org | |
| | Board meeting | Tues., 11 th | 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. | Karen & Ronald's house hosted by Chad Wicker | Chad Wicker |
| | South Alabama British Car Show | Fri., 21 st | | (Check newsletter for info) Fairhope, Alabama | |
| | North Shore Meeting - | Thurs., 20th. | 6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting | Abita Brew Pub 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs | Cliff Hughes |
| | Baton Rouge Meeting - | Wed, 19th. | 6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting | Deangelo's Restaurant, 7550 Bluebonnet Blvd.-Baton Rouge, LA | Rick Huber |
| | Acadiana Cruise | Sat., 22nd. | | | Dave Hayden |
| | General BMCNO Meeting | Tues., 25 th | 6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting | Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA | Board of Directors |



Celebrate, Celebrate Dance to the Music at Rock 'n' Bowl - BMCNO 39th Anniversary Party , August 20th
Karen Murray, Vice President



It's not to late to register. 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.

It was 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 9:00 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 7:00 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. We will have access to the private room all night so the doors will be open while the band plays.

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!** If you haven't paid it is not to late to call me.

The band playing on the 20th is non other than

"Rockin-Dopsie Jr. & the Zydeco Twisters"



*South shore Meeting Minutes by Cathy Greensfelder, Club secretary*

New Orleans
Meeting Minutes
05/31/2016

Old Business:

Members reported
on the Baton
Rouge and North
Shore meetings.

Karen Murray reported on the Crawfish Boil. It was very successful and well attended.

Several members reported on the Keesler AF Base cruise. Approximately 20 cars participated and 4 broke down, either on the way or during the event. Col. Jeff Ragusa promised to do another event before he retires in 3 years. Please **visit the photographer's web site to purchase pictures.** Imagesbyrichkopp.zenfolio.com

New Business: Karen Murray reported on upcoming events, including the Tech Session on June 11, Cars of Yesteryear on June 18th.

Sign-up sheets for the weekend trip to Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum. Please make your hotel reservations soon. The club is collecting the \$15 for lunch in advance.

Rock n Bowl will be in August. Sign-up will be passed out at the June meeting. We are collecting the \$30 per person in advance to make things simple that night.

Karen Murray proposed a change to the club by-laws that would make the Webmaster a member of the board. The change was read.

PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMEBERSHIP!

Thank you to everyone who already has.

The club has reached 180 members and the By Laws say we need a Member at Large for every 30 members and we had dropped down to only 4 after Melissa Brauen resigned. The club voted to approve two new board members, Jim Clark and Mark Ferketish, by acclamation.

Board Presentations: Mark Greensfelder **gave the treasurer's report.**

Cathy Greensfelder reported the club has 181 members.

Projects: Several members reported on their car projects.

New Orleans General Meeting – 6/28/2016

It was a rainy day and a small turn out – only 18 people.

Old Business: Keith Vezina and Cliff Hughes reported on their trip to the MG-All Register meet in Louisville, KY.

Rick Huber reported on the Baton Rouge meeting – see article.

Wally Friloux reported on the North Shore gathering. At their last meeting over a dozen members talked about car problems then talked **about “World Problems” and solved them all!!**

Jack Kennedy and Mike Delacerda's tech sessions were very well attended. The group worked on a Sunbeam Tiger, helped Col. Mark Ferketich tune up his car and worked on a MGB/GT.

The visit to “Cars of Yesteryear” was, as always, fabulous. They have a

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You are cordially invited
to join the
British Motoring Club
New Orleans
for lunch and tea on
Saturday, September 4th at the
British Tea Room and Eatery
734 East Rutland St. Covington,
Louisiana.

When many people think of Louisiana, they think of the French settlements. Tim Lantrip has long been aware of the Northshore's English ancestry, and he was raised drinking traditional English tea with his grandmother. Inspired by that personal history, Tim and his wife opened the English Tea Room.

The Union Jack flies from the porch of the bungalow-style cottage in downtown Covington, and a vintage red phone booth takes residence outside as naturally as it would on the streets of London. Inside the English Tea

Room, a collection of vintage and new china is perched on open shelves and in cupboards—teacups and saucers, beautiful pots, and silver spoons, though none breathe a stuffy air of formality while standing among cardboard cutouts of Downton Abbey characters and Alice in Wonderland murals. The carefree whimsy of the tradition is not lost on Tim, as he is an aficionado of the tea ritual performed in the United Kingdom in palatial to perfectly pedestrian settings for ages.

“We don’t do fast food here,” says Tim. He believes in the pause in the day provided by the tea tradition, and he’s acquired quite a company of tea-drinkers and scone-nibblers who would agree with his ideology of slow living. Check out their website englishtea-room.com for menu and tea items.

Convoy info:

South Shore will meet in the back parking lot of Lakeside for 11:30 a.m.

Baton Rouge will meet at Bass Pro Shop for 11:30

North Shore members will meet at the Tea Room for 12:30 p.m.



June and July Baton Rouge Gatherings by Rick Huber



June Baton Rouge Gathering by Rick Huber

Here's a little blurb about our meeting on Wednesday, June 15th.

Sixteen of us got together at Nando's for the second month, but we may be looking for

another place soon as not everybody is happy with the gastronomical offerings. We had a few new faces. John & Cathy Buckley, recently joined the club and attended their first meeting. Rick has helped them resurrect their 77 MGB from a 20 or so year slumber. It was in the shop getting the factory A/C redone during the meeting, so didn't drive it to the meeting. It's been Cathy's car since 78, so many years of memories they're looking to rekindle getting it back on the road. Mickey Kenny (might have misspelled that last name), a long time British car and motorcycle owner, racer, enthusiast also joined us on Milton's invitation. He knows several folks in the club, and it was a mini-reunion getting together and talking about the old days. Good to have them join us, always enjoy seeing new faces.

The old faces ain't so bad either. The rest of us engaged in lively conversations while eating before settling in for the monthly meeting. John Pearson talked about Keesler - of course he and his TR3 were the stars of the article written by his wife Ginny in last month's newsletter, and he recapped the adventure for us with a few more details and impressions. Surreal experience for John going back into a C-130 for the first time since Viet Nam. Nobody in our meeting had attended the BR Cars & Coffee the first weekend of the month or the BMCNO Tech Ses-

sion the second weekend, so no news about either of those events.

We talked about upcoming events at Cars of Yesteryear and Barber Motorsports Park that look to be some great summer fun.

Rick mentioned a few stories working with John on his MGB, and finally fixed his intermittent fuel problem in his Jag by replacing the pump, and has it back on the road again and at the meeting. Rick also told the story of Tony Temple's MGA with two ignition condensers failing (one was an old spare from a 63 AH distributor) within the span of a week, something most people have not experienced even once. So now John's TR3 coil and Tony's MGA condensers get added to our collective experience in case anybody ever asks if you've ever heard of a coil or a condenser failing.

Rick saw on Craigslist the very nice, yellow 1970 MG Midget Arkley from Brandon, MS that has been to local shows like Euro-Fest, Fairhope, maybe Pensacola (I don't think our show). Anyway, it's for sale for just \$3,900 if anybody wants to get a very nice, running/driving, very distinctive little British sports car for not much money.

We adjourned to the parking lot for some tire kicking and more jawboning.

July Baton Rouge Gathering by Rick Huber

Another new location for our wandering band of LBC minstrels in July. This time 18 of us got together at Deangelo's Pizzeria at 8550 Bluebonnet Blvd, our 6th location in the last couple of years. Maybe this one will stick. The meeting room was great, the food is excellent. If it wasn't for the rush hour traffic it would be just about perfect, but that's about the same no matter where we go.

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Baton Rouge Gatherings continued....

A friend of Joe Broders and a few others, Pete Profit joined us for the evening. He's an Italian car guy and talked about upcoming racing events at NOLA Motorsports Park the third weekend in October, drag racing in Baton Rouge the 4th weekend of September, and a movie about GT40/Ferrari racing in the 60's based on A.J. Baime's book "Go Like Hell" coming out in the near future. Says the book is a great read. Tom Cruise will play Carroll Shelby.

Rick talked about Cars of Yesteryear, Bobby and Rick talked about Cars n Coffee on July 2, and Milton talked about the club trip to Barber Motorsports Park the past weekend.

Upcoming events are the Syngenta show on July 30 in St. Gabriel which usually has about 100 cars in a nice tree shaded area. Rick talked about Rock n Bowl on August 20. Bill asked about an Abita Brewery tour usually in conjunction with the Un-Car Show, typically in August, but it sounds like that's no longer on the calendar.

Bobby presented another edition of "Bill Avery's Tool Box", a tribute to Bill and his wonderful collection of LBC tools. This month was a squared "C" shaped coat hanger wire thick little device of some sort for use in maintaining MGBs. Nobody figured out what it was until Bobby gave a clue that it is especially helpful when your transmission mounts are old and compressed. Bill zeroed right in on it then, it's a hook designed to pull the transmission oil dip stick out of that hole behind the radio speaker in the transmission tunnel. Wider at the top for two fingers to fit in, and narrower at the bottom to hook through the handle on the dip stick. Pretty clever.

Cheers, Rick

Minutes continued....

The visit to "Cars of Yesteryear" was, as always, fabulous. They have a Duesenberg that some claim is not *really* a Duesenberg – it was built from all original parts but after the factory officially closed. The collection has everything from Corvettes to a Messerschmitt and everything in between.

New Business: Richard Cunningham, long time member and organizer of SABCC, recently passed away. Funeral arrangements will be announced. **Keith Vezina's grandmother** also passed way.

Plans for the upcoming trip to Barber Motorsports Museum were discussed and a sign-up sheet passed around. A sign-up sheet for the August Rock-n-Bowl event was also passed around. This year we are asking members to pay for Rock-n-Bowl in advance to simplify things during the event.

Board: **Mark Greensfelder** gave the treasurer's report. Cathy Greensfelder reported that we currently have 183 members but only about 50% have renewed.

Keith Vezina won \$14 in the 50/50 drawing. Cliff Hughes, Wally Friloux, Rick Huber, Dan Melesurgo and O. J. Williams won assorted prizes.





End of an Era! by Rick Huber



Many of you have heard me talk about and a smaller number of you have been by my house and seen my British Racing Green 1966 MGB. It's always been a "project in waiting" since I bought it in the summer of 1998. On Friday,

July 15, after 18 years of stopping and starting, Winnie (from Winnipeg, Canada) was towed away to her new home in Ohio where she'll get a complete show quality restoration, a fitting outcome for a steel dash, overdrive, wire wheel, aluminum bonnet MGB. The story is way too long to bore you with, but after a rusty body swap, poorly done body work on the new shell, a bad paint job, moving back and forth to New Jersey, and many

years of collecting parts and trying to figure out how to finish the job without the talent to do it myself or the desire to spend the money to do it right, I finally gave up. I regret not completing the project, but am absolutely delighted to not have it hanging around my neck any more. Safety Fast to Winnie and her new owner.



Belissima! The Italian Automotive Renaissance, 1945-1975 by Rick Huber

While in Nashville visiting our new grandson in early July, our daughter Allison said there was a great car exhibit at the Frist Center. We had a couple hour break on Sunday afternoon, so we went to see it. Wow, it was something else, an exhibit celebrating Italian automotive design following WWII. The designers came back to the automotive industry after designing airplanes, and incorporated many of those concepts into cars. Ferrari, Lamborghini, Maserati, Alfa Romeo, and more. There were 22 vehicles displayed, the most breathtaking of which (for us car people anyway), were the three Alfa Romeo BAT prototypes 5, 7, and 9 (picture). Another one of those 39 Ferrari's is the current highest auction sale in the world, at \$38 million. There we were right up next to these fabulous cars. The

collection was delightful and even included Italian design influence into American cars. For a look at all of the exhibit cars and more information on the display, use this [Frist Center](#) link. For an in-person view, the display will be there until October 9.





Cars of Yesteryears June Event Event

The day started off at Café Dumonde with cafe' **au lait** and beignets'. After we finished the cafeine and sugar, we drove to Cars of Yesteryears.

No matter how many times we visit Cars of Yesteryear there is ALWAYS something new to see. This year was not the exception. Many new cars were purchased and the showroom was completely rearranged. Visitors are awestruck by the diversity, cleanliness, friendliness, and sheer magnitude of the collection.

We had 100 people view the collection this year. We never seem to tire looking at this amazing collection of cars, toys, and everything else.

gracious to arrange everything. We hope to have some of his cars in our Annual Car Show this year. Enjoy the pictures!!!

Some say a picture is worth a thousand words. So, see the pictures.



Lunch followed at New Orleans Food and Spirits with seafood for everyone.

Everyone always enjoys a BMCNO event. and as always, incredible cars, friendly people, and great food!

Many, many thanks to Mr. Henry Shane for allowing us to visit and to Sean for always being so





Cars of Yesteryears





Cars of Yesteryears



Barber Motorsports Trip by Milton Franklin



Though the Barber Museum Event attracted only a handful of club members it was enjoyable and the weather was nice for Track Day racing.

I took 2 teenage grandkids (Julian and Caleb)

and were joined By Bill and Melissa Silhan (Pensacola), Jim Clark and son Justin (N.O.), and Fred and Celeste Hebert (Houma). We did the museum tour which lasted several hours as it is the largest motorcycle museum in the world with 5 floors and 250,000 sq. ft. with another 80,000 sq. ft under construction. The museum houses

in the country and offers multiple viewing vantage points including excellent grandstands.

The few who came enjoyed the experience of all that Barber Motorsports offered and we recommend a visit anytime that you are in the Birmingham area. Barber is located just outside of Birmingham in Leeds, Al off of I-20.



1300 plus motorcycles from all eras and a significant collection of racing and antique automobiles. There is so much to see that one could spend a full day in the museum alone.

We also took in the various classes of motorcycle racers at Track Day on the 2.38 mile course, some from a walkway that extended over the track from the museum. It offered a great view of the racers winding thru the corners and opening up on the strait-a-way. This is one of the best tracks





Barber Motorsports Trip....





2017 Board of Directors Elections

by Karen Murray, Vice President BMCNO

It is that time of year again to elect the 2016 board of directors. This year we do have board members termed out according to our by-laws. Nominations will close at the September meeting, with elections in October.

With that in mind I decided to give a list of board positions and their duties.

The board does meet every month at someone's house Two Tuesdays before the monthly club meeting. Generally the host will provide dinner since people are coming from work. The meals can be anything from pizza, red beans, meatballs, etc. Most meetings last 2.5 hours and that does include eating time. We are hopefully going to work with Skype for those members and area coordinators not able to attend board meetings.

Board members do have specific jobs but also pitch in for anything that is needed at the time. After serving as Member-at-large, Vice President and President, I would strongly recommend that the position of President be filled by someone who has previously or is currently on the board. President should have prior experience on the board before holding office.

Holding a board position is a lot of fun. You do develop a stronger sense of membership and do have a larger stake in the club. So check out all of the positions and consider running for the board. It is imperative that all board members work together for the benefit of the club and communication is the key to organization.

The nominees for the 2017 Board are:

President

Vice President

Secretary Cathy Greensfelder

Treasurer Mark Greensfelder

Editor Ronald Palmisano

Member at Large Jim Clark

Mark Ferketish

Cliff Hughes

Tom McMillan



The club needs you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Chad Wicker (Unless the proposed by-law passes because he is our webmaster.)

We need 1 or 2 more members at large. All nominations close on Tuesday, September 29th. If you are interested please contact Ronnie Palmisano, BMCNO President or ronniep@cox.net



British Motoring Club New Orleans—Board of Directors

(a) Authority: All of the corporate powers of this corporation and the management of its affairs shall be vested in and controlled by the Board of Directors.

(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.

(c) Number of Directors: The Board of Directors shall consist of five members, who shall also serve as the President, Vice-President, Newsletter Editor, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Club. Additional directors (herein referred to as members-at-large) shall be elected for every thirty (30) members in good standing. When the average number of members exceeds thirty per each member-at-large, another member-at-large shall be added to the Board of Directors at the next scheduled election of Directors.

(d) Duties

President: The President shall preside at all meetings of the members and officers and shall perform the duties usually pertaining to this office. The President will serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the Club and as Chairman of the Board of Directors. Special meetings may be called only by the President's authority.

Vice President: It shall be the duty of the Vice President to act as Activities Director and Chairman of all Club Committees. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall preside at meetings of the members and officers.

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall, subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be made by the officers, have custody of all monies, debts, and obligations belonging to the Club. All money of the Club shall be received and deposited into the Club account by the Treasurer. All debts of the Club shall be paid by the Treasurer. Any contracts, checking drafts, notes, or other orders for payment of money shall be co-signed in the name of the Club by the President and the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be prepared to report on the financial status of the Club at every meeting.

Secretary: The secretary shall keep records of all minutes and notes. The Secretary shall keep an updated roll of all Club members. The Secretary shall prepare the ballot for election of officers and process absentee ballots.

Newsletter Editor: The Newsletter Editor shall publish a club newsletter as set forth elsewhere in these by-laws.

Members-at-Large: It shall be the duty of the Members-at-Large to represent the general club membership at all meetings. Members-at-Large may be assigned certain duties by a majority of the officers.

(e) No obligations, debts, or other liability shall be incurred on behalf of the Club by any board member without the specific prior approval of a majority of the directors.



Membership renewal PAST DUE!



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 30th deadline. Use the application in this newsletter or go online at www.bmcno.org. **PLEASE FILL OUT ALL INFORMATION. WE EXPECIALLY NEED YOUR CORRECT EMAIL ADDRESS.** We send all announcements and newsletters by email.

Your dues fund the Club, it funds the events, it's the lifeblood of the club. Without it, there would be no club. We are not in the business of making money, and all club proceeds are spent on you!

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 21st 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 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.

"If you have problems with the on-line registration, email mgreensf@cox.net with a detailed description of the issue (screen shots if available!) and we'll look into it. "

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





BMCNO Membership Application

Print this form to submit your application.

Name: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Address: _____ Birthday month _____ Day _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail: _____ Occupation: _____

Where did you learn of BMCNO? _____

What other car clubs do you belong? _____

Include information in the Online Web Directory yes____ no____

Please list me as ICE, (In Case of Emergency) willing to render assistance to members who break down in my area. yes____ no____

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

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

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

⇒ Cash or Check at any monthly meeting.

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

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

Name _____ Date _____

Proposed By Law Amendment by Karen Murray, Vice President BMCNO



SECOND POST-ING. 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:

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 and Webmaster. 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.



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TR6 Engine block with head. Removed from a 1970 Triumph TR6. This engine was running when removed. Cylinders have been lubricated occasionally and the crank turns freely. The tape over the spark pug holes has recently fallen off. I suggest you pull off head and check for dirt in cylinder. Make offer. Email ronniep@cox.net for pictures or more information. Make offer.

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See next page for more classified.



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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.

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.



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Red River Triumph President's Message

Hello Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Welcome to Texas and I look forward to visiting with each

of you.

Bigger in Texas, Better in a Triumph!

Sincerely,

Michael Sabelhaus

President

Red River Triumph Club

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

