

# *The Morris Gazette*

*Official Newsletter of British Motoring Club New Orleans  
February 2026 Edition*



***BMCNO Visits Fleur De Lis Tea Farm (above) and  
Northshore Technical Community College (below)  
More inside this month's edition.***





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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Colin McCormick**



British Motoring Club New Orleans has its wheels rolling along in 2026! As of this week, we now have 219 members and we're having good participation in all of our events. Last weekend 30 of us met for lunch and then cruised to Fleur De Lis Tea Farm in Amite, an event organized and hosted by our Baton Rouge group. And Tuesday a parade drivers in LBCs visited Northshore Technical Community College in Hammond to show off our cars and answer questions from the automotive students. This is a great way for our club to spread and encourage interest in British vehicles.

This month our Southshore group is having a big tech session in Kenner on February 21st, and the next day is our annual cruise to Middendorf's in Manchac, one of our best attended events of the year. The outstanding staff at Middendorf's never fails to remind us that we're their favorite car club!

In March, Bill and Violet Nix will host our club's British Breakfast at their home in New Orleans, and the same day some members will drive cars in the Covington Celtic Club parade.

And most importantly, we are ramping up our preparations for the 2025 British Motoring Festival in Covington on Saturday March 28th. If you haven't yet, please register your car as soon as possible. We need that registration data to design where to place the cars on the streets. Also consider contributing a class sponsorship to support the show financially. It's expensive to put on the kind of outstanding show that will keep people coming back. You can also order a show t-shirt, and all of that can be done on our website at <https://bmcno.org>.

**WE ALSO NEED VOLUNTEERS TO WORK A VARIETY OF POSITIONS DURING THE SHOW.** It takes many volunteers to make this happen. Let me or my co-chairman Benny Stiegler know how you what would like to help with, or as some people have offered, we can give you something to do for about an hour.

Paul Jaquillard will be making jambalaya for our Friday Night Reception at the Firehouse. Everyone would appreciate it if some of you could bring a plate of bite-size desert treats.

Thank you for your attention, read all about our past and future events in this month's Morris Gazette newsletter and I will see you later this month at Middendorf's

Keep calm and drive on,

Colin McCormick





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



# ***BMCNO Upcoming Events***

## **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 12 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 details on page 12.



## **Covington Celtic Club Parade March 14th**

Same day as our British Breakfast, unfortunately, but we'll have club members driving British car in the parade. If you're participating, line up by 11 a.m., probably next to the Tap Room on E Lockwood. Exact lineup position and area will be sent the week of the parade.



## more BMCNO Upcoming Events

### St. Anthony's St. Patrick's Celebration

**Monday, March 16th** St. Anthony's Gardens Retirement Community features our British cars in their parade around the parking lot. It's a party and a delight for the residents. The luck of the Irish will be with us! Details to come.



### 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 is open now. Read our update message on page 10. And we'll once again have valve cover racing presented by our BR group. Get your speedy racer ready! Rules on page 21.

### 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 26. 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 27. 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






# 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

# March

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 <b>British Breakfast</b>
15	16 St. Ant'ny Parade	17 	18 Mandeville Meeting	19	20	21 N.O., NS & BR Cars & Coffee
22	23	24	25	26	27 <b>Firehouse Reception and Final Friday</b>	28 <b>British Motoring Festival</b>
29	30	31 Harahan Meeting				



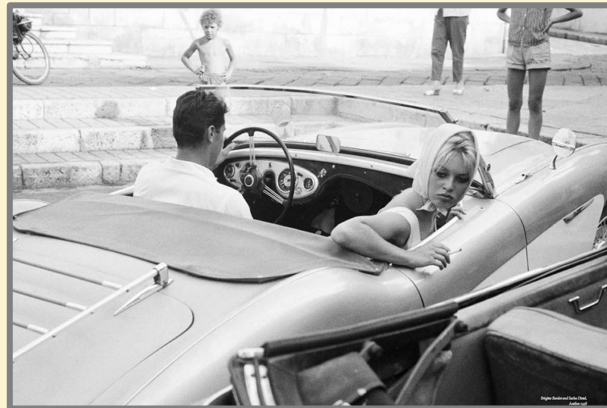


## January *Meetings*

As British Motoring Festival co-chairmen, Benny Stiegler and Colin McCormick attended all three of our club meetings in January to give everyone updates, sign up volunteers and to get our club members excited about participating in the show. Please read the latest on car show preparations on the next page.

**In Baton Rouge on January 13th**, Rick Huber told everyone about the plans for the Baton Rouge Cruise and other events coming up. Bobby Spann gave us an update on the valve cover races that the Baton Rouge group will be running at our car show. Did we mention you can read the rules on page 21? And attendees heard all about the Goody Bag Stuffing Party to be held at the Baton Rouge March meeting. 150 bags will be passed out to people as the cars enter the show.

**In Mandeville on January 21st**, in addition to the car show talk and reviewing past and upcoming events, Benny shared some old photos of French star Brigitte Bardot in British cars and of few of her other favorite vehicles. The 1950s and '60s icon passed away at the end of 2025 at the age of 91. She was always the focus of paparazzi, so a photo can be found of her in just about any kind of car she was in or around. She also did promotions for French and Italian car companies. Can you identify the British cars she's seen with here? Should be easy.



**In Harahan on January 27th** everyone got the rundown from Benny and Colin, and Allen Bradley shared news of and showed off his rebuilt Zenith-Stromberg carburetors. Other members shared news of car projects, and Keith Vezina told everyone about a big Arkansas trip he's planning for later this year. It's going to be a lot of driving—around 3,000 miles! Get ahold of Keith if you think you might want to join the fun.



From our February, 2008 Morris Gazette Newsletter

What a great start to the New Year! The Bayou Bengals are crowned as National champions (again), Robert Rougelot has another MGB engine, Wally and Cliff go on a "big adventure" and Rick Huber gets the car of his dreams. We will have these and many more tales to weave at the General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. I hope we see you there!



## British Motoring Festival Preparation Update

We'll be meeting with City of Covington representatives this week to finalize plans for our show on March 28th. Every detail has to be worked out ahead of time as much as possible so the show runs smoothly and on schedule.

Colin and I attended all three regional club meetings in January and everyone stepped up to volunteer. Of course not everyone in the club attends the meetings, so we're reaching out to everyone else to give a little bit of time to help out in any way you can.

We can use a few more people to help for an hour in the morning with registration and photography, parking cars, and a few more to help with judging in the afternoon. Each team of judges will judge two or three classes of cars and shouldn't take long.

We need more items for our Goody Bags. We're making 150 bags of information and "goodies" for the first 150 cars entered. We still need enough items for 70 more bags, so 70 of each item if possible. We already have two food items - one sweet and one salty. We can use items such as pocket notebooks, pens, flyers, or advertising swag for local businesses or anything small and car related. Get the items to your local coordinator before March 8th. The Goody Bag Stuffing Party will be during the Baton Rouge meeting on March 10th.

We're getting a good number of door prize donations from St. Tammany businesses. We can use more items that would be appealing to our New Orleans, Baton Rouge and out of town participants, things that aren't area specific. Maybe you have items in your garage or closet to donate.

We're hoping to get more class sponsorships, as in cash donations. You can do that, register for the car show and order a show t-shirt on our website at <https://bmcno.org>. If you would rather do that by mail, forms are in this newsletter and on our website.

And I trust you're working on your valve cover racer. The competition is stiff, so get your wheels on straight! Our Baton Rouge group does a great job with this and will have an improved raceway this year. It just keeps getting better. Rules and regulations are on page 44.

So let us know what you can do to help, or just let us know that you will be a 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 of this newsletter and in our club membership directory.

THANK YOU!!





# 1-17-26 *Cars and Coffee in Covington*



It was a misty morning on our day to not be at Liz's, the third Saturday of the month. We had a good number of BMCNO friends join us at Abita Roasting in Covington, but most everyone arrived in regular type cars and pick-up trucks. Benny and Colin had tops down and after breakfast were greeted by a nice coating of drizzle on their cars. That's okay. That's what all those towels in the boot are for.



## Texas MG Register Hosts Spring GoF in Kerrville Over 100 Classic British Cars to Tour the Texas Hill Country

**KERRVILLE, TX — April 30–May 3, 2026** — The Texas MG Register is proud to announce its **Spring Gathering of the Faithful (GoF)**, taking place **April 30 through May 3** in the heart of the Texas Hill Country. The event will be headquartered at the **Inn of the Hills Hotel & Conference Center** in Kerrville, Texas.

More than **100 classic British automobiles**, with a strong focus on vintage and modern MGs, will converge for four days of scenic driving, camaraderie, and celebration of British motoring heritage. Participants will enjoy curated driving tours through the rolling Hill Country, social events, and time-honored MG traditions that make the GoF a favorite among enthusiasts.

A highlight of the weekend will be the **public car show on Saturday, May 2**, hosted at the picturesque **Turtle Creek Vineyards**. Set among vineyards and sweeping Hill Country views, the show will feature an impressive lineup of beautifully restored and well-loved British cars. Spectators will have the opportunity to meet owners, learn about the vehicles, and enjoy the relaxed vineyard atmosphere. Vote for your favorite "people's choice" award.

### Event Details at a Glance:

**Event:** Texas MG Register Spring GoF

**Dates:** April 29 – May 3, 2026

**Location:** Inn of the Hills Hotel & Conference Center, Kerrville, TX

**Car Show:** Saturday, May 2, 2026

**Venue:** Turtle Creek Vineyards, Kerrville, TX

For more information about the Texas MG Register and upcoming events, visit <https://tmgr.wildapricot.org/>.





# February 21st Tech Session by Richard Gaudry

All of you British Motoring Club Southshore folks as well as members from our Baton Rouge and Northshore groups are more than welcome to join us in Kenner for a tech session at my home. We plan to start at 10 a.m. I'll be serving jambalaya, salad, drinks and a dessert so we can maintain our wrenching strength.

This is the type of tech session where you have a chance to work on small things on your car and get advice and encouraging grunts from fellow members. I have a good selection of tools, but bring any odd ones you may need. 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 a bolt or two and find out what the latest strange noise is underneath. Last time we did this we worked on 15 cars, so if we have the same turnout we'll juggle who goes where and when. It will be a fun time and you'll get to see other cars you might not know much about, and it's good checkup before our British Motoring Festival March 28th in Covington and all the other car shows coming up.

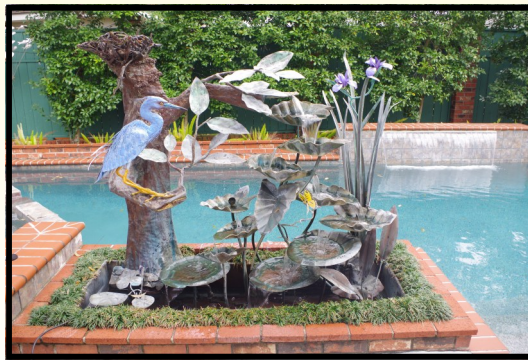


Please R.S.V.P. if you're coming so I can get a head count for food. Email [richardgaudry@gmail.com](mailto:richardgaudry@gmail.com) or text to my cell 504-669-5406. The address is 66 Cycas in Kenner. Directions are from I-10 in Kenner: Take the Williams exit, go north to Joe Yenny Blvd, take a left. 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 then!



## *A Proper British Breakfast* Saturday, March 14th

Everyone is invited to Bill and Violet Nix's Proper British Breakfast coming up Saturday March 14th! We will have bangers and beans, hash browns, scones, strawberries, tea, coffee and other deliciousness. You'll want to see the "Special Edition Garage" and current restoration projects. After breakfast, you can join us for a tour of the magnificent Bestoff Sculpture Garden which is only 10 blocks away in City Park, and take a picture of your car in front of the New Orleans Museum of Art. Please R.S.V.P. to [Jagnixwilliam@gmail.com](mailto:Jagnixwilliam@gmail.com) with your number of guests to attend so we can have the right amount of food. The breakfast will begin at 9 a.m. and runs until 11. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!





# BMCNO Northshore Cars and Coffee January 24th & 31st

We had two cold Saturday mornings in a row, like it was wintertime. We're not used to that. A bunch of us still showed up for breakfast without British cars, although there were a few. Colin drove his Alpine with the top down. John Baldwin came by to have breakfast with us. It's always good to see him, and I bet John is planning to have a nice car or two at our British Motoring Festival..



## An Email Exchange... "Autocross" reported on St. Charles Avenue

**T Tom Bonner** to me ▾ Feb 6, 2026, 11:25 AM (1 day ago) ☆ 😊 ← ⋮

Bennie,  
This week I was driving in New Orleans and discovered chicanes causing left and right turns on the uptown lane of St. Charles Ave. from about the intersection of Second St. to Louisiana Ave. it was fun in my Subaru, but I plan to take the MG or MX5 later today. This arrangement of chicanes must be some sort of device for crowd safety during parades. It probably won't last long

**Benny Stiegler** <bstieglerjr@gmail.com> to Tom ▾ Fri, Feb 6, 4:23 PM (1 day ago) ☆ 😊 ← ⋮

That sounds like a lot more fun than dodging the usual potholes! Probably something for the parades, maybe to guide the floats past obstacles. Let me know how it is in the MG  
Benny Stiegler

**T Tom Bonner** to me ▾ Fri, Feb 6, 4:55 PM (1 day ago) ☆ 😊 ← ⋮

Benny,  
We did it in the Miata and discovered that the obstacle course runs from St Charles Ave. at Thalia St. to Napoleon Ave. it was fun, and I will do it in the MGB mid day next week when there are no parades and no rush hour traffic. No pot holes on the route. When we completed the run, we drove over to Martin Wine Cellar on Baronne to celebrate with lunch. I will see if I can get a picture when I drive it in the MG. Tom 13



~~January 24th~~ February 1st **Baton Rouge Cruise, Lunch and Tea Company Tour**



Our original date was postponed due to weather, and this day turned out to be sunny, but it was a very cold morning. Robert Rougelot won the Iceman Award for coming top down in his B. Everyone else had their little pup tent tops assembled and fastened as well as can be, or came in a British coupe or a daily driver. We met for lunch in Hammond at Cate Street Seafood after driving from hither and yon, and after dining took the backroads route, about a thirty-minute drive to Fleur De Lis Tea Company.

The afternoon warmed up to a nice 45 degrees. Just a little east of Amite, Fleur De Lis is the only tea farm in Louisiana. Melissa, our tour guide, explained the long process of growing multiple varieties of tea plants (*Camelia sinensis*), some from Russia and some from Japan, harvesting only the buds and top two leaves by hand and then turning that into a tea that is smooth (not bitter) and flavorful. It was very interesting and we all learned something new, another benefit of membership in our British Motoring Club!



After the farm and processing tour we had our own little tea party, complete with fancy china and old-fashioned sugar cubes. We sampled their award-winning Friendship blend, as well as a Christmas blend with apple spice and cinnamon. After a few rounds we were energized for the drive all the way home. Thanks to Les Landon for recommending the visit and to Rick Huber for organizing the event. —Meandering Muckraker





# more Fleur De Lis Tea





*a little  
more tea,  
please*



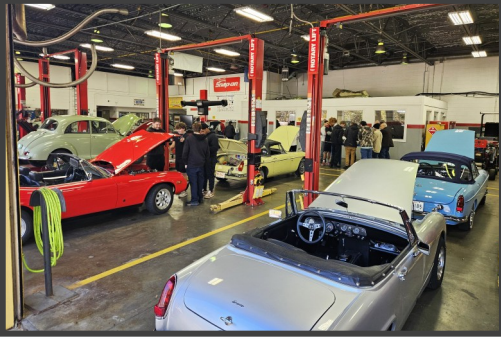


## BMCNO Visits *Northshore Technical Community College* February 3rd



An assembly of community minded British Motoring Club members visited Northshore Technical Community College in Hammond on this Tuesday morning to share our love of cars with the automotive students. It was a great turnout. We brought 11 classic LBCs and an International Scout, and one of the students, Brice, brought his Dad's MGA. Brice's Dad Gerald Barron just joined our club. Welcome! Gerald's A won first place in its class at our 2025 show. Welcome!

Danny Varnado did a presentation on the inner and outer workings of SU carburetors, and well-known Slidellian David Jones showed some old school tools the students had never seen. Bobby Spann and Rick Huber also drove in from Baton Rouge. Other participants from across the area were Dan McGovern, Joel Rutter, Al Jones, Mike Roquevert, Benny Stiegler, Robbie Robertson, Greg Lalonde and Preston Marx. Thanks to Northshore Tech instructor David Rayburn for hosting our club and for allowing us to share our cars with his students. I think we found some new fans.





# *more from Northshore Tech*





# Northshore Cars and Coffee 2/7

No jacket required, but they were needed on this sunny February morning. Apparently that wasn't an issue, as more than two dozen British car fans filled Liz's early this morning. After breakfast, seven of us followed Robert on a spirited drive up to Abita Springs, then east on Talisheek Highway, through Money Hill, onto Ben Williams Road and Highway 40, and eventually, after turning down several other country roads, ending up at the Covington Trailhead. You're welcome to join us anytime!





more February 7th *Cars and Coffee*



*and in N'awlins*

Chilly but sunny and pleasant weather brought out 13 members to the Southshore Brits & Breakfast gathering. After a hot, hearty breakfast at Chateau Café in Lakeview, the group took a leisurely cruise down the New Orleans Lakefront. Can't beat this weather for an LBC drive! —Bob Gordon



## 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.





# British Motoring Festival

Save the  
Date!



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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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## **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

### **Major Sponsors**

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

Supreme Auto Group, 1415 S Morrison, Hammond The Toasted Yolk 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

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

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Cilantro's Mexican Cuisine, N Columbia St., Covington John and Ginny Pearson, Baton Rouge

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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

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

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

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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



**Covington, Louisiana**

**March 28, 2026**



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](mailto:densalprop@cox.net).





# Natchez Concours d'Elegance Car Show

## 9-11 April 2026

[www.natchezconcours.com](http://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!

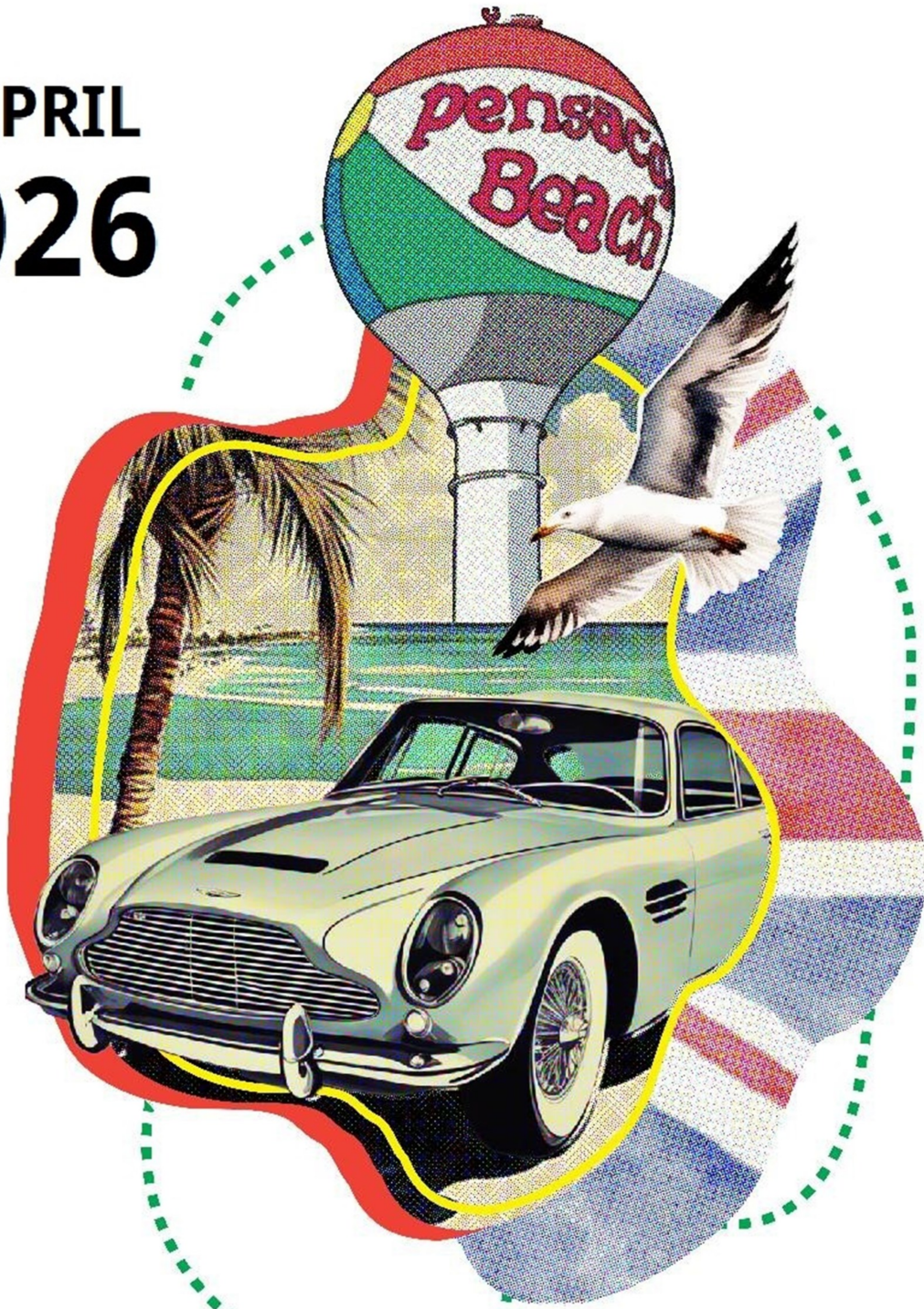
Entry is free for all eligible cars.

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](mailto: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](http://mginternational2026.org)**

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

**Registration opens  
year-end 2025**





### 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.

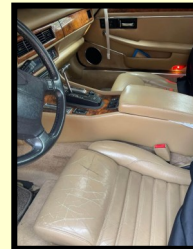


## British Motoring Club New Orleans

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](mailto: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 504-610-7607,



## British Motoring Festival



**Sand blast cabinet for sale.** Primo setup, retails for \$4k. Will sell for \$2500 or make an offer. Call Gary at 225-892-8425.



**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](mailto: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.



DON'T COVET – BUY ONE



### 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](mailto:bstieglerrj@gmail.com).




**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

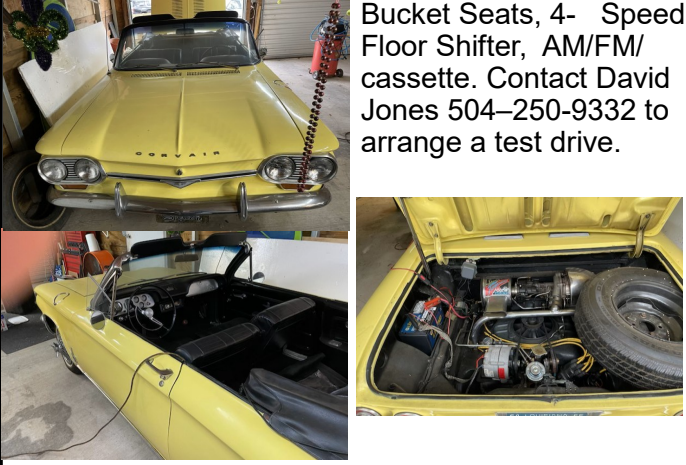
**2015 Chaparral Fish & Ski.** 19' (21' with platform). 4.3 Mercruiser with 160 hours. two props, a couple of inflatables, extra fluids and accessories. Expertly maintained by BMCNO member. \$25K. Call Chris Savoy 225-287-4525.





**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 1971 Morris Traveller Call Charlie Richards 804-852-2945

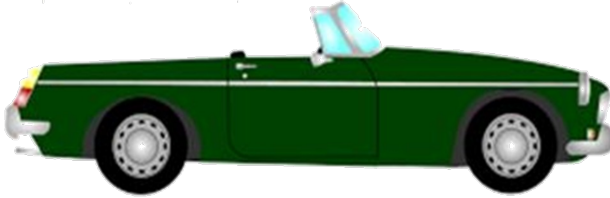
I have two free MGA stainless steel mufflers for whoever needs or wants them. Contact Bill Nix (504) 232-6880 or [jagnixwilliam@gmail.com](mailto:jagnixwilliam@gmail.com)



**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 FI 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](mailto:glalon@aol.com)



# 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. 26<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> Ave / E. Boston St. (N. Theard St will be blocked around E. 24<sup>th</sup> St.) Instead go up N. Jefferson Ave from the circle to E. 26<sup>th</sup> Ave. (Trailers can be parked for the day in the courthouse lot.)



British Motoring Club New Orleans  
P. O. Box 73213  
Metairie, LA 70033  
[www.bmcno.org](http://www.bmcno.org)

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				
Make	Model	Year	Color	Body Style

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

