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President's Message

The Daughters of the British Empire thanked us numerous times for bringing our cars to display at their pub night. Thanks to all who turned out with their cars, and those that came to eat, drink, and bid on prizes.

Thanks also go to Joy Watts and Lyle Brown for this year's E.E. Reynolds Rallye. Congratualtions to Rodger and Fran Talley for their first place finish. I'm sure that Airline Motors Restaurant will not forget our club.

Our last official Club function for this year is our annual Christmas party at the home of Rogers and Cindy Schupp. We usually have 40-60 people turn out for this event and who bring something good to eat. The new Board members will be installed at this event. Please plan to be there.

Cliff Hughes will assume to duties of President, and I will be the Car Show Chariman for 2005.

Many thanks to all of you for making my job enjoyable this past year.

Bill

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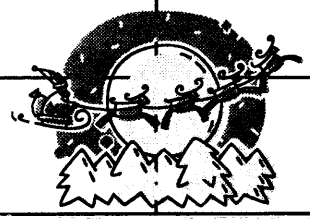

Upcoming Events

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Sun Dec 5 Christmas Party – Rogers & Cindy Schupp, 1455 Exposition Blvd (at Hurst) 6:30-9:30 pm (504) 895-9462. The club buys the fried turkey & sodas—please bring a side dish or desert to share! **To get there from St. Charles Ave.,** turn right on to Henry Clay Ave. (near Loyola U.), then right on to Hurst. Go 1.5 blocks to large driveway on left full of LBCs. If you find yourself driving through Audubon Park, you've gone too far. If you come from Magazine St. to Henry Clay, take a left onto Hurst.

Tue Dec 7 Board Meeting – 7 pm., Rogers Schupp, 1455 Exposition Blvd (at Hurst) (504) 895-9462.

NO DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING!

January 2005

Sun Jan 9 (TENTATIVE) - English Tea Room Cruise beginning at the Covington Tea Room (734 E. Rutland St.; (985) 898-3988) and convoy to The English Tea Room and Gift Shop in Hammond (207 E. Thomas St.; (985) 345-6991) Keep your carbs tuned for details.

Tue Jan 11 Board Meeting - 7pm., Ronnie Palmisano, 1900 Colony Road, Metairie. (504) 454-3461. Car Show committee chairs attendance required!!

October 25th General Meeting Minutes

The first order of business was to elect the officers for the 2005 year. The list of nominees was read: President: Cliff Hughes; Vice President: Rogers Schupp; Treasurer: Allen Bradley; Secretary: Cathy Greensfelder. Members at Large: Bill Harris; Ronnie Palmisano; Robert Rougelot; and Roy Richardson. It was moved and seconded that we elect this slate by acclamation, since there were no contested races. Motion carried. Keith Vezina will continue in the appointed position of Webmaster and Stuart McKendrick will be acting as Newsletter Editor.

Past Events: The club did very well in the EMC of Mississippi show at Vidalia/Natchez. Allen Bradley took home the Hard Luck award for having to push start his car at the winery on the way there on Friday. Apparently Bill Harris wasn't around to tell anyone about the expansion tank splitting open and dumping all the coolant out of his MGB-LE as he drove onto the show site.

Cort Musgrave went to Crusin' the Coast. It was rainy but they still had literally thousands of cars. Allen Bradley went to the Treasure Chest show. Mike Lewis and the Mardi Gras T club had a big turn out there, resulting in almost a dozen Brits.

Keith Vezina reported on the Houston MG Show. He said there were a lot of unusual cars: everything from a Scorpion mini-tank (tracked vehicle with a 40 mm cannon!) to a Bugeye Sprite with long horn cow horns on the front.

Bill Harris and Allen Bradley went to the Nashville show. It was a 9 hour drive straight there. The weather was perfect and they drove back on the Natchez Trace (11 hours) and it was just beautiful. Other than Bill's muffler falling off the car, there were no mechanical problems on the trip. (They picked it up, tossed it in the trunk & kept going.)

Lakefront Cruise to Times Grill in Slidell was fun. (See article)

Upcoming Events: The BMCNO 2005 Calendar should be available very soon. There will be 9 photos per month. Pre-paid orders were accepted at the meeting.

The convoy to the SABCC show at Fairhope was discussed.

Joy Watts gave information on the E. E. Reynolds Rallye. A dozen or so members said they planned to participate.

Member Projects: Martin Straka reported that he recently bought a set of "exact reproduction" tri-bar headlights for $300 for his XKE. He said they were totaly worthless – the lights didn't line up on the car, the connectors didn't fit, numerous other problems. And when he returned them, he was hit with a 25% restocking fee. Let the buyer beware!

Car Show: Bill Breithoff is the show chairman. Martin Straka is designing a T-shirt for the show. Bill Harris announced the new host hotel, the Hampton Inn Elmwood. The trophy shop that has done our trophies for the past few years has closed. The club is seeking a new trophy shop. §

Club Officers - 2004

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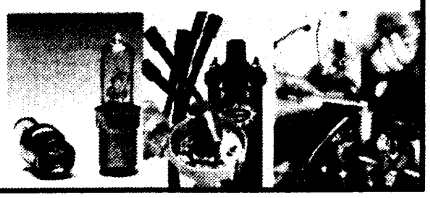

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SABCC Show *by Cathy Greensfelder*

The ***South Alabama British Car Club*** held their annual show in Fairhope, Alabama on Halloween weekend. Mark & Cathy Greensfelder, Bill & Sally Breithoff, Butch and Cindy Frutos, Fran and Rodger Talley, and John & Derryl Lynn Roberts towing their LBC left the Crescent City to meet Dawn Gonzales & Ray Williams (towing their MGB) at Exit 13 in MS at the waffle house. Most of the group headed straight to the Tanger Outlet Mall in Foley for some quick bargain hunting before the SABCC reception Friday evening.

At the reception we were able to catch up on some of the other clubs' member experiences with Ivan. Bill Silhan from Pensacola, FL looked like he's been lifting weights. And he has – a chain saw and tree limbs are heavy. He had a lot of trees down around his home. Thankfully, none of his cars were damaged.

By the next morning, the BMCNO group had grown to 14 members. During the show, several groups of ladies took the tow cars up the hill to Fairhope to browse the wonderful antique shops. Anne Friloux offered room in her Suburban and trailer to bring home any packages that didn't fit in the MGs and Triumphs.

BMCNO did very well in the show, with only one car not placing. My 79 MGB came in 3rd in the late Rubber Bumper MGBs and I personally think Dawn Gonzales and Ray Williams' 80 MGB should have won it. But with popular vote judging, you never know what criteria people are going to use. For those of you who don't know, my car has won the "Undo" award for worst wheels at the UnCar Show in August for the past two years. MGB steel Rostyle wheels are supposed to be painted silver and black. Mine were orange and brown with all the rust!! But between the Natchez show and Fairhope, my husband Mark & I got busy and painted the monsters. It made such a tremendous difference it the car's appearance that at least a dozen people, including some from our club, wanted to know if I'd painted the CAR! I think it got third on a "most improved" vote.

Member	Auto	Award
Butch Frutos	'93 Jaguar XKS	1st
Keith Vezina	'76 MGB (early rubber)	1st
Bill Harris	'80 MGB-LE (late rubbr)	1st
Mike Lewis	'50 MG-Y	1st
Anne Friloux	'72 GT6	1st
Rodger Talley	'57 Austin Healey Sprite	2nd
Cliff Hughes	'58 Austin Healey 100-6	2nd
Dan Melesurgo	'00 Jaguar S-Type	2nd
Jim Forsythe	'54 MG-TF	3rd
John Roberts	'74 MGB (chrome)	3rd
Cathy Greensfelder	'79 MGB (late rubber)	3rd
Wayne Aucoin	'04 Mini Cooper	3rd
Bill Breithoff	'80 TR8	3rd
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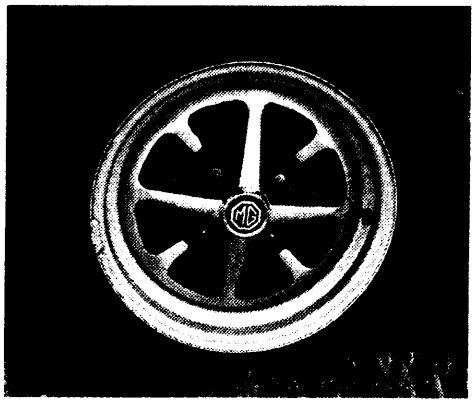
But Dawn and Ray didn't go home empty-handed. Dawn won a 5" portable TV in the raffle. It might come in handy in their motor home. Sally Breithoff also picked up something – she won the gift basket from the Church Mouse, a Fairhope gift shop that specializes in British items. It is one of the ladies' favorite shops in Fairhope.

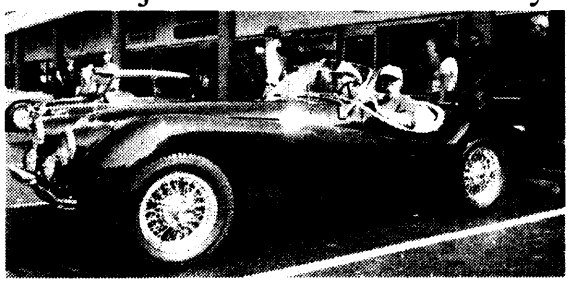


E.E. Reynolds Rallye *by Joy Watts*

The weather could not have been more perfect for an LBC run! Sixteen drivers with their navigators in tow must have agreed, as one by one they arrived at the Jefferson Italian Pie parking lot for the start of the annual event.

The route was a little over 45 miles in total, which took the participants through the scenic highlights of Avondale, Luling and Sarpy to the finish line at the newly reopened Airline Motors Restaurant in La Place.

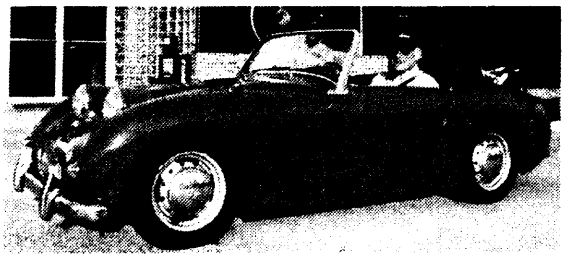
Dave Hayden and Fred Stokes in a '73 Lotus Europa were first to finish, completing the course in just short of 2 hours. They were a welcome sight, being the first out of the starting gate. But as we all know from rally experience, the first to finish is not necessarily the first to finish. My main concern was that everyone would complete the route safely.



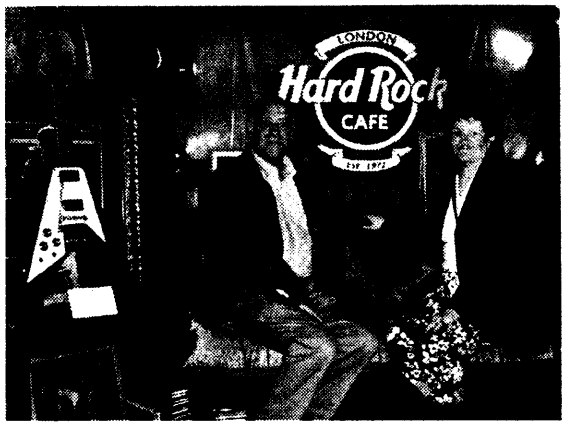
I did not want to make the clues too difficult, nor the route too long. Thanks to those who sent emails saying how much they enjoyed it. As it was my first time preparing for a road rally in this country I was a little apprehensive, but thank everyone for their kind words and offers of help as my partner in crime was unable to join us; the victim of an untimely bug.

The winners were Rodger and Fran Talley in their '59Austin Healey Sprite and first runner up honors went to Keith and Karen Vezina in their '76 MGB. The $10 raffle prize went to Terry Dempre who participated with daughter, Rosie in his '77 MGB.

Other participants were Allen and Susan Bradley ('70 MGB), Bill and Sally Breithoff ('80 TR8), Mike and John Brown ('58 MGA), Ronnie and Karen Palmisano ('76 TR6), Mike Anderson and Keith Forsyth (Toyota Camry), Mike and Karen Loden ('71 MGB), Wayne and Joyce Aucoin ('77 MGB), Anne and Floyd Friloux ('76 GT6), and Pepe and Claudia Merrick in Claudia's gorgeous '54 XK 120. Special mention must be given to Robert Rougelot ('00 Mini) who completed the course without a navigator, no mean feat in itself, but also finished in the top five along with Stuart McKendrick and Tre Lapeyre ('73 TR6) and Cathy and Mark Greensfelder ('79 MGB).



The Bradleys in London *by Sue Bradley*



The flight over was great; we saw a rainbow and later a moonlit night. Two good omens, I thought. The next thing I knew it was, "Coffee, Coffee" and daylight...ready to land at Gatwick Airport. After the train to our hotel, we were off on the streets of London. First stop, Portobello Road Antiques Market. On Saturday the street is filled with stalls offering antiques, collectibles, etc. Cars even attempted to drive down the crowded road. Then it was on to ride the famous double-decker buses. The taxis are amazing and all over everywhere. Piccadilly Circus was our walk around for dinner-Italian food this evening.

On Sunday, we attended church at Westminster Abbey. It was just so incredible and serene sitting in this monument built in 1050 by Edward the Confessor. Then we got on the London (brown) Bus Tour and we rode atop the bus to view Parliament, Big Ben, beautiful bridges, and more. St. Paul's Cathedral is one of London's most awe-inspiring sights. Its dome is the third largest in the world and stands out in the city's skyline. Then we had fish and chips at a neighborhood Pub close to our hotel. That night, we went to the Ceremony of the Keys, where only a small group are allowed in to observe the locking of the Tower of London. This is an ancient tradition which has scarcely changed in 700 years. Yeoman Warders known as the Beefeaters guard the Tower.

Monday we were off to see the Rosetta Stone found in 1799 at mouth of the Nile. Now it is Allen's turn! Off to Motors Books, the world's oldest motoring book shop and St. Martins Accessories, an amazing selection of model cars. Then we took a ride to the "TR" shop in Chiswick where Allen bought a part for the TR6.

Tuesday is the day Sue has been waiting for-the Beatles Tour. First to the Tower of London to see the Crown Jewels and the ravens. This tower was a place of torture, execution, royal palace, fort and prison. Construction began in 1078 by William the Conqueror.

Finally, on to the Hard Rock Cafe (original 1971) for our London Rock/Beatles Tour. We saw clothes, guitars, shoes from John Lennon, Elvis, Jerry Lee Lewis and others in the Vault tour at the Hard Rock Store. Also seen was where the Beatles and Stones got together to practice. We saw Paul McCartney at his house! WOW!!! We walked on Abbey Road and stopped at Sticky Fingers, a restaurant owned by one of the Stones.This was a great tour with a fun and informative guide. A Belgian restaurant was the end of this exciting day-Belgo Central, where the waiters wore monk robes.

Wednesday we saw Buckingham Palace for the changing of the guards. Then on the "Tube" for Covent Gardens, London Transport Museum and a last look at Trafalgar Square. Finally got to Harrod's to shop and explore! Dinner was Sherlock Holmes Pub, fish and chips, bangers and mash. Arthur Conan Doyle wrote many of his famous Sherlock Holmes stories here when earlier this building was a hotel. Our last adventure was the National Gallery (open late). Beautiful building with famous artworks from Europe. Leonardo da Vinci, Rembrandt, Vincent van Gogh, Monet, Renoir and many others. What a wonderful end to our London trip!

We traveled with another couple, Diane and Ron, who had been to London last March. We managed just fine on the tube and bus system. We found lots of shops and some expensive stores. London is an enormous and very exciting city, full of tradition and pageantry. It was very interesting being there during our Presidential election. People asked us questions as soon as they knew we were Americans. They were also interested in New Orleans.

We passed by a MG car dealer with all the brand new MG's, but were not able to visit. We saw Jaquars, Mini's new and old, Bentleys, Lamborghini's, Ferrari's, TVR, MGB GT and a MG midget, and Smart cars (2 seater). Did not see any Triumphs. It was really neat seeing so many different cars. I loved the taxis and the buses. We did miss a lot, so we just have to return!

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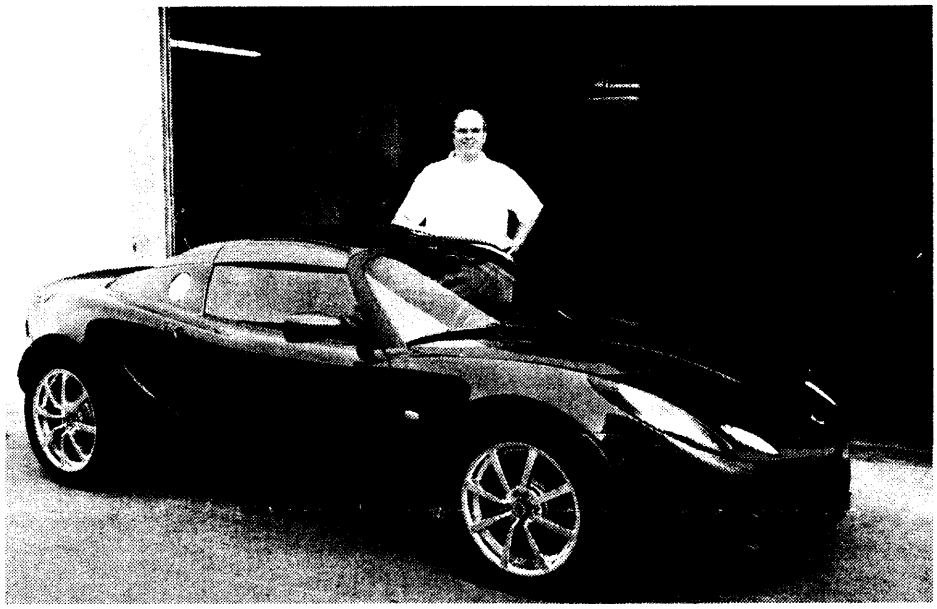
Lotus Craze Fulfilled for BMCNO Member

It is said that good things come to those that wait. Other times you get a little help, which is how Jim Lilly leapfrogged several others in line ahead of him. The prize is being one of the first in New Orleans with the coveted 2005 Lotus Elise. In fact, this is one of the first dozen delivered by Star Motors in Houston. The photo below was taken on the first happy day of ownership. This Magnetic Blue beauty was in good company at Star - also in the garage was an Aston Martin DB7, two black Esprits ('89 & '03), and two other Elises awaiting delivery.

Jim got on Star's waiting list in January, and did not expect delivery until next summer. A car arrived that was very similar to what he wanted, and miraculously no one in line ahead of him claimed it. The only waiting Jim has to do now is for the pesky break-in period to pass! There are currently only two modifications planned: The switch to brighter headlamp bulbs, and the addition of a BMCNO sticker!



2005 Lotus Elise Specs	
Motor (1.8L-4cyl)	190 HP
Weight	1984 lbs
0-60 mph	4.9 sec.
Top Speed	150
Redline (rpm)	8,500
Oil & water leaks	0

Pub Night Thanks *by Joy Watts*

On behalf of the **Daughters of the British Empire** in the State of Louisiana I would very much like to thank the members of the British Motor Club New Orleans for their participation in our recent fund raiser.

The car display was very much appreciated and added another dimension to our evening's festivities and it was wonderful to see so many members supporting our efforts for Mountbatten House by their most enthusiastic attendance.

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New members receive a name tag and either a club license plate frame or T-shirt at their first or second meeting (shipping extra). All members receive the monthly club newsletter.

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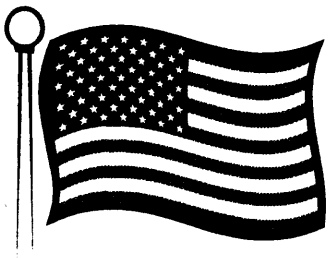

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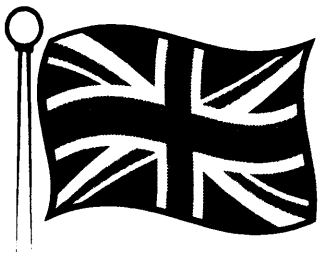

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