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# December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 BMCNO Christmas Party
					5	6
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Baton Rouge Area Gathering	21 NorthShore Area Gathering	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> - BMCNO General Meeting at Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA.  
Dinner at 6:00 p.m.- Club meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> . Annual Christmas Party. 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.— Ramada Inn - Causeway & I-10 Service Road. Don't forget covered dish and Second Hvester's donations

Wednesday December 20<sup>th</sup> —Baton Rouge Area Gathering -6:00 dinner—7:00 meeting, Deangelo's at 7550 Bluebonnet Blvd. Baton Rouge ,

Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> - North Shore Area Gathering—6:00 dinner—7:00 meeting, Abita Brew Pub 72011 Holly Street, Abita



### **President's Message by Karen Murray, BMCNO President**



Another very exciting year for our club is almost behind us. October was great fun with **Cruisin' the Coast**, Wedell Williams tour, and South Alabama Annual Car Show. November included the NOLA Motorsports event and of course December featured our Annual Christmas Party and Harahan Christmas Parade. We had great times together and look forward to what 2018 brings.

Elections are over and we have a new BMCNO Board for 2018.

- President Karen Murray
- Vice President Chad Wicker
- Secretary Cathy Greensfelder
- Treasurer Mark Greensfelder
- Member at Large Carol Benson
- Cliff Hughes
- Audrey Kennedy
- Jack Kennedy
- Tom McMillan
- Dan Melesurgo
- Linda St. Romain
- Martin St. Romain
- Newsletter Editor Ronald Palmisano

We now have 4 married couples on the board and more members at large to help with the work. I am very excited and looking forward to what these new members will bring to the club.

Our Christmas Party was on Saturday December 2nd with 85 participants. BMCNO was able to give 6 Delgado Scholarships this year, Christmas presents to all members, gifts to the board, area coordinators, and wives of these members. Second Harvester donations were collected and 30

raffle items won along with table poinsettia's.

The 2018 Board was introduced to take over the helm. Please give these 2018 Board Members your support.

The 2018 Car Show had been started with a lot of the work completed. More info on that in the next newsletter.

**AND...we are closing 2017 with 171 members and it isn't the end of the fiscal year yet. WOW!!!!**

Congratulations to the 2018 Board of Directors. I know these people are hardworking and will work toward a better and bigger club. Chad Wicker will be the new Vice President. He and I have already had a meeting discussing the details involved in that position. I think he will be a great Vice President. If you have any ideas please contact him.

Again, thank you for all of your help and support during my year as President. A club is only what you put into it and with your participation and support everything has been a tremendously fun experience.

It has been a privilege to represent such great people that are not only club members but also a second family to each other. We are there for each other in good times and bad throughout the years.

Congratulations to the incoming board and may they have continued fun and success.

Cheers, Karen

NOTE: A survey will be emailed to you early January. Your input is very important and shared with all board members. Many of your suggestions were implemented this past year. **Don't forget to complete and forward the survey to me or any board or area coordinator member.**



*MERRY CHRISTMAS*

*The British Motoring Club of New Orleans (a.k.a. Big Meal Club)*

*Cordially invites it's members to the*

*Annual BMCNO Christmas Party*

*Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017*

*6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.*

*Ramada Hotel*

*3400 South Interstate 10 Service Rd*

*Metairie, Louisiana*

*RSVP: Karen Murray,*

*[karenmurray@cox.net](mailto:karenmurray@cox.net)*

*Please join us for GREAT food, good friends, lively conversations, and plenty of surprises for everyone. This year we plan on having more surprises than last and a surprise visitor.*

*Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish. The club will provide the turkey, ham, water, tea, coffee, and soft drinks. Please bring those delicious holiday dishes that everyone enjoys so much.*

*Please make every effort to join in this fun filled night.*

*Donate food items for Second Harvesters Food Bank at the Christmas Party. Some people are in need of assistance this holiday season. You will receive a raffle ticket for every food item contributed with the chance to win great door prizes. The board has collected very nice door prizes to be won at this party. So, let's contribute!*





**What's happening by BMCNO President Karen Murray**



2018 is the 300th (Tricentennial) of New Orleans. Ronald and I have traveled extensively throughout the world. I can say from experience that no other city compares to New Orleans or Nawlins' Baby!!!

We would like to add more activities to the

BMCNO 2018 calendar celebrating our 300<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Suggestions so far have been: Lunch river cruise on the Natchez with parking in Gretna and taking the ferry to New Orleans, Hop Off / Hop On tour of New Orleans stopping on Magazine Street for lunch, City tour of New Orleans on licensed tour bus, lunch in the French Quarter **maybe at Court of Two Sisters or Antoine's** ( when they are offering specials), ghost tours of New Orleans, etc. Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

**So...let's be a tourist in our own home town this year!!!!**

My wish for BMCNO in 2018 would be more participants in our activities. Every area sponsors one event throughout the year. Unfortunately or fortunately, the majority of participants at each event are from that particular area. I wish for more participants at EVERY event from ALL areas. Our 2017 Christmas party had participants **from 4 out of 5 areas. Let's try to do this for all events.** It takes a lot of work to organize an event and for those from other areas it should be a lot more fun.

Upcoming Confirmed Club Sponsored Events for 2018:

January and February will be Member Appreciations months. The club will supply New Orleans King Cakes this year.

Saturday, January 27th -Baton Rouge Cruise -hosted by the Baton Rouge group. (see page 13 for details)

February—not confirmed yet

Friday, March 23rd—Annual Car Show Welcome Reception

Saturday, March 24th ANNUAL CAR SHOW hosted by the entire club.

Car Show co-chairmen are Cliff Hughes, Tom McMillan, Karen Murray, Martin St. Romain and Ronald Palmisano. Sharing the work is so much easier How Don Marpe did such a great job on his own is a mystery.

We are in desperate need of 120 items for the goody bags, sponsor donations to help offset the cost of the show, and most importantly YOUR PARTICIPATION!!!! So mark your calendars!!!

Sunday, May 20th—Annual Crawfish Boil hosted by the North Shore Group.

Saturday, December 8th—Annual Christmas Party hosted by the Board of Directors.

I hope to see all of you this year!!!!





Month	Event	Date	Time	Place	Contact
January (2018)	Baton Rouge Meeting <b>Member Appreciation</b>	Wed. 17th	6:30 dinner 7:15 meeting	Louis De Angelo's Italian Rest. 7550 Bluebonnet Blvd.	Rick Huber
	North Shore Meeting <b>Member Appreciation</b>	Thurs. 18th	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Abita Brew Pub 72011 Holly Street, Abita	Colin McCormick / Cliff Hughes
	<b>BMCNO Monthly Event</b>	Sat. 27 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Hosted by Baton Rouge – check newsletter for details</b>	<b>Milton Franklin Rick Huber</b>
	Gulf Coast/MS Meeting	Sun. 28 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Meet at Sam's Warehouse parking lot in Gulfport. Cruise ending in lunch</b>	Gene Gillam / Andy Switzer
	Acadiana/ Cruise <b>Member Appreciation</b>	Sat. 27 <sup>th</sup> .			Dave Hayden
	Board of Directors	Tues. 31 <sup>st</sup> .	4:30 p.m.	Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA	Karen Murray
	General BMCNO Meeting <b>Member Appreciation</b>	Tues. 31 <sup>st</sup> .	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA	Board of Directors
February (2018)	<b>BMCNO Monthly Event</b>				
	Baton Rouge Meeting	Wed., 21 <sup>st</sup>	6:30 dinner 7:15 meeting	Louis De Angelo's Italian Rest. 7550 Bluebonnet Blvd.	Rick Huber
	North Shore Meeting	Thurs. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting		Colin McCormick / Cliff Hughes
	Acadiana Cruise	Sat. 24 <sup>th</sup>			Dave Hayden
	Gulf Coast Monthly cruise/ lunch	Sun. 25 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Meet at Sam's Warehouse parking lot in Gulfport. Cruise ending in lunch</b>	Gene Gillam / Andy Switzer
	Board Meeting	Tue. 27 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 –8:30 p.m.	Ronald and Karen	Karen Murray
	General BMCNO Meeting	Tues. 27 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA	Board of Directors
March (2018)	North Shore Meeting	Thurs. 15 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Abita Brew Pub 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs	Colin McCormick / Cliff Hughes
	Baton Rouge Meeting	Wed. 21 <sup>st</sup>	6:30 dinner 7:15 meeting	Louis De Angelo's Italian Rest. 7550 Bluebonnet Blvd.	Rick Huber
	Goody Bag Stuffing		6:00 p.m.	Delgado Community College City Park	Car show Co-Chairmen
	Welcome Reception	Fri. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Ramada Metairie - I-10 Service Road and Causeway	Karen Murray
	<b>BMCNO Monthly Event Annual Car Show</b>	Sat. 24 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m. - till	<b>Delgado Community College</b>	<b>BMCNO</b>
	Club Dinner after Car Show	Sat. 24 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 p.m.	New Orleans Food & Spirit Rest. 210 Old Hammond Highway	Karen Murray
	Gulf Coast/MS Meeting	Sun. 25 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 p.m.	<b>Sam's Warehouse Gulfport parking lot. Cruise and lunch</b>	Gene Gillam / Andy Switzer
	Board of Directors Meeting	Tues. 27 <sup>th</sup>	4:30 p.m.		Karen Muray
	General BMCNO Meeting	Tues. 27 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA	Board of Directors

Monthly club events will appear in purple each month. Please try to participate in monthly events!!!



## *South Shore Meeting November 28<sup>th</sup> Minutes by Cathy Greensfelder*



Twenty seven members and guests were present. Guest Pat Coleman has a 2005 Mini Cooper and is considering becoming a member. Bill Harris and Anne and Floyd Friloux attended after long absences. Danny Varnado was

in from Baton Rouge.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Danny Varnado reported on the Baton Rouge meeting. They had a speaker who was active in British racing. Another member, who was a race driver at the same time, added to the presentation.

Bob Klare reported on the NOLA motor sports outing. Unfortunately, the track was closed for a private event. Club members watch for a little while then left. A number of members came back on Monday to run go-karts. Allen Bradley said that a ten minute set sounds like a short time but it is PLENTY long. **Cliff Hughes'** grandkids were there and they were going crazy racing around!

There was a Ferrari event recently and the **group drove past Anne and Floyd Friloux's home** in Ama. They say at least eight Ferraris and their support vehicles. **Member John Baldwin's** daughter organized the event and says it will be an annual event going forward.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Plans for the Christmas party were discussed. 75 people are expected to attend.

The car show volunteer list was passed around. **We will send out "Save the Date" postcards in the next week.** The upcoming calendar was discussed. We are considering a cruise to Lafayette

for February.

**REPORTS:** BMCNO currently has 167 members.

**SPEAKER:** Martin St Romain spoke on using J. J. Best to finance classic car purchases.

**PROJECTS:** Mike Anderson discovered that the lower ball joints on his Ginetta are from SAAB. The TR6 tie rod end boots fit the car. Mike thanked Keith Vezina for his help getting the suspension working.

Allen Bradley has gotten the traficators working on his Magnette. The car will not be ready for the March show.

**Jack Kennedy's Morris was running but quit.** He found the brushes In the starter were bad. He replaced them and the car is running again. He got Midget brake parts for the car from Slidell and had a lot of problems installing them.

**Keith Vezina has been working on Mike Brown's brother's TR3.** It has been leaking coolant so he started to pull the radiator. To get to the radiator he needed to pull the bumper and cowl. It took three and a half hours to pull the bumper. There are captive nuts that were welded on by the factory. Someone had ground theme off. It took over half an hour per bolt to get them off. The car was running very poorly. Keith found the #5 pushrod was off the rocker arm and the #3 sparks plug wire was broken at the connection. The car was probably running on 2-3 cylinders.

Back to LED lights, Keith reported earlier he had converted his MGB to LED tail lights. Returning member Javier Coronado wanted to **convert his car to LED but Keith couldn't get the**

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### **South Shore Meeting November 28<sup>th</sup> Minutes continued....**

parts from online supplier any more. He ordered them from Ali-Express, the Chinese version of Amazon. The parts are a fifth the cost but you end up buying each item from a different vendor. He ordered five bulbs from five different vendors and has received 2 of them so far. **(It's 2-4 WEEKS shipping from China; not the 2 days from Amazon!)**. Keith will let us know about quality later. He is installing a sealed beam H4 unit from one company and the LED bulbs from another. The old 55 watt bulb is replaced by a 25 watt build that fits just fine and is SO bright! With the lights pointed down you still have enough to see signs. The bulbs are 5,000 degree Kelvin.

Floyd and Anne Friloux have been working on **Anne's GT6 for the last year, on the carbs for the last 6 months.** They thought the car had 150 carbs so they ordered the rebuild kit for the 150. Turns out the car had the 175s. They rebuilt **with the 175 kit but it's still leaking air.** They called the vendor who suggested they patch with JB Weld!! The back carb is working but the **front one isn't.** They are puzzled because they **can't find any leaks.** They are spending a couple hours a day working on it. **(No more "couple of days straight"!!)**

Tom McMillan tried again to mount the oil pan on his MG TC. The TC has a baffle in the oil pan to prevent sloshing. (The Australians call it a Bikini Baffle because it is so small!) Tom was looking for one and found out the TD has the same baffle. With modifications he got the baffle **into the TC's oil pan.** Mounting the oil pan requires at least 3 hands so he got his son to help him. Everything fit and sealed up just fine! Then he put the dipstick in and it stopped 4 inches out of the pipe – it was hitting the baffle. So now he has to re-do the oil pan. Again. Joy!

Allen Bradley passed out registration forms for **the Harahan Children's Christmas parade.** The parade stages at 10:30 am on December 16 the corner of Jefferson Highway and Hord St and rolls at noon. Allan passed out the Harahan PD entry form to everyone who was interested. Bring beads and candy to throw. (Candy must be in original wrappers.) After the parade, Allen is hosting all BMCNO participants for BBQ at his home.

50/50: Keith Vezina won \$25!! Allen Bradley, Barb Dunbar, Cathy Greensfelder, Ronnie Palmisano and Ed Vail won prizes.

### **South Shore Meeting Octoner 24<sup>th</sup> Minutes cont'd by Cathy Greensfelder**

Twenty-two members and guests were present for the October meeting. Guests included Keith Vezina's daughter **Kim Vezina.**



Old Business: The Baton Rouge and Northshore meetings were both very small this month – only nine members each.

Northshore had a new member, Allan Maxwell of Slidell, who joined the club at the South Alabama show. Cliff Hughes reported on the **SABCC show and his "tale of woe" on the way home.** (See article.)

Fred Duplechin reported on Cruisin the Coast. **Fred noted that he didn't see as many "under restoration" cars this year.** Numbers were way

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## ***South Shore Meeting Octoner 24<sup>th</sup> Minutes cont'd by Cathy Greensfelder***

up – 8,000+ cars – even though the event ended early due to Hurricane Nate.

Keith Vezina reported on the SABCC show and Martin St Romain reported on the Wedell-Williams museum cruise.

New Business: Karen Murray and Ronnie Palmisano will be out of town for most of November. Cliff Hughes will be acting president while Karen is gone, and the November and December newsletters will be combined.

Plans for Taildraggers Car and Airplane show on October 28 and the rescheduled Big TEAsy benefit on October 29 were discussed. Plans for and Go-Karting at NOLA Motorsports on November 11 were announced.

Plans for the Christmas Party were discussed and a sign-up sheet for dishes was passed around. We will be collecting canned goods for Second Harvesters again.

The volunteer sign-up sheet for the car show was **also passed around. We will be mailing “save the date” postcards to past show participants at the end of November.**

Election of Officers: All offices except vice-president were unopposed so the membership voted them in by acclamation. Nominees for Vice President were Mark Scotton and Chad Wicker. Chad left the room (Mark was not present) and a vote was called by show of hands, electing Chad. The Baton Rouge meeting also had elections with the same results.

Officers for 2018 will be:

President: Karen Murray

Vice President: Chad Wicker

Secretary: Cathy Greensfelder

Treasurer: Mark Greensfelder

Members at Large:

Cliff Hughes, Dan Melesurgo, Tom McMillan, Linda and Martin St Romain, Carol Benson, Audrey and Jack Kennedy Jr.

Reports: The club membership is currently at 164. It has never been that high this early in a fiscal year.

Speaker: Joe Paciera spoke about learning how to find car parts, wiring diagrams, and how-to videos on-line.

Projects:

Fred Duplechin passed out sample of spicy beef jerky from Bourgeois Meat Market in Schriver (543 West Main St, Thibodaux (985) 447-7128). It was AMAZING!

**Tom McMillan's TD restoration is proceeding.** He is devoting one hour a day to the project. The pile of broken parts is going down going down steadily. Tom is cleaning, polishing and painting parts so it's slow going. His goal is to have it back together by the BMCNO show in March.

**Jim Clark had almost as much “fun” getting home from the SABCC show as Cliff Hughes. Jim had planned to take his son's Lotus to Fairhope because Jim's TR6 was having brake problems.** He got the Lotus washed and ready but it wasn't running well. It has a “tip switch” to cut the fuel in a roll-over that was malfunctioning, causing the car to shut down. So, Jim took the TR6 anyway. By the trip home, the TR6 had almost no braking. Jim was using the hand brake and downshifting to brake, so he took the coast road home to keep the speed down. He was al-

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most home when the rain hit. He pulled over and got a tow the rest of the way.

Martin St Romain is selling a truck for his father-in-law. The truck runs but smells bad. It got wet in Katrina and has been shut up for a while and redeveloped that musty odor. Martin has cleaned and aired it out but every time he closes it up the smell comes back. He took it to **Johnny's Detailers for stripping and cleaning.** They said you should never store a car here with the windows shut tight because mold will grow. Vinegar will kill mold on upholstery. (It also kills the weeds in your driveway!!) It is common practice up north to put a sock full of cat litter in the trunk and passenger compartment to absorb odors when storing a car for the winter.

Keith Vezina had alternator troubles on his Key West trip last spring so he swapped it out when he got home with an alternator rebuilt by Auto-Zone. On the way to Natchez, he started having weird problems with his (modern!) radio. He found out he was getting voltage spikes of 20+ volts on the rebuilt alternator. Since voltage regulators are \$9-\$12, he tried replacing that first. His experience is that it will fix 95% of voltage problems. A bad diode in your regulator will kill your battery if you let the car sit for several days.

Jack Kennedy found the brake parts he was looking for in Slidell.

50/50: Mike Anderson won \$16 and Bob Klare, Tom McMillan, Jim Clark and Karen Vezina won prizes.

### ***November / December Birthday's by President Karen Murray***

*Happy November and December Birthday wishes to the following BMCNO members:*

*NOVEMBER*

- Darek Guichard*
- Charles (Mickey) Guidroz*
- Roy Johnson*
- Pete Johnston*
- Adam Martin*
- Robert Nicolle*
- John Pearson*
- Blake Sonnier*
- Bobby Spann*
- Rob Stevenson*
- Richard (Rick) Taggart*

*DECEMBER*

- John Baldwin*
- Carol Benson*
- Reg Dunbar*
- Col. Mark Ferketish*
- Ann Friloux*
- Cathy Greensfelder*
- Bill Harris*
- Gail Horning*
- Mark Huber*
- Robert Hughes*
- Larry Joubert*
- Karen Murray*
- Leslie Oliver*
- Patricia Oster*
- Robert Rougelot*
- Linda St. Romain*
- James Wade*
- Mike Zobrist*



## October Baton Rouge Gathering by Rick Huber



It was a picture perfect weather evening for being out and about in our little British cars, but none of us had seen any in the parking lot. For various reasons, all 11 of us that got together had reasons that kept the fun little cars at home. Oh well, another opportunity next month.

We talked about the upcoming trip to Patterson on the 21st, a couple of us were planning to make the trip. Another upcoming event is a large Euro -Fest type show in South Carolina this weekend - Pete & Lili went to it a few years ago when the Austin-Healey was the featured marque and there were a couple hundred Healeys there. This year the featured marque is VW.

John & Cathy Buckley brought a door prize to give away. Everybody put their name on a piece of paper, put them all in a cup, and Rick drew Bill Steed's name. The prize was an ACME piggy bank, with a car on the top for the money to go through. The label on the pig said it was an "Endless Car Repair Piggy Bank". How appropriate.

There was plenty of talk about past events, with Cruising the Coast, Port Allen, Euro Fest, Fairhope, and Nashville all in the last Month, and a few stories about cars and buying and selling.

## 2018 Car Show T-Shirts

Our 2018 shirts this year are Union Jack tie-dye.

There are no collared t-shirts this year. Have you ever seen a hippie wearing a tie-dye polo shirt?

The t-shirts are available for you to purchase now. In order to guaranteed the size you want, buy your t-shirt early. They will also be available for purchase on the day of the show. After trying on, I find that these shirts run small. I suggest that you purchase one size larger or try it on before purchasing.

The cost of the T-Shirts are:

S, M, L, XL,	\$16 (pre-sale)	\$18 (day of show)
XXL	\$17 (pre-sale)	\$19 (day of show)
XXXL	\$18 (pre-sale)	\$20 (day of show)

They will be available to purchase at the January Baton Rouge, North Shore, and Metairie meetings. More info to by email on Acadia and Gulf Coast.



We only have 144 shirts to sell in assorted sizes, and we have 171 members in our club. Buy now while we still have your size available. Remember to proudly wear your shirt at our car show and to the out of town shows as well. It would be really nice if more ladies purchased a shirt for the day of our show.

Make checks payable to BMCNO



## *November Baton Rouge Gathering by Rick Huber*



Mid November was another gorgeous night for little British car driving, and this time we did have two in the parking lot. Thirteen of us got together primarily to hear Tom Miller's stories about racing "back in the day" at a bunch of the old tracks in the south-

east - like Hammond, Galveston, Lake Charles, Opelousas, Pensacola, Mansfield, and Bossier City. Tom had one three ring binder with tickets and flyers from races, and another three ring binder with pictures of cars and people. And the most astounding thing is that he remembered who all the people were and what all the cars were. A great presentation for us all to wish things were still like that today.

Bobby talked about the Fairhope trip last month as nobody who went attended our gathering last month.

Still lots of car activities going on with the Hot Rod Club getting together at the Harley-Davidson store, and another car gathering at the Marksville casino. The 1st Saturday Cars n Coffee has moved again, now to the Mercedes Dealership on Airline Highway for December 2.

Milton talked about the planning he, Bobby, and Danny have been doing for the Baton Rouge cruise scheduled for Saturday, January 27th. See the separate article for more information.

This month's rendition of Bill Avery's Tool Box was a wine bottle opener, and Bobby explained how it can be used for repairing a leak in a tire

(although it's pretty tricky if there's also a tube inside the tire).

John and Kathy brought another secret prize for a drawing at the end of the meeting, this one was a British style driving hat won by Milton. We'll look to make sure he wears it for the Baton Rouge Cruise in January.

### Baton Rouge Cruise 2018

Get those cars ready for our winter event, this year on Saturday January 27<sup>th</sup>. We'll get together about 9 am at the Cajun Village Antique and Coffee Shop to have coffee, a snack, shop, and take a break. Then at 9:30, we'll head off for a leisurely one hour drive up River Road back in to Baton Rouge to the Rural Life Museum on Essen Lane. At noon we'll depart for Rue 61 at 8322 Bluebonnet Blvd for a lunch that should last until about 2, and then we'll scatter back to our various locations around Louisiana. Group drives to Cajun Village are listed below.

The North Shore group will depart from Skooter's Grill on LA-22 in Madisonville at 7:40 for an hour and twenty minute ride on Highway 22.

The South Shore group will depart from Cafe du Monde on Veteran's Blvd in Metairie at 8:15 for a 45 minute ride up I-10.

The Baton Rouge group will depart from the Highland/I-10 Home Depot parking lot at 8:40 for a 20 minute ride down I-10.

Contact Dave Hayden for the meeting point, time, and route for the Lafayette group.

Hope to see many of you there.



## *On my way to the South Alabama Car Show in Fairhope by Cathy Greensfelder*



Cliff Hughes could have given the guy who **won the “Hard Luck”** award a run for his money if all this had happened on the way to the October 14, 2017 South Alabama show instead of on the way home!

Saturday evening, Vezinas, Bradleys, Hughes and Greensfelders decided to hit the Coffee Loft for breakfast on the way out of Daphne. Cliff suggested Two Sisters, which was closer but going away from Mobile but no one else wanted to.

Sunday morning, everyone loaded up. General confusion ensued and the Bradleys and Vezinas headed to Two Sisters. **Cliff didn't see which** way they turned but remembered we agreed on the Coffee Loft. So off the Hughes and Greensfelders headed towards Mobile. Phone calls and text were exchanged, everyone had breakfast where they were, and the group regrouped on the way out.

At breakfast, Cliff said the Healey had been slowing down like it was starving for gas but was still running. By the middle of the causeway crossing Mobile Bay, and it was definite **that the car wasn't getting gas.** Cliff limped the car to the first exit and everyone gathered on a wide spot on the side of the road and began repairs. (Bobby Spann called from the causeway and asked if we needed assistance. **We didn't. And Bobby's elderly mom defiantly didn't need** to be standing out in the heat and exhaust fumes.)

So, all the guys started hauling out tools. Keith

Vezina had a spare fuel pump in the boot so a mechanics tag team started working to change out the busted pump.

The Mississippi club convoy saw us from the causeway and pulled over to help. Or at least lend moral support, advice and more tools. Gene Johnston set up a chair and observed. Charlie Durning took pictures for the EMC newsletter. Cathy Greensfelder filled in for Ronnie Palmisano, photo-documenting for BMCNO. The ladies all broke out umbrellas for shade and stood around gossiping.

The fuel pump was installed but there still was **n't any fuel flowing.** Off came the fuel pump along with a pint or so of gas. An examination of the pump showed something restricting one of the hose barb fittings. An electrical crimp-on butt connector was lodged inside the barb fitting! Unfortunately, Keith damaged the fuel pump removing the barb fitting but luckily Gene had a spare fuel pump, too.

After a quick install, Cliff started it up and it ran! Success! After packing away tool, parts, chairs, suitcases (moved to get to the tools), coolers, **empty water bottles... everyone hit the** road. Clay Johnson lead us to a McDonalds a few miles from the tunnel where the mechanics could clean up (Keith reeked of gasoline!) and everyone could get a cold drink.

Then we waved good-by to the EMC-MS convoy and the BMCNO group headed for I-10.

**But wait, there's more!**

After catching 2 lights, the Hughes and Greensfelder's **lost sight of the Vezinas and Bradley.** They spotted the leaders on a side street but too late to make the turn. So they drove a block and made a U-turn in a fast food



## ***On my way to the South Alabama Car Show in Fairhope continued....***

place's drive way. That had a speed bump. Cliff pulled back onto the road where he'd last seen the others. They were GONE. Then the Greensfelders saw the Healey's tail pipes dragging on the road and waved Cliff over. Into a parking lot, out came the tools, here we go again. **The Greensfelder's had a couple of wire hangers in their luggage so Cliff was able to wire the tail pipes to the bumper pretty quickly.** We left hoping that would hold up the muffler for the rest of the trip.

Meanwhile, the Vezinas and Bradleys circled the block looking for the Hughes and Greensfelders, who, of course, had returned to **where they started from...** Phone calls, text messages, consulting with Siri (the nice lady in the iPhone who gives directions!) and everyone finally caught up and hit the I-10, about three hours after leaving Fairhope.

We reached Mississippi without incident. **Cliff and Linda Hughes didn't need a bathroom break and the Healey didn't need gas, so they waved and kept going when the Greensfelders and Vezinas pulled over just inside Mississippi.**

It looked like it might rain so everyone at the gas station put their tops up. Good thing because it did and it was one of those "rain so hard you can't see, turn on the flashers and hope the car behind you slows down, too" type of rains. **Keith's new LED lights are much brighter than the MGB stock lights, making them much easier to see.** But they are still small compared to modern cars. The Greensfelders stayed behind Keith all, since they knew he was there even **when they couldn't really see him.**

**But wait, there's more!**

Cliff and Linda Hughes were running with the top down when they started getting rain. Cliff

asked Linda if she wanted to stop and put the top up. Remember it takes at least 10 minutes to **put up the Healey's top.** With suitcase, chairs, cooler, tools, shopping... in the boot, it can take over 20 minutes. After the 3-hour delay, Linda elected to just keep going. Then they hit the real rain. The slip stream was blowing a **lot of it over the cockpit, but Cliff's forehead sits up above the windshield.** He was being pelted from the front and from the spray that always blows in from the back and getting soaked! Then it got bad enough to slow down to 40 mph and the cockpit was awash! Folks in passing cars were giving them thumbs up and taking pictures!! They pulled the Healey into a gas station when rain finally let up about Slidel. The cashier kindly offered them a bunch of paper towels so they could dry off. Cliff asked if they should put the top up. Linda responded that **they couldn't get any wetter so off they went.**

Cliff pulled into the garage and they sat for a few minutes, in silence. Cliff turned to Linda and quietly asked "**Honey, are you OK?**"

After a few minutes, Linda replied calmly. "**Cliff, I need you to do something for me.** Move the Healey out to the back garage. **I don't want to see it for at least a month.** You can put the **Magnette here next to my car.**"

Cliff replied "**Linda, you are one hell of a woman.** Anyone else would be having a screaming fit."

At the October meeting, we awarded Linda the spouse of the decade award for taking things so well and gave her a round of applause.

Cliff, I think you beat the heck out of a simple ride to the show on a tow truck!!



## 2017 BMCNO Christmas Party

Saturday, December 2nd was the BMCNO Annual Christmas Party held at the Ramada / Metairie Hotel again this year.

What fun the 85 participants had with all of the delicious food, Christmas gifts and great door prizes.

Six Delgado Automotive Scholarships were awarded this year with their instructors present. The club has presented scholarships for the past 11 years from the proceeds of our Annual Car Show. As all of you remember, the day of the Car Show was the first severe thunderstorms in six weeks. We had fewer cars but sponsorships, Regalia table and Silent Auctions made up the monetary difference to help provide these scholarships.

Each winner was seated at a table with club members to enjoy great car conservation.

During the night the winners were asked to tell us something about themselves. What moving speeches. All were not only articulate but funny and extremely moving at the same time.

We have asked these winners to judge a student award at the 2018 Annual Car Show. Hope to see all of them in March.

Every participant commented to me on how impressed they were with these young people. We wish them much luck and happiness in their future endeavors.

The 2017 Board of Directors were recognized for their hard work and presented with a small thank you from the club. Retiring member Jim Clark was presented with a gas pump trophy for his years of service and dedication to the club.



2017 Delgado Scholarship recipients with BMCNO Board of Directors.





*2017 BMCNO Christmas Party continued....*



BMCNO 2017 Board of Directors and Area Coordinators

Left to right - Newsletter Editor Ronnie Palmisano, Member at Large Chad Wicker, Lafayette Area Coordinator Dave Hayden, Northshore Area coordinator and Member at Large Cliff Hughes, Member at Large Linda St Romain, Member at Large Martin St Romain, President Karen Murray, Secretary Cathy Greensfelder, Treasurer Mark Greensfelder, Baton Rouge Area Coordinator Rick Huber, Member at Large Tom McMillan. Missing from picture are Mississippi Gulf Coast Area coordinators Andy Switzer and Gene Gillam.





*2017 BMCNO Christmas Party continued...*



Finally giving out Bowling trophies



*2017 BMCNO Christmas Party continued...*



Board of Director's thank you gifts.



Delgado instructors and wives



Karen with Kelly, oldest twin daughter and Shelby, oldest granddaughter



### Harahan Christmas Parade

This year BMNCO was represented with 11cars for the Annual Harahan Christmas Parade. The members that attended were:

- Ronnie n Karen TR6
- Keith n Karen V 1976 MGB n portable pub
- Bill Harris and Tom Spedale MGB 1979
- Jay Lee and grandsons TR 1976
- Brian n Ashley Monson 79 1/2 MGB
- Claudia n roger Jeffrey 50 MG TD
- Ed Vail n Heidi Netherton MGB GT 1968
- Allen Bradley and grandsons 1970 MGB
- Martin n Linda SR w Tom n Linda McMillan 2005 Jaguar XJ8 L
- **Jack and Audrey Kennedy's metallic orange Mini Cooper**
- Mark n Cathy G 2001 Jaguar XK 8

At the end of the two mile route Allen and Susan Bradley hosted everyone for a lunch and get together at their home in Harahan. This parade is so much fun with all of the children present. **Thank you to the Bradley's for all of the hard work organizing BMCNO in the parade and hosting such a wonderful gathering at your home.**

Looking forward to the 2018 parade and hopefully more participants.





### Harahan Christmas Parade





***Harahan Christmas Parade continued....***





### License and Title by BMCNO Secretary Cathy Greensfelder



Richard Duperon described his experience getting a Louisiana license plate and title for a classic car purchased out of state. He said you can have a relatively smooth experience if you have all the documentation.

You need all the following:

Applications for registration and title

Application for antique license plate

A notarized letter stating you certify the car has been restored to its original condition (A membership card from BMCNO helps!)

A clear title from the seller with all the information from **the car's state of origin**

A notarized bill of sale

Proof of active insurance

Pictures of the vehicle

After assembling all the documents, Richard recommended skipping your local DMV office and going to the head DMV office in Baton Rouge. You will be more likely to find someone who is knowledgeable and understands this complicated process.

But before you go, check your documentation several times. Any inconsistencies or typos will result in a wasted trip to Baton Rouge. And bring you membership card to BMCNO. That can exempt you from needing the notarized letter on the car's condition.

He also found that for antique tags, if you have a tag from the year the car was built, you can frequently get that number assigned to the car **if it isn't currently in use**. Richard bought one on E-Bay.

Richard wanted a personalized plate but found you could not get that at the same time. You must first get an antique plate on the car. Then later you can apply for a personalized number.



You want to get an antique plate if the car qualifies. They are good forever – **you don't** have to pay registration each year. Also, cars with antique plates (and all

cars over 40 years old) do not need an annual brake tag inspection.

Ronnie Palmisano is trying to get a Louisiana title for a car he bought in Texas. The Louisiana DMV wanted a **certified copy of the seller's Texas driver's license and a statement that the seller is a permanent Texas resident**. We all suspect they want to make sure the seller **doesn't currently live in Louisiana**, in which case the state could collect more sales taxes.



## *A beautiful weekend: From our Roving Reporter, Bobby Spann*



On Friday morning October 13th my mom and I took off from Baton Rouge in my Primrose MGB around 9:00 and cruised over to the Mississippi Welcome Center. Imagine our surprise to see the New Orleans crowd there! (I need to read my newsletters bet-

ter) They wanted us to join them for lunch in Mobile but we already had planned to cruise the Gulf Coast, and my usual cruising speed in the non-overdrive B is around 62 mph. So we parted ways and enjoyed the ride down to the "White Cap" Seafood Restaurant in Biloxi that mom likes so much.

A shrimp cocktail and fried catfish Poor-boy later we were back on the road, continuing our scenic tour all the way to Ocean Springs before getting back on I-12. Got to the Key West Inn, took a nap and then came out to find it had rained?! Next time I'll roll up the windows! We saw Jack and Audrey Kennedy there but the rest of the club were staying at the quaint Baron Motel on the bay. I heard the rooms had been painted since last year. Great reception that night at the church, great BBQ and some really nice door prizes.

Saturday morning we arrived at the show site a little after 9:00am with the top down and got our picture taken. The grounds of the Methodist Church is perfect for a car show, and there was plenty of room for the 113 cars in attendance. The American MGB Association was there from up north too. Mom and I hung out with my old college buddy and his wife while most of the BMCNO ladies went shopping. Music was drifting in the wind and door prizes were announced throughout

the day - enough for everyone!

Keith was set up in a corner and the guys hung out by his trailer most of the day. Lots of MGB's, Spitfires, TR-6's... A great time was had by all. I really don't know why more people from BR don't go to this show because other than the 200+ mile trip over; it's a really nice little event. Awards were given out for 35 classes and club winners included: (see attached)

Saturday night the club went over to Route 61 for supper.

Sunday there was a prediction for rain so mom and I planned for an early start. But when we got to the lobby for the continental breakfast we ran into other British car owners from Louisiana and a American MGB lady from Boston. So we lingered a good while just visiting before shoving off for home. Since my gas gauge doesn't want to go past 1/2 tank anymore we filled up with some petrol In Spanish Fort first. But half way across the Mobile bridge we saw the line of club cars pulling off on the shoulder?! Keith was in the rear and Cliff was leading in his red and white Healey...

Not wanting to stop there with my mother in the car, and not carrying any spares in the boot, we continued through the tunnel before calling to see if we could help. The story Cathy gave me was that Cliff's fuel pump went out but Keith had one with him. I heard later that the repair took an hour and a half! That's bad luck. Mom and I hit rain at the usual spot - the Louisiana State line! Fortunately we got the rear window zipped up at the (dry) La Welcome Center. Another stop in Lacombe for gas and a Subway sandwich, then we were home. A great trip and I'm looking forward to next year already.

Roving Reporter, Bobby





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Currently there are many items available. These include service manuals and how to books and videos.

We will be bringing the library to the area meetings.

See the February newsletter for your meeting location and date. We plan to shift locations every 30 days.





Club Resource Library



*Club Resource Library*



# BMCNO Membership Application

*Print this form to submit your application.*

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What other car clubs do you belong? \_\_\_\_\_

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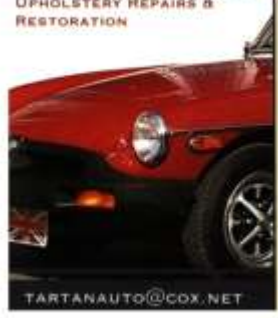
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