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Harahan Christmas Parade



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Colin McCormick



Welcome to 2026 with British Motoring Club New Orleans!

I want to thank our officers and board members for all their work in making 2025 so successful and welcome our new board members.

Let's get into it. We ended last year with a record 21 cars in the Harahan Christmas Parade and a memorable party afterward at the Ground Pat'i in Kenner Old Town. This year kicks off on January 24th with a road trip to the Fleur Des Lis Tea Company farm and tasting center near Amite, Louisiana.

We will do a tour and tasting followed by a leisurely and scenic drive to lunch at The Boston Restaurant in Amite. Sounds like a splendid way to spend a Saturday afternoon. Details are on page 10.

On Saturday, February 21st we have a tech session in Kenner hosted by Richard Gaudry, where you can watch our experts do their stuff and our new members can get introduced to the joys of LBC maintenance. The next day, Sunday the 22nd, you can then drive your newly tuned British car to Middendorf's for our annual mega road trip for lunch. This is our most popular event of the year.

March brings us a classic very Proper British Breakfast at Bill and Violet Nix's home in Lakeview on Saturday, March 14th. Last year was my first time attending this event and the breakfast was just as good as seeing Bill's shop and collection of cars, both the concourse level completed ones and the works in progress.

March 28th will dawn bright and early on our British Motoring Festival at the Trailhead park in downtown Covington. This will be our third festival at this location and promises to be the best. Please sign up to volunteer for a work crew at your local meeting, or contact me and I will find you a place to exercise your considerable talents. Read our update on page 15. The city of Covington has laid out the welcome mat again for us, and many attendees from out-of-town clubs have told me they've had a great time with us and plan to attend again this year. There are also a wide variety of interesting places and sights in Covington on the off chance you have a family member who somehow does not find classic cars to be of interest; 26 places nearby to eat too!

In April we will be on the road again for the Concours d'Elegance from the Rolls-Royce Club in Natchez, followed by the Panhandle British Car club's show in downtown Pensacola.

Enjoy the details on these exciting events and more in this newsletter.
I'll see you at your January regional meeting, as well as at our monthly events.

Keep calm and drive on,

Colin McCormick





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Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/155483109234541>



BMCNO Upcoming Events



Baton Rouge Cruise January 24th

We'll visit a tea farm near Amite, go on a nice drive together and then do lunch in Amite. Find all the details on page 10.

TECH SESSION February 21st

Everyone is invited to Richard Gaudry's garage in Kenner starting at 10 a.m. Richard has all the details for you on page 11 of this newsletter.



Middendorf's Run February 22nd

Our traditional drive to the world famous restaurant is always well attended, with the parking lot full of British cars and the big dining room full of British car fans. Your area coordinator will give you details on your group's drive. It will be an early lunch. The staff wants us to arrive by 10:45 and be seated by 11.

British Breakfast March 14th

Bill and Violet Nix once again will host our club for a very Proper British Breakfast at their home in New Orleans, featuring homemade scones, bangers and beans, strawberries and cream, coffee and, of course, flavorful tea. Plus, see the latest in the quite fabulous Special Edition Garage.





more BMCNO Upcoming Events

British Motoring Festival March 28th

Our 34th annual show will be in Covington once again this year. Save the date and plan to enter your car. Club members are encouraged to volunteer and help to make this the great show we know it can be. Registration begins January 15th. Read our update message on page 15. And we'll once again have valve cover racing presented by our BR group. Get your racer ready! Rules on page 20.



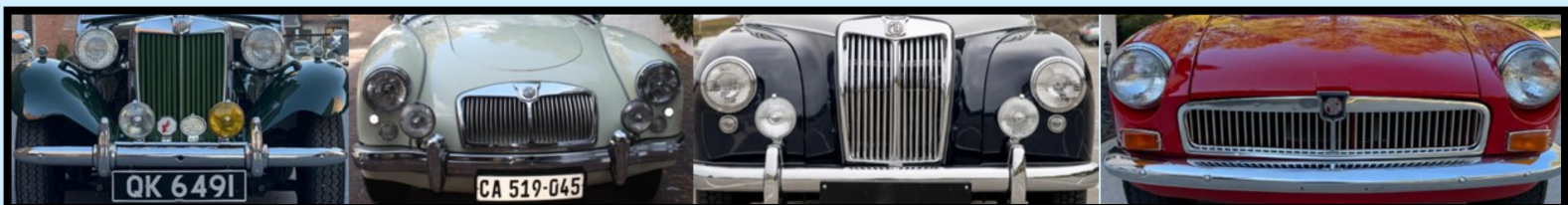
Natchez Concours d'Elegance April 11th

On the bluff in front of the Grand Hotel and brought to you by the Rolls-Royce Owners Club. Entry is free. Natchez sure is a nice place to spend the weekend. See the flyer on page 24. Enter your car here: <https://natchezconcours.com/>

Brits on the Bay April 18th in Pensacola

Panhandle British Car Association presents their 32nd show in Seville Square. This show and the Natchez show are now on different weekends, so we can attend both! See the flyer on page 25. Registration form is at the link below:

<https://www.pbca1.com/show.htm>





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, 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



BMCNO Cars and Coffee

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 Abita Roasting, 1011 Village Walk, Covington

Baton Rouge

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





January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 N.O., NS & BR Cars & Coffee
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 NS & BR Cars & Coffee
11	12	13 Baton Rouge Meeting	14	15 Aston Martin founded in 1913 	16	17 N.O., NS & BR Cars & Coffee
18	19	20	21 Mandeville Meeting	22	23	24 NS & BR Cars & Coffee Amite Cruise
25	26	27 Harahan Meeting	28	29	30	31

February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Rolls-Royce commissions the Silver Lady, 1913 	4	5	6	7 N.O, NS & BR Cars & Coffee
8 	9	10 Baton Rouge Meeting	11	12	13	14 NS & BR Cars & Coffee
15	16	17 	18 Mandeville Meeting	19	20	21 N.O, NS & BR Cars & Coffee Southshore Tech Session
22 Middendorf's Run	23	24 Harahan Meeting	25	26	27	28 NS & BR Cars & Coffee

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December 9th *Baton Rouge Meeting*

We had a nice crowd at our meeting last night, but only Rick braved the cold in his top-down Austin Healey. Attending were Milton and Annette, Debra and Harry, Rick, Tom H., Les, Charlie and Jean and me. Les suggested we do the January 24th BR Tour to the Tea Farm and Tea Room over in Amite, then lunch at the Boston Restaurant. Sounded good to everyone.

Speaking of farms, Milton and Annette told us the story of their Costa Rica trip with Louis Miller back in the day, and it was too funny. From the iguana attack to scoring 1/2 kilo of... vanilla beans while they were down there.

We talked about past and future events and I gave a review on what happened at the December Board Meeting. Then Milton and Annette won a \$25 gift card for winning the annual Christmas costume contest! Way to go! —*Roving Reporter*



Northshore Meeting December 17th

'Twas a jolly good crowd just a week before Christmas, our final meeting of the year. With a few newer members attending, everyone was given a turn to introduce themselves and talk about cars or whatever else they would like. Then Benny had some info on the Vauxhall Victor, a British car produced for 20 years beginning in 1957. The first one looked kind of like a '57 Chevy, probably because Vauxhall was owned by General Motors. It was said to be too American for the Brits, and too British for Americans, but for a short time it was England's most exported car. We looked at a couple of other cars rarely seen in these parts, saw photos of events from the past month, and Colin talked about upcoming events and our car show on March 28th. Mostly, it was nice to see everyone and wish each other Happy Holidays. At our January 21st meeting Lee Matthews will present All About Whitworth Tools, and Danny Weis wants to tell us about his Stearman biplane flight at Lakefront Airport last year. —Meandering Muckraker



1957 Vauxhall Victor in New Zealand



From our January, 1996 Morris Gazette Newsletter

With the start of the New Year we, by nature, tend to reflect on the past. I would like to do a little reminiscing on the accomplishments of our outgoing president, **Cliff Hughes**. Cliff was our president for 1995, served as vice-president in 1993 and 1994, and as newsletter editor in 1991 and 1992. Although his contributions over the last five years are too numerous to list, there is one I would like to mention. Cliff supervised the changing of the club's By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation and had them registered with the State of Louisiana. This task took months of work, and for this we all owe him a debt of gratitude.



January 24th **Baton Rouge Cruise, Tea Company Tour and Lunch**



by Rick Huber



Every year for a while our Baton Rouge group has planned a drive and activity around this time that's now famously known as The Baton Rouge Cruise. This month's Baton Rouge Cruise will be Saturday, January 24th instead of the earlier planned 31st to fit into the Tea Company's schedule.

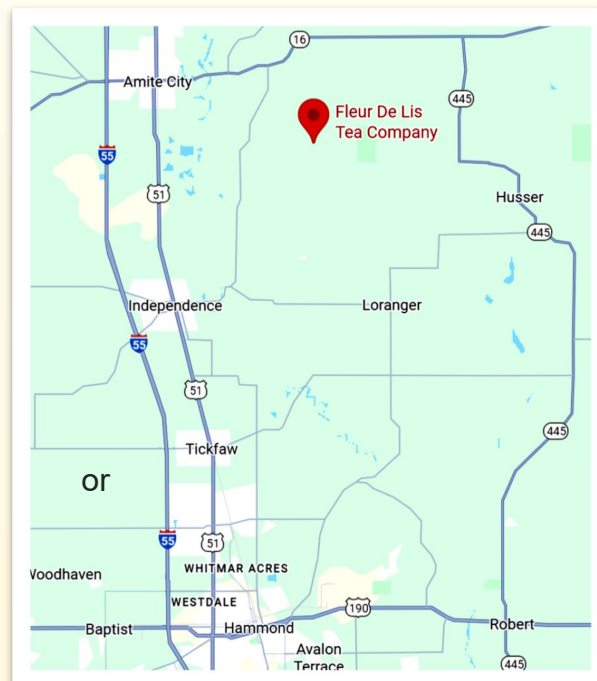
The three area groups will depart from their desired locations in time to arrive at the Fleur de Lis Tea Company at 58265 North Cooper Road in Amite, Louisiana. Fleur de Lis is Louisiana's only tea farm, producing hand-plucked and crafted small-batch artisan teas.

Plan to arrive at 9:45, in time to use the bathroom, buy tickets, and mill about before the 10 o'clock start of a one-hour tour of the grounds and the processing area, followed by a tea tasting. Tour and tasting will take about 1 1/2 hours. Cost for the tour and tasting is \$15 per person.

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Following the tasting, so about 11:30, we'll depart for about an hour drive around the back roads of the area and we'll end up at The Boston

Restaurant in Amite for lunch. After lunch, we'll depart as singles or as groups back home. Both the Tea Company and the Boston would like to know about how many people will join us, so please R.S.V.P. to your local coordinator, contact me at mldrick@gmail.com or call 225-571-7064. We'd like to have a head count by Thursday, Jan 22nd, and we hope to see you there! —Rick Huber



British Motoring Club

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Northshore



BMCNO NorthShore *Cars and Coffee* December 13th

It was an impressive collection of cars around Liz's this morning and a fine collection of drivers to go with them. Once the coffee got flowing inside, which was right away, we got down to forgetting about whatever the problem was and enjoying each other's company. That spilled out into the parking lot for a while after breakfast. Some of us took off for Harahan not long after to drive in the Christmas parade, and a bunch drove across the lake later for our club's Christmas party.



February 21st Tech Session

by Richard Gaudry



I'll be hosting a Tech Session for our British Motoring Club Southshore folks, and any intrepid members from our Baton Rouge and Northshore groups are more than welcome to join us on Saturday, February 21st, 66 Cycas in Kenner. We plan to start at 10:00 a.m. I'll be serving jambalaya, salad, drinks and a dessert so we can keep our wrenching strength up.

This is not a traditional tech session where one project is done, but a chance to work on small things on your car and get advice and encouraging grunts from fellow members. I have a pretty good selection of tools, but bring any odd ones you may need for your particular car and project. We have a 3-bay garage, and 2 four-post lifts, so it's a great chance to have a good look under the car and tighten things up or find out what that strange noise is underneath. Last time we had about 15 cars, so we'll need to juggle who goes where and when. We had a good time and got to see others' cars we didn't know much about, and it's good checkup before our car show on March 28th.

Please R.S.V.P. if you are coming so I can get a head count for food. Email richardgaudry@gmail.com or text to my cell 504-669-5406. Directions are from I-10 in Kenner: Williams exit, go north to Joe Yenny Blvd, take a left. Go (west) about a mile to Gabriel subdivision main entrance on right at the light. There's a guest entrance at the guard gate, they'll ask for an ID (that keeps the French and Italian cars out). At that point, ignore your GPS, go the second stop sign (Cycas), turn right, we're the 3rd house on the right. We'll need to keep the service alley behind clear so my neighbors will speak to us after everyone leaves.

Hope to see you there,
Richard Gaudry





Harahan Christmas Parade

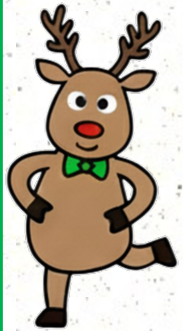
Saturday, December 13th

A sunny and warm December day, about what you might expect for a Christmas parade in south Louisiana, set the scene for British Motoring Club members gathered to get ready for the noon-time start. We had 21 eye-catching LBCs to decorate, some simply draped with garland and others done more extravagantly. We donned silly costumes, festive red and green Hawaiian shirts, club shirts and shorts. No one dressed as a Santa imposter; the real Kris Kringle was at the end of the parade. Once we rolled onto the highway things moved along at a decent pace, with no engines overheating this time, tossing candy treats to the good boys and girls. By 1:30 we were done and heading down Jefferson Highway to Williams Boulevard for our club Christmas party. A great deal of thanks once again from all of us to long-time BMCNO member and Harahan resident Allen Bradley for organizing this fun event!





more Harahan Christmas Parade





BMCNO Christmas Party December 13th

At the end of the Harahan Christmas parade we drove our cars another three miles down Jefferson Highway to Williams Boulevard with the decorations attached to the club party. That was kind of fun, and we got there earlier than expected. We moved along faster in the parade this year, only impeded a bit by the ladies group driving La-Z-Boys. They're much slower than British cars. Then everyone else started showing up and we had a crowd of 60 or more. The Ground Pat'l restaurant expanded the area for us, but they weren't ready to get food out to that many people. They did apologize for that. We still had a fun time, and it's always great to see our club friends for the holidays. —Meandering Muckraker



December 20th N'awlins Cars and Coffee

It was a very cold morning at Cars and Coffee today, but still a good turnout for breakfast at Chateau Café. Everybody's invited to join us next time... January 17th. Maybe springtime will be here by then. —Roger Jeffrey



British Motoring Festival Preparation Update

We're busily getting everything in order for our March 28th car show. There is a lot to do, but with you and our other members pitching in, we're going to get it all done.

We have a couple of jobs where we need a good number of volunteers. The big one is parking cars the morning of the show. We need 30 to 40 people to give us an hour of time directing cars to the right place. If you look at it mathematically, if we have the turnout we want, on average we need to park at least one car every minute!



Another job at the same pace is helping to get folks quickly through registration and photography. We can use a dozen folks to help pass out packets to those who have pre-registered, and to help with the day-of registration. Again, with enough help, each person will volunteer for about an hour.

Leading up to the show we solicit cash sponsorships and door prizes from stores and businesses. We need few people in each region, New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Northshore, to work on this. We'd like to get door prizes from each region so a gift card or coupon can be used where the recipient lives. This job can be done on the phone or by email. Cash sponsorships can be made online. Prizes will need to be picked up.

Every year our generous members step up and sponsor our show. We're making this easy to do online at our website, bmcno.org. Please consider being a show sponsor. It's expensive to put on a good show, and the \$30 entry fee doesn't cover it.

We also need everyone in the club to enter their British vehicles. Registration will open on January 15th. Please register online. This makes it very easy for us. You can also mail in the form with a check or hand-deliver it with cash or check. You may also pre-order a 2026 British Motoring Festival t-shirt when you register. We won't have many available other than the pre-orders. Claim yours so you won't be disappointed.

Forms for show registration, sponsorships and prize donations are at the end of this newsletter and also on our website.

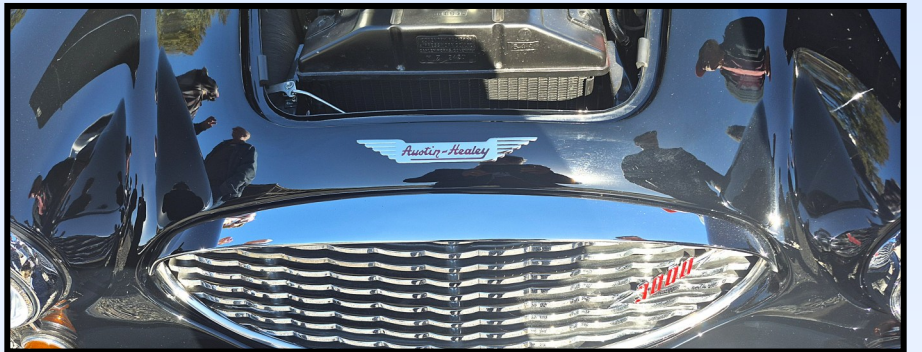
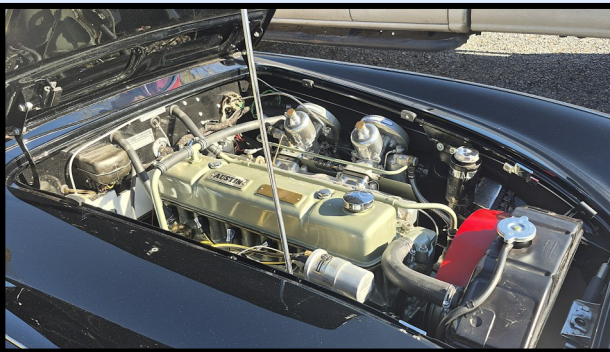
There are many other jobs to be done, setting up, picking up, helping at the Firehouse reception, and selling 50/50 tickets. Let us know what you can do to help, or just let us know you will volunteer and we'll find a place and time for you. Contact Colin McCormick or me, Benny Stiegler. We greatly appreciate your membership and your support. Our contact information is on page 4 and in our club membership directory.

THANK YOU!!



Northshore Cars and Coffee 12/20

Our third Saturday Northshore Cars and Coffee has moved to Abita Roasting in Covington. We were coming here a number of years ago, and this was our first time back since then. We had a good turnout, with Wally and Cort as very special guests. Hugh and Mercy came, and Cliff was there to demonstrate his Midget's trafficators. The big highlight and surprise of the day, though, was Karl Keiger in a really sweet Austin Healey 3000. A friend in Florida called Karl and asked if he wanted to buy it. Why



BMCNO wishes you a happy and prosperous 2026.



Meanwhile, in Baton Rouge

December 27th

Wow, what a great morning! We filled a big table at James Restaurant (but the RODS outnumbered us in bodies). Danny Varnado, Tom and Nancy Halbert and I drove our LBCs, the Landrys were in their Rambler wagon and Randy Fleming was in his Bronco. Chris Savoy and Danny Bergeron attended as well. Afterward, Larry and Cathy Kelly joined us to cruise up to Watson where Milton and Annette Franklin were waiting, and Jam Fleming joined us later.

We got to see Dana's extensive Christmas Village, and it was amazing! Most were the original issue items. Then we toured Danny's shop and his stash of British car parts next door. And to think, the little blue car was out there just a year ago! Dana had coffee and goodies, then we sat and watched the birds for a while. We plan more shop tours and tech sessions in the future, so stay tuned! —*Roving Reporter*



A Most Beautiful Quilt

Club member Terry Lopez's sister, Wendy Martinez made this beautiful Austin Healey quilt for him. Terry said she worked on it for three years! Wow, that sister is really special— in many ways!





BMCNO *Northshore* *Cars and Coffee* December 27th

We could see the fog rolling down Florida Street in Mandeville early this morning, but we nevertheless closed out the year in a big way with probably a record 35 British car fans gathered in the spirit of good friendship. We filled up the long table, and then kept adding to the kiddie table until that was full and we took over a couple of booths. Our compliments to Liz's kitchen and wait staff for putting up with us, getting everything out to the right people and keeping the hot coffee flowing. Let's do it some more in '26!



Baton Rouge *New Year's Bash*

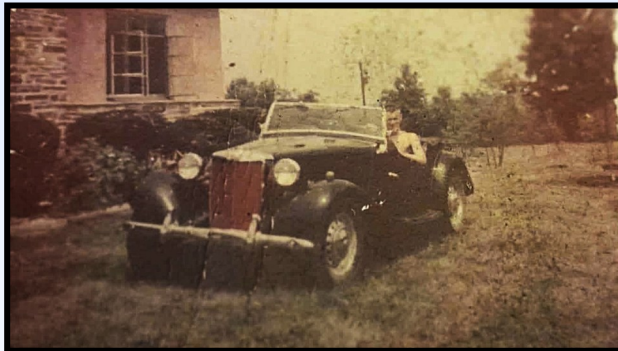
A "who's who" of Baton Rouge British car enthusiasts gathered at the home of Jam and Randy Fleming in Baton Rouge Wednesday night, December 31st to ring in the new year. Jam had decorated the place with a black and gold New Year's theme, and we even ate with gold cutlery! She made seafood gumbo and Mediterranean salad, cheese and crackers and French vanilla cake! Dana brought some of her homemade seasoned crackers and the Kellys supplied bubbly "Sparkling Apple Cider."

I showed up with a 6-pack of Freddie's Root Beer. Says right on the longneck bottle - "Hey Daddy-O..." We had a great time hanging out and telling stories - some of which were true. But in most cases the names were changed to protect the innocent. A big thanks goes out to Randy and Jam for a wonderful party. Check out the photo booth below! (Debra and Harry not pictured, and neither is Deborah Harry.)



**1-3-26 *Cars and Coffee in Mandeville***

We celebrated the New Year this morning and our first 2026 Cars and Coffee. Let's hope for many more to come! All of those LBCs in the parking lot attract all kinds of people. A guy came by passing out King Cake knife rests (?) and wanting to take drone photos and videos of us. So after breakfast we did some posing for him and the usual palling around in the parking lot. Then a group of us headed out for the first drive of the year. We followed Colin up to Abita Springs and across the St. Tammany countryside, seeking out the roads less traveled. It's said to be good for your personal growth.



Northshore BMCNO member Hans Hassinger shared this (very) old photo of his first car—a 1952 MG TD that he bought used in the summer of 1961 after saving up all his nickels.



And Southshore BMCNO member Tom Bonner shared this photo to show us you really can pick up your Christmas tree in an MG B!



British Motoring Club New Orleans Valve Cover Raceway

If you haven't yet, start working on your valve cover racer so you can participate in the fun at our British Motoring Festival. You can be just about as creative as you want. The rules are very simple.

BMCNO Race Rules

The Valve Cover Race Cars:

- No engines or propulsion.
- No moving weights.
- Wheel can be attached to the car in any manner, but must not extend beyond the front of the valve cover.
- Nothing can extend beyond the front of the valve cover.
- Cars shall be based on an actual rocker cover from a British automobile engine.
- Cars must have four wheels, each no more than six inches in diameter.
- Wheel must have a non-metallic surface contacting the track.

Critical Dimensions:

- 15-inch maximum overall car width.
- 10-inch maximum overall car height.
- 10 pounds maximum weight by official scales.
- The front of the car should have a contact point approximately 2 ½" high.

Track Dimensions

The Course:

- The course shall consist of a launch incline ten feet long, followed by a level run of sixteen feet – all plywood surfaces.
- The launch incline shall be divided into two lanes, each 18 inches wide. The incline shall be about three feet high at the rearmost part.
- The official "Starting Line" is two feet from the rear edge of the incline. Rear wheels must fit within this measurement!

Running the Race

- Double elimination brackets in heats of two cars each. (Each pair will race in each lane – 2 out of 3 if a tie)
- NOTE: The starting gate is 3.5 inches tall. Racers should have a surface flush with the front of their car approximately 2 ½ to 3" high to contact this metal tab.
- Individual starting via push buttons by each racer, following an electronic "Christmas Tree" lighting system.
- The finish line shall be marked about sixteen feet from the front edge of the launch incline.





2025 British Motoring Festival Sponsors

British Motoring Club New Orleans offers a heartfelt thank you to these businesses, club members and friends for sponsoring this year's car show. Their generous support makes it possible to host this incredible event.

Benefactors

Broadmoor Design Group, Mandeville Prestridge Cars Inc, 13555 Tiger Bend, Baton Rouge

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In Memory of Dana McCormick Serenity Funeral Home, 20419 Hwy 36, Covington

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2025 British Motoring Festival Donors

British Motoring Club New Orleans greatly appreciates these businesses, friends and club members who donated prizes. Their generosity makes the show much more enjoyable for our participants..

Abita Brewing Company, Highway 36, Covington Harbor Freight, W Thomas Street, Hammond

O'Reilly Auto Parts, Jefferson Hwy, River Ridge Pelican Pointe Carwash, Hwy 21, Covington

Tommy's Express Car Wash, N U.S. 190, Covington John and Sally Brink, Mandeville

Bill Nix, New Orleans Hughes & Co, Mandeville A Friend of BMCNO

Abita Roasting Company, Water St., Madisonville Advance Auto, 950 East Boston Covington

Aquistapace's Supermarket, E 21st, Covington Café Lyhn, Florida St., Mandeville

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DiMartino's Famous Muffalettas, Carol Sue Ave., Terrytown Griot's Garage, Tacoma, Washington

Highway 21 Firestone, Highway 21, Covington Lilly and Benny Stiegler, Covington

Liz's Where Y'at Diner, Florida St., Mandeville Mandina's Restaurant, Hwy 22 Mandeville

Mark & Cathy Greensfelder, New Orleans Mattina Bella Restaurant, E Gibson St., Covington

MIMOSA Handcrafted, S. Eugene, Baton Rouge O'Reilly Auto Parts, Florida St., Mandeville

Paul and Kim Jaquillard, Madisonville Pat's Seafood Collins Blvd., Covington

Reenie & Miggin's, Lee Lane, Covington Serinity Funeral Home, Hwy 36, Covington

The Greyhound Restaurant, E Boston, Covington Tom and Pat Nielsen, Covington

Theo's Neighborhood Pizza, Hwy 21, Covington Visit the North Shore, Hwy 59, Covington



British Motoring Festival

Save the
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March 28, 2026 Covington Trailhead Downtown Covington, Louisiana

See the Covington Trailhead and surrounding streets filled with British sports cars, trucks, bikes and other cool British vehicles!

*Free and open to the public
Best public viewing 11 'til 4
Valve cover races 1 p.m.
Awards ceremony 3 p.m.*



British Motoring Club New Orleans

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British Motoring Festival



Covington, Louisiana
March 28, 2026



Natchez Concours d'Elegance Car Show

9-11 April 2026

www.natchezconcours.com



Show is open to all Rolls-Royce and Bentley Cars, all British or European Cars and Motorbikes 20 years or older, all ages of European Exotic Cars and all CCA eligible cars. We also have a special interest class for very rare or interesting cars. Other European Cars are welcome in the car corrals located on the Natchez bluff.

Show ribbon given to first 100 entries

JOIN US!

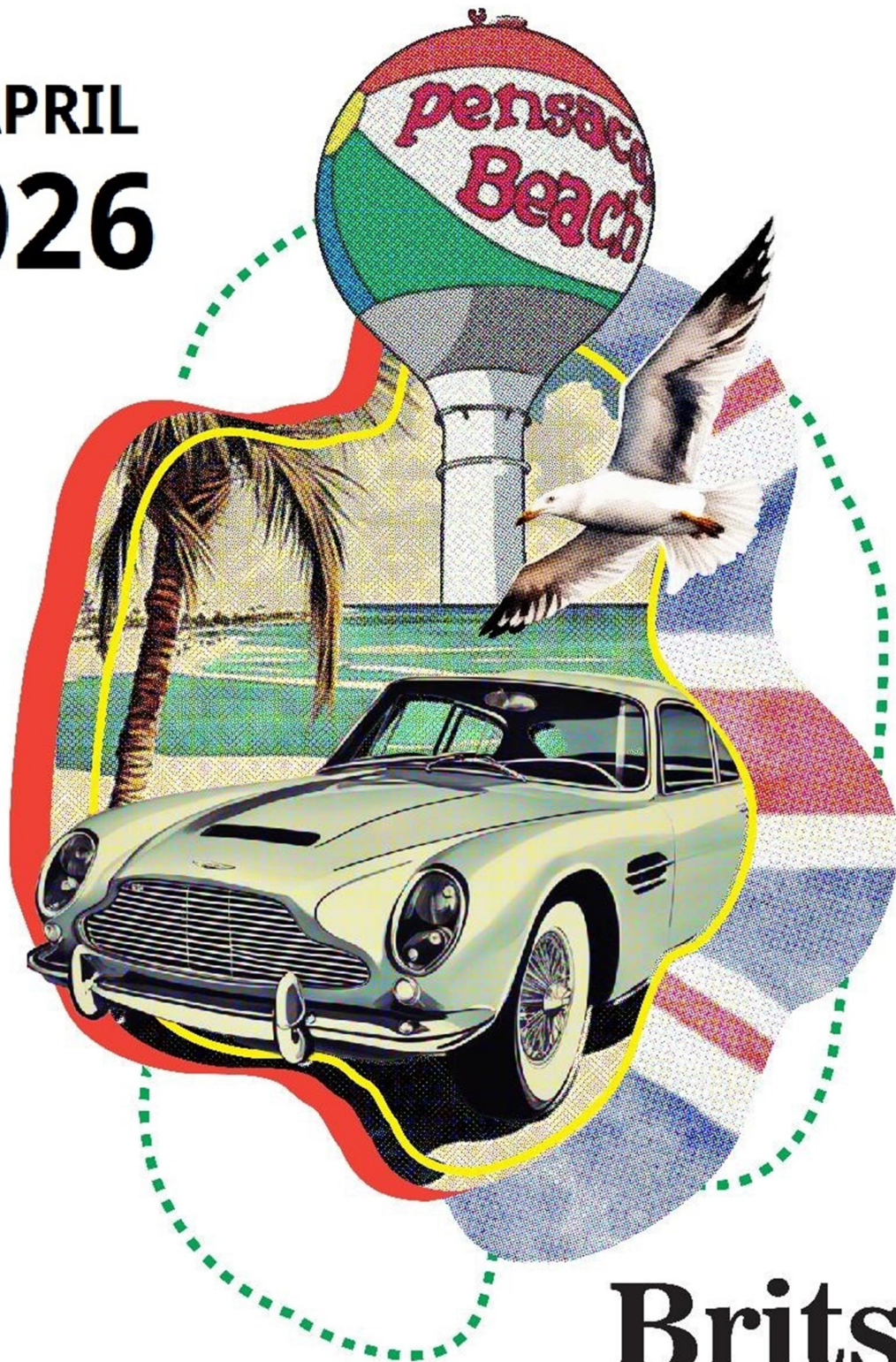
Entry is free for all eligible cars.

Show will be located in front of the Grand Hotel and along the bluff in Downtown Natchez, Bluff Park, 200-400 Broadway Street, Natchez, Mississippi

Contact Richard Branyan: Richard@Branyan.org



**18 APRIL
2026**



**Panhandle British
Car Association
32nd Annual All-British
Car Show**



**Brits
on the
Bay**



**NORTH AMERICAN
COUNCIL OF
MG REGISTERS**

**Invites ALL MG Owners
to join us August 24-27, 2026
in the Sandusky, Ohio / Lake Erie area
for the every-five-year ALL-MG Event
mginternational2026.org**

SHORES & ISLANDS OHIO
CEDAR POINT • SANDUSKY • PUT-IN-BAY

**Registration opens
year-end 2025**





Milton Franklin

Calling all British Motorcycle Owners



We're getting more people in the club lately with motorcycles and other bikes, and that's exciting. If you come across someone who owns a British motorcycle, invite them to participate in our club. Milton Franklin, Baton Rouge, would like to organize 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...Continue to look for British motorcycles to tell them about our club, and give out our business cards or direct them to our website. If you need more please contact Milton Franklin at densalprop@cox.net.





Classified Ads and Spares For Sale

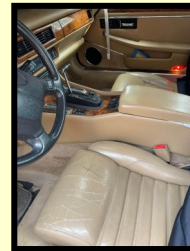
1950 MG YA with sunroof owned by long time club member Mike Lewis. The car won Best of Show at our 2000 British Car Day and many other awards. Mike was the founder of the New Orleans based Original Mardi Gras T's with John Pence. Mike and friends were able to keep the club growing for about 50 years. He would like the Y to have a new owner who would keep it in good shape! Please call if you are interested. 985-276-4319. Asking \$15,000.



I have a 97 Jaguar XK8 Convertible for sale. It runs but needs some work. If you're interested please TEXT me first 985-259-5419 or email Sheryl at seheavilin@yahoo.com.



1994 Jaguar XJS \$14,900 \$9,900 Reduced! Ready to drive away! Spotless inside and out Garage kept, 6 cylinder convertible, 90035 miles, AC works. Mint condition, no scratches or dents. Tan leather interior, tan cloth top in perfect condition. Call 504-610-7606,

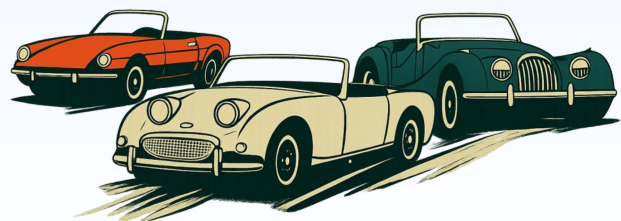


1985 Rolls Royce Silver Spur \$9,900

Carport kept. No dents/scratches. V-8, AC, new battery, runs well. Power windows, seats and mirrors, beautiful tan fine grain Connolly leather, burl walnut veneers. Mileage 103,922. Price is firm. Call John 504-610-7606.



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Classified Ads and Spares For Sale

Have spares to spare? Or bits to share? Or a car for sale? Put it in next month's newsletter. Send it to BMCNO Newsletter, bstieglerrj@gmail.com.



2015 Chaparral Fish & Ski. 19' (21' with platform). 4.3 Mercruiser with 160 hours. two props, a couple of inflatables, extra fluids and accessories. Expertly maintained by BMCNO member. \$25K. Call Chris Savoy 225-287-4525.



B. M. C. Restorations

Peter Brauen

3895 Firetower Road

Kiln, MS 39556

pbrauen@gmail.com

I really would like to sell my 1960 MGA and my 1971 Morris Traveller. Dropped the price on the MGA to \$28,000 and \$20,500 on the Traveler. Charlie Richards 804-852-2945



1964 CHEVROLET CORVAIR MONZA SPYDER CONVERTIBLE FOR SALE \$16k

164 CI Turbocharged Air-Cooled 4-Cylinder Engine 150HP, 4-Speed Manual Transmission, Black Manual Convertible Top, Black Interior with

Bucket Seats, 4-Speed Floor Shifter, AM/FM/cassette. Contact David Jones 504-250-9332 to arrange a test drive.



1960 MGA and
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Call Charlie Richards
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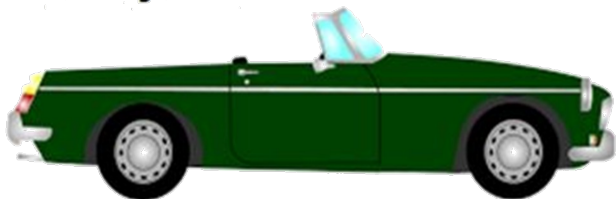
I have two free MGA stainless steel mufflers for whoever needs or wants them. Contact Bill Nix (504) 232-6880 or jagnixwilliam@gmail.com



CLASSIFIED ADS AND SPARES FOR SALE

Hugh Coleman British Cars

Quality First Call 318-664-5427



1980 Triumph Spitfire project car. \$500.

Details at: <http://www.paycard7.com/Spitfire/photos%20car2/>

Call Barrett Leibe 504-451-5721.

WANTED: 2005/2006 Jaguar XKR Coupe. Silver exterior, black interior. Prefer the Victory Edition, no accidents, no paintwork, less than 50,000 miles, good service records. Contact Dan Melesurgo at 504-390-1119.



1988 Avanti Convertible For Sale Avantis were originally manufactured by Studebaker Corp. in 1962 and 1963 as a fiberglass coupe. When Studebaker ceased production, **Leo Newman and Nate Altman**, wealthy Studebaker dealers, bought the rights to the Avanti, tooling and stock to continue manufacturing the car in one of the Studebaker buildings in South Bend, Indiana. They called it the **Avanti II** to differentiate it from the Studebaker produced cars. Other owners and partners continued to manufacture coupes and convertibles under Avanti Motor Corporation until 2006. As the company ran out of most Studebaker parts, they began basing the car on GM production cars. This Avanti, manufactured under the "Michael Kelly Era" in Youngstown, Ohio, is based on a 1988 Chevrolet Monte Carlo (GM 305CID). It is a reliable and road worthy car with 77,038 miles. It doesn't burn any oil and gets average fuel mileage. It rides on 15" original chrome wire wheels. The interior is in good condition. AACA National First Senior Award, Naples FL in 2016. One of only about 250 Avanti Convertibles ever produced. **\$25k Call Fred Duplechin, 985-803-0672.**



Brand New Amco Style Center Console Armrest for 1969-1976 TR6 \$250.00 NEW SLR700S - LUCAS SPOT LAMPS CHROME for ASTON BRISTOL FORD JAGUAR JENSEN LOTUS MG \$499.00 Vintage TR6 Roll Bar, great shape \$400.00. Will take best offers. Contact Greg Lalonde glalon@aol.com

**CLASSIFIED ADS AND SPARES FOR SALE****1995 Jaguar XJS Convertible.**

Bronze rose, one of only 17 with that color, with beige leather interior and a dark brown top. Mileage is around 77,000. Current owner is BR club member Carol Thibodeaux. Jerry Willson owned it and drove it and showed it for a few years. \$11,000. Call 225-235-7240.

**Pressure Plate for TC, TD and Morris Minor 1098cc**

I have this Pressure Plate from Moss Europe, who said it would fit my 948cc drive train. It does not. It fits a larger 7 1/4 "clutch. It is not available In the States. It cost me \$270.00. Please make an offer as I don't want it to go to waste.

Call Robbie Robertson,
985-445-5205 or

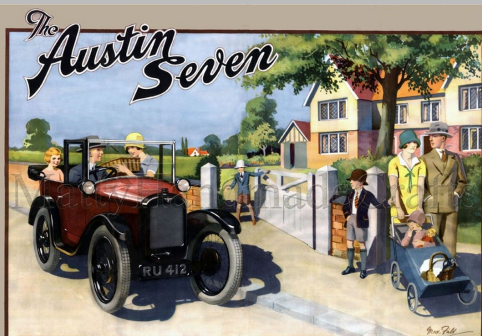
rarmore3@gmail.com ><>

**1976 Triumph TR6**

Runs great, looks great. Comes with EZ Car lift, luggage rack, leather interior, and lots of extras asking 23k/ make an offer. Located in BR. Call David @ 225-505-2238 Also on FB marketplace with more pics.

**British Motoring Festival**

March 28, 2026 Covington Trailhead



DON'T COVET — BUY ONE





British Motoring Festival Official Entry Form

British Motoring Club New Orleans' 34th Annual Show Saturday, March 28th, 2026

Tammany Trace Covington Trailhead and Firehouse Events Center

432 N Theard, Covington Friday night reception 6 p.m. at the Firehouse

Name		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Cell Phone	Email	
Club Affiliations		

1 Car / Motorcycle entered \$30.00 early registration \$35.00 after 3-20-2026

	Year	Make / Model / Type / color	Entry Fee
1			

More than one car - \$40.00 for 2 or more cars. After 3-20-2026, 2 or more cars \$45.00

2			
3			
4			

Want a T- Shirt? \$20 each. Pre-order yours today. We won't have many extras at the show. Order by 3/7/26.

	Small	Medium	Large	XL	2XL	Amount due	Total
Number of Shirts						____x \$20 =	\$
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE (Registration and Shirts)							\$

Paid by Check ☐ Cash ☐ You may pay by Credit Card and register at bmcno.org. Hand deliver cash.

Make check payable to British Motoring Club New Orleans Car Show or BMCNO Car Show.

Mail BEFORE MARCH 13 to: Car Show P.O. Box 73213 Metairie, LA 70033

In consideration of this entry, I waive any and all claims for me and my heirs against British Motoring Club New Orleans, their officers and any sponsor of this event for injury or illness which may result directly or indirectly from my participation. I also give my permission for use of my name and / or pictures in any broadcast, telecast or any other account of this event.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Vehicles (not on trailers) should follow the signage and enter the site at E. 26th St and N. Theard St. (near the very large Covington Courthouse Building) and proceed to the Firehouse Event Center, 432 N Theard St, Covington from 9:00 a.m. until noon to be photographed, get your packets, and parking directions, or onsite registration. Please do not come up N. Theard St from W 21st Ave / E. Boston St. (N. Theard St will be blocked around E. 24th St.) Instead go up N. Jefferson Ave from the circle to E. 26th Ave. (Trailers can be parked for the day in the courthouse lot.)



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P. O. Box 73213
Metairie, LA 70033
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2026 British Motoring Festival SPONSOR FORM

Thank you for considering sponsorship of our 33rd annual show, March 28, 2026 at the Tammany Trace Covington Trailhead and Firehouse Events Center. The Trailhead and surrounding streets will be filled with British cars and bikes of all kinds. British Motoring Festival is free and open to the public. British Motoring Club New Orleans is a nonprofit social club.

For your sponsorship or door prize contribution you will receive:

- publicity in our British Motoring Festival program
- publicity at the show site
- publicity at the awards ceremony
- publicity on our club's web site
- publicity in the BMCNO newsletter

Sponsorships also accepted on our website at <https://www.bmcno.org/2025-british-motoring-festival-sponsorship/>

Class Sponsor: \$35, \$50, \$75, \$100 or more

Organization/Company _____

NAME as you want it to appear in the program: _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Contact Name & Phone _____

Car or bike class (if desired) _____

Make checks payable to "British Motoring Club New Orleans Car Show" or "BMCNO Car Show" and give to a BMCNO representative or mail it with this printed form to:

BMCNO Car Show
P O Box 73213
Metairie, LA 70033

DOOR PRIZE DONATION: We thank you for contributing items for our club to use as door prizes and offer to you the same publicity as Class Sponsors. Please list the items below.

Name of BMCNO Member who contacted you: _____

We welcome all new members Join our club using this form
or online at <https://www.bmcno.org/join-bmcno>.



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				
<i>Make</i>	<i>Model</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Color</i>	<i>Body Style</i>

Membership—\$30 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. <https://www.bmcno.org/home/by-laws/>

Name _____ Date _____