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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Colin McCormick



Happy New Year to all British Motoring Club New Orleans members! I am looking forward to us having an exciting year of motoring adventures. A club board meeting was held Wednesday, January 3rd to discuss all the events we have planned for the near future and the months ahead. Please let your coordinator know your ideas and concerns about the club so they can be addressed. Communicating through the coordinators is key to the success of our club. I and perhaps some other club officers will be attending each of the area meetings in January so we all can get better acquainted on a personal level. Until then keep calm and drive on!

Colin McCormick
BMCNO President



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**Get in touch with your
BMCNO board members
anytime by phone call,
text, email or in person.**



BMCNO Upcoming Events

As your British Motoring Club New Orleans Vice President, it is my duty to act as Activities Director. Since I'm always looking for a good time anyway, it is a pleasure to schedule and coordinate events for everyone. In addition to our regular Cars and Coffee gatherings and our monthly meetings, here are events we have scheduled so far for the next several months. —Greg Roussel

Automotive Technical School Visits This month we are scheduling visits to local trade schools to share our British cars with the students. Many of them have never seen fun, simple, stylish, easy to work on cars like ours up close and in person. Many have no experience with things like twin carburetors and distributors. What better way to generate interest than to bring our cars to young car enthusiasts and future car industry professionals. Your area coordinator will be telling you where and when.



Baton Rouge Cruise February 3. We'll meet at the Bear Creek Western Store at 35999 LA-16 in Montpelier, LA at 9:30, shop for 30 minutes, and head off on the back roads of LA/MS heading to the Lynyrd Skynyrd Memorial and then over to Osyka, MS for lunch. After lunch we'll do some more back roads driving and might stop at Smitty's in Roseland, LA before calling it a day and heading back home.

Drive Your Triumph Day Drive 'em if you've got 'em. February 10th is International Drive Your Triumph Day in honor of Sir John Black, who was chairman of Standard-Triumph and started the TR line of sports cars. Join thousands of other Triumph enthusiasts by posting a photo of you with your car. You'll find more information on page 21 of this newsletter.



Middendorf's Run On February 25th we'll be making our annual visit to Middendorf's Restaurant in Manchac. It's been a club tradition for about the past 30 years. Drive there in your British car with your area club members. It's a fun road trip from wherever you are, and then we'll enjoy some good food together. Arrive by 11 a.m. The Middendorf's staff always does an amazing job of accommodating our large group.





MORE BMCNO Upcoming Events



Covington St. Patrick's Parade on Saturday, March 16th. It's the Covington Celtic Club's 6th annual parade, and our members have participated every year. It's fun to see how the crowd reacts to our cars, and there's a big block party at the end. Contact Benny Stiegler if you'd like to participate.

British Motoring Festival, our club's 32nd annual show, is March 23rd at the **Tammany Trace Covington Trailhead and Firehouse Events Center**. All BMCNO members are encouraged to enter one or more cars online now at bmcno.org, and order a car show shirt. We'll have a Friday night reception at the Firehouse. 6 p.m. the night before our show. Contact any board member if you haven't yet volunteered to help. Show information is on page 20 of this newsletter and on our website at bmcno.org.



Brits on the Bay in Pensacola and Natchez Concours d'Elegance are both on April 20th. Take your pick. Our members have participated in both of these excellent shows. The Natchez show took the place of Natchez EuroFest and is hosted by Natchez' favorite Brit Richard Branyan and the Rolls-Royce Owner's Club. Pensacola's Seville Square is the sight for the Panhandle British Car Association's 29th show.

BMCNO Crawfish Boil, another long club tradition, will be held this year on May 5th at Fontainebleau State Park in Mandeville. It's another fun drive in your British car from wherever you are, and always a large turnout. We'll send more information as it gets closer.





Monthly Club Meetings

Baton Rouge

2nd Tuesday of the month

Dinner at 6, Meeting starts at 7 p.m.

Cafe American, 7521 Jefferson Hwy at Lobdell, Baton Rouge

Northshore

3rd Wednesday of the month

Dinner at 6, Meeting starts at 7 p.m.

Coscino's Italian Grill, 1809 N Causeway Blvd, Mandeville

South Shore

Last Tuesday of the month

Dinner at 6, Meeting starts at 7 p.m.

Original Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy, Harahan



BMCNO Cars and Coffee

South Shore

Third Saturday of every month 8 a.m. Chateau Coffee Café, 139 Allen Toussaint Blvd, New Orleans

NorthShore

Every Saturday at 8 a.m., Liz's Where Y'at Diner 2500 Florida St, Mandeville

Baton Rouge

Every Saturday at 7 a.m., the Warehouse Restaurant, 12328 S Choctaw Dr, Baton Rouge





January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Board Meeting	4	5	6 BR and NS Cars & Coffee
7	8	9 Baton Rouge Meeting	10	11	12	13 NS Cars & Coffee NS and BR
14	15	16	17 Mandeville Meeting	18	19	20 NS, BR and N.O. Cars & Coffee
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Cars & Coffee BR and NS
28	29	30 Harahan Meeting	31			

February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 BR cruise NS Cars & Coffee
4	5	6	7 Board Meeting	8	9	10 NS & BR Cars & Coffee Drive Your Triumph Day
11	12	13 BR Meeting MARDI GRAS	14	15	16	17 Northshore Baton Rouge and N.O. Cars & Coffee
18	19	20	21 Mandeville Meeting	22	23	24 Cars & Coffee BR & NS
25 Middendorf's Run	26	27 Harahan Meeting	28	29		



2023 Memorial Rally

 by Rick Huber

A dozen cars participated in the 2023 Memorial Rally on Saturday, November 18th. What was first called the E E Reynolds Memorial Rally, which was first held in 1978, honoring the founding members of the club who had passed away, is now called The Memorial Rally. In the past the tradition was that the person/crew who won each year's rally put on the next year's rally. But interest began to wane as it became a competition to avoid winning. We're now continuing the Memorial Rally tradition where we pray for/honor club members who have passed in the previous year, and then drive somewhere together and have lunch. On this drive we were honoring long time club members Richard (Dick) Prestridge, Richard (Dick) Yott and Debbie Duplechin..



This time we had Wally and Lulu Waguespack, master rally planners/designers, who were happy to continue the Rally tradition with this year's get together in Waldheim, north of Abita Springs. We met at the Backroads Mercantile store on Hwy 21.

Participants were:

Robert Rougelot and Lenny Dunn - MGB
Colin McCormick and Richard Duperon - Subaru
Carol Benson and Wayne Garness - Jaguar XK8
Dan McGovern and Bobby Turner - MG Midget
Michael and Carolyn Gerhold - MG TD
David Jones and Carl Guichard - MGB GT
Lee Matthews and Danny Weil - AH Replica
Keith Vezina and Allen Bradley - in Keith's MGB
Darrell & Margaret Damare - Triumph TR6
Chris & Michele in their - MGB
Benny & Lilly Stiegler - AH Sprite
Rick & Mary Lynne Huber - Jaguar E-Type



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2023 Memorial Rally

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Most people arrived late, so Wally dispensed with the customary driver's meeting and car line-up, which made for a very hectic start and consequently made it difficult to keep up with who was in which car number at the end. Wally had to round up drivers and give everyone instructions individually with the 3 minutes between each car's departure. The first car was out at 9:10. In future rallies, if Wally is involved, we'll postpone the start of the rally if a large number of participants aren't available for a driver's meeting and line up.



Once each car was off, it was a merry time driving around the back roads north of Covington and Abita Springs, trying to follow the directions, locate all the checkpoints, answer all the questions from signs along the way, follow the speed limits including the warning signs, and make all the correct turns to stay on the rally path and try to keep the time close to the recorded but unknown time. All went pretty well until about 2/3 of the way through, one turn with a typo saying turn left when it was intended to be right. Then the fun really began with everybody figuring out some kind of way to get back on track or back to the finishing spot, which was the same Backroads Mercantile store where we started. A few people recognized the error and turned around right away, others went farther off course before turning around, many used phones to figure out where they were, and a few had to open the "I'm lost" envelope to find out where the ending point was and make their way back on their own. All in good fun.



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**2023 Memorial Rally***(continued from page 9)*

We all got back, and Wally and Lulu frenetically scored our entry sheets as each car arrived and reported their number. Scoring was relatively simple. One point for each of the 92 planned minutes of the route minus one point for each minute slower or faster than the plan. With the wrong turn, everyone was slower. To that was added 5 points for each question answered, a total of 12 fill-in-the-blank questions

from the route and four British automotive history bonus questions at the end. The total number of points without the bonus questions was 152. The winning car was Rick and Mary Lynne Huber with a score of 151. Colin McCormick and Richard Duperon were second with 149 points.



The margin of victory came down to one bonus question. What British car was produced with a Chevrolet engine? The answer was the Gordon-Keeble, and the only reason Rick knew the answer was that Pat & Barbara Cashman brought their Gordon-Keeble to the Euro Fest in Ridgeland on October 13th. Rick, noticing the Chevrolet valve covers, asked Pat if he had put the Chevy engine in it. Pat said, no, it came that way from the factory, that's the original engine.

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2023 Memorial Rally

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There was plenty of story telling and route rehashing in the Backroads Mercantile parking lot after most of the group had finished while we waited for the three (anonymous) participants who returned later from the opposite direction as the planned route. Once they arrived, it was time for everybody to head to the Abita Brew Pub for lunch and more stories of the fun Memorial Rally day. Thanks to Wally and Lulu for all the time and effort it takes to put on such an event. We all sincerely appreciate it and hope we get to do it again next year.



View these and many more photos on our website at BMCNO.org
and our Facebook page at facebook.com/BMCNO.



Harahan Christmas Parade

by Dan McGovern

December 2023 was a busy month for the British Motoring Club New Orleans . In addition to the normal Christmas Holiday Season rush we had several club events.

Saturday, December 9th was the Harahan Christmas Parade. Many Northshore, GNO and Baton Rouge members participated in the parade this year. Overall, we had a record 28 British cars! The high participation was probably because the club's Christmas party was held immediately after the parade, and the weather was very nice.

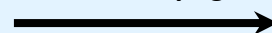


The weather was indeed very nice, but also quite warm for December, and several of our little British Cars had problems along the parade route. As far as I know none of the problems were very serious, just the normal overheating from idling too long, fouled plugs from over rich mixture settings, and one I believe was a fuel additive that did not mix well in the tank and the engine did not like running on the additive by itself.

It is a relatively short parade and was very enjoyable overall. My little Midget 1500 managed to get to almost 210 degrees on my gauge near the end of the parade. It took it a few blocks after the parade to clear the plugs before it started running normal again. The temperature dropped down to 170 degrees quickly. The parade route was quite crowded and everyone seemed to enjoy our cars as we drove along.



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Harahan Christmas Parade

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More Harahan Christmas Parade

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BMCNO Christmas Party

by Dan McGovern



On Saturday December 9th BMCNO gathered for our annual Christmas Party held this year after the Harahan parade. A big club thank you to our great party 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.

All of the cars from the parade parked along the street in front of the Bradley's home. We lined several blocks on both sides of the street. We had 78 people at the event and everyone really enjoyed it. The food was great. The weather was perfect. The tables and chairs flowed from the garage, down the driveway and around the front yard.



People gathered everywhere including along the line of Little British Cars and inspected each other's vehicles. Allen said it was a lot of work planning for the party, but everyone there agreed it was one of our best club events ever! Thanks again to Allen and Susan.





*More BMCNO
Christmas Party*





*Still More BMCNO
Christmas Party*





December Northshore Meeting by Dan McGovern

Wednesday, December 20th was our monthly BMCNO Northshore Meeting held at Coscino's Italian Grill. We had a very large turnout and filled the room. Santa left a bag of home-made Chex mix at each seat in the room prior to our arrival. (I think in this case Santa was Carolyn Gerhold) The Chex mix used cashews instead of peanuts and had some other good stuff in it. They were very appreciated. Some of us even got an extra bag to take home as well.

At the meeting we went over some of the upcoming events in 2024 and Benny provided a very nice presentation as always. Some of our members entertained us with performances in Christmas music videos.

The upcoming British Motoring Festival on March 23rd at the Covington Trailhead is not far away. Colin talked about some of the things that will need to be done and any and all help is appreciated. Colin also plans to attend all of the club's January branch meetings to introduce himself as the new president.



December Baton Rouge Meeting by Bobby Spann

What a great meeting tonight at Cafe' American! Another group had reserved the back room, so we got the big 'new' front room for free! Members present were Rick Huber, Tom Miller, Darrell Dumare, me, Harry & Debra Landry (new), Rick & Kay Mol, Milton & Annette Franklin, Charlie & Jean Brown, Les Landon, Kenny Herbold and Larry & Cathy Kelly. We talked about past events - The rally in Covington where most got lost and Rick & Mary Lynne ended up winning! It ended at the Abita Brew Pub, so everyone got some good food out of it, too. At the Harahan Christmas parade we had 28 LBCs in it! Afterward Allen and Susan Bradley hosted the 2023 BMCNO Christmas Party and it was a huge success! We talked about the BMCNO Board getting things done for the 2024 car show (Baton Rouge will stuff goody bags), then we had a Christmas costume contest with 5 members... Annette Franklin won a \$25 gift card from AMC Movie Theater, and I won a \$30 gift card from Auto Zone! I want to especially thank the "elf" and "leprechaun" who didn't show up! LOL





December 30th Northshore Cars and Coffee by Dan McGovern

Every Saturday of every month BMCNO Northshore holds Cars and Coffee at Liz's Where Y'at Café in Mandeville. Some BMCNO members come to all of them, some to just a few, and some don't know what they are missing out on by not attending any of them. Some club members from other branches also attend. Some members bring their little British Cars, some bring some of their other toy cars, and some bring their normal daily driver, and in one case even an electric bike.



Almost every Saturday after breakfast several members drive around the Northshore over varying routes for approximately an hour. The rides generally end at the Covington Trailhead, the site of our March 2024 British Car Festival, to let out all that coffee from breakfast.

At the final Cars and Coffee for 2023 Benny Stiegler played Santa this time and presented everyone there a custom made 2024 calendar with pictures of our British cars at various events on each month's page. The final 2023 Cars and Coffee had close to, if not a record turn-out. We filled our normal long table and two or three overflow tables. You have to get there really early to sit at the long table!



Naturally, we allow anyone to drive any vehicle, but we do try and keep the non-British cars to the back of the line. Recently the "new" cars that showed up at breakfast were Terry Lopez's 1967 Mustang, and Robbie Robertson's new to him 1959 Morris Minor.





January 6th Baton Rouge Cars and Coffee by Bobby Spann

Meanwhile in the capitol city, the group kicked off the New Year Saturday January 6th at the Warehouse Restaurant on South Choctaw Drive in Baton Rouge. After a rainy Friday night it was a cloudy and chilly Saturday morning. Still we had 13 BMCNO members and five Little British Cars in attendance. Afterward Milton Franklin went over some details for our Baton Rouge Rally this coming February 3rd. We're all expecting it to be a fun drive.

*Cruise Safe,
Roving Reporter*



From Bob and Linda Gordon in New Orleans

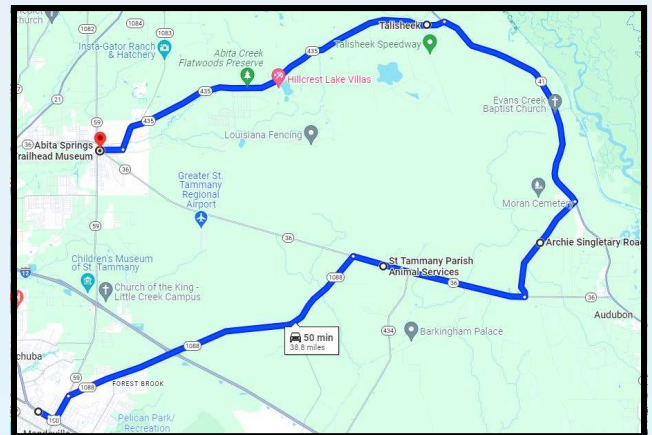


*Because life is too short
to drive boring cars*



Northshore Cars and Coffee January 6th ***by Benny Stiegler***

Early January weather usually isn't ideal for driving little convertibles, even in south Louisiana. But what can stop this group? We had a big turnout, loaded up on coffee, eggs, grits, pancakes and such, and after checking our engines a demand for a drive brought us from Mandeville to Talisheek, then west to Abita Springs. I drove my little Spitfire top down with gloves, three shirts and a jacket to help keep the frigidness somewhat at bay.



BLAST FROM THE PAST

From our January 2000 Morris Gazette Newsletter



Peter's New Building by Jim Jones

Peter Brauen, long time club member and owner of BMC Restorations, is well on his way to having a 50'X40' metal building for his British car repair business. Peter and his wife Melissa purchased a piece of land not long ago north of Kiln, Miss.





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 32nd annual show by entering your
British car or motorcycle, or come by to visit!**



Register now online and order your show t-shirt at bmcno.org

Friday night reception March 22nd 6 p.m. at the Firehouse 432 N Theard St, Covington



Dear Triumph Enthusiast,

Drive Your Triumph Day is just around the corner on Saturday, February 10, 2024. I'm Rye Livingston, a proud member of the Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club located in Northern California, and I wanted to extend an invitation to all Triumph and Standard owners worldwide to join us in commemorating Sir John Black's Birthday. This visionary individual orchestrated Standard's acquisition of Triumph post-World War II, paving the way for the incredible cars we cherish today.



Participating is easy – on February 10th, take your Triumph or Standard out for a spin. Whether it's a solo drive on a scenic country road, a leisurely outing to lunch, or a commute to work, seize the moment. Bring along your spouse, friend, child, grandchild, or even your furry companion, and take a photo. The focus should be on the car, ideally with the owner or passenger situated against a cool backdrop, landmark, scenic vista, or even in your driveway. If it's the middle of the winter where you live and your car is in hibernation, or in the middle of a restoration, take a photo of it in the garage. Embrace creativity and have fun with it!

Once you've captured the moment, email a high-resolution photo to driveyourtriumphday@gmail.com, accompanied with some basic details: owner's name, year and model of car, and place photo was taken (city, state, country). The photos will then be published not only in our club newsletter and website, but also in USA's national magazine: Vintage Triumph Registry, and on the Drive Your Triumph Day Facebook page.



Since its inception in 2016, Drive Your Triumph Day has gained remarkable traction. I've received hundreds of photos from participants across the globe: England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, Uruguay, Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, Finland, Canada, Holland, Czech Republic, and the USA. With this year's event falling on a Saturday, I'm hopeful that we'll have even more participants!



Milton Franklin

Calling all British Motorcycle Owners



It has been suggested that the club work to increase the number of British Motorcycle owners. If any-one 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.





Racing with Robbie ***by Robbie Robertson***



The first SCCA Road Race I saw was at the “The Big D” Daytona International Raceway. It was the 1969 Runoffs. I said right then and there, “I want to do that!” Next to our car was this red GT with very little signage. I asked the Japanese man driving it what it was, “Datsun 240Z, new car coming out soon!”

The first time I drove the banks of Daytona was August 22, 1976. Marian accompanied me along with the unofficial Spridget Race Team; two G Production Sprites, an H production “Bugeye” Sprite and my F Production AH Sprite. Marian set me up, as she asked me, “How did you like it?” I said, “Wow, it was great, I could do it all day long!” Everyone around my car started to laugh. I asked, “What is going on?” They said, “Marian said you would say that!”

I had a 4.22 rear gear in the car so I could not go as fast down the back straight as a car with a 3.9 rear gear out of a Morris Minor.

As a side note, in the seventies there was no “Bus Stop Chicane” at the end of the back straight. We would go into the East Bank at full speed. This all changed when Peter Graves had a right front shock tower failure on his 911 Porsche going into the East Bank. The stock cars have built up right front suspensions, but they do not have to turn right in their races. The only things we got out of the car were Peter and the roll cage. To slow sports cars down, Daytona installed the chicane. I was the Gold Coast PCA photographer at the time.



Daytona in the seventies Notice the small Grandstand!



On Saturdays race I realized that I was graded second, so the fastest 4.22 rear gear Sprites and Midgets. The first place Sprite had a 3.9 rear gear so I could not beat him. I strategized how to beat the other 4.22 F-Production Spridgets. As we drove the Pace Lap, I realized that I would be behind a TR4 in E-Production. I stayed on his bumper holding off a white and red striped MG Midget. When we hit the back straight, I drafted the TR4, and the white and red Midget shrank in my rear-view mirror. After a few laps, the TR4 slowed down, so I passed him. As the race was ending, a TR3 blew its engine going into the East Bank. The rod cap bounced off

the track surface and was headed for my head, so I moved up the track, missing the cap by twelve inches. A friend of mine handed out the trophies and told the audience that I had driven a very smart race to wind up second. From the tower he had seen my drafting of the TR4.





Racing with Robbie (continued from page 8)



The next day, Sunday, I lost my engine. Number 3 rod came through the side of the block. It seems that the Woodruff Key had ridden up on the crank shaft, causing the harmonic balancer to crack so that when I came down off the Tri Oval into the infield, the crack acted like a scoop, and as the oil surged forward it would be scooped out the front of the engine. Eventually, there was no oil and the number three bearing spun and the rod came through the side of the engine. I had not noticed the smoke as I was braking and setting up the first turn into the infield.

I drove "The Big D" again in August of 1977 with a 3.9 rear-end gear. I was living in Tallahassee by then and had a new machine shop. They had put seals on the intake valves so the intakes would seize up. The Spridgets Race Team helped me with the head, and I was ready for Sunday. It rained, so my dry tires were not up to the challenge, and I wound up sixth.

I never ran Daytona again as I concentrated on winning the 1979 F-Production Florida Region Championship. After that I raced into 1980, but had to stop because of my family growing, and the money I made rebuilding British Sports Cars went to the cost of raising a family and not racing.

My son Robert and I enjoyed going to the 24 Hours of Daytona for 20 years. The difference in the size of the crowd grew very much over the years, becoming exceedingly popular.

The Roar Before the Rolex 24 is on January 18-21, 2024, and the Rolex 24 at Daytona is January 24-28, 2024. You should attend. When I attend the 24, I have many memories of being on the track in my little Spridget.



Tech Tip:

Fasten tie raps around the spark plug wires so you know which wire goes to which. Very important with six cylinders, as I bought a TR-6 for \$1,000.00 that was not running right and all I did was reverse number 3 and 4 plug wires. I then sold the car for \$3,500.00.



The Archival Vault by Lee H. Matthews

The 1967 MGB GT Special was a limited-edition car sold by the factory to USA retailers to commemorate the first anniversary of the MGB coupe. The brochure said that it was "The most important sale in MG History." A total of 1,000 cars were factory built. These were not a separate factory model but presented to dealers with a package of no-cost options including wire wheels, leather upholstery, racing mirrors, a wooden steering wheel and wooden gearshift knob.

In addition, the package had front fender badging just in front of the door, which indicated it was a special. The rectangle badge had an octagon shaped Union Jack and the lettering MGB/GT SPECIAL. Although later that year the package, MINUS the special fender badging could be ordered through a dealer to any stock MGB GT at an extra cost.



If you have an interest in British car history consider contributing some information yourself, or ask me to research what I hope will become a regular part of our Newsletter.

Lee Matthews

Announcing the most important sale in MG history...
THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY
MGB/GT SPECIAL

Right now MG dealers across the country are commemorating the anniversary of the first popular-priced authentic GT—the MGB/GT.

In honor of the occasion, they're offering MGB/GT's in a special edition. Each one will have all the extras MGB/GT's come with plus a special anniversary package.

Only 1,000 First Anniversary MGB/GT Specials will be available in the entire U.S.A. So don't wait. See your MG dealer before he runs out.



THIS SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY PACKAGE FREE . . .

Official plaque in full color designating the GT as one of only 1,000 Specials.

... PLUS ALL THESE EXTRAS AT NO EXTRA COST ON EVERY MGB/GT:

- 16-inch wood rimmed steering wheel with matching Australian coach wood shift knob.
- Large electric tachometer and full sports car instrumentation.
- 4-speed gear box with short throw stick shift.
- Oil cooler for better engine performance, less engine wear.
- Vibrationless non-glare racing type wing mirror.
- 80-spoke wire wheels, center lock type. Retail value over \$100.
- Twin S.U. carburetors for quick acceleration.
- Hydraulic disc brakes with big 10 3/4-inch discs. Self-adjusting. Fade-free.
- Fully adjustable English leather bucket seats.
- Heavy-duty competition-proved suspension for remarkable road-holding.

MGB Convertible, MG Midget, and Austin Healey Sprite also available. See your MG/Austin Healey Dealer Now.

NOVEMBER 1967





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

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

<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/stlsi-sheraton-westport-chalet-hotel-st-louis/overview/>

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



We welcome all new members Join our club using this form
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BMCNO Membership Application

Print this form to submit your application.

Name: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Address: _____ Birthday Month Only: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mobile: _____ Home Phone: _____ Spouse Mobile: _____

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				
Make	Model	Year	Color	Body Style

Membership - \$25 per year due July 1st.

Payable as follows:

- ⇒ On Line: <https://www.bmcno.org/join-bmcno/>
- ⇒ Check payable to "British Motoring Club New Orleans (BMCNO)" and return to:
British Motoring Club New Orleans, P.O. Box 73213 , Metairie, LA 70033
- ⇒ 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 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 _____



Classified Ads and Spares For Sale



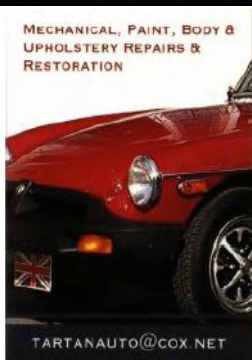
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