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*Merry Christmas BMCNO*



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I am terribly sorry for this, my last newsletter being published so late. It was complete in late November. I wanted to wait and include the Harahan Christmas parade and BMCNO Happy Holidays Christmas Party. Due to being out of the country for 11 days, having to return from Houston area, back to Metairie, and 3 days later drive to a grandchild's graduation at Texas A & M university in College Station, Texas. After returning home from Texas, both my wife Karen and I came down with a severe bronchial infection.

Trying to add Christmas to the newsletter while being ill didn't work out well. When complete and saving for the last time, the desktop publishing program crashed, the screen went blank, and the computer froze. After restarting, the newsletter file was there but it was corrupt. I tried all suggested ways to repair and open, but all failed. I did have a backup copy of a very early December newsletter and I started over with it.

**Monthly meetings and Cars and Coffee****Monthly Area Club Meetings****South Shore**

Last Tuesday of month, Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00      Original Italian Pie, Harahan

\*\*\*The last Tuesday in October is Halloween therefore the meeting has been moved to Tuesday, October 24th.

<b>NorthShore</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Address</b>
Every Third Wednesday,	Dinner at 6 p.m.	Meeting starts at 7 p.m.,	Coscino's Italian Grill	
1809 N Causeway Blvd, Mandeville, LA 70471				

<b>Baton Rouge</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Address</b>
2nd Tuesday	6:00 supper,	7:00 meeting,	Cafe American, Jefferson @Lobdell,	Baton Rouge.

**Monthly Cars and Coffee—Breakfast Meetings**

<b>South Shore</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Address</b>
Third Saturday of every month	8:00 am	Chateau Coffee Café	139 Allen Toussaint Blvd,	New Orleans
Bob Gordon	504-486-7927	<a href="http://www.Racerflash.com">www.Racerflash.com</a>		

<b>NorthShore</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Address</b>
Saturday's at 8 a.m.,	Liz's Where Y'at Diner	2500 Florida St,	Mandeville, LA	70448

<b>Baton Rouge</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Address</b>
7am every Saturday,	the Warehouse Restaurant,	S Choctaw,	Baton Rouge.	



## *Message from the outgoing President, Karen Murray*



Well how do I begin this article?? After 17 years on the BMCNO Board of Directors it is a sad and happy moment for me. I have never been just a member but always a board member.

When I first became President, we had 99 members and less than \$1,000 in

the bank not counting the Car Show account. June 30, 2023, we ended with 213 members and \$10,000 in the club account not counting the car show account. WOW!!! We have progressed.

I would like to recognize some members who have been a tremendous strength to me and the club through the years:

BMCNO Backbone members – Keith & Karen Vezina, Rick & Mary Lynne Huber, Cathy & Mark Greensfelder. These people are there to support everything. Their advice has always been invaluable to me because they only want what is good for the “Club”. Thank all of you a million times over.

Three Musketeers –Danny Varnado & Randy Fleming – it was always a guessing game as to what they would arrive dressed in. I want to thank them also for the amazing Race Track they spend hours building. Events were so much more fun with their arrival.

The third Musketeer, Bobby Spann, has also been on the Board for a few years. His insight and calm suggestions helped many, many times during the years. He helped keep the Baton Rouge members well informed of upcoming events and helped set up Saturday Cars & Coffee in Baton Rouge.

Thank you, Musketeers, for bringing so much fun to the club!!!!

Board Members – David Jones, Audrey Kennedy & Dan McGovern- thank all of you so much for always demonstrating a cool head in board meetings. I know sometimes that was very hard!!!! All of you have wonderful ideas and solutions to problems. I could always count on you to help and not cause more conflict. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart.

Milton Franklin – your love for motorcycles has been a tremendous boost for the club. Thank you so much for coming through each year with amazing motorcycles at the Annual Car Show. Please keep up the great work that you do!!!

Mike Anderson – where would we be without your help, especially at the car show? I had no idea whatsoever on how to layout the field. You were a God sent to me. I didn’t have to ask you. You just stepped up and said this is how the layout will be. You are amazing!!!! Thank you, thank you so much for all of your hard work.

Allen Bradley – thank you for all the work organizing the Harahan Christmas Parade and the get together after. I know the club members really enjoy and look forward to this event every year.

Freddie Hebert, Fred Duplechin & Rob Stevenson – keep up the great work of promoting BMCNO in your area. Rob & Teri, I so much loved watching you son grow through the years.

Chris Landry – thanks so much for introducing our members to other car shows. Those that have attended had a blast. I do hope that you will one day be of the BMCNO board.

Jim Clark – what a pleasure your friendship has been to Ronald and myself. Your skills and knowledge have been invaluable to me. Thank you for taking the time to always try helping me with a computer program question. I understood your decision to stop on the Website but I



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really wish it could have been different. Our website would be outstanding by now with your expertise. Also, you and Richard Gaudy club presentations were amazing.

Don Marpe – we still miss you and Bonnie

Bill Nix – thank you for opening your home to host the BMCNO Breakfast on our Car Show days without receiving a penny from the club. Participants loved exploring your garage and taking pictures with the British telephone booth. Your generosity was inspiring. Thank you also for your amazing presentations at club meetings. I love watching everything that your present. You are a true friend to the club.

Wally Waguespack – What can I say??? Your rallies have become so popular. You are a very welcome member to our club. Please keep up the great work and thank you so much for some fun days.

Ronald Palmisano – what can I say about my “Honey”. You brought national recognition to BMCNO with your award-winning newsletters. The newsletters were lengthy but always filled with interesting articles and great pictures. You did a GREAT job. Our life was so much fun experiencing this adventure together. Also, thank you so much for putting up with me all these years.

Colin McCormick & Benny Stigler – My only hope for the two of you is to have a year like my 2023 year. May the board be as cooperative to you as you were to me. All I heard last year was “According to the bylaws” and “you cannot spend money without the board approval”. So far money has been spent on Car “Festival” postcards cards and mailing without board approval. Contracts have been signed in the name of British Motoring Club New Orleans in Covington by people not authorized to do so, according to BMCNO bylaws. The name of our Annual Car Show has been changed to Car Festival, copying Alabama again without board approval.

You are also considering reusing the design from a previous BMCNO Car Show for next year’s shirts. Let’s hope that you can eventually become creative and move the club forward!!!!

Everyone - Most of you know that I know nothing about cars. I just know how to organize events. I have met such wonderful people and had fun with everyone. I would like to thank all of you becoming a “family” to Ronald & myself. After 17 years it is time for me to retire from the board and let other people steer the club. I am now looking forward to no more board meetings, no more constant discussions to make, no more constant questions, and no more meetings. I have really enjoyed working with the boards but there is always a time that must come to end.

I would like to give a little advice to anyone interested in joining the board. Before you decide to run for office at least have knowledge of how the club works and know what is expected of you and that position. It is very frustrating for a board member to say “teach me what I need to know”. You don’t really have time to teach board members and do your own job as well.

My hope for the club is to grow bigger and better. Have more events together. Keep up the great Saturday Cars and Coffee and hopefully more members will participate. I would love to see more creative events sponsored and not ones copied from other clubs. We have a wonderful group of members in one of the most interesting and beautiful states in the union. Let’s enjoy everything together!!!

Again, thanks to all of our “BMCNO family”. I hope you enjoyed working with Ronald and me.

Karen



## ***Editorial - It's not according to the ByLaws, or Get over it, it's a done deal! by Ronnie Palmisano***

Hello Fellow BMCNO Members, I accidentally inserted a part of this article in last months Newsletter. Immediately after it was sent, I received a telephone call alerting me to this error on my part. I immediately corrected the error and sent out another newsletter that had the correct article as I intended.

What I mistakenly included was to be sent to the BMCNO Board of Directors. It was to be for them only.

However, some members contacted me and inquired about it. I was asked by some members "What's Going On". They wanted to know what's happening behind the scenes at the BMCNO Board Meetings.

For obvious reasons, I intended to name this article "It's not according to the Bylaws", or It's a done deal, or get over it". These words were often spoken at our Board meetings. But I left it just the way it was going to the Board. So here it is in it's entirety!

I may have included too much biography on Karen, but I believe it is necessary for you to understand who she is and where she is coming from.

Karen Murray has retired from BMCNO Board of Directors and is looking back at it in her rearview mirror.

Karen has served in many positions, such as Car Show Chairman, Member at Large, Vice President, and President.

She has learned a lot about our little British cars since joining the club. When she first joined, she didn't know the difference between a Spitfire, and a MGB.

Karen thoroughly enjoyed working with the club and organizing events. The Club is great, but the Club Board was a different story. After the 2022, and 2023 RUNAWAY, out of control, rude and disrespectful Board of Directors for the past two years, it is time for her to make a clean break.

She especially liked organizing the Christmas the

party. She is very creative at things like this. For years she spent a little club money on Christmas gifts and handmade Christmas ornaments. She would shop for these items after Christmas and buy them at 80% to 90% off. They would be given out the following year. This past Christmas 2022, no gifts were given out because some of the BMCNO Board of directors refused to allow it. I guess they don't have any Christmas spirit.

Karen did the same for the BMCNO Annual Crawfish Boil. She bought items to use as gifts from Hobby Lobby after Easter such as flower pots and put her own plants in them.

We were fortunate to have her. Karen has what it takes to run a car club. She came to us with experience from both the Education System and the Business world. Karen first started out as a teacher at Lawless Senior High School in the lower 9th ward teaching PE after graduating from LSUNO. She taught there for ten years, and then moved to Abramson High School in New Orleans East.

During this time, Karen was a dancer for the New Orleans Saint's Angel's. After that she was the director of the Dance Team at the University of New Orleans for 20 years. Each year Karen produced a halftime show for the New Orleans Saints that included hundreds of local high school dancers.

She also owned and operated her own dance studio for 5 years but eventually felt there was too much on her plate.

After the death of her husband in 1984, she took a leave of absence to devote her life to her two young children. When returning to work, she went to NOCCA and taught there.

She lived in a nice neighborhood in New Orleans east, but crime was on the rise in the area. Being afraid for her twin teenage daughters, Karen de-



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cided to move to Metairie, which was much safer at the time.

She then contacted Jefferson Parish Schools, looking for a position teaching Social Studies. She was told that she could start working immediately at John Ehret High School in Marrero teaching Physical Education, and move into a Social Studies position when and if it became available.

After two years, at John Ehret, she moved to a Social Studies position. Eventually she was offered additional work with a National Program from a group in New York with the name The National Academy Foundation.

The mission of the National Academy Foundation (NAF) is to sustain a national network of career academies to support the development of America's youth toward personal and professional success--in high school, in higher education, and throughout their careers. NAF Academies represent business/school partnerships that prepare young people for future careers through a combination of school-based curricula and work-based experiences.

This was a School to Career program for students. Students were working at hotels, hospitals, and other industry related businesses. She worked with the Skilled Training Program Director from Northrop Grumman introducing job and skill opportunities for students. Every year she and Northrop Grumman would host field trips and presentations on their site.

If you know Karen, you know that she is dedicated to her work. She did the Academy job too well and after 2 years moved out of the classroom into central office and was in charge of the Academy programs for all of Jefferson Parish. With this she attended workshops around the country about 4 times a year. She continued working with the School to Career programs for over 10 years.

Karen was on the Education Committee at the

Jefferson Chamber of Commerce, Jefferson Parish Tourism Committee. She worked directly with the Board of Home Builders representing Jefferson Parish Schools implementing the School to Career Program.

She also worked very closely with local Trade Unions, such as the Bricklayers Union, Electrical Workers Union, Plumbers and Pipefitters union, HVAC Union, and the Carpenters Union.

She was also asked by Northrop Grumman to give a presentation at the national meeting of their training directors in Newport News. She was the only non-employee at the meeting and her speech was well received with many questions on how to set up a school partnership in their areas. She came home so excited because she had the chance to see a nuclear submarine and tour the George Bush being build.

She was also on the Board at Delgado Community College representing Jefferson Parish Public Schools in a program called Dual Enrolment, where JPSS students would earn college credit for high school studies taught by Delgado with JPPSS teachers in High School classrooms.

Karen was on the BMCNO Board from 2006-2023. Being a member of the Club and also a member of the Board was fun and enjoyable for her, except for the years 2022 and 2023. The BMCNO Board commotion that went on was stopping the necessary work from being done. There are some things that transpired that were not done according to the Bylaws. When a Board member was confronted with it the comment was "It's a done deal, get over it", and the majority of the board refused to deal with it. There were too many people who were close friends, and didn't care. Why have Bylaws if they are not followed.

Karen did not deserve how she was treated for the last two years by a couple of people, especially two members of the Board and one other in the club.



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In 2022, Karen had enough, and she was not going to run for a 3<sup>rd</sup> presidential term. She received a telephone call from a member suggesting that she should not run again. This was a threat. He said working with the Board would be miserable, and it was. Because of this threat, Karen then decided to run for a 3<sup>rd</sup> term. Because she decided to run, new proposed bylaws were drawn up to stop the Club President from running for 3 terms. This Person wanted it implemented immediately but it took too much time. These Bylaws were finally voted on and they didn't pass. Yes, they did all they could to make things miserable for her. This sounds like our current political situation in our country today.

At the South Shore meeting when Karen thanked him for the heads up of his threatening phone call his comment was, "And was it a hard year" with a smile on his face. He was thrilled it was so hard.

Four members of the Board quit during the past 2 years. Karen tried to take control with people yelling and fighting with one another. She received constant verbal abuse by some. What did the Board do about it, NOTHING. Many times, all you could hear was one member shouting, "IT'S NOT ACCORDING TO THE BYLAWS". That person needs to read them again and try to understand what they mean. If this was a business these people would have been fired immediately for their actions and verbal abuse. That's why businesses have mandatory sexual harassment and sensitivity training classes.

I am so tired of hearing "IT'S NOT ACCORDING TO THE BYLAWS".

I may be removed from the club for making these statements, but my life doesn't revolve around BMCNO even though the Club is lots of fun, and I enjoy it and 99% of members immensely.

We have a great life outside of the club. Our 9 Grandchildren ages 12-26 years old and their families are a full-time job. We have been on 14 cruises,

and have been to Europe 4 different times. We have been to most major countries in Europe, and spent 17 days in Italy and Sicily on one trip. We recently took a one-week trip to the Smokies, and when we returned we spent 11 wonderful days on a Norwegian cruise in the Caribbean during November and December. We have many more trips planned.

I am very proud of my wife and her many accomplishments. She is a hard worker and did not need to be treated as she was in a volunteer club!!!! She started as President with 99 members and ended the 2023 fiscal year with 213 members. The bank account went from \$900.00 to over \$16,000. Those are not the stats of bad leadership!!!

Please note that this is my opinion and not necessarily the opinion of other BMCNO members.

If you care to comment, please email Ronnie at

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Thanks for reading,

Ronnie Palmisano



## 2023 BMCNO Harahan Christmas parade by Benny Stiegler

Twenty-eight of our British cars full of BMCNO members, friends, family and Christmas cheer rolled together down Jefferson Highway in Harahan's Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 9th.

After decorating our sleds, donning holiday costumes and palling around, we played the part of Santa's elves, tossing candy and other goodies to the happy parade-goers.

There were a few anxious moments as the slow moving parade had most of us watching the temperature gauge. That caused a few to turn out of the parade a little early, but no major problems re-



sulted.

Our biggest pre-parade worry was the weather, but it turned out to be a partly sunny and very warm day. At the end we drove a short distance back up the highway to our club's big Christmas Party.







*2023 BMCNO Harahan Christmas Parade continued.....*







## 2023 BMCNO Happy Holidays Christmas Party by Benny Stiegler



After driving our British cars in Harahan's Christmas Parade, BMCNO members, family and friends gathered for our Annual Christmas Party. A big club thank you to our great hosts, Susan and Allen Bradley,

Their home was beautifully and festively decorated for the occasion. Allen even displayed his many years of past BMCNO car show t-shirts in his garage.

The merry mood and delicious food had everyone agreeing it was one of our best parties ever!







*2023 BMCNO Happy Holidays Christmas Party continued...*







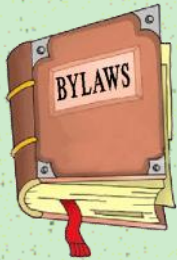
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## About my proposed By Laws by Ronnie Palmisano



Some reasons why I decided to make proposed amendments to the BMCNO By Laws.

After the recent attempted complete By Law rewrite failed, some of you contacted me with suggestions for future By Law revisions. I included these in my proposed By Law proposal.

I then contacted some other clubs to see what their have in their By Laws. Most car and other organizations all share the similar bylaws, but not necessarily using the same words. It appears that there are only so many By Laws a club needs to keep it running smoothly. I chose some ideas from other club By Laws. With my proposals, nothing else should be necessary.

Another reason was to improve certain things, such as how a board meeting is run and voting.

**The main reason I decided to propose amended bylaws was to find a way to control an out of control Board. One and sometimes two 2022, and 2023 board members were out of control, rude and disrespectful.**

I have been on the Board since 2007, and it has never been like the past two years. One member constantly shouted or talked out of turn over others. There was often shouting "its not according to the by laws, or get over it, it's a done deal". If this was the corporate world, they both would be fired. A fourth grader can conduct himself better.

The Board should be transparent. Anyone should be able to view a recorded board meeting and see how things are run.

I Proposed two By law amendments that are directed to the board meetings.

The most important is:

**BMCNO Board meetings are to be conducted according to Roberts Rules of Order, or Roberts Rules. (New Proposed Bylaw).**

Robert's Rules of Order for meetings is the general standard for how nonprofit boards, committees and other estab-

lished groups govern discussions and decision-making. Most nonprofits, clubs, and groups use Robert's Rules because it ensures order and creates a ripe environment for productivity.

**All Board of Directors meetings weather on Skype, by other electronic means, in person, or in any other way are to be recorded and made available BMCNO Website for viewing by members only. (New Proposed Bylaw).**

This will allow members to view the Board meetings and probably stop the commotion.

I was contacted and asked to withdraw my proposed amendments. I declined and was told that someone from the new board will attend all 3 meeting locations and ask that everyone vote no to my proposals.

I sincerely believe that my proposals are necessary and that no revisions should be needed for years to come if they pass.

I was told the incoming Board was planning to call for volunteers from each area/chapter/group to review and propose revisions to the bylaws in April. Their choice of volunteers would include some members with more longevity in the club to give a perspective on why some of the laws are structured the way they are. The volunteers would review the laws as a group, maybe even line-by-line, and decide if each needs to be changed or not.

We have tried this before I believe that it will be a waste of time. If my By Law amendments are voted for, then By Law changes can still be looked at in April, but not necessary.

If you agree that changes need to be made, then vote YES to all amendments.

You are the Club, and these are your By Laws. They do affect you.

So please read over the current and proposed by-laws and decide for yourself.





## *November 4th's Cars and Coffee at Liz's in Mandeville by Benny Stiegler*

Saturday, November 4th's Cars and Coffee at Liz's in Mandeville brought about some cool additions to the car corral. Bob came in his freshly restored Austin Healey 3000 and Richard showed off a newly acquired Jaguar XK 140.



Showing interest beyond British borders, David came in an Alpha Romeo Spider Graduate, Paul in a Porsche and Allen with a Mazda Miata. After breakfast and hanging out with friends and their cars, we motored up Hwy. 1088 and down Fish Hatchery Road to Lacombe to visit Hugh's new shop. While there, Preston got his Jensen Healey's brake lights fixed, Cliff got new weather stripping in the MG Magnette's trunk, and we saw progress with the clutch repair on Lenny's Triumph TR6.







## ***GNARLY, DUDE! By Benny Stiegler***

BMCNO's Saturday, October 28th adventures featured Cars and Coffee with wait staff in Halloween garb at Liz's Where Y'at, and then a drive to Hammond for a visit to Gnarly Barley, where in addition to what car club people do at a brewery, we treated more costumed kiddies to free, fresh candy!







## ***BMCNO at COVINGTON'S FINAL FRIDAY by Benny Stiegler***

A dozen British cars represented our club at the Halloween version of the Columbia Street Block Party October 27th, passing out pounds of candy to the costumed kiddies. The final Final Friday of 2023 turned out to be a great evening to hang out with our BMCNO friends. See you there again







## 2023 BMCNO Memorial Rallye

Eldridge and Diane Reynolds started The Louisiana Centre MG Car Club in 1977. The next year the first E.E. Reynolds Memorial Rallye was held. We continued the tradition Saturday morning, November 18th with a not-so-serious competition, starting in Waldheim and traveling along lonesome roads and busier highways in St. Tammany and Washington Parishes. We did our best to fol-



low directions and drive at the right speed to earn points. We all became somewhat if not completely lost. But we did eventually all end up in the same place. Rick and Mary Lynne won the Grand Rallye prize. Colin and Richard came in second.



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## More BMCNO Memorial Rallye Pictures





## LED Light Bulbs by Bob Gordon

LED light bulbs have completely taken over the lighting industry, and for good reason. They are brighter, last longer and use less electricity than incandescent bulbs.



So when I purchased my 1962 MGA last year and saw how dim the exterior lighting was, I decided to convert the bulbs to LEDs. If your vehicle has a negative earth (ground) electrical system, it's a simple switch. The bulbs are readily available from the usual British car suppliers, or even eBay and Amazon. But, since my MG was still a positive earth, the conversation was more problematic.

As I found out

when I purchased some standard LED bulbs, most of them are polarity sensitive, meaning they were made to only work on a negative earth system. So after searching on eBay and the internet

I was finally able to source positive earth LED bulbs, or bulbs that were not polarity sensitive.

After switching them over on my car I was thrilled with the result. The bulbs were so much brighter and crisper than the standard units. That was until I tried the turn indicators! I didn't realize the LED bulbs use so much less amps than the stock Flasher unit in the MG wouldn't recognize the bulbs, so they didn't flash. After doing more online research, I simply purchased a new electronic flasher to replace the stock unit and all is well.

Brighten your future with LEDs!

Have fun,

Bob Gordon







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Milton Franklin

## ***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 Franklin at [densalprop@cox.net](mailto:densalprop@cox.net).



***Proposed ammendments to the BMCNO Bylaws by Ronnie Palmisano*****Proposed AMENDMENTS TO THE British Motoring Club New Orleans BY LAWS by Ronnie Palmisano**

**According to the Bylaws:** Any member in good standing, by written petition submitted to the Secretary, may propose an amendment to the By-Laws. Upon such proposal being made, the proposed amendment must be published in the next two newsletters. A copy shall be made available to each member at the next two general membership meetings and any regional meetings. Members may vote for or against said proposal, whether by ballot or by show of hands, at the general membership meeting and any regional meetings following the second publication of said proposal. If a majority of the members present and voting (including members present and voting at any regional meetings and properly executed absentee ballots) decide in favor of the proposal, the amendment shall be approved and adopted. Upon approval, notice shall be sent to each member of the Club and shall immediately become effective and binding upon all the members of the Club.

I, Ronnie Palmisano propose the following amendments to our current by-laws. **Each proposed amendment is to be voted on separately.**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 8c Each of the three satellite locations will have representation at each location by 2 members at large. The satellite locations are Baton Rouge, New Orleans, and St Tammany (North Shore) It is the duty of the Members-at-Large to represent the general club membership at Board meetings. Members-at-Large may be assigned duties as needed by the Executive Committee. (Replaces Section 8c -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).

A member running to be on the Club's Executive board must be:

Current Member At Large.

or

Have been in the club for at least 12 months. (New Proposed Bylaw).

BMCNO Board members are the only people allowed to attend Board Meetings. This includes all Executive Board members and Members at Large. (New Proposed Bylaw).

All Board of Directors meetings weather on Skype, by other electronic means, in person, or in any other way are to be recorded and made available BMCNO Website for viewing by members only. (New Proposed Bylaw).

Meeting minutes are to be taken at each of the 3 club locations and published in the next Club Newsletter, or on the Club website.





## ***Proposed ammendments to ByLaws by Ronnie Palmisano***

During Club activities and other events, members shall:

Conduct themselves in a manner that promotes cooperation among members.

Respect each other's opinions during meetings and allow each member the opportunity to present his/her views.

Refrain from making personal attacks and leave personal disputes outside of The Club's activities.

Conduct themselves in a manner which promotes a favorable public opinion of The Club and its activities/events. (New Proposed Bylaw).

Board of Directors: All Executive and Member at Large positions shall hold office for one year, with the limitation of three (3) consecutive terms in any one position. (Replaces Section 8-2 of current Bylaws. The exception to the term limitation being that of the office of Editor).

**BMCNO Board meetings are to be conducted according to Roberts Rules of Order, or Roberts Rules.** (New Proposed Bylaw).

Membership Termination 6b If a member cannot adhere to the rules of the Club and it is felt that a member's actions or activities harm the Club, its members or reputation, that member may be excused from the Club by a majority vote of the Board. (Replaces paragraph 6b.)

Dissolution. In the event that the club is dissolved any remaining assets after all obligations are met shall be distributed to any non-profit organization qualified to receive such contribution as agreed upon by the Board. (New Proposed Bylaw).

Voting: All Elections will be held by electronic means through internet and or smartphone. A special provision for using special paper ballots may be provided if necessary for those members who request them. Special Paper ballots to be generated by voting software. If a paper ballot is used, then it must be turned in to the designated recipient, appointed by the board, inside a sealed envelope. (New Proposed Bylaw using software such as Election Buddy or other).

Voting Results: Election results will be published with the number ballots cast at each location, listing number of ballots for each candidate. (New Proposed Bylaw).

Policies and practices of the Club shall support and uphold city, parish, state and federal laws, and ensure that Club events are designed within those laws. (New Proposed Bylaw).

Authority: All corporate powers and management duties shall be vested in and controlled by the





Board. The Board will meet monthly or more often as needed to conduct all business necessary for club management. The Board members will each have a single vote on all matters pertaining to the club. No obligations, debts or other liability shall be incurred on behalf of the club by any member or Board member without the specific prior approval of a majority of the Board.

(Replaces Section 4, constitution) Except as expressly authorized, no member of the Club shall have any power to contract on behalf of, or pledge the credit of the Club. No member shall have the right of action against the Club arising out of relations subsisting between the Club and any member.

Remove Section 3-b Student Members from our current Bylaws. (b) Student Members: Student membership shall be open to persons not yet eighteen (18) years of age. The written permission of one or both parents or guardians is required before elected into membership. Student members shall be entitled to the same benefits and subject to the same regulations as Full Members.

By submitting a club application, you agree to abide by the laws set forth by the Club in the By-Laws. (Replaces Section 5b) By choosing to join the Club, all new members must sign a statement agreeing to abide by the laws set forth by the Club in the By-Laws.

Any corporate action or resolution, other than the amendment of the Articles of Incorporation or the amendment of the By-Laws, may be taken or passed by affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the entire club membership. (Replaces Section 9b. Any corporate action or resolution, other than the amendment of the Articles of Incorporation or the amendment of the By-Laws, may be taken or passed by affirmative vote of a majority of the members present.

Change Section 9c A quorum of the entire membership is required for amendment of the Articles of Incorporation, amendment of the By-Laws and for the election of Board officers. A quorum will exist when 25% of the entire membership has voted. (Replaces Section 9c A quorum at a general membership meeting is required for amendment of the Articles of Incorporation, amendment of the By-Laws and election of officers. A quorum at a general membership meeting will exist when 20% of the membership is present or represented by properly executed absentee ballots in possession of the club secretary or his/her designee).

AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS Section 10. Members may vote for or against said proposal by ballot using the current method of voting, and not by using show of hands. Replaces Members may vote for or against said proposal, whether by ballot or by show of hands.





## **BMCNO Current Bylaws**

1. The Club shall be called **British Motoring Club New Orleans**, in these rules referred to as “the Club.”
2. The objectives of the Club are: (a) To promote the sport and pastime of motoring in all its branches, and in particular, to further the interest of ownership and driving of British motor vehicles. (b) To encourage the preservation, ownership, and operation of British motor vehicles; to act as a source of technical information; to provide and regulate events and exhibitions for British motor vehicles and their owners, and to offer prizes and awards in respect thereof; and to encourage careful and skillful driving on the public highways. (c) To extend to owners and drivers of British motor vehicles and their friends, and to all persons interested in motoring sports the hospitality, privileges and conveniences enjoyed in connection with the Club.
3. **ELIGIBILITY** Any person who is or has been the owner of a British motor vehicle, or who is in sympathy with the objectives of the Club, shall be eligible for membership. Membership shall be open to all irrespective of age, race, sex, creed or national origin. The classes of membership shall be: (a) Full Members: membership shall be open to all persons who own or regularly drive a British motor vehicle or are interested in British motor vehicles. (b) Student Members: Student membership shall be open to persons not yet eighteen (18) years of age. The written permission of one or both parents or guardians is required before elected into membership. Student members shall be entitled to the same benefits and subject to the same regulations as Full Members. (c) Life Members: Life membership shall be open to persons who qualify as Full Members. Life Members shall be subject to the same regulations and entitled to the same benefits as full members. Dues for Life Membership shall be a one-time fee of ten times the Full Member annual renewal rate.
4. **CONSTITUTION** Except as expressly authorized, no member of the Club shall have any power to contract on behalf of, or pledge the credit of the Club. No member shall have the right of action against the Club arising out of relations subsisting between the Club and any member.
5. **ADMISSION** The election of candidates for membership of the Club shall be effected in this manner: (a) The Membership Committee, consisting of the officers of the Club, shall review membership applications at the Officer’s Meeting and elect or reject the applicants by majority vote. If rejected, the applicant’s dues will be refunded fully. (b) By choosing to join the Club, all new members must sign a statement agreeing to abide by the laws set forth by the Club in the By-Laws.
6. **MEMBERSHIP TERMINATION** (a) Membership will automatically lapse for nonpayment of dues at due date. (b) Any member may be suspended for infraction of the Club rules by vote of a majority of the Board of Directors or for other causes if a majority of the Board of Directors shall deem such suspension to be in the best interest of the Club. Upon such suspension, the member shall be so informed in writing and shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard. Any member suspended as provided above may be presented at the next General Meeting for expulsion and shall be expelled if a majority of the members present vote to expel said member. The vote shall be by secret ballot. (c) Any member may resign by directing a letter of resignation to the Treasurer. The resignation shall be effective upon receipt, only provided all indebtedness to the Club has been paid. (d) Any and all disciplinary actions for infractions of the Club rules shall be decided solely by the Board





of Directors. (e) Dues will not be prorated for termination of membership, whether voluntary or involuntary.

7. **DURATION OF MEMBERSHIP** The term of membership shall run from July 1 to June 30 and must be renewed before the end of the term. Dues will be decided by the Board of Directors.

8. **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.

9. **MEETINGS** (a) General membership meetings shall be held once a month. Any changes in the meeting place or time shall be voted on by the Board and published in the newsletter the month preceding the change. (b) Any corporate action or resolution, other than the amendment of the Articles of Incorporation or the amendment of the By-Laws, may be taken or passed by affirmative vote of a majority of the members present. (c) A quorum at a general membership meeting is required for amendment of the Articles of Incorporation, amendment of the By-Laws and election of officers. A quorum at a general membership meeting will exist when 20% of the membership is present or represented by properly executed absentee ballots in possession of the club secretary or his/her designee. (d) The Board may appoint regional coordinators to conduct regional





meetings for the convenience of members living outside the New Orleans area. For the purposes of voting for amendments to the by-laws, amendments to Articles of Incorporation and election of officers, members present and voting at a designated regional meeting shall be considered present and voting at the General Membership meeting and shall contribute towards forming a quorum. Regional meetings at which such a vote will be taken must be prior to the General Meeting at which the vote is to be taken. The date and time of any Regional Meetings at which a vote will be taken shall be published the month before the General meeting at which the vote will be taken. (e) The Officer's Meeting shall be held two weeks before the General Meeting. The date, time and place will be decided by a simple majority of the officers. (f) A quorum at the Officer's Meeting will exist with seventy-five percent (75%) of the officers.

**10. AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS** Any member in good standing, by written petition submitted to the Secretary, may propose an amendment to the By-Laws. Upon such proposal being made, the proposed amendment must be published in the next two newsletters. A copy shall be made available to each member at the next two general membership meetings and any regional meetings. Members may vote for or against said proposal, whether by ballot or by show of hands, at the general membership meeting and any regional meetings following the second publication of said proposal. If a majority of the members present and voting (including members present and voting at any regional meetings and properly executed absentee ballots) decide in favor of the proposal, the amendment shall be approved and adopted. Upon approval, notice shall be sent to each member of the Club and shall immediately become effective and binding upon all the members of the Club.

**11. ABSENTEE VOTING** Absentee ballots must be submitted to the Secretary no later than 48 hours before the General Meeting at which any election or vote is scheduled to take place. Valid absentee ballots in possession of the Secretary or his or her designee at a General Meeting shall count towards a quorum when voting on amendment of the Articles of Incorporation, amendment of the By-Laws and election of officers.

**12. NEWSLETTER** A newsletter shall be published once a month before the General Club membership meeting.

**13. ACTIVITIES** All events are required to follow the recognized rules and procedures that apply to that event at time of execution. Any illegal or unsafe act is prohibited.

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President:	Karen Murray	504-236-7509	karenmurray70003@gmail.com
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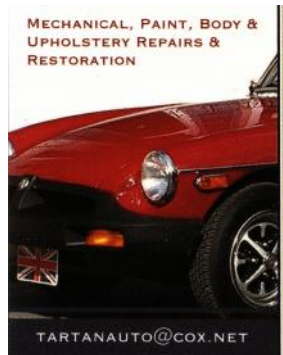
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Good luck to all incoming 2024 BMCNO Board members.

President	Colin McCormick
Vice President	Greg Roussel
Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Vacant
Newsletter Editor	Benny Stiegler.
Member at Large:	
	Allen Bradley
	Andrew Doran
	Rick Huber
	Roger Jeffrey
	David Jones
	Dan McGovern
	Bobby Spann



**BMCNO Notices, Classified Ads, and Announcements****Tartan Automotive, LLC**

1316 Fulton Street

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Restoration, Mechanical, Paint, Body and Upholstery Repairs, T. Keith Vezina Proprietor



Austin-Healey 100-6. Older restoration still in very nice condition. Located in Mandeville. Call Rick at 225-571-7064. It's only \$42,500 OBO



For Sale - 1963 Morris Minor Convertible. Engine rebuild, transmission changed, wiring harness partially installed, new floor pans and frame rails, new radiator. If interested make an offer for the car. Jack Kennedy 504-635-9939



TR3 Parts - Long block and complete rear end available. Engine # TS39559. Free to a good home. Call John at 225-266-7322.



1952 MG TD. Formerly Reg Dunbar's car. Very close to road worthy. Needs a fuel pump and a brake job. Brand new tires/ powder coated rims. Very clean car. Front fender dent. Asking \$6,000. In St. Francisville. Call Hank at 225-937-7912.

1971 MGB. Dark green/Autumn Leaf, A/C, Overdrive, SS exhaust, knock off mini-lites, brand new tires. Everything works. Runs/ drives great. Family health issue forces sale. \$9,500. Wants to sell to a club member. Located in Baton Rouge. Call Rick at 225-





**BMCNO Notices, Classified Ads, and Announcements**

**New Stainless Steel Complete Exhaust System for Triumph TR6.** New, never installed. Includes all stainless steel brackets and clamps needed to install. For 1974-1976 TR6 with dual pipes. Sells for \$575.00 plus shipping from England. Sell for \$495.00 Contact Ronnie at [Ronniepalmisano@gmail.com](mailto:Ronniepalmisano@gmail.com)



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[Ronniepalmisano@gmail.com](mailto:Ronniepalmisano@gmail.com)



**New Tufted Carpet Set - Black - Triumph TR7 Coupe.** From England. \$255.00

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**New Triumph TR7 Original Seat Trim Covers - Vinyl with Vertical Pleats.** Purchased from Rimmer Brothers in England, but never used. Rimmer sells for \$516 plus shipping. Yours for \$425.00

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## BMCNO Membership Application

*Print this form to submit your application.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you learn of BMCNO? \_\_\_\_\_

What other car clubs do you belong? \_\_\_\_\_

Include information in the Online Web Directory    yes\_\_\_ no\_\_\_

Please list me as ICE, (In Case of Emergency) willing to render assistance to members who break down in my area.    yes\_\_\_ no\_\_\_

### BRITISH CAR INFORMATION

#### 1st CAR

Make: \_\_\_\_\_

Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Body Style: \_\_\_\_\_

Color: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2nd CAR

Make: \_\_\_\_\_

Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Body Style: \_\_\_\_\_

Color: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 3rd CAR

Make: \_\_\_\_\_

Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Body Style: \_\_\_\_\_

Color: \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership - \$25 per year due July 1<sup>st</sup>.**

### Payable as follows:

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

⇒ **PayPal** - [www.clubregistration.net](http://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 \_\_\_\_\_





**SAVE THE DATE!**

***Saturday, March 23, 2024***

***British Motoring Club New Orleans Presents***

# ***British Motoring Festival 2024***



***Where: Tammany Trace Covington Trailhead  
and Firehouse Events Center***

***419 N New Hampshire, Covington, LA 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.***

***Be a part of BMCNO's 32<sup>nd</sup> annual show by entering your  
British car or motorcycle, or come by to visit!***



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# VTR South Central Regionals 2024

A Confluence of Triumphs



## South Central VTR 2024 Regional May 30—June 1 2024



Your host: the St Louis Triumph Owners Association

Preparations are underway for the 2024 South Central region VTR convention. Mail-in and online registration forms are available now at [www.sltoa.org/vtr24info.htm](http://www.sltoa.org/vtr24info.htm)

### Events

A variety of driving and enthusiast events are planned for the convention, such as:

- ◆ Breakfast and dinner runs
- ◆ Self-guided drives such as "The Confluence Tour"
- ◆ "Gearhead Drive" to local collectible/special interest auto dealerships
- ◆ Winery tour
- ◆ Poker Run
- ◆ Daily tech sessions
- ◆ Time/Speed/Distance Rally (Self-guided, using the Richta Rally App)
- ◆ Autocross
- ◆ Le Mans Start

### Host Hotel/Triumph Central



#### The Sheraton Westport Chalet

191 Westport Plaza Drive,  
St Louis, MO  
(314)878-1500

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When you call, mention the Vintage Triumph Register for the \$139 rate.