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President's Message by Ronnie Palmisano, BMCNO President



This month want to focus on the devastation that occurred to BMCNO member families living in and near the Baton Rouge area .

Seven member families lost their homes and furnishings, another lost several British cars among his dozens of other cars. Also many more families and friends had damaged homes due to a never ending rain followed by torrential flooding. The member flooded car list includes one or more of the following:

Two MG TDs, an MG TF, an MGA, and an MGB
A Triumph TR4 and a TR6.

Aston Martin DB7 Vantage

A 2007 Jaguar XKR

An Austin Healey 100 and 3000

And a warehouse with dozens of cars that all went under water, all uninsured.

And more

Most, but not all of these cars were covered by

collector car insurance. You spend years of time and many thousands of dollars to get your dream car restored, and then in a flash it is under 3-4 feet of water. Many of the flooded members did not have residential flood insurance. They live in a part of the state that does not require it, and where it has never flooded in the past.

Many people started calling and emailing me inquiring if any of our members were impacted by **the flood. I didn't have any answers until Rick Huber** sent me a daily update on what was going on in his area. I then started to forward Rick's notes to our members and to other clubs that receive our newsletter.

British car people are the best group to be a part of. I never once asked or expected anyone to send anything for the flooded members, I only wanted others to know their situation. Immediately, emails started to come in from our members and other nearby clubs asking about the situation, and also asking what they could do for our members. Some suggested that they send Home Depot or Lowe's gift cards, Visa gift cards, and check/cash. Almost \$7000.00 has been sent in and divided among the member families whose houses flooded. I will be sending personal thank you notes to clubs in Mississippi, Alabama, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and South Carolina for their generous contributions.

Family, friends, and several BMCNO members came and helped completely empty the homes, removed appliances such as stoves, refrigerators, washers, dryers, remove sheetrock, and dumped everything on the curb for pickup.

Displaced families are living with relatives, stay-





ing in a camper or in an RV loaned by another member on their property, staying in an apartment at their office, or living in a home loaned by a church member, or still living in their home during the repair. A few used loaned refrigerators until new ones are delivered. Most had a



microwave that still worked. Roughing it, to say the least.

BMCNO members have been advising, helping, loaning, transporting, delivering, offering much more, and cooking and bringing delicious meals such as: pulled pork, jambalaya, lasagna and red beans, to our flood survivors. The meals have been wonderful as you would expect from our Big Meal Club and greatly appreciated.

The generosity from neighboring British Car Clubs located in Arkansas, Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, South Carolina and Louisiana all from **people that they don't even know or will probably never meet** has brought tears to my eyes. The donations are greatly appreciated.

My wife Karen and I lived through the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and we know what they are going through. Some are living in homes with no walls, furniture, or appliances. Some are living in motor homes and or trailers. Those in trailers or motor homes are not in government furnished quarters, but they are living in something given

to them to use by BMCNO club members, friends, neighbors, and others who were more fortunate than they. We were fortunate to have flood insurance and were much younger than some of our current flood victims. Even for us it was extremely stressful, depressing, and strenuous. The hardest part was the waiting for insurance adjusters, endless sleepless nights, constant worrying, checks in the mail, appliances, furniture, and a new car to come in. We were on a 6 week waiting for just a refrigerator, stove, and washer. Everything took months and months!!!!

FEMA's financial response has been fast, but very difficult to understand. Money gets delivered quickly, but there is no explanation for the amount, which varies dramatically. FEMA housing response has been much slower, with no one that we know of being housed yet.

Words cannot express our feelings for your generous outreach. Your donations of checks, gift cards, food, lodging, and other has meant so much to our BMCNO Flooded Seven. Thank all of you so much. Good bless each and every one of you.

Ronnie Palmisano

BMCNO President / Newsletter Editor





September 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 <u>Gulf Coast Area gathering</u>
11	12	13 Board of Directors Meeting	14	15 North Shore Area Gathering	16 "Brits on the Bluff" convoy	17 "Brits on the Bluff" Natchez
18	19	20	21 <u>Baton Rouge Area Gathering</u>	22	23	24 <u>Acadiana Gathering</u>
25	26	27 <u>BMCNO General Meeting</u>	28	29	30	

Sunday, September 4 - Lunch at Little British Room and Antiquing

Saturday, September 10 - Gulf Coast Area Gathering

Tuesday, September 13 - **Board of Directors Meeting at Jim and Donna Clark's house**

Thursday, September 15 - Northshore Area Gathering

Friday, September 16 - EMC Brits on the Bluff , Check this Newsletter for details. Pages 7 and 32 for more information.

- Departing times for each convoy:
- South Shore departs promptly from Cafe Du Monde, 4700 Veterans Memorial Blvd at 8:30 am. Come early for coffee and beignets or wait until we reach Barnes & Noble in Baton Rouge.
- North Shore departs promptly from Claiborne Hills Shopping Center at 8:30 am.
- All convoys and Baton Rouge Group meet at Barnes and Noble Coffee house at 9:30 a.m. for coffee. College Dr. Exit from 1-10 2590 -Citiplace Ct, Baton Rouge, LA 70808 We will leave Barnes and Noble at 10:15 am.
- 12:00 noon -**Lunch will be at Mammy's Cupboard** -Humble restaurant serving lunch classics & home-made pie in a unique building shaped like a woman. Natchez, Mississippi

Gulf Coast and Acadiana - check with area coordinators or meet at Barnes & Noble at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, September 15—Baton Rouge Meeting

Saturday, September 17 - EMC Brits on the Bluff Show

Wednesday, September 21 - Baton Rouge Area Gathering

Tuesday, September 27 - BMCNO General Meeting



MERRY CHRISTMAS (a little early)

The British Motoring Club of New Orleans (a.k.a. Big Meal Club)

Cordially invites it's members to the

Annual BMCNO Christmas Party

Saturday, December 3rd, 2016

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Ramada Hotel

3400 South Interstate 10 Service Rd

Metairie, Louisiana

RSVP: Karen Murray,

karenmurray@cox.net

Please join us for GREAT food, good friends, lively conversations, and plenty of surprises for everyone. This year we plan on having more surprises than last and a surprise visitor.

Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish. The club will provide the turkey, ham, and all drinks. Please bring those delicious holiday dishes that everyone enjoys so much.

Please make every effort to join in this fun filled night.

Donate food items for Second Harvesters Food Bank at the Christmas Party. With the declining economy more people are in need of assistance this holiday season. You will receive a raffle ticket for every food item contributed with the chance to win great door prizes. The board has collected very nice door prizes to be won at this party. So..let's contribute.



What's happening



Friday, September 16th and Saturday, September 17th - Brits on the Bluff

The English Motoring Club of Mississippi proudly announces its annual all-marque car show and celebration to be held in Historic Natchez, Mississippi,

the weekend of September 16th and 17th.

Bowie's Tavern – Welcome Reception: Friday evening, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Join them at “Bowie's Tavern,” an 1852 Cotton Warehouse converted to an “antique pub.” It is located at 100 Main Street at Broadway (across the street from the Grand Hotel and just up from the show site), and offers tasty appetizers, specialty pizzas, salads, sandwiches and a full bar.

Natchez Bluff Park - Show: Saturday 10 a.m. - At 303 South Broadway Street, just a few blocks from the Grand Hotel, located on a magnificent 200-foot bluff containing shade trees and picnic tables. Awards presentation 3 p.m.

Overnight Accommodations - A block of rooms has been reserved at the Natchez Grand Hotel, located at 111 Broadway Street. The EMC has negotiated rates from \$119 to \$169 plus fees and taxes per night. See natchezgrandhotel.com for hotel information, call 866-488-0898 or 601-446-9994 for reservations, and be sure to reference “English Motoring Club of MS” for the group rates.

BMCNO Convoy Information—Friday, September 16 - Departing times from each of the satellite locations is 8:30 am. - All convoys and Baton Rouge Group meet at CC's Coffee House, 7960 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA 70809 (225) 926-2511 at 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. for coffee. We will all leave CC's at 10:15 am for Natchez.

- Metairie departs promptly from Cafe Du Monde, 4700 Veterans Memorial Blvd at 8:30 am. Come early for coffee and beignets.

by Vice- President Karen Murray

- North Shore departs promptly from Claiborne Hills Shopping Center at 8:30 am.
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For details contact John Turbeville (601) 940 – 5288 or Gene Johnston (601) 201 – 0801.

October 1, 2016 – Renaissance Euro Fest Car Show / Ridgeland MS - The 2015 Renaissance Car Fest was one to remember. Lots of participation from EMC members as well as friends from surrounding clubs will be the order again for 2016. When posted get your entry in early and **make plans to attend. You'll see cars that you don't get a chance to enjoy often and in the surroundings of the Renaissance it's just magnificent.** Details: www.euro-fest.net.

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.

October 21 - 22, 2016 – South Alabama British Car Festival / Fairhope AL - **It's a nice** drive down to Fairhope AL so join the caravan to the lovely city by Mobile Bay. The Friday night meet and greet is always fun and the food is fantastic.

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



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	9 th – 10 th		Fayetteville, AK www.britishironnwa.org	
	Board meeting	Tues. 13 th	6:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Jim & Donna Clark	Ronald Palmisano
	Shoals British Car Show			Florence, AL www.shoalsbritishcars.org	
	Convoy to Natchez	Fri., 16 th		(check newsletter for info)	
	Brits on the Bluffs –	Sat., 17 th		(check newsletter for info)	
	Baton Rouge Meeting	Wed. 21 st	6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting	Deangelo's at 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. 27 th	6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting	Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA	Board of Directors
October	Renaissance Euro Fest	1 st		Ridgeland, Ms. www.eoro-fest.net	Rick Huber
	North American Triumph Challenge	3 rd – 7 th		Pottsboro, TX www.vtr2016.org	
	Cruisin' the Coast	Sat. 8 th		(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
	Convoy to Fairhope, Alabama	Fri., 21 st		(Check newsletter for info)	
	South Alabama British Car Show	Sat., 22 nd		Fairhope, Alabama	
	North Shore Meeting -	Thurs., 20 th	6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting	Abita Brew Pub 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs	Cliff Hughes
	Baton Rouge Meeting -	Wed, 19 th	6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting	Deangelo's at 7550 Bluebonnet Blvd. Baton Rouge , LA	Rick Huber
	Acadiana Cruise	Sat., 22 nd			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
November	Memorial Rallye	Sat., 5 th		TBA	
	Gulf Coast/Ms Meeting	Sat., 12 th		Second Saturday, Art-walk in Bay St. Louis Baptist Church	Peter Brauen
	Board meeting	Tues., 15 th	6:00 – 8:30	Mark & Shannon Ferketish	Ronald Palmisano
	Baton Rouge Meeting	Wed. 16 th	6:00 dinner- 7:00 meeting	Deangelo's at 7550 Bluebonnet Blvd. Baton Rouge , LA	Rick Huber
	North Shore Meeting	Thurs. 17 th	6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting	Abita Brew Pub 72011 Holly Street, Abita	Cliff Hughes
	Acadiana Cruise	Sat., 26 th			Dave Hayden



South Shore Meeting Minutes by Chad Wicker



The July Members Meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by Mark Ferketish and Jim Clark. Introduced were out of towners Beth, Mark Ferketish's sister and Rob from Cincinnati Ohio.

Rick Huber discussed the Baton Rouge Gathering with 18 in attendance. It was being held at **the 5th location of the meeting at Deangelo's** at Perkins and Bluebonnet. They discussed upcoming Nola Motorsports events, and an upcoming movie "Go Like Hell" about the 1960s Ford Racing Team.

Reportedly, Tom Cruise will play legend Carol Shelby. **Rock 'n' Bowl Event and the Sangenta Car Show** on July 30th. Baton Rouge held an impromptu Tech Session on June 29th with three people attending.

Wally Friloux discussed the North Shore Gathering with 6 in attendance. Jim Clarke discussed the Barber Motor Sports event with about 12 in attendance. It was a wonderful experience.

As a part of the meeting, we invited two members to discuss how they got started in the British car scene. Alan Bradley's brother had a TR3 then a TR6. He bought a 1961 MG Midget and fixed it up. It got hit and totaled. After he got married and had children, he bought a 1970 MG B for \$350.

Keith Vezina was just out of High School and was working in Florida. His friend there had two brothers and all three had British cars. He bought a Triumph GT6 for his first British car. His mother bought a MG B with 600 miles

on it. After 15 years she gave Keith the car. (now with 177 Thousand miles and counting)

Wally Friloux discussed washing his Jaguar. Alan Bradley discussed the work he was doing on his cars. Jim Clarke discussed rebuilding his TR3's rear end. Harold O'Reilly discussed getting his AC fixed in his Jaguar, only to have it drain the battery. Audrey Kennedy's MG Magnette now has wheels.

The 50/50 raffle for \$13 was won by Jim Clarke, who also won a sponge. Mike Anderson won a sports bottle, Don Marpe won a glow-in-the-dark Koozi. Alan Bradley and Rick Huber won flashlights.

The meeting was called to a close at 7:53 p.m. with many remaining and talking with each other.

Chad C. Wicker

You know you've owned a British car too long when:

Your mechanic starts sending you Christmas and Birthday cards.

In your divorce, you spend as much time deciding custody of the cars as you do the kids.

The journey of a thousand miles begins with a broken fan belt and a leaky tire.

You pay more visits to the parts store than the gas station, or the grocery store.

You'd rather give the family pit bull a bath than tune your SU carburetors again.

There's no oil on the garage floor, so you know the car's completely empty.

You look under the bonnet and see more duct tape than hose and more electrical tape than wires



Baton Rouge Gatherings by Rick Huber



Meeting cancelled due to the Louisiana 2016 flood.

Please read President's message pages 3-5 and my article on the next page.





BMCNO Members Flooded in August by Rick Huber



The rains came. The water rose. Before it was over, 150,000 homes and businesses in the Baton Rouge area and countless more around the southern part of the state had been flooded.

As the BMCNO coordinator for the Baton Rouge area, I tried to get in touch with as many members as I could, and eventually found 7 members and their families whose houses took on water, anywhere from a foot to a little over three feet. Fortunately, eve-



ryone was safe, but the loss of belongings and the routine of life was tremendous.

Houses, cars, furniture, clothes, family possessions. Most weren't required to have flood insurance and didn't. For those of us who didn't flood, almost everyone has family and/or friends that did, and we're all involved in some way helping someone. A very familiar tragedy to many of our members who went through Katrina just 11 years ago.

"Assistance started to pour in - advice on the



phone, offers to help, offers for shelter, offers to transport cars, offers to bring meals, and donations of gift cards and cash to help defray the cost of putting their lives back together.

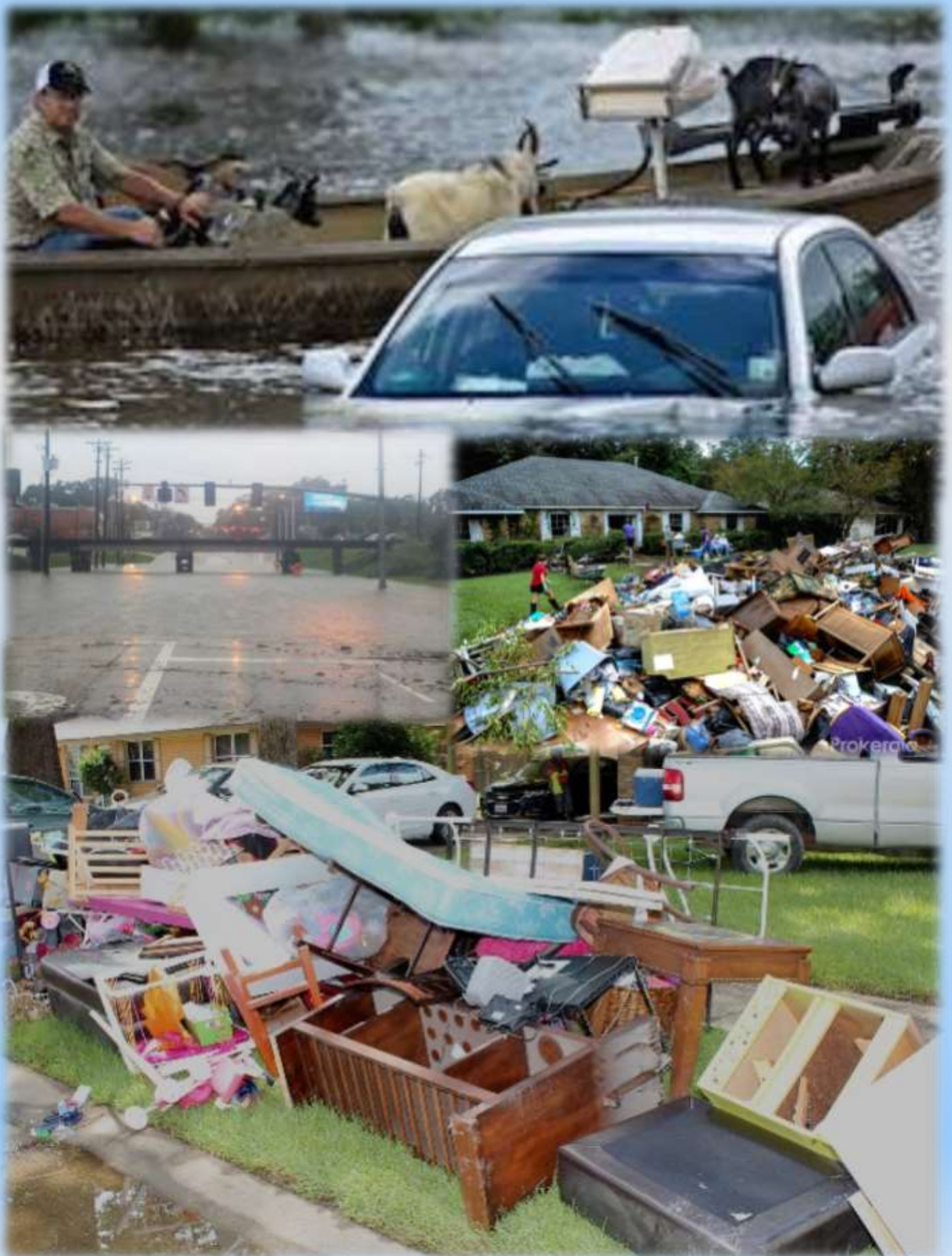
Ronnie forwarded my daily update keeping information flowing to the Baton Rouge group to the whole club and sister clubs in Mississippi, Alabama, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and South Carolina, and the donations have not stopped.

You don't know what it's like to see the astonished face of a flood survivor when I give them several hundred dollars of cash and gift cards and tell them they're from another member, or another club in another state. The generosity has been humbling and overwhelming. The outpouring of concern and compassion I believe has helped fill these survivors with determination and resolve to rebuild, come back even stronger, and not let this bump in the road define their lives."

What a blessing to be among so many wonderful people in so many clubs that care so much to help. Thank you, and may God's blessings be with you all.

Rick





English Tea Room and Eatery by Karen Murray, Vice President

What is The English Tea Room and Eatery ???

According to the their website it is: “a quaint teahouse with a warm atmosphere that serves breakfast & lunch along with all-day high tea.”

Well for the 32 BMCNO members that attended lunch on Saturday, September 3rd it really was more than that!!!! I heard comments like: :Wow”, “food was a good surprise”, “had such unique British items”, loved looking around at everything”, “owners were so nice”, “service was quick for such a small place”, “servers were so nice and competent”, “not one mistake in our

Christmas in the worlds largest toy store!!!



order for such a large group”, “such a surprise day”, “loved everything” and finally, “lets come back next year but in a cooler month”.

When the club first booked this event the men planned to drop off the ladies and head somewhere else for lunch, thinking this was a restaurant only for ladies. At the end of lunch I know the men had changed their minds and truly seemed to enjoy the atmosphere of the experience.

As for Tim Lantrip, owner of The British Tea Room and Eatery, I watched him through the window while I was eating my delicious lunch. He walked up and down the street looking at all of the British cars. He reminded me of a kid at



BMCNO Ladies Tea Chairman, Margaret Friloux (Right) with BMCNO member Leslie Oliver.





English Tea Room and Eatery continued....





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A Big “THANK YOU” to Tim and Jan, Lantrip, Proprietors of the English Tea Room and Eatery, for making our visit such an enjoyable experience. We look forward to many more visits,





BMCNO 39th Anniversary Party by Karen Murray, Vice President



The summer is just way too hot to go out and cruise in our little British cars.

So, once again the BMCNO board decided to have an all indoor club event during the hottest month of the year, August !!

We once again celebrated the club anniversary and just had a Rockin good time.

We had a private room with eight adjacent bowling lanes. Unlimited fried shrimp, fried catfish, fried cheese sticks, salad and lots more. food and drinks (beer, wine, soft drinks) were served from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.



Door prizes were won by both men and women. The club picked up the cost of the party room, additional food, and other.

The bowling started at about 7:00 p.m. and ended at 9:30 p.m. There was fierce bowling competition among our members. The band, Rockin Dopsey, started playing at 9:30 p.m. and had everyone on their feet until 12 midnight.

Members paid \$30.00 total per person. This included two hours of bowling, shoe rental, food, beverages, sales tax, and gratuities. Wow, what a great deal!

A Souvenir Rock 'n' Bowl Bowling Pin was presented to the winner for the males and females. A

Dollar Store bowling set was presented to the



worst in each category. On a funny note: First place male and female were married to last place male and female winners. What are the odds of that!!!!

Twelve lucky people also won door prizes.

We had 40 members attend who danced out the door requesting a repeat for next year's anniversary.

On a personal note, I loved watching everyone trying to bowl like they were 16 again!! What a show.

Karen Murray







First Place Male Winner - Terry Lopez
First Place Female Winner - Celia McCormick

Last Place Male Winner - Colin McCormick
Last Place Female Winner - Laura Lopez







September Birthday's by Vice- President Karen Murray



Thomas Bonner, Allen Bradley, Charlie Brown, Phillip Colwart, Freddie Hebert, Jack Kennedy Jr, Jim Lilly, John McCarron, Tom Miller, Cort M Musgrave, Joy P Watts, Chad Wicker

This is a new article for our newsletter. I am missing 27 birthdays. Members, please email me your birth month. Mail to karenmurray@cox.net.

"I'm a little Tea Pot lost and scared

Bring me to a forever home"

Please, please, please search for this little tea pot to become part of our Annual Car Show Ladies Tea decorations. All of the decorations that we used last year will not be available again. You could donate a tea pot or just loan for that day to put on show. We do have a secure home for all of the lost teapots and tea cups. Contact Karen Murray at karenmurray@cox.net.





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





Tires—It's Not Just About Wear - Taken from the Tire Rack Web Site

DO YOU KNOW WHEN TO SAY WHEN?



There are many reasons why tires should be replaced. Here are some Tire Rack recommendations based on currently available information:

The vehicle manufacturer owner's manual may have specific instructions covering tire inspections and replacement considerations based on the vehicle manufacturer's understanding of the specific vehicle application. Drivers should use their vehicle owner's manual to confirm any tire inspection or replacement recommendations.

Tires should be replaced when their remaining tread depth is no longer appropriate for the weather conditions expected to be encountered. Tire Rack recommends replacing tires at approximately 5/32" of remaining tread depth for driving in snow, 4/32" for driving on wet roads and 2/32" for driving on dry roads.

Most small cuts and punctures in the tread area (up to 1/4" in size) can be repaired by trained personnel using industry-approved methods. These tires can be returned to service if they have not been driven on while flat or with very low inflation pressure.

Tires cut or punctured in the shoulder or sidewall areas, as well as any tires driven on while flat or

with very low inflation pressure even for short periods of time are often damaged beyond repair and should be replaced. Driving on a tire while flat or with very low inflation pressure will permanently weaken the tire's internal structure, rendering it more susceptible to catastrophic failure.

Tires that exhibit any bubbles, blisters or bulges, or have large cuts, cracks or other significant damage from road hazards in the tread, shoulder and/or sidewall areas should be replaced. Only inspecting the tire's inner-liner after dismounting the tire from the wheel will reveal the probable cause and help determine if the tire manufacturer's workmanship and materials warranty applies.

Most tires will need to be replaced for other reasons before any prescribed calendar age, therefore the following recommended calendar age removal periods in no way reduces the driver's responsibility to replace worn or damaged tires as needed.

Tires that have been in use for five (5) years or more should be carefully inspected periodically for external signs of aging. While this inspection will confirm the condition of the exterior rubber, it cannot assess internal degradation or damage.

Previously unused, never-mounted tires should not be put into service if they are more than six (6) years old, even if they were properly stored.

All tires (including spare tires) manufactured more than ten (10) years previously should be removed from service and be replaced as a precaution, even if such tires appear serviceable and have not reached the legal wear limit.



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 Mark Ferketish

Secretary Cathy Greensfelder

Treasurer Mark Greensfelder

Editor Ronald Palmisano

Member at Large Jim Clark

Cliff Hughes

Tom McMillan

Martin St. Romain

Chad Wicker



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

We need 1 more member 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.



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Address: _____ Birthday month _____ Day _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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E-mail: _____ Occupation: _____

Where did you learn of BMCNO? _____

What other car clubs do you belong? _____

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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.

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See next page for more classified.

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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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Brits on the Bluff Sept. 16-17, 2016 Natchez, Mississippi

The English Motoring Club of Mississippi proudly announces its annual all-marque car show and celebration to be held in Historic Natchez, Mississippi, the weekend of September 16th and 17th.

Bowie's Tavern - Welcome Reception: Friday evening, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Join us at "Bowie's Tavern," an 1852 Cotton Warehouse converted to an "antique pub." It is located at 100 Main Street at Broadway (across the street from the Grand Hotel and just up from the show site), and offers tasty appetizers, specialty pizzas, salads, sandwiches and a full bar.

Natchez Bluff Park - Show: Saturday 10 a.m. - At 303 South Broadway Street, just a few blocks from the Grand Hotel, located on a magnificent 200-foot bluff containing shade trees and picnic tables. Awards presentation 3 p.m.

Overnight Accommodations - A block of rooms has been reserved at the Natchez Grand Hotel, located at 111 Broadway Street. The EMC has negotiated rates from \$119 to \$169 plus fees and taxes per night. See natchezgrandhotel.com for hotel information, call 866-488-0898 or 601-446-9994 for reservations, and be sure to reference "English Motoring Club of MS" for the group rates.



One never knows who might show up for Brits on the Bluff.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City St, Zip: _____

Best Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Car Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____ Color: _____

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

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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





Events & Activities

The 2016 VTR National Convention will include events and activities for varied interests.

For driving enthusiasts, we'll have a great auto-cross course setup on a converted WWII airfield, a Hare and Hound rally, a gimmick rally and time-speed-distance rally. There will also be casual drives for breakfast and dinners. Ever wanted to drive a Spitfire on a famous race track? We'll have that, too, with a racing simulator.

Of course, the judged Concours is a highlight of any VTR convention. A Participants Choice car show will also be held in conjunction with the Concours.

We'll also have a dinner cruise available on Lake Texoma, an Arts & Crafts contest, and several other fun and interesting activities.

And, as always, festivities wrap up with the Banquet and Awards Presentations.

Schedule

Daily Hotel-based Activities

(see daily details for times)

- **Registration** – Maritime Ballroom and Harbor Room
- **Vendors** – Harbor Room
- **Silent Auction** – Harbor Room

- **Spitfire Challenge** – Harbor Room
- **Craft, model, photo contest** – Maritime Ballroom
- **Car wash** – Rear of hotel
- **Raffle** – tickets available at each event

Monday, Oct 3rd

- **Hotel-based Activities, Registration, etc.** – 12 to 8pm
- **Braum's Ice Cream Run**** – 7 to 9pm, self-guided drive • **hamburgers and market also available**
- **details and directions in program**

Tuesday, Oct 4th

- **Hotel-based Activities, Registration, etc.** – 8am to 8pm
- **Hare & Hound Rally**** – 8am to 5pm • **instructions at registration or outside hotel (parking lot)**
- **answer sheets due at registration desk by 5pm**
- **TSD Rally**** – 9 to 11am, front of hotel
- **Tech Inspection** – 10am to 12pm, hotel parking lot
- **VTR Board meeting** – 12 to 3pm, Tower Lounge
- **Tech Session #1: Engine Performance** – 3 to 4pm, Quarter Deck
- **Welcome Reception** – 6:30 to 8:30pm, by the pools • **featuring 2Guyz playing your favorite tunes**

Wednesday, Oct 5th

- **Hotel-based Activities, Registration, etc.** – 8am to 5:30pm • **Car Wash** – 8am to 8pm
- **Breakfast Run**** – 6:45 to 8:30am, Den-



ison •convoys leaving hotel at 7am

- Day at the Museum Gimmick Rally** – 8am to 5:30pm •instructions at registration
- answer sheets due at registration desk by 5:30pm
- Hare & Hound Rally** – 8am to 5:30pm •instructions at registration or outside hotel (parking lot)
- answer sheets due at registration desk by 5:30pm
- Funkana** – 9am to 3pm, Perrin Field
- Le Mans Start** – 9am to 2pm, Perrin Field
- Tech Inspection – 10am to 12pm, Perrin Field •Food Truck (sliders/sandwiches) – 11am to 2pm, Perrin Field
- Judges school – 1 to 2:30pm, Quarter Deck
- 1899 Steam Car demo – 2:30 to 4pm, hotel parking lot
- Tech Session #2: Suspension Setup – 4 to 5pm, Quarter Deck
- Lake Texoma Dinner Cruise – 6 to 9pm •Shuttle bus from hotel to Lake Texoma
- Braum's Ice Cream Run** – 7 to 9pm, self-guided drive •hamburgers and market also available
- details and directions in program

Thursday, Oct 6th

- Hotel-based Activities, Registration, etc. – 8am to 5pm •Car Wash – 8am to 8pm
- All except Car Wash, Raffle, Vendors – closed/finished at 5pm Thursday
- Autocross,** Perrin Field •Open for walkthrough – 8 to 9am
- Mandatory drivers meeting – 9 to 9:30am
- Autocross session #1 – 9:30am to 12pm
- Autocross session #2 – 12:30 to 2:30pm

•Food Truck (tacos) – 11am to 2pm

- Tech Session #3: Mikuni Carburetor Conversion – 3 to 4pm, Quarter Deck
- Guest Speakers – 4 to 5:30pm, Maritime Room •Richard Langworth and Mike Cook
- Lake Texoma Dinner Cruise – 6 to 9pm •shuttle bus from hotel to Lake Texoma
- Dinner Runs** – 6:30 to 8:30pm, front of hotel •2 options, convoys leaving at 6:30pm, details in program

Friday, Oct 7th

- Hotel-based Activities, Registration, etc.
 - Registration closed (Info Tent at Concours)
 - Auction, Arts/Crafts, Spitfire Challenge closed
 - Vendors – 10am to 4pm
 - Raffle – closes at 2pm
 - Car Wash – 7am to 4pm
 - Judges breakfast – 6:30 to 7:30am, Barnacles/Schooner's
 - Panoramic photo – 8 to 9:30am, Tanglewood Airfield
 - Concours and Participants Choice car show – 10am to 2pm, Tanglewood Airfield •Food Truck (BBQ) – 11am to 2pm
 - Silent Auction Pick-up – 12 to 3pm and 5 to 6:30pm, Harbor Room •winners posted 8am
 - VTR Members Meeting – 3:30 to 4:30pm, Quarter Deck
 - Raffle Prizes Pick-up – 5 to 6:30pm, Maritime Room
 - Cocktail Hour – 5:30 to 6:30pm, Maritime Room
 - Banquet and Awards – 6:30 to 10:30pm, Maritime Room •Guest Speaker, Richard Langworth CBE
- ** Qualifying events for Concours entry

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