

# *The Morris Gazette*

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



## *British Motoring Festival 2026*



*Tom and Sue McMillan and their Best in Show  
1946 MG TC. Much more on pages 17-28 .*



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Colin McCormick



Now THAT was how you put on a car show!

A special thank you to all our club members and spouses and family members and friends who worked to make it possible, to everyone who entered their car and to all those who attended as spectators as well as our generous sponsors and donors. And thank you to Covington's Mayor Mark Johnson and the city's Cultural Arts and Events Director Sarada Bonnett and her staff for their efforts to make it work for everyone.

We had 176 vehicles registered and 156 were displayed on the streets of Covington, a record for our club, and some of the many spectators may have learned a bit about the world of fun, interesting and awesome British cars! If you didn't make it, you really missed out. The no-shows missed a great show. Hopefully next time. Enjoy reading about it and viewing photos in this issue. Also, you'll find photos from several photographers and members on our website at BMCNO.org (<https://www.bmcno.org/>)

We have an exciting lineup of events coming this spring and early summer. Panhandle British Car Association's Brits on the Bay in Pensacola is this Saturday, April 18th. Several of their members regularly attend our show, and it would be right for us to reciprocate. A group drive is planned from here to Pensacola on Friday. Rick Huber has the details for you on page 12, and you can find show details on the Pensacola club's website. ([www.pbca1.com](http://www.pbca1.com)) If you can't go Friday, a day-trip will be well worth your time.

May 14th through the 16th at NOLA Motorsports our very own vintage racer Karl Keiger is participating in SCCA Vintage Racing. See Karl's updated report on page 15.

Dan McGovern needs a few more drivers for the Vicari Auction in Biloxi May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. It can be a lot of fun, and you get paid! You can find details for that on page 12.

Join your BMCNO friends for our annual Crawfish Party Sunday, May 24th at Fairview-Riverside State Park in Madisonville at 12 noon. Reserve your portion now using the link on page 5.

And this bit of good news. Our New Orleans Cars and Coffee group is now meeting every Saturday at 8 a.m. at Café Chateau in New Orleans.

You can read all the details about these events and more in this issue.

I look forward to seeing you at one of them and also out on the road in April.

Keep calm and drive on,

Colin McCormick





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## ***BMCNO Upcoming Events***

### **Brits on the Bay April 18th in Pensacola**

Panhandle British Car Association presents their 32nd show in Seville Square. Another fun weekend and a club road trip is planned for this Friday. See the drive info on page 12 and their flyer on page 31. Registration form is at the link below:

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



### **On da Bayou Car Show May 9th in Slidell**

St. Genevieve Church Knights of Coumbus is holding their 3rd annual show under da oaks on Bayou Liberty at the bridge in Slidell starting at 9 a.m. and they're taking the first 60 cars, maybe more. They're probably not accounting for LBCs. Food, drink, 50/50, awards and more. Sounds like a fun day. \$30 to enter your car. Flyer on p. 35.



### **VINTAGE RACING May 15th - 17th**

BMCNO member Karl Keiger competes in NOLA vintage races including British cars you know and love. Everyone is encouraged to attend at least one day. Read more from Karl on page 15 of this newsletter.

**Our CRAWFISH PARTY May 24th** will be at Fairview-Riverside State Park this year on the Tchefuncte River across from Madisonville. We buy them boiled, but we'll roll out our famous colorful bowls once again and fill them with three pounds of fresh out of the pot crawfish plus fixings for \$15. R.S.V.P. on our website using this link:

<https://www.bmcno.org/2026-bmcno-annual-crawfish-party/>





# 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

Now every Saturday at 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






# April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 N.O. NS & BR Cars & Coffee
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 N.O. NS & BR Cars & Coffee Natchez Concours
12	13	14 Baton Rouge Meeting	15 Mandeville Meeting	16	17	18 N.O. NS & BR Cars & Coffee Brits on the Bay in Pensacola
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 N.O. NS & BR Cars & Coffee
26	27	28 Harahan Meeting	29	30 Land Rover debut 1948		

# May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 N.O. NS & BR Cars & Coffee
3	4 Charles Rolls and Henry Royce met for the 1st time in 1904.	5	6	7	8	9 N.O. NS & BR
10	11	12 Baton Rouge Meeting	13	14	15 NOLA Vintage Racing	16 NOLA Vintage Racing N.O. NS & BR Cars & Coffee
17 NOLA Vintage Racing	18	19	20 Mandeville Meeting	21	22	23 N.O. NS & BR
24 Crawfish Party	25	26 Harahan Meeting	27	28	29	30 N.O. NS & BR Cars & Coffee
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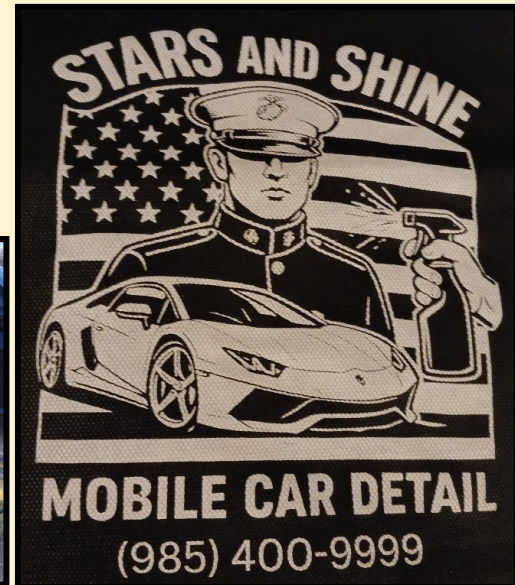
## March Meetings

**March 10th in Baton Rouge**, by my count we had 18 members present tonight. Tom and Chris Miller, Les Landon and I came in the three LBCs seen below. I love being able to see in the evening with the time change! We were in the big room tonight, and the club covered that cost. Colin, Benny and Cliff came to the meeting with goody bag items from their area. We enjoyed a great meal and conversation, then Rick went over past events (Middendorf's) and mentioned the March 14th breakfast at Bill Nix's house.

Colin got up and talked about the British Motoring Festival March 28th and said we already had over 118 cars pre-registered! He reminded everyone about the "Final Friday" event on the 27th - and also our show's reception Friday night at the Firehouse. Snacks, jambalaya and more!

Bobby talked about the valve cover races and explained how Danny and Dana have done a lot of work re-painting and lengthening the track. Bobby made Charlie a valve cover racer, too. The general take-away from the discussion was "Don't let Allen win!"

Rick then coached everyone how to stuff the additional 78 goody bags. He had already updated 80 from last year. Cliff supplied the bags from his son's detailing business in Holden; they do everything from cars to RVs. Then we loaded the cars and chatted in the parking lot before heading home under the beautiful cool night sky. —*Roving Reporter*



**In Mandeville on March 18th** the meeting was mostly business this time with the car show coming up. We did have some fun with pi day memes, char-broiled oyster-flavor Peeps and a seafood ad from the '50s with 10¢ a pound crawfish and 50¢ a dozen crabs. Benny told us about some of our car club's first meetings being held at Pepperoni's in Metairie, a restaurant owned by his sister and brother-in-law. Benny worked there at the time but didn't know about the club! —*Meandering Muckraker*

**In Harahan on March 31st** two new members came to the meeting. Much of the discussion was about the car show. There were no complaints and no new ideas on how to improve the show. A trip to the Pensacola show was discussed but only a few people said they were going. The Southshore group's Cars and Coffee gatherings will now be held every Saturday, same time and place...8 a.m. at Chateau Café, 139 Allen Toussaint Blvd, N.O. Y'all come!! —*Allen Bradley*



**From our April, 2001 Morris Gazette Newsletter**

Soon it will be time for the club officers to analyze the show. Ideas will be floated, questions will be asked, "nation will march against nation", all in an effort to try to bring about any improvement, colossal or minute, to next year's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual British Car Day. Some trial balloons have already been launched. These thoughts generally deal with the trophy preparation and ideas to get even more participation, especially at the awards dinner. These are just a couple of the many items we will be discussing and sorting out between now and the next show. No mater what we say or do, our car show is the best you will find. The only item we can not improve upon is, the weather. I wonder if having some local Druids sacrifice a virgin might help? (Just kidding!)



# Meanwhile in Baton Rouge... March 9th

We had a nice crowd at the Warehouse Saturday morning and then Hugh Coleman and Bill McQuade showed up from the Lacombe and Hammond areas! Great to see and visit with them. Harry Landry was there also, broken arm and all. Get well soon Harry!

I presented Charlie Brown with his very own Valve Cover Racer, "Rollin' English Coal." Hope it's fast. Danny and Dana have been working on the track and it's looking mighty fine - with new paint and an added 8' runout. Our "team" will meet soon to nail down assembly procedures. —Roving Reporter



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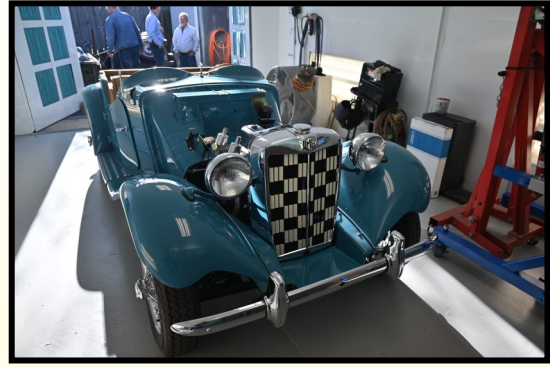
# *A Proper British Breakfast*

Bill and Violet Nix hosted A Proper British Breakfast the morning of Saturday, March 14th. British cars filled the driveway and surrounding streets while at the house everyone was enjoying a spot of tea and some of those homemade scones for breakfast. Of course we had bangers and beans, hash browns, strawberries, coffee and other deliciousness. And we got a first look at Bill's 1948 MG YT Tourer in the "Special Edition Garage." It was a most lovely way to spend the morning with British Motoring friends. We thank Bill and Violet for being such gracious hosts, and for the cracking good breakfast!





*more Proper British Breakfast* Saturday, March 14th





## BMCNO Caravan to the PBCA Car Show in Pensacola

Panhandle British Car Association's Brits on the Bay car show is this coming Saturday. They won't have a day-before-the-show event, so we're going to head over to Pensacola early on Friday, April 17th. For those who want to join in the drive, we'll meet at the Mississippi Welcome Center on I-10 at Hwy 607 at 9:45. We'll depart there at 10:15 and first head to Wentzell's Oyster House in downtown Mobile, arriving there at around 12 noon for lunch.

- South Shore members will depart from Cafe du Monde, 4700 Veterans Memorial Boulevard at 9 a.m.
- Baton Rouge members will depart from the Circle K at the I-12/Juban Road intersection at 8:30 a.m.
- Northshore members will depart at 9:00 a.m. from the new Love's Travel Stop on LA 1088 and I-12 in Mandeville, Exit 68.

After lunch we'll make a pit stop and then head over to Pensacola via Hwy 90 to check in to the show hotel, the Days Inn on Palafox, and then get ready for the welcome party at the Museum of Commerce that starts at 6 p.m.

This year the Panhandle British Car Association has reserved parking for the Friday party in the field/lot to the south of the show field, so that's Fountain Park, across E Zaragoza Street from Seville Square, just a block away from the Museum.

We're looking forward to a fun weekend. Contact me, Rick Huber or Colin McCormick if you have any questions. Find details on the show on the PBCA website. (<https://www.pbca1.com/show.htm>)



## Vicari Auction May 1st and 2nd



Mr. Pete Vicari needs about twelve volunteer drivers for the auction Friday, May 1st and Saturday, May 2nd, in Biloxi. Right now, including myself, I have nine drivers on Friday and 10 drivers on Saturday. There is a substantial amount of walking required as well as standing around. There are a lot of manual transmission vehicles along with some guessing games on how to start them or to even get them to move at all. Overall, it is a lot of fun, but it can be a bit frustrating at times as well. Please let me know if you are interested in driving. Naturally you need a valid driver's license. I will also need your name, E-Mail address, mailing address (For your check after the auction. We usually get paid \$20 per hour. They also need your cellphone number so they can contact you if necessary during the auction.

Please contact Dan McGovern at [DPMcG@Bellsouth.Net](mailto:DPMcG@Bellsouth.Net) or (985) 285-3406. If I do not answer my cellphone please leave a message. I generally do not answer anything not already in my contact list.

There will be another auction Thursday through Saturday, October 8th, 9th and 10th during Cruisin' the Coast. If you are interested in driving then, please let me know. It is generally a larger auction and even some of the Cruisin' cars show up to be sold on Saturday. (<https://www.vicariauction.com/>)



# Covington Celtic Club Parade March 14th

The Covington St. Patrick's parade has grown into a very popular event, but our British Breakfast happened to fall on the same day so we didn't have the usual high level of participation from club members. Even so, everyone in the parade riding in a British car had a great time. The only thing more magical than finding a four-leaf clover is a British car that makes it to the end of the parade!





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



The big celebration and parade had to be moved to Friday, March 20th due to bad weather. The folks wouldn't have wanted to sit outside, not even to see our British cars. But they do enjoy seeing us on a nice day. In fact, Enrichment Director Lisa Ray says we make it special for St. Anthony's Gardens Retirement Community. Several of the residents paraded around the parking lot in our cars, delighting their cheering and waving friends. The luck of the Irish was with all but Dan. His TR6 died after a couple of laps and had to be pushed to the side by a leprechaun and then towed home. Better for it to happen there than on the side of a highway, so that's kind of lucky!



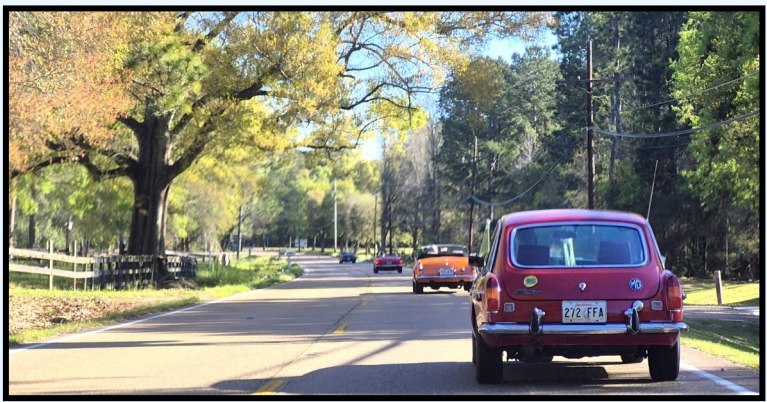


# BMCNO Northshore Cars and Coffee March 21st

The usual third Saturday group plus more showed up at Abita Roasting Co. in Covington for breakfast. It seems like there were about a dozen sleek British cars lined up. Inside, just like at Liz's, we filled up the table and needed more room. Another group meets at the same time and takes up another big table. We keep the kitchen and the wait staff hopping, and they seem to be doing an okay job. They keep the coffee coming, but need to take Cliff's advice and write down names to go with the orders. That's because we don't remember what we ordered.



Or maybe we're not paying attention. Sometimes both. After breakfast and looking at our motors for a while the "I don't care, you pick the way" committee hit the road from Covington headed thataway for a change.



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**NORTHSHORE**  
 SPECIALTY  
*Coffee*



## Vintage Racing at NOLA Motorsports May 15-17

by Karl Keiger

This is a reminder that Corinthian Vintage Auto Racing (CVAR) will be hosting their Marvelous May Races Friday, May 15th through Sunday, May 17th at NOLA Motorsports Park located in Avondale, Louisiana, across the Huey P. on the Westbank. If you are interested in seeing vintage sports cars racing wheel-to-wheel on a racetrack, this is a good opportunity to see them at a local venue.

At a CVAR vintage race, you can expect to see old race cars authentically prepared to period specs competing in wheel-to-wheel racing. At a vintage race, the cars are the stars. The drivers are mostly vintage too, but make no mistake, they are racing for real.

At last year's NOLA races we had a little under 100 cars on the track, including around 20 or so British cars, ranging from Sprites, Midgets and Minis to a Jag XK120, a big Healey, a Sunbeam Tiger, and some distinguished British Formula cars from marques such as Lotus and Lola.

Other than the British cars, there will also be a wide variety of other vintage race cars participating in the action, from big-bore cars such as Corvettes and Mustangs to vintage formula cars.

Don't miss your chance to wander around the paddock. It's almost like going to a vintage car show or a car museum. Some of the cars are prepped to a very high level. And then you get to see them race.

The best day to attend is Saturday, May 16th, but Sunday morning is also a good time to see the action. On Saturday, there will be morning qualifying sessions followed by morning races, then after lunch there will be afternoon races for each group, and at the end of the day a feature race for 2.3 liter and under production cars. There will also be track touring behind a pace car available at lunch time (for a small fee) in case you want to drive the track yourself in your own car.

Hope to see you there. You can learn all about Corinthian Vintage Racing on the CVAR website.

[\(https://corinthianvintageautoracing.com/\)](https://corinthianvintageautoracing.com/)





# British Motoring Festival Friday Night Reception 3-27

Our Friday Night Reception serves two purposes, to turn the Firehouse Events Center into a British themed party house, and to welcome everyone to the Festival site. Our show participants had a great time visiting with each other, and many took a stroll down to Columbia Street for the city's Final Friday block party. 30 cars were registered from out of state this year, and 123 came from outside of St. Tammany Parish.





## March 28th *British Motoring Festival*

Our club's 34th annual car show was a huge success by many different measures. It was a big turnout of both cars entered and spectators, and the one thing we can't control, the weather, was just about perfect. Thank you to everyone who complimented us on the quality of the Covington location, the Firehouse Event Center, the Valve Cover Races, the organization of the show and more. Sure, we can always do things better. We're always trying to improve. But for now, let's celebrate our success!! Here are some photos from the day, and you can find more on our website at <https://www.bmcno.org/>.





# more British Motoring Festival





# March 28th British Motoring Festival





# Valve Cover Races

Our Valve Cover Races are getting better every year thanks to the ingenuity of our Baton Rouge VCR team. The longer track and push button start with Christmas tree countdown lights added to the competition at this year's British Motoring Festival. We had 16 entries and all awesomely creative designs. Annette Franklin was the race winner, unseating 2025 champ Allen Bradley. Savana Baldwin won for Best VCR design.





# 2026 British Motoring Festival Awards



**Our Awards** presentation began close enough to on time and everyone was ready. A crowd had gathered around the Trailhead's gazebo among the cars and around the world's largest Ronald Reagan statue as our resident Brit Ian MacDonald called out the honors and the hardware was passed out by our President Colin McCormick.



## Austin Healey 100, 100-6, 3000 Sponsored by Friend of BMCNO

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Peter Brauen 1964 Austin Healey 3000 MkIII GT
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Terry Lopez 1966 Austin Healey 3000
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Rick Huber 1964 Austin Healey 3000

## Austin Healey Sprite & MG Midget Sponsored by A Friend of BMCNO

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Bernard Stiegler 1967 Austin Healey Sprite Mk IV
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Bryan Scuderi 1979 MG Midget
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Rick Gilly 1961 Austin Healey Sprite



## MG T & Pre-war

### Sponsored by Supreme Automotive Group, Harahan

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: William Nix 1948 MG YT Tourer
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Robert Hurst 1936 Railton Tourer
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Adam Gaudry 1953 MG TD



## MGA 1600 Mk II (60-62)

### Sponsored by Chad and Rachel Wicker, Metairie

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Bob Gordon 1962 MGA Mk II
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Robb Ogletree 1962 MGA Mk II



## MGA 1500 & 1600 (thru 60)

### Sponsored by Central Electronics LLC, Covington

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: William Nix 1957 MGA Coupe
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: John Burwell 1960 MGA
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Richard Gaudry 1959 MGA



## MGB & C Chrome Bumper (71-74)

### Sponsored by Central Electronics LLC, Covington

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Joel E. Rutter 1973 MGB
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Don Lemoine 1971 MGB Mk II
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Clay Johnston 1972 MGB
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Rob Stevenson 1972 MGB





# more British Motoring Festival Awards

**MGB & C Chrome Bumper (62-70)**  
 Sponsored by Central Electronics LLC, Covington  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Danny Varnado 1963 MGB  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Allen Bradley 1970 MGB  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Jeff and Alison LaBauve 1969 MGC  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Gilbert Stuart 1969 MGB



**MGB Rubber Bumper**  
 Sponsored by Chad and Rachel Wicker, Metairie  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Michele Savoy 1977 MGB  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Robert Murphy 1979 MGB  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Michelle Atzenhoffer 1977 MGB

**MG V8 Sponsored by Chad and Rachel Wicker, Metairie**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Clifford Kenwood 1995 MG RV8  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Robert Rougelot 1978 MGB V8 / Chrome Conversion  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: T. Keith Vezina 1978 MGB V8 & Portable Pub



**MGB/GT & MGC/GT Sponsored by Friend of BMCNO**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Gene Johnston 1973 MGB/GT  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: David Jones 1972 MGB/GT

**Triumph TR2, 3, 4 and 250**  
**In Memory of Celia McCormick**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Bruce Balough 1959 Triumph TR3A



**Triumph TR6 Late (75+)**  
**In Memory of Celia McCormick**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Jan Songy 1976 Triumph TR6  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Gene Simon 1976 Triumph TR6  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Brad Lively 1975 Triumph TR6





# British Motoring Festival Results

## Triumph TR6 Early (thru 74) In Memory of Dana McCormick

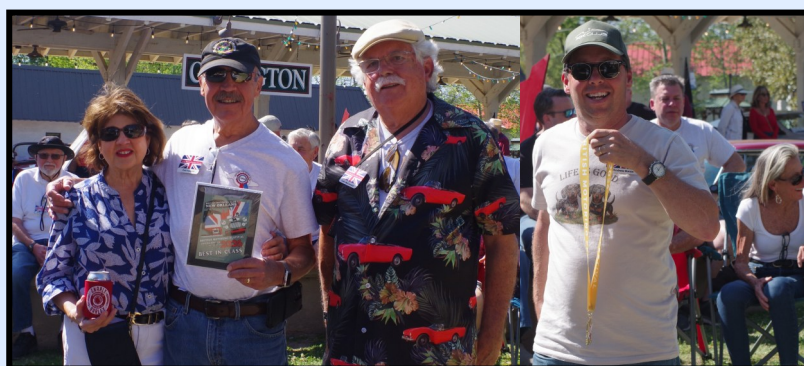
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Leonard Dunn 1974 Triumph TR6
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Bill McQuade 1974 Triumph TR6
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Henry Restarick 1974 Triumph TR6



## Triumph Spitfire, GT6

Sponsored by Supreme Automotive Group of Harahan

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Mike McPhail 1976 Triumph Spitfire
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Chad Wicker 1967 Triumph Spitfire
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Richard Mol 1970 Triumph Spitfire



## Jaguar Sports OTS, Classic (48-74)

Sponsored by Nexus Luxury Imports Covington

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Curt Coppock 1967 Jaguar E-Type S1
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Bill Phillips 1972 Jaguar E-Type
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Andrew Doran 1953 Jaguar XK120



## Jaguar Sports FHC, Classic (48-74)

Sponsored by Nexus Luxury Imports, Covington

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Jack Wade III 1966 Jaguar E-Type
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Milton Franklin 1969 Jaguar E-Type



## Jaguar Sports Modern (75-2006)

Sponsored by Tom & Judith Bonner, River Ridge

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Matthew Landry 2000 Jaguar XKR
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Wally Waguespack 2004 Jaguar XK8
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Ian MacDonald 2001 Jaguar XK8



## Jaguar Sports, Millenreal (2007+)

Sponsored by Tom & Judith Bonner, River Ridge

- 1 Wally and Margaret Friloux 2020 Jaguar F-Type
- 2 Mark Arnold 2008 Jaguar XKR Portfolio
- 3 Shane Klackle 2017 Jaguar F-Type



*even more* **British Motoring Festival**

**Jaguar Saloons, Classic**

**Sponsored by Jean Kay & Charlie Brown, Baton Rouge**

- 1 Andrew Doran 1964 Jaguar MK2
- 2 John Hans 1967 Jaguar Mark 2
- 2 John Hans 1962 Jaguar Mark 2



**Jaguar Saloons, Modern (89+)**

**Sponsored by Lilly & Benny Stiegler**

- 1 Ricky Taggart 2015 Jaguar XF Portfolio
- 2 Jason Gray 1997 Jaguar XJ6L
- 3 Loalea Underwood 2005 Jaguar XJ8 L
- 3 Richard Black 1999 Jaguar XJ Vanden Plas



**Small Saloons**

**Sponsored by LuLu's Garage, Madisonville**

- 1 David Loeb 1959 Morris Minor Traveler
- 2 Peter Sinclair 1971 Austin Mini
- 3 John Lorio 1996 Rover Mini



**Mini Shorty, Trojan**

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- 1 Wayne Spring 1988 Mini Shorty
- 2 Wayne Spring 1975 Mini Shorty
- 3 Wayne Spring 1967 Mini Shorty



**Empire Sports Classic (thru 82)**

**Sponsored by Louisiana Crawfish Festival, Chalmette**

- 1 John Baldwin 1982 AC Mark IV Cobra
- 2 Jay Pellegrini Jr 1964 AC Cobra
- 3 Preston Marx 1974 Jensen Healey Mark II



**Empire Sports Classic – Sunbeam**

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- 1 Tom Renick 1965 Sunbeam Tiger
- 2 John Baldwin 1966 Sunbeam Tiger
- 3 Blair Spencer 1966 Sunbeam Tiger



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**Empire Exotics Modern (83+)**  
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1 Michael Glore 2020 McLaren GT  
2 Ollivier Guiot 2025 McLaren



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2 Richard Greene 2005 Lotus Elise

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1 Frederick Lewis 2019 Aston Martin DB9 Collum Volante



**Large Saloons**  
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1 Shelly Roy 1952 Bentley R-Type  
2 Cindy Elfert 2007 Bentley Continental GT  
3 Edgar Tozzatto 1987 Rolls Royce Silver Spur



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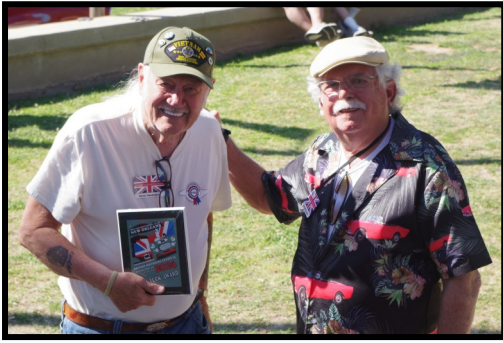


**Modified & Competition**  
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1 Taber Tompkins 2007 Caterham 7SV





# BMCNO *British Motoring Festival* March 28th



**Hard Luck Award: Hans Hassinger** drove his 1972 MGB GT to the Final Friday Block Party with no problems. However, when he started it to go home afterwards, smoke billowed out from under the dash. The car didn't make it to the show. Glad we could put a smile on his face!

**Valve Cover Race Winner Annette Franklin** and her car "Mouse Mobile" won the Valve Cover Races, unseating the previous several years' winner, Allen Bradley and his car "Rat Fink." In addition, Danny Weil won the special "I BEAT ALLEN BRADLEY" award for being the one to actually defeat the Fink!



**Valve Cover Design Winner Savana Baldwin**  
This award is decided by the Race Coordinator and given to the best LOOKING racer.  
Great job, Savana!

**Distance Traveled Winner John Lorio**  
John brought his 1996 Rover Mini to our show all the way from Albuquerque, New Mexico, travelling over 1,100 miles.



**Mayor's Choice Sponsored by Prestridge Cars Inc, Baton Rouge:**  
Covington's Mayor Mark Johnson chose John Baldwin's gorgeous 1983 race prepared Shelby Cobra.



**Best of Show Sponsored by Broadmoor Design Group, Mandeville**  
Our winner was chosen by an expert panel of judges.  
Congratulations to Tom and Sue McMillan and their 1946 MG TC!!



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# April 4th in Baton Rouge



Didn't realize the Warehouse was closed (most holiday weekends) until Danny got there this morning. We quickly texted everyone to go to The James Restaurant instead. Making the trip were me, Danny and Mark in MGBs, Milton and Annette in their XKE, and Randy and Dennis. The RODS Street rod club had 10 at their table but only a couple hot rods in the parking lot.



Food was good and we talked a lot about plans for our 2027 British Motoring Festival and this year's successful Valve Cover Races. We also tentatively planned our upcoming Pensacola "Brits on the Bay" caravan April 17th. (Read Rick's rundown on page 22.)

I had a trunk load of goodies from the Tangipahoa Visitor's Bureau and O'Reilly Auto Parts, and a little blue duck for Danny's "cute" MGB. Milton went home with today's door prizes - a Moss Motors 7" sealed beam headlight and two used TR6 brake calipers.

It pays to get up early on Saturday mornings!

—Roving Reporter



Texas MG Register Hosts Spring GoF in Kerrville  
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Over 100 Classic British Cars and four days of Texas Hill Country tours and social events.

April 29 – May 3, 2026

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



## 4-4 Northshore *Cars and Coffee*

Everyone must have been eager to get back to our regular Saturday morning at Liz's after we were all busy at our British Motoring Festival on March 28th. Either that or a gaggle of club members had a hankering for breakfast. A line-up of nice cars were parked outside and the 32 inside had some lively conversation about the car show and other things. And a good many drivers took advantage of the perfect weather for a nice Saturday morning drive together with Colin leading the way.





Milton Franklin

## *Calling all British Motorcycle Owners*



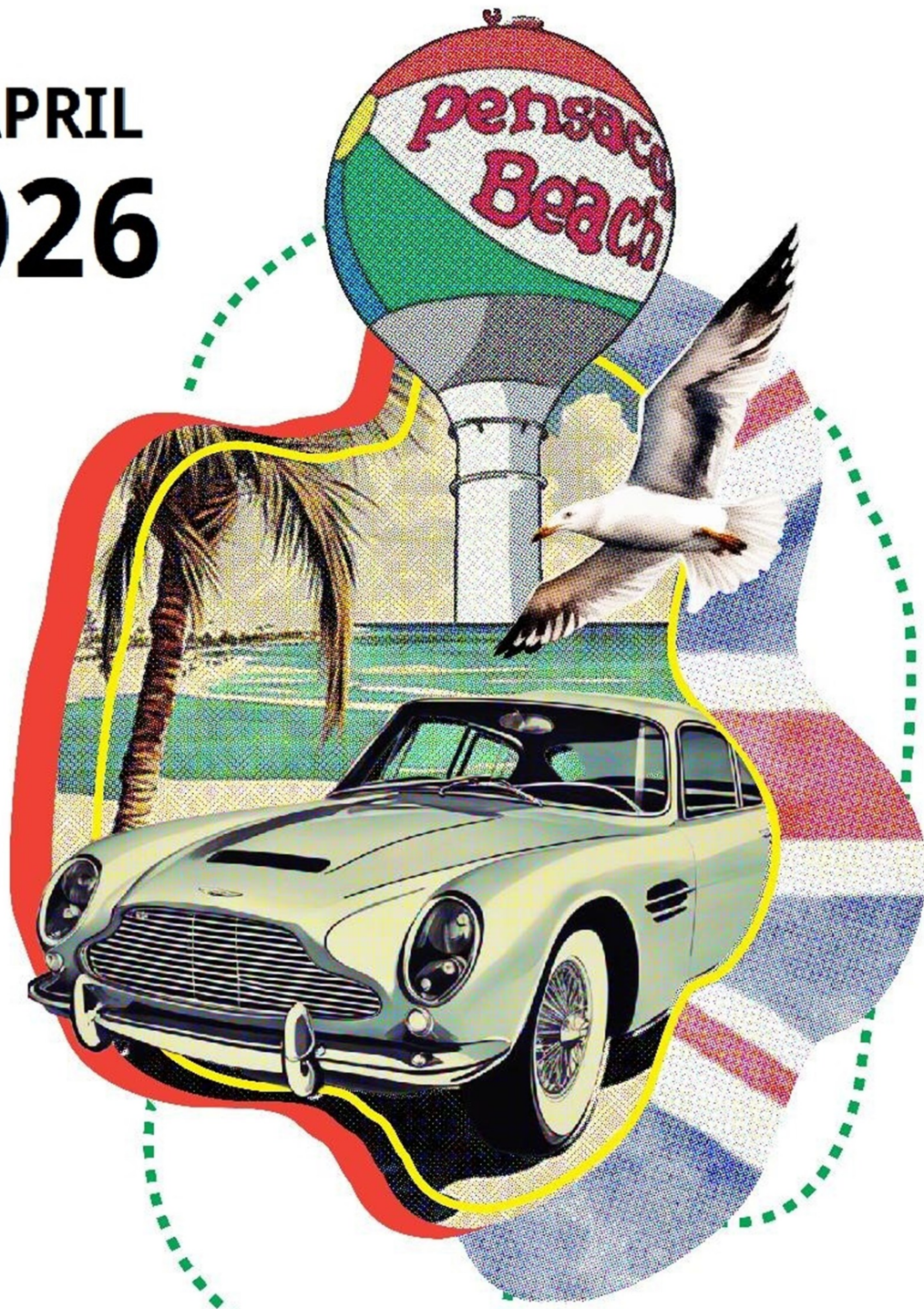
We're getting more people in the club lately with motorcycles and other bikes, and that's exciting. If you come across someone who owns a British motorcycle, invite them to participate in our club. Milton Franklin, Baton Rouge, would like to organize motorcycle events for owners of British Motorcycles. 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).







**18 APRIL  
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**Panhandle British  
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32nd Annual All-British  
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on the  
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Magnolia Park - 13296 Hwy 40, Folsom  
General Admission/Vendor Market 9am - 2pm  
Silent Auction 9am - 1:30pm

Show Car Registration 7am - 9:30am  
Early Registration - email us for a form  
Show Car Judging starts at 11:30am  
Show Car Awards will be announced at 1pm

Email: [kiwanisofnwsttammany@gmail.com](mailto:kiwanisofnwsttammany@gmail.com)  
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**Knights of Columbus Council # 9769**  
**3rd Annual ON DA BAYOU CAR SHOW**  
**Saturday, May 09, 2026,**  
**Under Da Oaks at @ St. Genevieve Church,**  
**58203 Highway 433, Slidell, Louisiana**



**\$30 Registration @ 9am, Awards @ 1pm**  
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The logo for CVAR Corinthian, featuring a circular emblem with wings, the text "CVAR CORINTHIAN" and "VINTAGE AUTO RACING" below it.



## Greater Ozarks British Motoring Club 24<sup>th</sup> Annual British Car & Cycle Show



**JUNE 26 – 27, 2026 – RAIN OR SHINE!**



**Cars!  
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### **2026 Featured Car - Mini Cooper**

The Greater Ozarks British Motoring Club will be holding their 24<sup>th</sup> Annual British Car & Cycle Show at the American Legion Post 639 in Springfield, Missouri. The Post, located at 2660 S. Scenic Drive, is a very picturesque location with grass and shade trees in many areas.

#### **CUSTOM DESIGNED TROPHIES**

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A limited number of rooms have been held at the Best Western Route 66 Rail Haven Motel, 203 S Glenstone Ave, Springfield MO 65802 for \$89.99. Phone for reservations [\(417\) 866-1963](tel:4178661963) and tell them you are with GOBMC. Rooms must be reserved by May 26, 2026.

Details on the show schedule and registration are available at <https://gobmc.org/>

If you have any questions, contact Jim McCraw at (417) 848-3773.



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### 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 interested please TEXT me first 985-259-5419 or email Sheryl at [seheavilin@yahoo.com](mailto:seheavilin@yahoo.com).

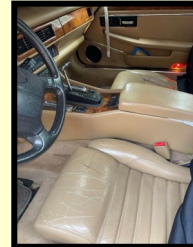


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Pressure Plate for TC, TD and Morris Minor 1098cc

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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.



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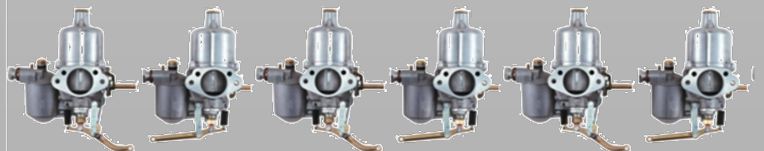
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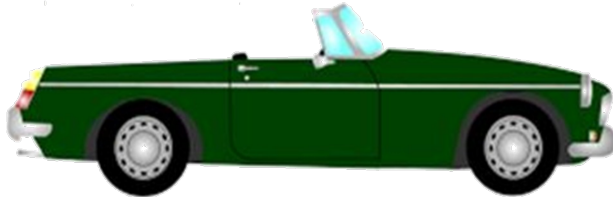




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**1980 Triumph Spitfire project car. \$500.**

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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.**



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