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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Colin McCormick



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Welcome to the June edition of the Morris Gazette.

We are settling in for the summer, a typically slower time for activities what with members' traveling plans and weather that is not quite as pleasant for motoring. I know my Alpine lets me know how it feels about motoring about in 90+ weather.

Last month over 70 members and guests enjoyed excellent crawfish and sides, as well as a wide array of scrumptious desserts at our annual Crawfish

Boil in beautiful Fontainebleau State Park. As we did last year, the perfectly spiced hot crawdads were purchased right out of the boiling pot from Northshore Seafood in Mandeville. It was great to visit with everyone there, and a splendid time was had by all.

Father's Day weekend, this coming Saturday, we are invited to the vintage airplane collection of the Big Easy Wing of the Commemorative Air Force in their hanger at New Orleans Lakefront Airport. I enjoyed the visit last year, and may spring for a Stearman biplane tour over the city this year. Details are on pages 5 and 17 of this newsletter.

We have set the date and location for our annual club birthday party. Longtime club members Alice and Mike Glore have invited us to their home in Destrehan for the party on Saturday, August 9th. Mike has recommended a local caterer the club will use. Details will be forthcoming.

We're planning to schedule more frequent tech sessions to be held at member's garages in all three of our club's regions, New Orleans, Northshore and Baton Rouge. BMCNO will provide funds for breakfast items and drinks. You'll be getting email from your area coordinators with dates, times and locations.

We always welcome ideas for club activities. Please let your regional coordinator know about your ideas so they can be passed to our board and put on our schedule.

Keep Cool, Calm and Drive On,

Colin McCormick





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Our weekly Cars and Coffee gatherings are very popular and give you a chance to get out in your car before the heat sets in. In addition to that and our monthly meetings we hope you can participate in these other events.



Big Easy Wing, Saturday, June 14th BMCNO is again invited to bring our British cars to New Orleans Lakefront Airport for the Commemorative Air Force's "flight day" and a special Flag Day ceremony. Visitors can purchase rides on their 1943 Boeing Stearman biplane and see our cars in the hangar while there. Food and drink will be available for purchase. You can schedule a plane ride at <u>https://bigeasywing.org/</u>. The website says Low Stock, so you might want to book now. Plan to arrive at the airport by 9:30 a.m. A group of us will drive from Mandeville, leaving from Liz's at 8:30.

BMCNO Anniversary Party Saturday, August 9th

Join your friends to celebrate our club's 48th anniversary at Mike and Alice Gore's unique and stylish home in Destrehan. Wow! 48 years! Just think, when our club began you could buy a new MG B or Triumph Spitfire! Details coming soon.





Brits on the Bluff, Saturday, September 20th English Motoring Club of Mississippi's 27th annual show in Natchez starting with a Friday driving adventure and a Friday

night party. Then spend Saturday with your car club friends on the bluff overlooking the Mississippi River. See details and registration form on page 19, or contact John Turbeville (601) 940–5288 or Gene Johnston (601) 941–4892.

Distinguished Gentleman's Drive Sept. 28th

Join the worldwide fundraiser for men's health and enjoy a dapper Sunday morning drive with a police motorcycle escort through historic New Orleans. Save the date. Details coming soon.





SABCC British Car Festival, Saturday, October 18th The 35th annual show in Fairhope, Alabama this year celebrates the Morgan Car Company. It's another favorite weekend for our club, and another great British car show. Information and online registration open now at <u>https://sabcc.org/british-car-festival</u>.

See their flyer on page 21.

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Monthly Club Meetings

2nd Tuesday of the month Dinner at 6, Meeting starts at 7 p.m. Cafe American, 7521 Jefferson Hwy at Lobdell, BR

Northshore

3rd Wednesday of the month Dinner at 6, Meeting starts at 7 p.m. Coscino's Italian Grill, 1809 N Causeway, Mandeville

South Shore

Last Tuesday of the month Dinner at 6, Meeting starts at 7 p.m. Original Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy, Harahan Carol Benson selling 50/50 tickets at our Mandeville meeting





South Shore

First and third Saturday of every month 8 a.m. Chateau Café, 139 Allen Toussaint Blvd, N.O. NorthShore

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

Third Saturday at The Toasted Yolk, 206 Lake Drive, Covington

Baton Rouge

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









June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 N.O., NS & BR Cars & Coffee
8	9	10 Baton Rouge Meeting	11	12	13	14 NS & BR Cars & Coffee Big Easy Wing
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July 2025

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Baton Rouge Cars and Coffee May 10th

What a great morning...and NO rain! Well, it didn't start very good; I channeled Mark Huber and stubbed my little toe on an antique cabinet when I woke up! But just an hour later we had a huge crowd at the Warehouse with our own "Reserved" table!!! SIX little British cars in the lot and a vintage 4x4 and a Mustang.



Then four cars headed to Zachary for the Cars and Coffee and Flea Market: Rick AH,

Chris MGB, Milton and Annette TR-6 and the Roving Reporter MGB with a recycled door latch! Nice little crowd with some outstanding cars. Annette went to check out the farmers market, but she was too short to access the child proof gate on the (new) park fence and had to go around! Nice cruise home - again, NO rain. Can't wait till Charlie has his AH on the road and the Spridget Group's Midget joins us. *—Roving Reporter*





Meanwhile, in Baton Rouge... May 17th

What a surprise! Milton and Annette Franklin rolled up to the Warehouse Saturday morning in their "Spridget Group" restoration. And boy, did it look good in Primrose yellow! Milton donated the car and he and Charlie Brown, Rick Huber, Tom Halbert and Cathy Kelly restored it from the ground up over several years. After sorting some fuel issues, it seems to be running good now and soon the group members will be taking turns driving it to club events.

We had a nice group at breakfast, and it was nice to see Mark was back on the clutch pedal. I brought my >50mm socket set, but it still wasn't big enough to undo Rick's axle nut! --Roving Reporter



May 17th Cars and Coffee in Covington

We had a good crowd at Toasted Yolk, our change of pace place every third Saturday, and a nice collection of British motors in the parking lot. Some of the guys headed toward the backroads for a spirited drive.









BMCNO Annual Crawfish Boil Sunday, May 18th

It was a great gathering of British Motoring friends and family at our club's annual Crawfish Boil in Fontainebleau State Park. We had a beautiful day to get together, and we made 230 pounds of crawfish disappear, along with corn, sausage and a table filled with delicious desserts. Thanks to everyone for participating and making it a fun event! And special thanks to Lenny Dunn and Rick Taggart for the annual washing of the bowls. They had it done before we left!



























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From our June 1991 Morris Gazette Newsletter

This club was placed under a demand of expulsion from it's chosen picnic spot in Bay St. Louis! Under the guidance of Peter Brauen, we managed to find the only grumpy man in town. Who kept saying something about private property and trespassing. He told us to remove both our cars and ourselves from the site. So much for lunch!

Austin-Healey Conclave 202

The Austin-Healey Club of America held Conclave 2025 in Branson, Missouri May 18th through the 25th. It's the closest location for the annual event in the 15 years we've been driving our Healey, so my brother Mark and I made the 515 mile drive up there on May 18th. Club members Peter and Melissa Brauen and Brad and Lonnie Mayo trailered their Healeys up there for the event. Branson is a fun place to go, both for all the hilly, winding, two-lane roads in the area and for all the sights, attractions, shows and fishing. The weather was fabulous - lows in the 50s, highs in the low 80s, a little rain, but mostly on the way there, then at night.



by Rick Huber

The club put us up in the Chateau on the Lake Resort, I heard it's the only 4-star resort in the area. Nice accommodations - indoor parking for when it rained, 10 story building, plenty of meeting rooms and banquet rooms. It looked like about 150 cars registered for the event, but I only counted about 100 at the show. Still, it was the biggest gathering of Healeys I have ever seen, and it was quite an impressive display. Peter won first place in our five car Mk III BJ8 Phase I (single light) models class. Like in our show, there were lots of classes, but even so, there were still 30 cars in the MK III BJ8 Phase II class, the most produced and still the most popular big Healey with roll up windows, a wooden dash and upgraded rear suspension.





The wildest car was a widened, V8 Bugeye, and the Hard Luck Award went to a guy who broke a crankshaft in two at 70 m.p.h. With strategic Hagerty and AAA towing and great contacts on the Smokey to Ozark Mountain tour, he had it back on the road in four days and made it to Conclave on time.

There were plenty of events, with a time/distance/find-the-signs rally the first day, the show the second day, a day to yourself on Wednesday, and a Gymkhana/Funkhana on Thursday. Evenings were a Bar-B-Que banquet, a horse show/dinner at Dolly Parton's Stampede, and an awards banquet the last night. There were tech sessions, silent auctions, live auctions, and then for free time there were planned tours/drives to take on your own and all the sights and attractions in Branson.



The three of us BMCNO members set out for one of the tours/ drives together to one of the recommended lunch spots, so we all got to enjoy the thrill of the little twisty roads going to and returning from lunch one day. Brad and Lonnie headed back on Wednesday before we could get a picture of all six of us with our cars, so the picture of just the cars will have to do. Also, check out this YouTube video Melissa put together from the week with some video of the winding roads. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ACCotDml_5g</u>



May 31st Cars and Coffee

Meanwhile in Baton Rouge...Fashions change, governments change and the weather changes. But it's nice to know every Saturday morning a group of us in Little British Cars meet at the Warehouse Restaurant on South Choctaw! Our designated waitress, Erin, knows us by name and what we usually eat. When we arrive, hot coffee is waiting - as is our *reserved* table! Everyone is invited to come join us sometime!

This weekend there were several tense moments, the first when Danny Bergeron found an MGB wire wheel spoke and nipple next to my car! OMG, I was counting spokes - wondering how one could have come lose... Then I noticed the spoke in his hand was rusty. That darned Danny Varnado!!!

Then the Guru had a "show and tell" = 2 Mini Cooper steering shafts. One had stripped splines, and the new one didn't have a machined end. Of course, some of us (me) jumped in with advice even though I didn't realize this was the SECOND shaft that had failed! Rob has since done some research and I know between he and Danny, they can sort it out. The "John Twists" of the South!

--Roving Reporter



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May 30th and 31st



Vicari Auction in Biloxi A group of BMCNO members used their excellent driving skills to work at the Vicari Auction this weekend, moving cars from many decades around and driving them across the auction block. It's a fun experience, trying to figure out how to start the cars, or learning that it doesn't start, and dealing with things such as transmissions and brakes that didn't quite work as the factory intended. Seeing and driving some cars was a pleasure!





June 7th Southshore C&C

Great weather today and a great turnout at the Cars and Coffee at Porsche of New Orleans today! Had to be a couple hundred cars and our club had a good showing too! –Bob Gordon









While nearly everyone else was at some gathering with a bunch of overpowered German cars, Andrew and I represented BMCNO at our regular breakfast at the Chateau Café, then took a scenic drive afterwards. —Dan Alleger













BMCNO members showed up early June 7th and beat the heat at our Cars and Coffee in Mandeville. Later, a bunch of us represented British Motoring at the Classics on the Boulevard car show at Terrabella Village in Covington and other club members came to visit. The day warmed up quite a bit by the end of the show and everyone headed for the air conditioning. The weatherman said it was the hottest day of the year so far. It sure felt like it! --Meandering Muckraker





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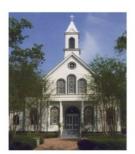
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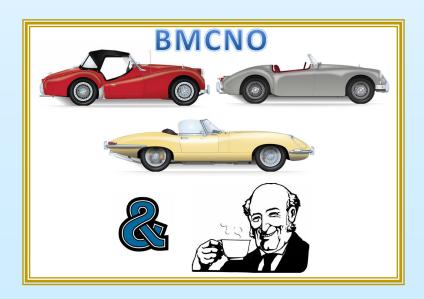








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