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September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Baton Rouge Area Gathering	20 Northshore Area Gathering	21	22
23	24	25 General Meeting	26	27	28 Covington Final Friday	29 Wedell Williams
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Tuesday, 25th. – General Meeting Italian Pie – 6:00 dinner; 7:00 meeting. Nomination of 2019 Board of Directors Guest Speaker Colin McCormick “ Pictures from his trip to England and tour of the Morgan Plant”

Saturday 29th - **Wedell Williams** Aviation Collection and Lumber Museum, Atchafalaya at Idelwild Golf Course Lunch and then tour of BMCNO member Fred Duplechin’s Garage

8:30 a.m. - North and South Shore members leave Krispy Kreme Donuts on Clearview at 8:00. The club will provide donuts you purchase the coffee or drinks.

8:30 a.m. - Baton Rouge group meet at Barns & Noble at 2590 Citiplace Ct for a departure. They will cross the river on I-10, then take La 1 South from Port Allen to White Castle then its Hwy 69 to Hwy 70, and on to the museum.

Fri. 28th - **Covington Final Friday**



President's Message by BMCNO President Karen Murray



AT LAST!!!!!!

We are back up and **running again**. Let's hope that we can catch up with all of the information from this year.

First we finished our fiscal year with 188 members. Our fiscal year is from July 1st through June 30th. We must be doing something good with our membership increasing every year. Keep pushing the club and all of the fun activities that we have.

Members have asked about the stats of the club. Below you will find the last stats sent to me by our wonderful Secretary, Cathy Greensfelder in June. Enjoy!!!

AFFILIATED CHAPTER MEMBERS

- NAMGBR 14 Members
 - Brown, Deryl
 - Buckley, Mary
 - Greensfelder, Cathy
 - Gullic, Bob
 - Harris, Rick
 - Huber, Rick
 - Hughes, Robert
 - Nagy, Charlette
 - O'Con, Katrina**
 - Oster, Theodore O (Ted)
 - Pearson, John
 - Sonnier, Blake
 - Stevenson, Rob
 - Vezina, Keith
- NAMGAR 7 Members
 - Dunbar, Jr. C. Reg
 - Duplantier, Dean
 - Hornsby, Paul
 - Hughes, Cliff
 - Nicolle, Robert J.
 - Varnado, Danny
 - Kennedy, Jack
- Morris Minor Registry
 - 1 member
 - Kennedy, Jack
- VTR 10 Members
 - Buquet, Johnson
 - Friloux, Anne
 - Palmisano, Ronnie
 - Hayden, David
 - Karam, Bill
 - Colley, Kevin
 - Giroir, Maxie
 - Pangburn, Brian
 - Rankin, Michael

If you are not listed one of these great national organizations please consider joining or check with Cathy Greensfelder.

This number does not include cars that do not run or pieces and parts of cars.

Cars in the club	Number in the club
AC	2
Alvis	1
Aston Martin	1
Austin	6
Austin Healey	30
Bentley	1
BSA	1
Damlier	1
DeLorean	1
Elva	1
Ferguson	1
Ginetta	2
Hillman	1
Innocenti	1
Jaguar	43
Jensen	2
Land Rover	2
Lotus	8
MG	90
Mini	12
Morgan	2
Morris	5
Norton	1
Rover	1
Royal Enfield	1
Sunbeam	1
Triumph	53
Unknown	1
TOTAL REPORTED	272

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Happenings by BMCNO Vice President Chad Wicker



Our next scheduled event is Saturday, 29th - Wedell Williams Aviation Collection and Lumber Museum, Atchafalaya at Idelwild Golf Course Lunch and then tour of BMCNO member Fred Duplechin's Garage.

The dual focus of this museum site highlights two very distinct—and compelling—**aspects of Louisiana's** rich history. The Wedell-Williams Aviation Collection highlights the legacy of Louisiana aviation pioneers Jimmie Wedell and Harry P. Williams, who formed an air service together in 1928 in Patterson. Both men became nationally prominent during the Golden Age of Aviation. Although both Wedell and Williams perished in plane crashes, their legacy lives on in the memorabilia and planes on display in this collection. State-of-the-art displays include numerous aircraft, such as the famous Miss Patterson #44 and the Gilmore #121. Also on display are Wedell-Williams' 1930s air racing trophies and memorabilia. The David J. Felterman Theater features an exciting air racing film that visually transports you to the heart of the 1932 Cleveland National Air Races.

The Cypress Sawmill Collection documents the history of the cypress lumber industry in Louisiana. Lumbering became the state's first significant manufacturing industry. As a result, cypress lumber harvested and milled in Louisiana was shipped in mass quanti-



ties throughout the U.S. Patterson was once home to the largest cypress sawmill in the world, owned by Frank B. Williams. In 1997, the Louisiana State Legislature designated Patterson as the cypress capital of Louisiana. The exhibit features a variety of artifacts, photographs and film that tell the story of this important regional industry. The museum also hosts changing exhibits that highlight other aspects of Louisiana's culture and history.



HEADS UP FOR OCTOBER:

South Alabama Annual Car Show - Fri. Oct. 26th

The Baron's is charging \$99.88. The host hotel is Hotel - Key West Inn (Distance to Show Field is 1 mile) 231 Greeno Rd S, Fairhope, AL 36532 (251) 990-7373 • Reserve at Group Rate \$74.99 until 9/26/2018 • Cancellations without penalty to 10/19/2018

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2018 Upcoming Calendar at a Glance

Happenings by BMCNO Vice President Chad Wicker continued

SEPT	Wedell Williams	Sat. 29 th	8:30 a.m.	South Shore meet at Krispy Kreme for donuts
	Covington Final Friday	Fri. 28 th	5:00 p.m.	
OCT.	To many activities			
	Cruisin' the Coast	Sept. 30 th – Oct. 7 th		
	So. Alabama Car Show	26 th & 27 th		See article for details
	Covington Final Friday	Fri. 26 th	5:00 p.m.	
NOV.	Memorial Ralleye	TBA		North Shore
DEC.	Christmas party	Sat. 8 th	5:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Board of Directors

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!

British Motoring Club New Orleans 28th Annual Car Show is scheduled for Saturday, March 23, 2019.

Car Show Chairman—Karen Murray

Co - Chairmen—Ronald Palmisano and Benny Stielger

We are asking for anything NEW that can used as door prizes the day of the car show. Please bring them to the Christmas Party. I know that many people purchase or receive gifts for cars and do not want the items so let's clean out the garage and pay it forward to our car show. We will not be giving out goody bags this year, so we are only collecting money and door prize donations. If you can help please do.

I am currently checking with all past committee chairmen for commitment for 2019. I need to know the following: how many volunteers needed, supplies needed, suggestions to improve their committee, and if they still will chair that committee. **If I haven't spoken to you please contact me.**

Thanks so much for all of your enthusiasm and participation in BMCNO. Remember you only get out of an organization what you put into the organization

I will also have the volunteer list at the Christmas Party for everyone to sign for a committee.

Thanks so much and looking forward to a smooth show with lots of cars.

BMCNO stats continued...

Regional Active Members of BMCNO as of May 2018

Thank you to Cathy Greenfelder, BMCNO Secretary, for all of the stats.

Region	Number of members
Baton Rouge	35
Greater New Orleans	68
Gulf Coast Mississippi	9
Lafayette	10
North Shore	44



May - July Meeting Minutes by Secretary Cathy Greensfelder



Minutes May 29, 2018

We introduced guest Michael Seidemann. Michael lives in Kenner and has 16 classic cars. Three are British: a 2001 Aston Martin DB7, a 1962 Jaguar E-Type and a 1933 MG J2! Perhaps he can be convinced to give a tour of his collection!!

Old Business: Rick Huber reported on the Baton Rouge meeting.

Benny Steigler reported on the North Shore meeting.

Forty-nine people attended the crawfish boil. The crawfish were much better (spicier) than last year. Members made several suggestions for next year. The club will consider moving the **event to the weekend before Mother's Day** and moving it up to 11 am to beat more of the afternoon heat. Also, several members thought a 5 lb. serving is too much. Karen Murray ran out of zipper bags for leftovers.

BMCNO's Blake Sonnier and EMC-MS Gene Johnson and Clay Johnson organized a 5 day driving adventure to Arkansas during May. Allen Bradley and Keith Vezina attended, and gave us a report on the drive. It was a fantastic drive. Fourteen cars (not all British) convoyed together and Blake Sonnier displaced Keith Vezina as the club "**Rocket Man**". (Blake drives even faster than Keith!!) They drove 460 miles to Hot Springs, Arkansas then drove another 750 miles **through the Ozark's on twisty, hilly little back roads**, pushing their LBC through the curves. The only police officer they saw was at an Ice Cream place. Jasper, the town where they

stayed, was so small it didn't even have a stop light. The drive was almost trouble-free - Danny Varnado lost a fuel pump but it happened in town so there was no need for roadside repairs.

Cliff Hughes reported on the Mandeville Lakeside Hospital car show. There were around 75 cars entered but there were no classes, just popular choice voting and around 30 trophies. None of our cars – **not even Cliff's beautiful Austin Healey** – won. Cliff spoke to the organizers and they said it was too much for them to organize classes. "**If you win, you win. If you don't, you don't.**" **Cliff doesn't think the NS members will attend next year.**

New Business: Plans for the Bay St Louis Art Walk event were discussed.

Dan Melesurgo talked about the club participating in the next SCCA Delta Region meet. It is June 10 at the NOLA Motorsports Park in Avondale, LA. Dan suggested we come as spectators any time after 10 am to watch. If you want to do a "**ride-along**" in an SCCA member's car, they will make arrangements and lend you a helmet. Several members were planning to attend. If interested, review the SCCA Delta Region site for event and location schedule.

Cliff Hughes discussed plans for the Fathers' Day display at St Anthony's Assisted Living home on June 16th. Last year the residents greatly enjoyed looking at the cars and talking about the ones they / their brother / best friend used to own!

Members are encouraged to attend the Covington Final Friday block party. The NS members meet on the riverside of Columbia Street BEFORE 5 pm to park together. (The English Tea Room is nearby.) **Cliff will have one of the club's sandwich signs to identify us.** There were several new



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guys with British cars at the last one. The NS members are encouraging them to join!

Our planned activity in July is to visit Cars of Yesteryear. However, the curator of the museum has retired and will be traveling. We will not know until early June if we can get a reservation. If we cannot, several alternatives are being considered.

The BMCNO Anniversary event this year is August 11th. We will be taking the 10:00 am Jazz Cruise on the Creole Queen out of the French Quarter. The event will cost \$30 per person and payment is due by August 1. That includes the 2.5 hour cruise, a buffet lunch, live Jazz and an hour stop at the Chalmette Battlefield. Boarding is at 10 am and the boat leaves at 10:30. You can park in the French Quarter, take a cab, or consider parking across the river at the Algiers Courthouse for \$5 and taking the pedestrian ferry across. (Allow plenty of time - you would need to catch the 9:15 ferry to make the 20 minute walk to the boat.)

Tulane University is trying to develop a tailgating tradition for their football games. They have invited BMCNO to park by the stadium for the Saturday Nov 24th game. We will be able to purchase game tickets for \$10. They will have reserved (free!) parking for our cars and would like us to bring signs, the club canopy and to picnic with our cars. Someone asked if there will be security for the cars during the game. (Tulane is Uptown.) Karen will check on the security situation.

The 2019 Car Day will be on Saturday March 23rd, 2019. We are reviewing a smart phone voting system, **CarShowPro.com**, for next year's show. It allows for paper ballots as well as e-ballots however it costs \$1 per car entered.

Missing 2018 Car Show trophies are on order and will be ready in June.

Benny Stiegler gave a presentation on the top ten most important British cars according to Thomas Bey, freelance automotive journalist. At the end of the presentation, we got to guess the order of the cars!

Projects: Keith Vezina had a vacuum leak on his **MG's manifold. He pulled the manifold and took it to a machinist. They found a 12-thousandths variation. That is HUGE! It was too much to put in the machine shop's machine so Keith took it home, build a sanding rig and spent two hours sanding it down.**

Roger Jeffreys has been smelling fuel around his car. **He's zeroed in on the carb and is looking at the float bowl. He's trying to avoid a full carb rebuild on both SU Carbs.**

Cliff Hughes told us a friend of his had a Austin Healey and a Porsche in his garage with a trickle charger on. The Porsche caught fire and burned up. Do not leave a trickle charger unattended for long periods of time. **Especially a cheap, "made in China" one.**

Cliff's Magnette's clock stopped working. He took the clock to a shop on Magazine street for an estimate. They wanted \$450! **Cliff told them that's a quarter of the value of the car – no thank you! They replied that didn't really want to work on it.** Cliff then heard of a Jag guy in New York who specialized in things like that. Cliff shipped the clock to New York and the guy fixed it for \$100!

Karen Vezina won \$14 in the 50/50. Keith Vezina, Mark Greensfelder, Cliff Hughes, Harold O'Reilly and Dan Melesurgo won prizes. We are almost done with the left overs from the goodie



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bags and will just have the 50/50 drawing when they are all gone.

General Meeting June 26, 2018

It was a great turnout with thirty one members and guests attending. New members Michael Wilson and John Blackwood were introduced. Michael is a retired US Marine and has a Triumph motorcycle with side car. John has an Austin Healey Sprite in pieces. (Several members commiserated!)

Old Business: From the Baton Rouge group, **Bobby Spann and Danny Varnado's cars were in a photo shoot.** The Baton Rouge meetings frequently play the "Bill Avery's tool box" game where Bill displays a weird / unique tool and guess what it is. Bobby Spann brought the latest tool. It was a specially shaped metal box used to **compress the shock on certain Jag's rear shocks** to get the keepers off.

South Shore member Justin Clark has completed his masters in Computer Science and is now working for LSU. Roger Jeffers announced his retirement and got a round of applause.

Several North Shore members attended a NS show where they hired a photographer to take the photos and make a 11x17 color print available for \$10. Colin bought one and had it laminated. They also reported that Final Friday for June was a lot of fun. This event runs through October. Last year there was a Halloween slide show and costume contest for the October Final Friday.

The St Anthony's Garden father's day display had about 15 cars. There was breakfast (bacon and eggs!) for our members and many of the residents had their grandchildren in to see the cars.

The Gulf Coast Bay St Louis Art Walk was well

attended. The food at the restaurant was uneven – some loved it and some did not. However the band was great!

New Business: Plans for Cars of Yesteryear and the Anniversary Party cruise on the Creole Queen river boat were discussed.

Linda and Martin St Romain have resigned from the board but will continue to be active in the club. Martin has had some health issues and they plan to travel for the next year.

Reports: Cathy Greensfelder reported that we are ending the year with 183 members. About 25% have not yet renewed.

Speaker: North Shore member Benny Stiegler **gave an encore of his "Ugly Cars" presentation.**

Projects: Mike Anderson has gotten the engine and interior on his Ginetta. Dan Melesurgo is trying to finish his Jaguar E-Type and is starting on a 1977 Jaguar XJ6-C hardtop with a small block Chevy engine in it. Jack Kennedy has removed his Morris Minor engine for repairs.

Jack has a problem with his Austin Healey Sprite. The engine is back in. The oil pump is on the back of the cam and has been rebuilt and re-installed. He started the car and there was no oil to the rockers. He filled it with oil manually and started again – no pressure. Does anyone have any ideas? **It shouldn't need priming.**

Roger Jeffreys reported that after driving, his MG-TD had a strong fuel smell. **It's not overflowing from the carburetor and he's not seeing fuel** on the floor under the car. **It runs great but he's** worried about the fire hazard. No one had any ideas. Keith Vezina suggested check ING the seals on the bottom of the carbs for leaks.

Keith Vezina got a new combo manifold for a



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1976 Austin Marina. It fits a single Zenith Stromburg and mates up to the engine just fine. **Ed Vail's 1968 MG is getting A/C! "Classic Auto Air" sells an evaporator that fits in the passenger footwell.**

Cliff Hughes is selling his show winning Austin Healey. **Cliff's wife Linda said the leather looked bad and needed to be cleaned.** After leather cleaner had no effect, Linda used a slurry of Ajax Cleanser on a toothbrush. All the discoloration came off and it looks like new!! Cliff is slathering on leather conditioner and selling it. **In 24 years, he's only put 11,000 miles on it.**

50/50: Danny Varnado won \$23. Jack Kennedy, Collin McCormick, Dan Melesurgo, Roger Jeffrey, Bobby Spann and Ronnie Palmisano won prizes. One of the prizes was a lovely Union Jack key fob donated by Freddie Duplechin. He bought it on his anniversary trip to England.

General Meeting, July 29, 2018

Twenty-eight members and guest Robin Miller attended the meeting. Robin, a guest of Dan McGovern, **doesn't have a British car but might be in the market.** New members Hugh Colman, Zachary St Pierre and Michael Wilson were also there.

Karen Murray reported on the Cars of Yesteryear event. There were over 250 people in attendance from BMCNO and 8 other regional car clubs.

Bobby Spann reported on the AAECM** show in Baton Rouge. The show was originally scheduled in March but rescheduled due to severe weather. It was a very nice show but it was HOT! **(That's why clubs don't typically schedule for July).** ** Antique Automobile and Engine Club of Mississippi

It is with great sorrow that Karen Murray reported **that members Harold O'Rielly and Bill Avery**

had both passed away. Funeral arrangements will be announced via email. The club is sending flowers.

New Business: Plans for the Anniversary cruise on the Creole Queen were discussed. Over 50 people had bought tickets at that time.

Convoys for the EMC show in Natchez on Sept 14 and the Wedell-Williams Museum trip on Sept 29 were discussed.

Nominations for 2019 officers is open. We also need a Car Show Chairman. Without officers and a show chairman, the club cannot continue to put on the great events we all enjoy. Please volunteer.

Reports: The club ended the 2017-18 year with 183 members.

Speaker: Benny Steigler spoke on cars that keep their value over time.

Projects: Jack Kennedy asked for help with his problem of no oil pressure. Charles During suggested he check the siphon tubes were tight. Jack found the siphon tubes were OK so he started following the oil channels to the head. There, he found a hole where it was sucking air. This **"oil priming hole" is supposed to be plugged with a bolt.** He plugged the hole and that solved the problem.

Allen Bradley has installed seat belts in his Magnette.

Rick Huber reports that Pete Johnson's 1962 Austin Healey BT7 is for sale. It's partially restored and the engine and transmission are back in . Also, Stuart Ferry is selling an MG Midget and MGB.

Keith Vezina has been working on the "Crack of Doom" on the door of his 76 MGB and the new intake manifold is almost done. Keith is also working on an Alfa Romeo with a bad rattle. He



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spent four hours tightening up stuff and still hasn't found it. He needs to rent a "rattle detector" – a microphone system you can put in the car to listen to different spots while driving to narrow down the location of the problem.

Cort Musgrave (senior) gave a Range Rover to a friend and wants the name of someone who can clean and test fuel injectors.

Eighteen months after starting a complete rebuild of his MGT (precipitated by replacing a \$14 part!) Tom McMillan is close to the end!! With all the engine reassembled he went to start it and it wouldn't crank. He went to "Crank Enterprises". They can fix any starter or generator. They fixed his and the car RAN!! It's noisy and still

has lots of little things wrong but it's very close to being road-worthy.

Cliff Hughes has also used Crank Enterprises. He burned up a gear reduction starter on his MGA. He took it to Crank Enterprises. They have STACKS of stuff, everywhere. He showed them the part and they insisted it came off a Toyota. No, Cliff pulled it off an MGA. They said to leave it and they'd look at it. Danny at Crank Enterprises repaired the starter for \$50 before Cliff got home from the shop.

50/50 – Benny Stiegler won \$24 and Tom McMillan, Jack Kennedy and Dan McGovern won prizes.

Baton Rouge March Gathering by Rick Huber



Here's a little blurb about out last several meetings.

Well, it sure has been a long hot summer, now in September with no end in sight. One of the Baton Rouge events this summer was the Antique Auto Club show usually held at LSU in May, but it was rained out. So it was

moved to the new BRCC Automotive Technology Center here in Baton Rouge, and a special feature attraction for the show was Chip Foose from the Overhauled show. A half a dozen of us or so came out for the show and enjoyed the day.

We've had our regular meetings, but in July we switched locations again - D'angelo's lost their liquor license, our favorite waitress left, and the service was quite poor. So we switched to Sammy's Grill out in Central, giving the folks in that part of town a break on the drive. Sammy's is

happy to have us, we get a room to ourselves, good service, and the food is very good too.

In August we had a tribute to Bill Avery a long time club member, and even longer racing car driver and builder and British car dealer, service manager, shop owner, and all around expert on things little, four wheeled, and British. We had a big turn out including two of Bill's sons and one of his Grandsons - everybody got a chance to talk about Bill starting with when he was in high school at 18! He sure was a good friend and companion, and we will certainly miss him.

Otherwise it's been much of the same, talking about all of the summer events that are going on, and the little cars that we're working on and driving.

Come on Fall weather, we're waiting for some cool drives.

Cheers,

Rick

Steamboat Natchez BMCNO Anniversary cruise



On Saturday 53 BMCNO members and friends attended the BMCNO Anniversary Cruise aboard the Steamboat Natchez, the last authentic Steamboat on the Mighty Mississippi River.

We all sat together and enjoyed a casual 2 hours of Jazz Music, delicious New Orleans style cuisine, seeing beautiful sights along the Mississippi River, and a great time talking with both old and new friends.

After we finished our meal we went outside on the deck and enjoyed the sights along the river and listened to a Calliope concert.

Some of us ventured down into the engine room. The Natchez is run by steam, Her steam engines were originally built in 1925 for the steamboat Clairton.

The steam sternwheeler NATCHEZ was launched April 3, 1975 at Braithwaite, LA just 12 miles below New Orleans on the Mississippi River. Her dimensions are 265 ft. long x 46 ft. wide, with a 6 ft. draft, and weighing in at 1384 tons. It is the ninth of the famous steamers named NATCHEZ, after the tribe of Indians native to southern Mississippi. Authentic steamboat styling is maintained, but materials are

modernized and the entire boat is steel due to Coast Guard regulations. This NATCHEZ is modeled after the packet boat HUDSON which ran 1886 to 1905, from Pittsburgh to Cincinnati. Placement of engine room machinery and their original functions remain the same. The indestructible steam engines on old ships were commonly transferred to new boats for a new lease on life. Such is the case with the NATCHEZ. The towboat CLAIRTON (1927-1965) which belonged to the United States Steel Corporation supplied the engines and other engine room machinery for the NATCHEZ. She pushed steel and coal from Pittsburgh to New Orleans until the modernization of diesel engines made the most powerful steam machinery obsolete. The engine room is the heart of the NATCHEZ. The decks of the boat are designated by diagonal lines. The port side is pictured, the starboard is not. The bow is to the left under the jack flag, and the stern is to the right at the paddlewheel.

Jack Flag – The U.S. maritime flag with fifty stars representing the states of the Union. It is flown from the jackstaff at pilot house level and is helpful in judging wind speed and direction.

Bridge – This platform is strictly off limits. It is a vantage point used by the captain when leaving the dock and when landing. From here he can see all the mooring lines in action and judge the progress of the boat clearly, then call his commands to the pilot or crew.

Roof Bell – The bell is used to signal the deck crew for various tasks. Originally mounted on the towboat J.D. AYRES, (1929-1956), the first tow boat to take barges from Pittsburgh to Cairo on the new lock and dam system. Atop the bell is an ornamental acorn from the steamer QUEEN CITY, (1897-1933). It has also adorned the AVALON (now the BELLE OF LOUISVILLE), and

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the DELTA QUEEN. Antlers – Antlers are a symbol of supremacy for the fastest steamboats, used as a trophy, which must be relinquished if a steam boat race is lost. The tradition began when the owners of the speedy steamer REINDEER (1851-1857) offered their ornamental antlers to any boat that could beat it. This NATCHEZ has never lost a race (beating the DELTA QUEEN, THE MISSISSIPPI QUEEN, BELLE OF LOUISVILLE and the BELLE OF CINCINNATI).

Smokestacks – Functional in carrying off waste gasses from the oil-fed boilers. Designed very tall to create a natural draft for the old style wood-burning boilers, they also carried live sparks away from the all-wood boats of that era and flammable cargo such as cotton.

Steamwhistle – Used to signal intentions of passing, departing and docking to river traffic as well as saluting other boats. It is the only legal signal recognized by the U.S. Coast Guard. Fed directly by the boilers, every steamboat whistle has its own distinctive sound. The NATCHEZ whistle was taken from a steamboat which sank in 1908.

Pilot House – Strictly off limits to the public by federal law. From here the pilots steer the vessel through the harbor with the help of modern navigational aids such as radar and vessel to vessel/ship to shore radio. Also at their disposal is the computerized Vessel Traffic Service, which is manned on shore by the U.S. Coast Guard, servicing the marine community by tracking ship traffic through the harbor. 1 2 3 4 5 6



Calliope – A series of 32 graduated whistles powered by steam from the boilers, played with a small keyboard. A novelty instrument that debuted July 4, 1856, it was quickly adopted by packet and showboats to advertise their arrival into towns.

Texas Deck – This structure sitting directly in the center of the Hurricane deck traditionally was reserved for housing the crew when traveling on the river. The passenger cabins were named after the states of the union, the largest of which was on this deck, so it was named for the largest of the states at that time. Eventually

the whole deck became known as the Texas Deck, with the highest point for public viewing, the gift shop and a ladies room.

Hurricane Deck – An all-outdoor deck that **supplies a bird's eye** view of the sights as well as an excellent overview of the paddle

wheel in action. The name originated because of the strong winds that can be felt on that deck.

Boiler Deck – The second deck on a steamboat despite the fact there has never been a boiler on it throughout river history. They kept the cabin warm in cool weather and boiling hot in summer. Most steamboats had room for passengers lining the sides of the cabin and were named after the **states of the union, thus the term "stateroom"** began. There is plenty of seating outside on the bow of this deck with even more room inside for sitting at tables. The bulkheads of the cabin are decorated with prints and pictures of old steam-



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boats, and at the stern is an authentic pilot wheel on display.

Stage – Before the convenience of gangways that roll on and off ship from a wharf, the stages served as the only means of transferring passengers and freight from the steamboats, swinging to port or starboard by winches. The nomenclature “stage” is derived from the time when a ship’s crew would dance on the gangway to entertain at plantation stops.

Bowthruster – A 3 1/2 ft. diameter tunnel crossing the bow, port to starboard, just under water level. It is fitted with an electrically powered (200 h.p.) propeller that draws water from one side and forces it out the other, causing sideways motion. This is a modern innovation used mostly for docking and turning.

Capstan – A large electrically powered winch used for pulling the boat tight against the wharf. Steam originally provided the power.

Stairs – Leading to all the decks. Another flight is parallel with these on the starboard side.

Magnolia Suite – A private dining room.

Dining Room or Main Salon – Indoor dining space for lunch, dinner or special functions.

Boiler Room – Houses two Cleaver Brooks fire tube boilers (800 h.p. each) that produce a steady steam pressure of 210 lbs. per square inch. Fed by #2 diesel oil, they are constantly watched by a man who ensures that the fire inside receives the proper amount of fuel, air and water. This earns him the title “fireman.” Normally only one boiler is used at a time but the other is always kept ready in case of emergency.

Main Deck – In practical terms, the business end of a steamboat. It supports the paddlewheel,

houses the boilers that provide the steam, the engines that move the wheel, the throttle that controls the engines, the galley which provides meals for crew and guests, and in later years the generators for electricity. When steamboats actively transported passengers and cargo on the inland waterways, the bulk of the freight was contained on their high-roofed main deck.

Engine Room – Kept in immaculate condition, this area is open and welcome to visitors. The focal points are the tandem compound condensing reciprocating steam engines from the towboat CLAIRTON, which are pictured on the forward bulkhead. They are of the piston valve type with a 15 inch bore on the high pressure cylinder and a 30 inch bore on the low pressure cylinder. These engines have a 7 ft. stroke and produce 2000 h.p. combined, (400 per cylinder). The steering gear toward the stern is also from the CLAIRTON as well as the large pitman arms that connect the engines to the paddlewheel. Our electrical power plant is just forward of the engine room. The NATCHEZ uses two Cummins diesels, each producing 700 h.p., to power Kato generators of a maximum of 350 kilowatts. Rudders – 17 ft. x 5 ft. is the dimension of all three rudders located in front of the paddlewheel. They are even with the keel, our centermost and lowest part of the boat. These facts combined make sideways and reverse steerage most precise when backing, forcing water through the rudders. The design for a shallow and flat bottomed hull was required to circumnavigate sandbars during low river stages as well as landing at the bank to service river towns and remote plantations. Paddle Wheel – Made of white oak and steel, its dimensions are 22 ft. x 25 ft., weighing 26 tons. It is the sole means of forward and reverse motion, the shaft and cranks being from the CLAIRTON.

Cars of Yesteryear by Karen Murray,

No matter how many times we visit Cars of Yesteryear there is ALWAYS something new to see. This year was not the exception. Many new cars were purchased and the showroom was completely rearranged. Visitors are awestruck by the diversity, cleanliness, friendliness, and sheer magnitude of the collection.

This year we asked permission to invite other car clubs to join us because so many of our members are in multiple clubs. We had the following clubs attend with us; 68 BMCNO members attended, 63 guests with BMCNO members, 119 from other clubs for a grand total of 250 participants.

The (8) invited clubs besides BMCNO were:

English Motoring Club of Mississippi
Houma Antique Club
Gulf Coast Antique Club
Gulf Coast Jag Club
AAECM
Weekend Cruises Car Club
Mardi Gras T's
Drifters
Delgado Automotive Staff Members

Many, many thanks to Mr. Henry Shane for allowing us to visit and Sean Fallon for always being so gracious arranging everything. What an experience and please enjoy the pictures!!!



Cars of Yesteryear continued...



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Cars of Yesteryear continued...





Welcome the following recent New Members to BMCNO:

Butch Ammons	2006 Mini Cooper S (blue) 1967 Austin Mini (white/black)
Hugh Coleman Jr.	1955 MG A (rust) 1959 MGA (white)
Nick Hajdu	1998 Jaguar XK* (black) 1960 Austin Healey 3000 (white)
Hans Hassinger	
Paul Jaquillard	1968 MG Midget (white)
John Portwood	1994 Jaguar XJS (green)
Michael Wilson	2017 Triumph Bonneville Bobber (black)
Scott Petty	1960 MGA (BRG)
Zachary St. Pierre	1964 MG B (green)
Jack Fournet	1976 Triumph TR6 (Java Green)
Timothy Knight	1973 Triumph TR6 (Carmine Red)
Brian Monsor	1979 MG B-LE (Black)

Please look for these new members and help them to feel welcome at our meetings and activities.

August & September Birthdays



Happy August Birthday wishes to the following BMCNO members:

John Buckley

Donald Marpe

Joel Ross

Kevin Colley

Dan McGovern

Connie Spann

Dean Cook

Ronald Palmisano

Lilly Stiegler

Cliff Hughes

Richard Prestridge

Andy Switzer

Corey Leftwich

Robbie Robertson

Marc Zebouni

Happy September Birthday wishes to the following BMCNO Members:

Burt Ballard

Freddie Hebert

John McCarron

Thomas Bonner

Roger Jeffrey

Tom Miller

Allen Bradley

Lillie Johnston

Cort M. Musgrave

Charlie Brown

Jack Kennedy Jr.

Paulette Smith

Phillip Colwart

Jim Lilly

Chad Wicker

Cheryl Dauzart

Chesney Loeb

May you have many, many more happy birthdays to come.

BMCNO has been hit very hard this year with the loss of 2 GIANTS in our family. The first Harold O' Reilly was very active on the Board of Directors including past President, and then Bill Avery who was our resident car historian and trivia expert. Both men died within 48 hours of each other. One in New Orleans and one in Baton Rouge and both unexpectedly. It was a complete blow to the families and club members. These men both contributed greatly to the success of our club and will be missed by everyone. It was an honor and privilege to have known both and I can picture them racing cars in heaven, without betting of course.



Harold Joseph O'Reilly, Jr., suddenly and peacefully passed away at Tulane University Hospital on August 3, 2018, at the age of 75. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Jennifer O'Reilly and his sister, Eileen Thompson. Harold is lovingly remembered by daughter, Karen O'Reilly Richmond, her husband, Shael Richmond, grandson Scott Richmond and his wife, Rachael, granddaughter Rachel, grandson, Robert Richmond, great-granddaughter Shelby Richmond, a sister Kathleen Varrecchio and many nieces and nephews. He was a lifetime resident of New Orleans. He is a member of the New Orleans Yacht Club and the British Motoring Club of New Orleans.

His smile and jokes will be greatly missed!!! It's time for you to enjoy heaven my friend.



William "Bill" Gene Avery, age 82, passed away on Sunday evening, August 5, 2018 at Our Lady of the Lake Hospital in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Born March 29, 1936 in Pineville, Louisiana, Bill was a proud graduate of Tioga High School, and later attended LSU. Bill turned his passionate interest in foreign sports cars into a profitable vocation, founding Avery's Import Auto Service. Bill is survived by his wife, Robbie P. Avery, daughter, Linda Kaye Leinweber of Scottsdale, Arizona (husband Mark, children Scott and Lauren), son Jeffrey G. Avery of Grapevine, Texas (wife Kerry, children Brandon (wife Anna, child Logan) and Brian (wife Lindsey, children Everett, Eli and Aiden), son Christian T. Avery of Saint Amant, Louisiana (wife Lauren, children Lola and Eli), son A. Brock Avery of Baton Rouge, Louisiana (children Joel, Michael, and Audrey), and brother, Buster Avery of Virginia Beach, Virginia (wife Barbara). He was preceded in death by his parents, John W. Avery, Jr.

and Audrey [Smith](#) Avery, and brothers Ralph Avery and David Avery. Bill was proud to donate his remains to the LSU School of Medicine for purposes of medical education and research. He was a member of the Tioga High School Alumni Association, the Tioga Historical Society, the Sports Car Club of America, and the English Car Club.

We will miss all of Bill's stories and his wealth of knowledge about cars. If only he had written a book!!!!



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Print this form to submit your application.

Name: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Address: _____ Birthday month _____ Day _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail: _____ Occupation: _____

Where did you learn of BMCNO? _____

What other car clubs do you belong? _____

Include information in the Online Web Directory yes___ no___

Please list me as ICE, (In Case of Emergency) willing to render assistance to members who break down in my area. yes___ no___

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1st CAR

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Model: _____

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Year: _____

Year: _____

Year: _____

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Body Style: _____

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⇒ PayPal - www.clubregistration.net (click on British Motoring Club at this web site)

⇒ Cash or Check at any monthly meeting.

All payments need to be accompanied by this completed application form. It is imperative that we have your correct and active email address because this is how all communication is now processed.

"I agree to abide by the rules and regulations as set forth by the Club Officers under The British Motoring Club New Orleans, Inc. [Charter and By-Laws.](#)"

Name _____ Date _____



Are you a member of a National Car Club? See below for more information on some of the popular ones

- 6-Pack Car Club of America 6-pack.org/ The 6-Pack Car Club of America, a single marque club dedicated to the 6-cylinder models of the Triumph TR range-the TR250 and TR6.
- Austin-Healey Club of America, Inc. [AHCA](http://ahca.org) healeyclub.org/ Dedicated to the maintenance, preservation and enjoyment of Healey cars.
- Jaguar Club of North America jcna.com/ The Jaguar Clubs of North America (JCNA) is dedicated to the wide range of Jaguar motorcars old and new, and the American, Canadian and Mexican enthusiasts who love them.
- North American MGA Register (NAMGAR) namgar.com/ The Register was established in 1975, with the sole objective of promoting the restoration, preservation, and enjoyment of the MGA, Magnette and their Variants.
- North American MGB Register (NAMGBR) namgbr.org/ The North American MGB Register (NAMGBR) is an international MG car club serving the needs of the MGB, MGC, MG Midget, MG 1100/1300 and Post Abingdon MG owners, across North America.
- Sunbeam Tiger Owner's Association sunbeatiger.org/
- Vintage Triumph Register VTR VTR.org The Vintage Triumph Register (VTR) is a North American Triumph car club of over 2,800 Triumph owners and enthusiasts supporting and showcasing all models of Triumphs.

Please contact me at ronniep@cox.net with additional national clubs that should be added to the above list.

BMCNO is affiliated with
 North American MGB Register
 (NAMGBR)
 and
 The Vintage Triumph Register (VTR)

If you are member of these or any other national club or register, please let us know.
 We strongly encourage all members to join the registry for their marque!

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Although our Club Resource Library is still growing, the items that we do have are all excellent and available to all members.

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



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Please join us to celebrate all British Marques!

TXABCD is the largest gathering of British cars in Texas and a great place to see the cars you grew up with like Triumph, MG and Mini and to see exotic British cars you may not have seen before like Jaguar, Aston Martin, Bentley, Morgan and Rolls Royce.

This year we'll hold the Sunday show at Centennial Plaza in Round Rock. This is the same location we've been in for several years now. It's paved, has great restrooms and a nice plaza for registration, door prizes and gathering with friends!

Hotel Information

Discounted rate available until Sept 1 or until reserved rooms are sold out. Reserve your

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The hotel is just a 5 minute drive from Centennial Plaza, where the show will be held on Sunday. Click the link below for more information and our discounted rates or to make a reservation.

[Homewood Suites by Hilton](#)

Tentative TXABCD Show Weekend Schedule
Note that this is TENTATIVE and may change!

A more detailed schedule is at www.txabcd.org.

Friday

Meet and Greet at [The Brass Tap](#).

Saturday

Morning - Drive to a winery for tastings and a light lunch.

Mid Day - Registration and hospitality suite.

Afternoon - Rallye

Evening - Catered dinner at the Sheets' Longhorn Ranch.

Sunday

The big car show at Centennial Plaza in Round Rock!

info@txabcd.org.