# *The Morris Gazette*

***Official Newsletter of British Motoring Club New Orleans***

***September 2026 Edition***




## *BMCNO Celebrates 49 Years at South Shore Harbor*



***Much more inside this month's Morris Gazette.***

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Colin McCormick



Welcome to the September 2026 edition of our Morris Gazette.

We have recently enjoyed a brief taste of Fall in a few early mornings this past week. Both my Alpine and I run better in the cooler, drier air of early morning. Highway 40 has called me several times.

We will vote for our 2027 Board of Directors at our October meetings. There's still time to throw your hat in the ring for a position on our board. Send your nomination to Chad Wicker by September 15th. I am proposing amendments to our club bylaws to clarify language dealing with aspects of roles and authority. These small changes essentially legalize procedures we have been following for some time. Please vote to authorize these changes to the club bylaws. You will find the current language and the proposed changes on page 15 of this newsletter. It will also be sent to your email address. If you have questions, please contact me by email. You can also see the board nominations as of this publication on page 14.

On August 16th at South Shore Harbor Bar & Grill over 100 of us enjoyed a fantastic party in celebration of our club's 49th anniversary. It was gratifying to have such good attendance, and we had a great time seeing old friends and meeting new members. I have returned there to enjoy the sunset and the food, and I am sure the club will return, too.

September brings car show season, and preparations are well under way according to conversations at meetings and recent Cars and Coffee breakfasts. Many members are eagerly awaiting the K of C show in Folsom, Brits on the Bluff in Natchez, the Distinguished Gentleman's Drive in New Orleans (a pledge drive for prostate cancer and mental health), Euro Fest in Ridgeland Mississippi, the British Car Festival in Fairhope Alabama, and smaller local shows in Jackson, Louisiana and at Fort Pike at the Rigolets in New Orleans. We are also invited on an excursion to the Scottish Highland Games near Gulfport in November. Get your car ready and join us. Those of us who enter out of town shows usually drive over on Friday and return on Sunday, but any of them are an easy day trip. Each coordinator is organizing a group drive to these events. You'll find more details in this newsletter.

So get out in the garage and finish your mechanical preparation and detailing. I recently replaced the door panels on the Alpine and tracked down a baffling intermittent complete loss of power to a cracked clamp on a battery cable.  All in a day in the life of British motoring pleasure.

Keep calm and drive on,
Colin McCormick



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Visit our website https://www.bmcno.org/

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

# BMCNO Upcoming Events

***K OF C CAR SHOW*** **September 12th** in Folsom this Saturday. It's a beautiful setting for a car show and it's getting bigger every year. Show off your British car and spend the day with friends on the beautiful St. John the Baptist Church grounds. They always give us a spot to park together. Cars, food, prizes and car loving friends. See their flyer on page 26.





## Brits on the Bluff, Saturday, September 19th

Our friends in the English Motoring Club of Mississippi are having their 29th annual show in Natchez starting with a Friday driving adventure and a Friday night party. Then spend Saturday with your car club friends on the bluff overlooking the Mississippi River. Bobby has a report on the Friday drive on page 23. See the BOTB flyer and registration form on page 29.

***DISTINGUISHED GENTLEMAN'S DRIVE*** ***Sept. 27th***.
A day for classic cars and our most elegant style, uniting for men's health. Pre-1980 cars and dapper drivers from all around the world rally on this day to raise funds for men's health. Let's do it! Find more info, links and how to get involved by driving or sponsoring our drivers.
Chris Savoy has the latest update on page 10.





## *RENAISSANCE EURO FEST CAR SHOW*

**October 2nd and 3rd** in Ridgeland MS. It's the 17th annual event at Renaissance at Colony Park, and will be a big event with many visitors. Folks from our club and others will be displaying many British and European cars. Make plans to attend. It's a very nice show. Registration and info at http://www.euro-fest.net/.

# MORE Upcoming Events

## SABCC British Car Festival October 17th

The 36th annual show in Fairhope, Alabama this year celebrates the marques no longer with us. It's another favorite weekend for our club, and another great British car show. Flyer on p. 31. Everything you need to know can be found here: https://sabcc.org/british-car-festival





**Fort Pike Festival, Saturday, November 7th** Cannon shots, fort tours a car show and more at Fort Pike State Park, Chef Menteur Highway at the Rigolets bridge. Benefits Fort Pike Volunteer Fire Department. See the flyer on page 32.

***BMCNO Memorial Rallye* November** Still being planned, but it will be a fun day, a nice drive and will serve as a memorial to our club founder and all of our friends and loved ones. Stay tuned.





**Harahan Christmas Parade December 12th** at noon. We have fun decorating our British cars and then roll down Jefferson Highway in Harahan. You can drive a red sleigh, but don't impersonate Santa Claus. He's at the end of the parade. Afterwards we'll roll down to Williams Boulevard to Ground Pat'i for lunch. Our Christmas party will be another day TBD.

## Monthly Club Meetings

**Baton Rouge**
2nd Tuesday of the month
Dinner at 6, Meeting starts at 7 p.m.
Cafe Americain, 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



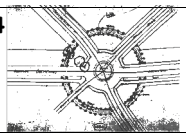




# September

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| 6 | 7 | 8 Baton Rouge Meeting | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 N.O. NS & BR Cars & Coffee —K of C Show in Folsom |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 Mandeville Meeting | 17 | 18 | 19 N.O. NS & BR Cars & Coffee —Natchez Brits on the Bluff |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 Final Friday Block Party | 26 N.O. NS & BR Cars & Coffee |
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# October

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 11 Sollershott Circus Britain's First Roundabout 1909 | 12 | 13 Baton Rouge Meeting | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 N.O. NS & BR Cars & Coffee Fairhope Show |
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# Meanwhile, August 8th Baton Rouge...

We had a big crowd at the Warehouse Saturday morning that included Rick and Mary Lynne H., Larry and Cathy K., Milton and Annette F., Mark, Randy, Charlie Danny the GuRoo and me. I'm waiting on Port Allen Radiator so I can complete my harmonic balancer replacement job. The old one came completely apart! Afterwards, the Kellys, me and Randy in his massive Bronco met up with Danny and Dana at the V-Watts flea market. A lot of junk and some cool stuff, like oil lamps set on Mason jars! I didn't buy anything, but should have gotten that play parking garage for my grandson. His dad had one just like it.

John Buckley called me around 3:30 that afternoon to say that Carol Thibodeaux and a neighbor had a huge garage sale Saturday with clothes and children's toys. They bought a bunch of expensive shoes, but he didn't know what size they were. And he got 11 pairs of shorts?! —*Roving Reporter*






## BMCNO Cars and Coffee in *Mandeville* August 8th

It was the usual crowd at Liz's this morning and a nice collection of cars. Wally G. came in his spiffy TD, and John O'C. drove up in his B LE. Allen M. never forgets to bring his special Liz's coffee cup. I think (he thinks) he gets extra refills. Folks gathered around Colin's Alpine to see his latest improvements. Lookin' good!












# Distinguished Gentleman's Drive 2025

***UPDATE***
***by Chris Savoy***



The schedule for the 2026 Distinguished Gentleman's Drive NOLA has been finalized! As many of you know, DGD NOLA is unlike any other DGD event in the world! We turn DGD into an entire weekend of festivities! Our 2026 DGD weekend will play out as follows, and we invite all DGD participants to attend!

**Friday, September 25th** 5 p.m.- till Distinguished Drivers Happy Hour at St. Garage. Enjoy free drinks at the Idol Hands Tiki Bar inside St. Garage. Dress is casual, and please bring cash to tip your servers. Contact Christopher Savoy for details (225) 287-4525.

St. Garage
1336 St. Ferdinand St.
New Orleans, LA 70117



**Saturday, September 26th** 11 a.m. We have partnered with Middendorf's in Manchac for an afternoon of Catfish and waterfront fellowship. Participants driving in from New Orleans can group up with Bob Gordon at (504) 460-6619. Groups coming in from Baton Rouge can follow Chris Savoy at (225) 287-4525. Those riding in from the Northshore can link up with Colin McCormick (985) 264-3448. Aim to arrive at Middendorf's for 11 a.m.



Middendorf's
30160 US-51
Akers, LA 70421

**Sunday, September 27th** 9 a.m. Drivers gather at the Tricentennial Parking Lot at Café' Du Monde, City Park. Enjoy coffee and Beignets before the drive.

10:30 a.m. Awards are handed out for Best Dressed and Most Funds Raised.



11 a.m. Disembark under Police escort for a parade style ride through the historical streets of New Orleans!

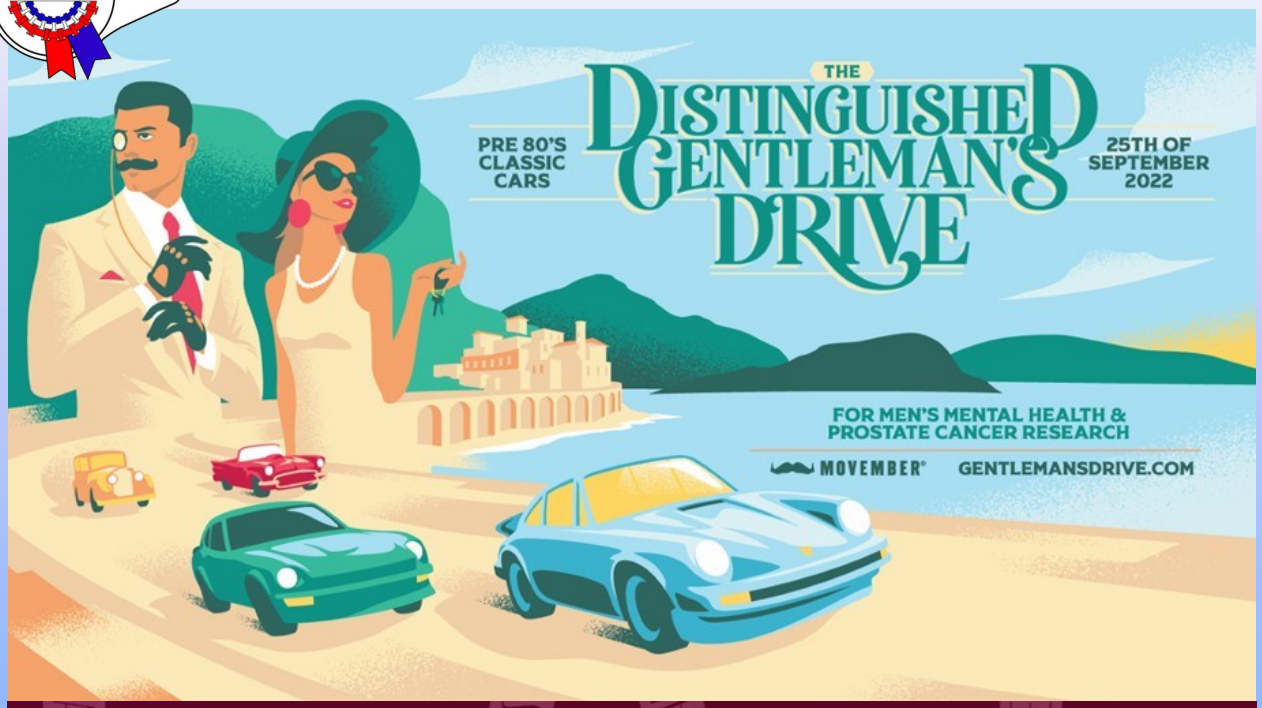
12 Noon Drive will end at Deutsches House for an afternoon of German food and brews!

Register and/or sponsor your friends at:
https://www.gentlemansdrive.com

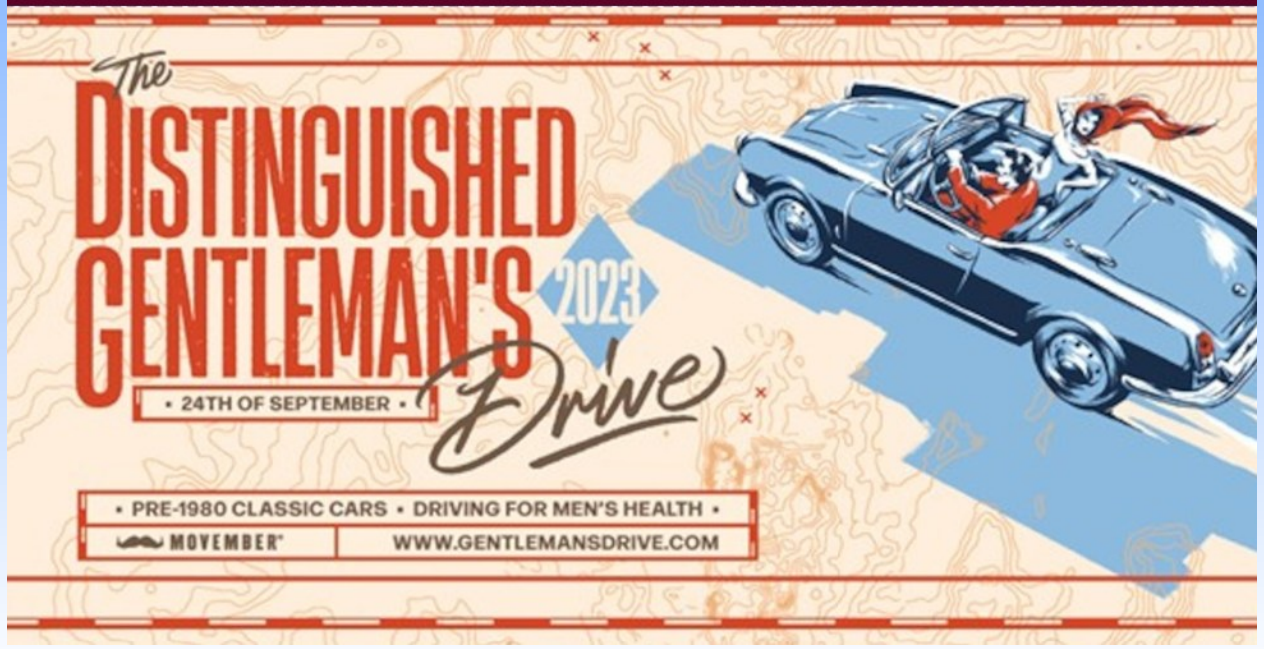
Details on the New Orleans Drive are currently available on the DGD website. You can contact me with questions anytime at 225-287-4525 or email me at xraycajun@yahoo.com.
I look forward to seeing all of you there this year!







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# August 8th in N'Awlins



Thirteen members and Chris Landry's two adorable daughters made for a big, fun Brits & Breakfast on the Southshore! Chateau Cafe was the perfect venue as usual with good food and great service. A few members braved the dark clouds and took a fun drive along the lakefront.












# August 15th in Baton Rouge

:We had a great Saturday morning starting at the Warehouse Restaurant with good food and good company. The Cushman Breakfast Club showed up with two old Cushman scooters and about a half-a-dozen brand-new Moto Guzzis and Harleys.

Afterwards, we cruised up to Watson to tour Jim and Virginia Bruce's place. AMAZING is one word to describe all the memorabilia they have collected over the years. The La Fonda awning, Mooyah Burgers sign, the original root beer sign from the Government Street branch. Also Dupre's Alternators, Berthelot's Restaurant, bumper cars, juke boxes, antique clocks, toy cars, pin ball machines and more. We could look for days!

Thanks go out to Jim and Virginia for opening up their shop and house to us. —Roving Reporter

























## BLAST FROM THE PAST

**From our September, 1991 Morris Gazette Newsletter**

FAIRHOPE ALABAMA BRITISH CAR DAY. Don't miss this first time event on October 5th sponsored by the South Alabama British Car Club. Lets support this club as they supported us in our first car show. We will caravan over to the show site on Saturday morning and return that evening. Come join us for this day of fun!

# Covington Cars and Coffee August 15th

Seems like it was a bigger turnout at Abita Roasting this morning. Maybe because the manager managed to figure out we might need to pay 20 different ways. They really need a handheld order and billing device and include our names. I think we know how to handle a crowd better than they do because we do it all the time. Well, we enjoyed each other's company, the food was good and we have plenty room to park our British cars. This location is a short walk from where we've had our British Motoring Festival the past few years. And we'll have it there March 6th in '27. It's early this time. We better get ready! —Meandering Muckraker








## 2027 British Motoring Club New Orleans Board Nominations

Nominations are now open for our BMCNO 2027 Board of Directors.
Submit nominations to club Secretary Chad Wicker by September 15th. (Chad.Wicker@marlink.com)
Board positions are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Webmaster, New Orleans Coordinator, New Orleans Rep, Baton Rouge Coordinator, BR Rep, Northshore Coordinator and NS Rep.
Voting will take place at our October meetings and by email.

CURRENT NOMINATIONS: President: Colin McCormick, Vice President: Preston Marx, Secretary: Chad Wicker, Treasurer: Rachel Wicker, Newsletter Editor: Benny Stiegler, Webmaster: Dan McGovern (appointed position — See the proposed bylaw amendments on page 15)

GNO Greater New Orleans Region Coordinator: **OPEN**
Greater New Orleans Member-At-Large: Danny Weil and James Minge

Baton Rouge Baton Rouge Region Coordinator: Rick Huber, Baton Rouge Member-At-Large: Bobby Spann

Northshore Northshore Region Coordinator: David Jones
North Shore Member-At-Large: Robbie Robertson

**No one has been nominated for the position of New Orleans Region Coordinator. More than one nominee for each position would be nice. Please consider stepping up to serve. These positions are vital to the success of our club. Nominations are due by September 15th.**

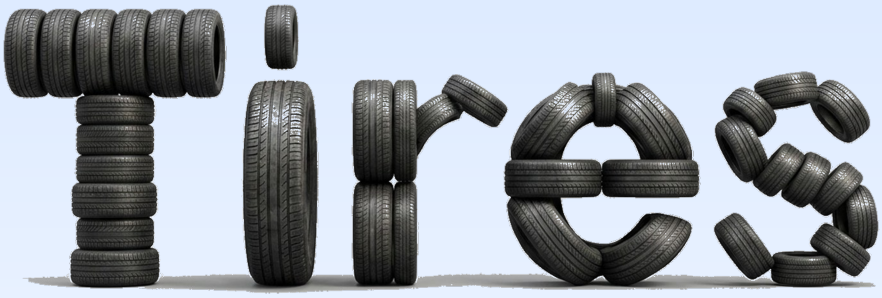
# BMCNO Proposed Bylaw Amendments

The following changes to our club's bylaws have been proposed by Colin McCormick. The changes are to clear up ambiguous language concerning elected and appointed board positions and voting on issues during board meetings. Current language is in red and crossed out. The proposed changes are in green. We will vote on the changes at the same time as we vote on 2027 board positions at our October meetings and absentee by email.

8 (c) Number of Directors: The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice-President, ~~Newsletter Editor~~, Secretary, ~~and~~ Treasurer, Newsletter Editor and the Webmaster of the Club. ~~Also, one Regional Coordinator and one Regional Representative from each region. Approved regions members will elect their Region Coordinator and Regional Representative.~~ Additionally the members of each region shall elect their Region Coordinator and one additional board member (herein referred to as a member-at-large). Each board member shall have authority to cast 1 vote.

8 (d) Newsletter Editor: The Newsletter Editor shall publish a club newsletter as set forth elsewhere in these by-laws. ~~The~~ This position can be held concurrently ~~as~~ with another ~~B~~ board ~~of Director's~~ member's position, but that individual shall have only ~~limited to~~ one vote.

Webmaster: The Webmaster shall maintain and update the Club website. This is an appointed position. This position can be held concurrently ~~concurrently as another Board of Director's position but be limited to one vote.~~ with another board member position, but that person shall have only one vote.




## by Bobby Spann

I see a new bill in California would require all tire manufacturers to make their replacement tires meet OEM gas mileage standards by 2029. I can see a lot of problems here.

Harder tires = less rolling resistance = better mileage. Softer tires = more grip and better ride? Is this going to kill the aftermarket tire market? What about if you want to put +1 or +2 tires on your car? (Go up a rim size or two and use a shorter tire to achieve the same overall diameter) Or want more rubber for more traction?

The tires on my MGB are about 10 years old and still look brand new (thanks to **Armor All** and **Wet n Black tire foam** in the natural shine). I'm running the same size Adolph had on the car when I bought it; 175/70R14. The Hankook Optimo H724s are wider than stock and work well around town. But I use more gas spinning them at highway speeds! Plans are to replace them with taller tires soon.

I like the way Rick buys tires - find the stickiest ones on the market and damn the mileage. I mean, we aren't going to wear out our LBC tires just driving to shows and on backroads.

Thoughts? *—Roving Reporter*

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# BMCNO 49th Anniversary Party August 16th

We discovered a nice party place for our club. Everyone had a great time at our 49th anniversary party at South Shore Harbor Bar and Grill. Now we have to outdo ourselves for next year's 50th! You can bet no one in the club back then thought it'd be around for so long. And we're proud to say BMCNO is everything they imagined and more! Great friends and cool cars. What could top that?

























# Static Timing by Dan McGovern

Does your Little British Car still have points? If it does have points, you can certainly do a static ignition timing. This will also work for some electronic ignition systems, but you should be familiar with static ignition timings and how to do it.

There is no guarantee this will work for you, but I have used it on multiple vehicles with points to great success. Ignition timing is pretty simple. The spark actually fires when the points open up, or the electronic ignition, and removes power to the primary windings of the coil. That causes the magnetic field in the coil to collapse through the secondary windings and create the spark. The distributor simply directs the spark to the proper cylinder.

Ignition timing settings will vary from vehicle to vehicle. I have selected a 1970 MGB for this article.

The optimal ignition timing for an MGB is generally considered 32° BTDC (Before Top Dead Center) at full mechanical advance (around 3000–4000 RPM) with the vacuum advance disconnected and plugged. Now obviously, that is not a static timing setting. They want the centrifugal mechanical advance inside the distributor fully advanced, so that is why they use those RPMs, and this is the best way to actually set the timing.

You can also just set the timing by ear by basically guessing on the timing, and that is how a lot of people do it. Just loosen the distributor so it can be moved but not easily. Start the car and move it around until is runs decently. Then drive the car and keep advancing the timing until the car pings, or detonates some, then retard it a few degrees and tighten the distributor. This naturally takes practice, and is not really recommended. To use a normal strobe timing light for an MGB, they recommend disconnecting the vacuum advance and plugging it, then setting the timing somewhere between 10 degrees and 15 degrees before top dead center at idle. That would be before the centrifugal mechanical advance starts doing its thing. A 1970 MGB ignition timing is between 7 degrees and 10 degrees. I will randomly pick 10 degrees before top dead center because it is a nice round number.

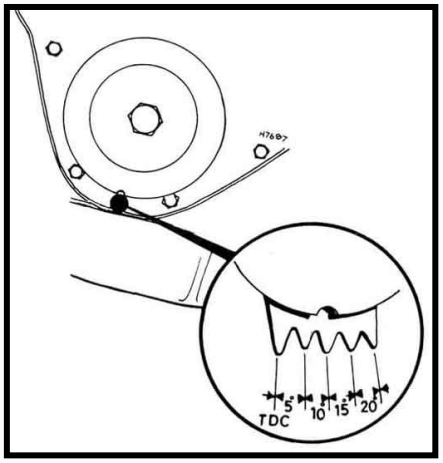
This will work very well on a system with points, and will also work on some electronic ignition systems as with a distributor. You do not need a timing light or any special equipment. You will do everything with the engine off, but you will turn on the ignition in one of the steps, but do not start the car.

## Moving on to Static Timing

- Determine the direction of rotation of the engine. You can turn it over with the starter but you do not have to start it. Just watch the fan or alternator to see which way it turns.
- Take note of where the Number 1 spark plug wire is located on the distributor. That is the cylinder farthest to the front of the vehicle. Disconnect that wire from the spark plug and put it near the block, or some ground or some point where you can see the spark later. You may need an old spark plug or a piece of wire to stick into the boot of the wire.
- It is easiest now if you just open the distributor so you can see the rotor. Turn the engine in the direction that it rotates until the rotor gets close to the location where the number one spark plug wire was located on the distributor, but do not pass it up.
- Find the timing marks on the harmonic balancer. That's the main pulley on the crankshaft that turns the fan belts. There should be various marks on it. In the photo you can see the marks on an MGB, but naturally they will vary for each car.



# more Static Timing by Dan McG




- You can see the marks on the harmonic balancer for 10 degrees after top dead center, top dead center, and 10 degrees before top dead center. We want the 10 degrees before top dead center.
- There should be a pointer mounted on the block next to the harmonic balancer. For unknown reasons on a MGB, this is underneath, and that makes it difficult to see when you are using a strobe timing light.
- Some vehicles will have the before and after timing marks on the indicator and just a single line on the harmonic balancer as shown in the picture.
- Turn the engine by hand using a socket wrench. You can use the big bolt on the harmonic balancer or even the one on the alternator if the belt is tight enough. I tend to use the alternator nut because it is easier to access. You can press on the fan belt to give it more tension when you try and turn the engine. Turn the engine slowly in the direction it rotates until the 10 degrees before top dead center mark on the harmonic balancer lines up with the pointer on the block. If you accidently pass up the mark, it is best to back up the opposite way past the mark and then turn the engine in the direction of rotation to get to the mark. Naturally you can use the starter to go around back to the mark. Just make sure that rotor is again pointing at the Number 1cylinder. If you use the alternator nut, it my come loose and start backing off. Just make sure to tighten it again.
- The reason you want to turn in the direction of normal rotation of the engine to get to the mark is because that removes any play in the timing chain or gearing system. That is the direction it normally turns and things will be the same.
- Make sure the rotor and distributor cap are back on properly.
- Once you have it lined up properly, you need to loosen the distributor adjustment bolt and turn on the ignition, but do not try to start the car. Just leave the ignition in the on position.
- Now turn the distributor, first in the direction that the rotor and distributor shaft rotates. Then slowly turn the distributor in the opposite direction that the rotor rotates. When you get to the position on the cam where the points would normally open, or where it would trigger the electronic ignition, the Number 1 plug wire will spark.
- Turn the distributor back and forth and watch the spark on the Number 1 plug wire.
- You want to move the distributor, opposite the direction that the rotor turns, and get it to the point where it first fires. Then tighten down the distributor adjustment bolt.
- I like to keep doing it until I get to the position that lightly tapping with a wrench on the side of the distributor will cause the spark to fire. That is not absolutely necessary, but that means you are definitely at the right timing point.
- Turn off the ignition. This is very important for some of the aftermarket electronic ignition systems. Some of them will fail if the ignition is left on for a long time with the engine not running. It does not matter for points, but it is still much safer to turn the ignition off.
- Now just make sure the distributor adjustment bolt is tight and that the distributor cap is on properly. Then reconnect the Number 1 spark plug wire to the spark plug. Finally, reconnect the distributor vacuum advance.
- Crank it up and go for a drive. Your ignition timing should be perfect.

Hopefully it will run better, but if not start over and see if you can discover what happened. John Twist does it a little differently with a test light, but is doing the same thing. See John's YouTube video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hpp67aqwM2Y




# British Motoring Festival

## March 6, 2027 Covington Trailhead

**Calling all British automotive fans!**

**British Motoring Club New Orleans looks forward to seeing you in Covington, Louisiana for our 2027 British Motoring Festival at the Tammany Trace Covington Trailhead and Firehouse Events Center. Join us in celebrating the growing interest and ownership of classic and modern British vehicles. Exhibit your ride, or come by to visit. 2027 will mark our club's milestone 35th annual car show, and we're getting everything ready for a fantastic turnout! Details are on our website at bmcno.org.**

## Covington's Final Friday

# Columbia Street Block Party



**August 28th,** the end of another month along with clear skies. That's the recipe for a successful Final Friday in Covington. It's always fun time with food, music, friends and a street full of classic motorcars. People may not be aware that the party has been going on for 26 years now. That's an entire lifetime for our younger car fans. And British Motoring Club has been a part of it since the very beginning. Congratulations to Curt and Sonya C. for taking home the "Best in Show" ribbon for their XKE. It's a real beauty. And it's the second month in a row for BMCNO. Last month Bill L. got the ribbon for his awesome TR3. The folks in Covington really love our little British cars!







# Northshore Cars and Coffee

### August 29th

The day after Final Friday always brings out a bunch of BMCNO friends for our get-together in Mandevile. It's become another fun tradition for our members to gather at Liz's Where Y'at early on Saturday mornings. Here's a look at some of the British beauties parked around the diner today.











# Meanwhile, August 29th in Baton Rouge...

The weather was nice and cool this morning as a large contingent of Capitol City area members met at the Warehouse Restaurant on South Choctaw, a place where everybody knows our names!

We had a poker winning hand of 4-Bs outside with an MGA and Metro wild... but the Cushman Breakfast Club never showed.

Afterwards, Rick had a trunk load of tools and assorted goodies donated to the "breakfast club" from ex-club member Mike Loden. Hey, you don't go... you don't know.

If anyone is looking for a good LBC, Linda Willson is selling Jerry's TR-6. See the write up below. For more information call John 225 772-3718








The TR6 Roadster is one of Britain's most iconic sports cars, blending classic styling with a raw, engaging driving experience. This one is a 1973 Triumph TR6 convertible. Its color is bright red with black interior, black top and black steel wheels with chrome trim rings. It features a wood grain dashboard and custom console. It comes with trim boot, tonneau cover and car cover along with other extras and parts.

Under the hood, the spirited 2.5-liter inline-six engine delivers a smooth and engaging drive. Paired with a 4-speed manual transmission, this Triumph offers a hands-on connection to the road that makes every shift a pleasure. There is also an extra overdrive transmission that is ready to be dropped into this car.

This car runs and handles great! Picture yourself on a sunny afternoon, the top down, the red paint gleaming in the sunlight, and the sound of the inline-six engine humming as you shift through the gears.

It is yours for only $18,000.

For an appointment to see this beauty, Call Linda Willson at 225-572-9312 or Email willson3@cox.net

# Cars and Coffee *in Mandeville* September 5th




The weather radar looked clear and the forecast was for rain after noon, so we got the British cars out and headed to Liz's as usual, many with tops down. Near the end of breakfast, talk of rain and little convertibles outside spread throughout the dining room. And a big thunderstorm was headed our way from the west. Some scrammed while others assembled the weather gear to help a bit and waited out the worst. It will be a memorable day for Rick, who said it was only the third time his Aston Martin has been rained on.

























# BR Breakfast at the Warehouse 9-to-5

Did you catch my reference to Dolly Partin's movie in the subject line???

All kidding aside, it was "Yellow Car Day" this morning at the Meat Locker. Restaurant. Oops, I mean the Warehouse Restaurant. They have a 1-million-ton AC unit in the wall that covers half our big table, and apparently the only speed they can put it on is "Arctic blast." High chances of rain prevented any cruising afterwards. *—Roving Reporter*






# Brits on the Bluff Weekend Plans

**by Bobby Spann**



We're looking forward to the "Brits on the Bluff" British car show September 18th and 19th. One of the highlights will be our caravan up to Natchez Friday morning! Rick Huber has planned a nice route to take us up to Gloster Mississippi, where we will meet up with other BMCNO members from the Northshore and New Orleans. Then we will take the twisty roads farther into Mississippi and end up at Roux 61 for lunch. English Motoring Club of Mississippi car club members will meet us there, and everything will be Dutch Treat! I don't know what that means, but I am so excited about it!

Friday night will be a nice reception for the show participants in the Grand Hotel, then the show Saturday will be right next to the hotel, with plenty of shade and access to gorgeous Mississippi River views. Good chance they will have a Farmer's Market just down the street that morning, too. And the club usually has a ton of door prizes. Another tradition is lunch at the "Pig-Out-Inn." Talk about some good BBQ, and drinks come in plastic "Pig Out" collector cups! And don't forget to save room for the Malt Shop.

Your regional coordinators will be sending out an email with details on where and when to meet up. Hope to see you then!







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# *Calling all British Motorcycle Owners*

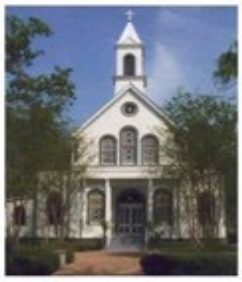





We're getting more people in the club lately with motorcycles and other bikes, and that's exciting. If you come across someone who owns a British motorcycle, invite them to participate in our club. Milton Franklin, Baton Rouge, would like to organize motorcycle events for owners of British Motorcycles.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







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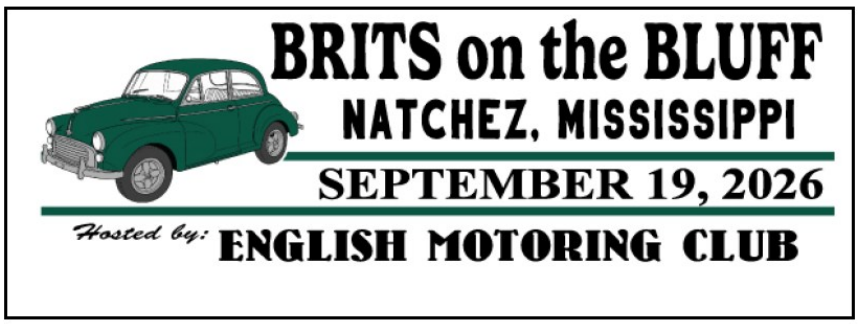
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The English Motoring Club of Mississippi proudly announces its all British marque car show and celebration to be held in historic downtown Natchez, Mississippi, the weekend of September 18th and 19th, 2026.

**Meet & Greet: Friday evening, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.** Join us at the lobby bar of the Grand Hotel for light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

**Natchez - Show: Saturday 10 a.m.** - At 111 North Broadway Street, in front of the Grand Hotel, located on the magnificent 200-foot river bluff containing shade trees and scenic views. The awards presentation is planned for 2 p.m.

**Overnight Accommodations -** A block of rooms has been reserved at the Natchez Grand Hotel, located at 111 North Broadway Street, with rates starting at $154 plus fees and taxes per night. See natchezgrandhotel.com for hotel information. For reservations use the hotel website or call 866-488-0898 or 601-446-9994 for reservations and be sure to reference group code "**EMC26**" for the group rates. The number of rooms in the block are limited so please book early.



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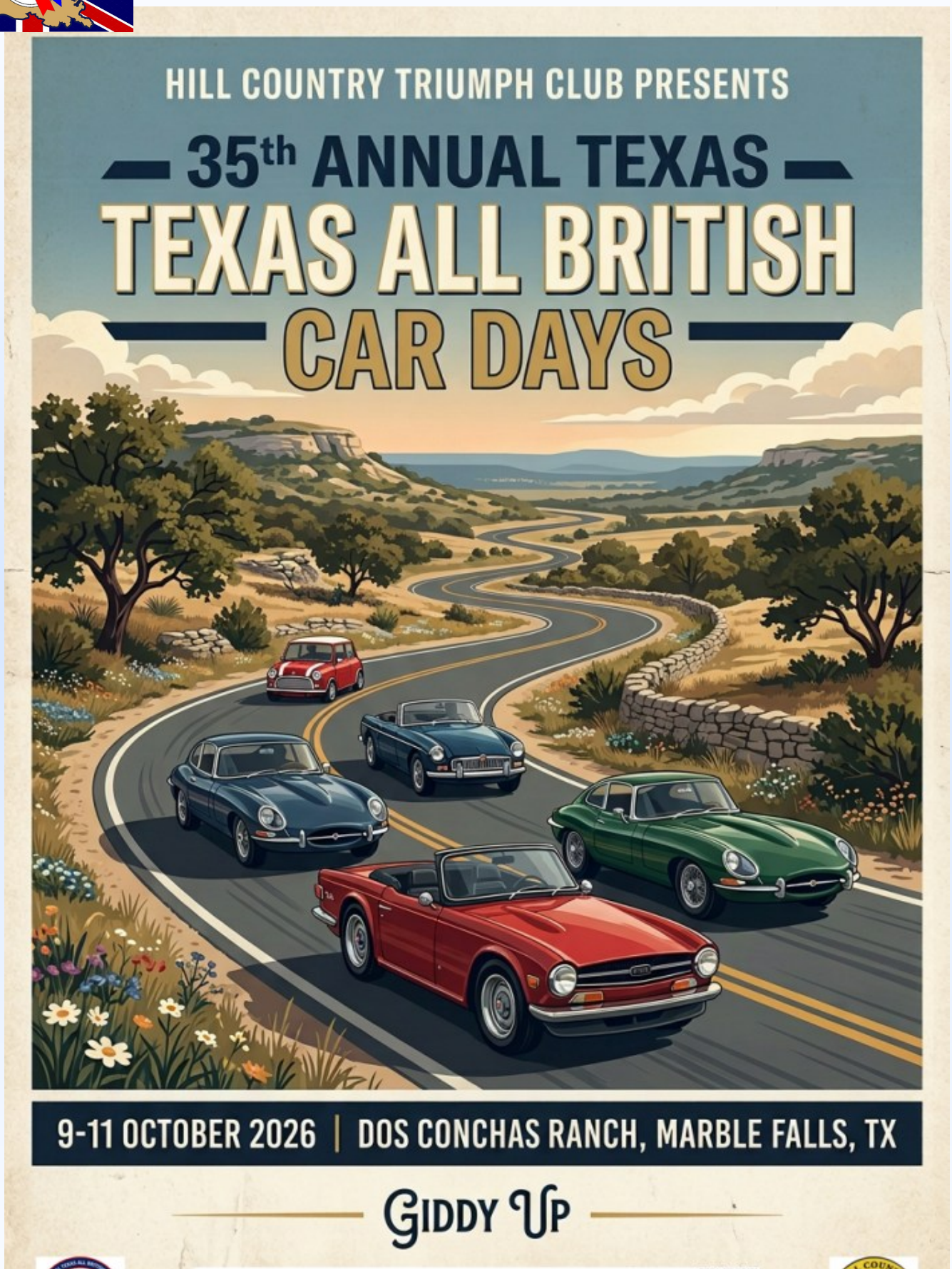
Best Phone: _____ eMail: _____

Car Year: _____ Make:_____ Model: _____ Color: _____

In consideration of this entry, I waive any and all claims for myself and my heirs against the English Motoring Club, their officers, and any sponsors of this event for injury or illness which may result directly or indirectly from my participation. I give my permission for use of my name and/or picture in any published or broadcast account of this event.

Signature: _____Date: _____

Please enclose a check for $30 per car (No charge for additional cars) payable to English Motoring Club and mail to: EMC MS, 498 Old Hwy. 49 N, Mount Olive, MS 39119. Payments at the show will be cash or check only.


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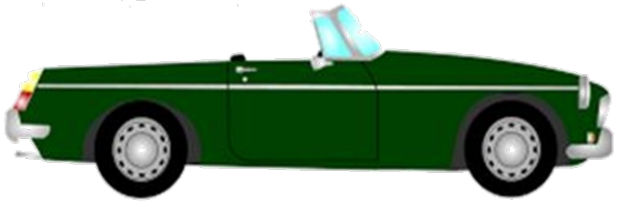

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I have a '97 Jaguar XK8 Convertible for sale. It runs but needs some work. If interested please TEXT me first 985-259-5419 or email Sheryl at seheavilin@yahoo.com.



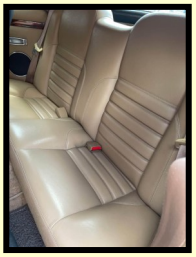
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