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September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Labor Day	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 St. John's Knights of Columbus Folsom car show
15	16	17	18 Baton Rouge Area Gathering	19 NorthShore Area Gathering	20 Cruise to Brits on the Bluff	21 Brits on the Bluff Show
22	23	24 Board of Directors Meeting 5:00 General Meeting 7:00	25	26	27 Final Friday Cov- ington	28
29	30					

Saturday, Sept. 14th, - St. John's Knights of Columbus Folsom Car show 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

\$20.00 entry fee.

Wednesday, Sept. 18th **Baton Rouge Meeting, 6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting, .Sammy's Grill ,14800 Wax Rd, Baton Rouge, LA 70818** Rick Huber Area Coordinator

Thursday, Sept. 19th -North Shore Meeting, 6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting, Abita Brew Pub, 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs. Colin McCormick, Area Coordinator

Friday, Sept. 20th -**English Motoring Club Ms. "Brits on the Bluffs"** Departing times for each convoy:

- ◆ South Shore departs from Cafe Du Monde, 4700 Veterans Mem. Blvd at 8:30 a.m. Will meet the North Shore in Ponchatula at Rouse's parking lot off I-55 and Hwy. 22 for 9:30 a.m. two blocks east of I- 55 on the right.
- ◆ North Shore meet in Ponchatula at Rouse's parking lot off I-55 and Hwy. 22 for 9:30 a.m.
- ◆ Baton Rouge departs Rick Huber's house at 9:30 a.m.
- ◆ 11:00 a.m. ALL GROUPS WILL MEET at B-Kwik Food Mart in GLOSTER, MISSISSIPPI
- ◆ 12:30 p.m. -Carriage House at Stanton Hall Plantation for lunch. (*Karen does need a count of how many people for lunch.*)

Saturday, Sept. 21st—**English Motoring Club Ms. "Brits on the Bluffs Car Show. Dinner later that evening at Roux 61 Seafood & Grill** , 453 Highway 61 Jefferson, Natchez, MS 39120. Time to be announced.

Tuesday, Sept. 24th—Board of Directors Meeting 5:00 p.m.—Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, La.

Tuesday, Sept. 24th General BMCNO Meeting, 6:00 dinner, 7:00 meeting Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, La.

Friday, Sept. 27th—Final Friday, Covington



President's Message by Karen Murray, BMCNO President



Our Morris Gazette Newsletter is finally up and running again!!!! OR, I should say our Newsletter Editor is up and running again.

Our poor newsletter editor had a complete shut down from the newsletter after the car show.

After the car show we took a 17 day repositioning cruise to Europe visiting Normandy, London, Cork, Dublin, Bruges and Amsterdam staying a few more days to see Auschwitz / Birkenau in Poland. I really think that I wore him out mentally and physically.

After we returned we had 2 grandchildren graduated high school in Texas then two weeks later 5 grandchildren in Texas make their confirmation. So that was 2 trips to Texas in 2 weeks.

Recovery from that was a huge 4th of July party at the house, BMCNO board of Directors party at the house and then the bottom fell out of our lives!!!! We found out that our 39 year old daughter has breast cancer and the cancer gene. Life became a blur!!!!

Yes, I was still President, still conducted meetings, still did events and still functioned BUT everything was robotic. Ronald, on the other hand, lost his first wife to cancer and now his daughter has cancer so it was a totally different story.

Once she started on the routine of Chemo and we knew "the Plan" Ronald could function again. He could start on a routine again and hence.... The Morris Gazette is back on line.

I only ask for a lot of understanding for him and a lot of prayers for EVERYONE who is fighting

this horrible disease.

Now back to BMCNO business.....

We finally made it through the "Dog Days of Summer". It's now time to take the cars out of the garage, polish, clean, and spiff up for September and October car shows.

Every weekend in the month of October two or more cars shows are scheduled. Everything starts with English Motoring Club of Mississippi hosting their Natchez car show followed by Cruisin the Coast, then Renaissance Euro Fest in Ridgeland, MS and Memphis, TN.

Sooooooooooooo pack your suitcases, make your reservations, fill the gas tanks, hit the road for some fun driving and visiting with other British car enthusiasts.

2020 Board of Directors Nominations

August and September are also the months for the 2020 BMCNO Board of Directors nominations. Our by-laws state everyone has a 3 year term limit in one office therefore I am termed out next year. Anyone interested in running for the office of President this is the year. Remember our nominations close in September with elections in October. Anyone interested in the following positions please volunteer at the September meetings:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Member at Large

Karen



What's Happening by Vice President Chad Wicker



7th Annual St. John's Knights of Columbus Car Show

Event Dates: September 14, 2019 - September 14, 2019

Location: Folsom, Louisiana

7TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW & RAFFLE

PRE-1999 HOT RODS, CLASSIC CARS, TRUCKS, AND FOREIGN CARS

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2019 9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

DOOR PRIZES FOR ENTRANTS FOOD MUSIC 50/50 RAFFLE

Registration is \$20 - payable the day of the show, or mailed to: P.O. Box 1523, Folsom, LA 70437 Checks should be made out to KC 10176. In the event of a rainout the show will be held on Saturday September 21st

<http://stjohnbaptistfolsom.org>

For questions please contact David Cooper, 985-302-6690, or Ken Boroughs, 985-773-0872

The St. John's Annual Knights of Columbus Car Show, BMCNO members have participated in for the past several years and have really enjoyed. Consider joining the North Shore members for a very enjoyable morning under the trees at this fun show.

Our next big event in September is the English Motoring Club of Mississippi's "Brits on the Bluffs" Annual Car Show on Saturday, September 21st. Convoy info is on page 3 and leaves on

Friday, Sept. 20th. The registration form is on page 43 of this newsletter and we hope to see many of you at this event. If the Grand Hotel is full some of us are staying at the Hotel Vue, 130 John R Junkin Dr, Natchez, MS 39120, (601) 442-9976. This hotel is 6 minutes and 1.2 miles from the host hotel, Natchez Grand.

Convoy Directions from Rosses Market, 145 W Pine St, Ponchatoula, LA 70454

Convoy directions from Rosses Market, 145 W Pine St, Ponchatoula, LA 70454

West on LA 22 to Springfield, LA
6 miles

Rt onto LA 42W
1 mile

Turn right onto LA-43 N
19 miles

At LA 16, LA 43 becomes LA 441, continue north
10 miles

At LA 10 turn left (west) and then right on LA 441 again
1/2 mile

At LA 38 turn left, then right to continue north on LA 441
7 miles

LA 441N Becomes MS 571N

5 miles

Left on MS 584W through Gillsburg to Liberty
15 Miles

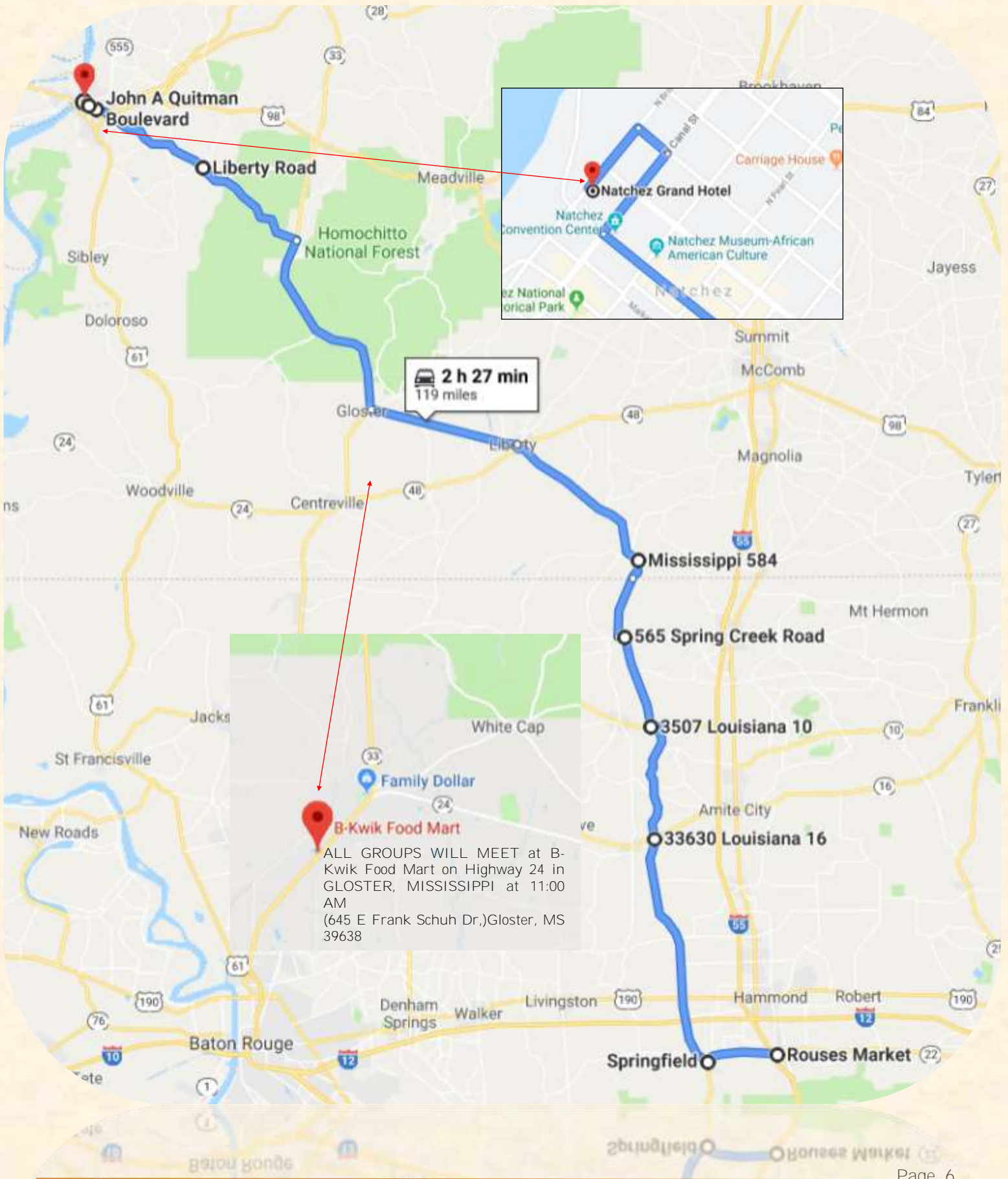
Left on MS 24W to Gloster
12 Miles

Right on MS 33N to Liberty Road
17 miles

Left on Liberty Road to Natchez (John Quitman Blvd)
21 miles

John Quitman becomes Main Street
1 mile

Arrive Grand Hotel
1 mile





Calendar at a Glance 5/15/2019 - 10/25/2019

Month	Event	Date	Time	Place	Contact
May (2019)	Baton Rouge Meeting	Wed. 15 th	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Sammy's Grill ,14800 Wax Rd, Baton Rouge, LA 70818	Rick Huber
	North Shore Meeting	Thurs. 16 th	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Abita Brew Pub 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs	Colin McCormick
	Crawfish Boil (BMCNO Monthly Event)	Sun. 19 th	12 noon	Fairview Riverside Park, North Shore - 119 Fairview Dr.	Colin McCormick
	Board meeting	Tues. 28 th	5:00 –	Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan,	Karen Murray
	General BMCNO Meeting	Tues. 28 th	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan,	Board of Directors
	Covington Final Fri.	Fri. 31	5:00 p.m.		North Shore Members
June	Keesler Air Force Base	Sat. 1 st .		See convoy info	Jeff Ragusa
	Baton Rouge Meeting	Wed. 19 th	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Sammy's Grill ,14800 Wax Rd, Baton Rouge, LA 70818	Rick Huber
	North Shore Meeting	Thurs. 20 th	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Abita Brew Pub 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs	Colin McCormick
	Maritime Museum Cruise	Sat. 22 nd	12:30 p.m.	Lake Pontchartrain Basin Maritime Museum, 133 Mabel Dr, Madisonville,	Colin McCormick
	Board of Director's Meeting	Tues. 25 th	5:00 pm.	Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan	Karen Murray
	General BMCNO Meeting	Tues. 25 th	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan	Board of Directors
	Covington Final Fri.	Fri. 29 th	5:00 p.m.		Cliff Hughes
	Membership renewal	Sat. 30 th			
JULY (2019)	Baton Rouge Meeting	Wed. 17 th	7:00 dinner 8:00 meeting	Sammy's Grill ,14800 Wax Rd, Baton Rouge, LA 70818	Rick Huber
	North Shore Meeting	Thurs. 18 th	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Abita Brew Pub 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs	Colin McCormick
	Board of directors Barbeque	Sat. 20 th	12 noon	Ronald & Karen's house	Board Members
	Covington Final Fri.	Fri. 26 th	5:00 p.m.		North Shore
	General BMCNO Meeting	Tues. 30 th	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan,	Board of Directors
AUG. (2019)	Happy Anniversary BMCNO	Sat. 3 rd		City Tour / Antoine's lunch	Board of Directors
	North Shore Meeting	Thurs. 15 th	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Abita Brew Pub 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs	Colin McCormick
	Baton Rouge Meeting	Wed. 21 st	7:00 dinner 8:00 meeting	Sammy's Grill ,14800 Wax Rd, Baton Rouge, LA 70818	Rick Huber

*Calendar at a Glance cont'd.....*

Month	Event	Date	Time	Place	Contact
Aug. Cont'd	Board of Directors Meeting	Tues. 27 th	5:00 p.m.	Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan,	Karen Murray
	General BMCNO Meeting	Tues. 27 th	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan,	Board of Directors
	Covington Final Fri.	Fri. 30 th .	5:00 p.m.		North Shore
Sept.	St. Anthony Garden Retirement Home mini BMCNO Car show / Breakfast	Sat. 5 th	8:00 a.m.— 10:30 a.m.	St. Anthony Garden Retirement Home 601 Holy Trinity Drive, Covington, 70433	Colin McCormick
	St. John's Church Knights of Columbus Council Car Show	Sat. 14 th	9:00 – 2:00	11345 St. Johns Church Rd., Folsom, La. \$20 entry fee	Colin McCormick
	Baton Rouge Meeting	Wed. 18 th	7:00 dinner 8:00 meeting	Sammy's Grill ,14800 Wax Rd, Baton Rouge, LA 70818	Rick Huber
	North Shore Meeting	Thurs. 19 th	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Abita Brew Pub 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs	Colin McCormick
	Convoy to Natchez	Fri. 20 th		(check newsletter for info)	
	Brits on the Bluffs	Sat. 21 st		(check newsletter for info)	
	Board meeting	Tues., 25 th		Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan	Karen Murray
	BMCNO General Meeting	Tues., 25 th	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan	Board of Directors
	Covington Final Fri.	Fri. 27 th	5:00 p.m.		North Shore
	Memphis Euro Fest Car Show	27 th & 28 th		Bartlett, TN.	British Sports Car Memphis
Oct.	Renaissance Euro Fest	11 th -12 th		Ridgeland, Ms. www.euro-fest.net	Rick Huber
	Cruisin' the Coast	5 th – 13 th			
	Baton Rouge Meeting	Wed. 16 th	7:00 dinner 8:00 meeting	Sammy's Grill ,14800 Wax Rd, Baton Rouge, LA 70818	Rick Huber
	North Shore Meeting	Thurs. 17 th	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Abita Brew Pub 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs	Colin McCormick
	BMCNO Board of Directors Meeting	Tues. 29 th	5:00 p.m.	Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA	Karen Murray
	General BMCNO Meeting	Tues. 29 th	6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA	Board of Directors
	Covington Final Fri.	Fri. 25 th	5:00 p.m.		North Shore



July 30, 2019 General Meeting Minutes by Cathy Greensfelder



Twenty one members and guests attended the meeting. Joe Goldblatt, a friend of member Cliff Hughes, attended. Joe recently moved back to New Orleans. He has an MGB and has recently managed to pry his wife out of her BMW and into

a Jaguar sedan.

OLD BUSINESS: Rick Huber reported that the Baton Rouge meeting had light turnout. **Bobby Span brought oddities to play “Bill Avery’s Toolbox” game.**

Sixteen people attended the North Shore meeting. Hans Hassinger bought an MGB which has **turned into one of “those” projects.** New engine, new electrical system, new starter – he has more than doubled what he paid for the car! The mayor of Covington attended the meeting and Cliff asked him for a favor – **move the Final Friday event to Saturday since it’s really hard to get to Covington by 5 pm on a Friday. The mayor’s wife likes the idea so we’ll see what happens!!** The Cars & Coffee (all cars, not just British) weekly meeting usually has 16-17 people. Cort Musgrave talked about an old 16 cylinder car.

The Gulf Coast group is in need of a new coordinator.

The six members living in Lafayette group have decided not to continue with BMCNO. They are too far away to attend events more than once a year. But we will still see many of them at the Car Day shows.

NEW BUSINESS: The next event is the Anniversary City Tour and Lunch. See calendar. As of the meeting, 13 seats were still available

The Memphis trip has been postponed until November for better weather.

REPORTS: Cathy Greensfelder reported we have 155 members.

PROJECTS:

The recent storms knocked out the power to Freddy Hebert's shop in Houma for a full week. To add insult to injury the day he got power back, he got his Entergy bill for \$400!! **On the car front, Celeste is now “topless”!** Last week the back glass fell out of the top of her 2008 Jaguar XKR. The car only has 20,000 miles on it but Freddy swears every time he walks past it another part falls off.

Joe Paciera’s 97 Jaguar XK8 is back/still in the shop. It won’t downshift and he recently replaced the transmission. Freddy said that car is notorious for having a weak spring under the accelerator that tends to break. He advised Joe to check part of the spring is not stuck under the pedal.

Ronnie Palmisano was pulling into Ochsner for physical therapy for his recent rotator cuff surgery **when a cloud erupted from under the TR6’s bonnet.** Ronnie reports that it make a really wild noise when steam from the radiator hits the fan blades! Keith Vezina suggests taking the radiator to ?????

Keith Vezina is still working on Robert Phillips 52 Jaguar XK1 fixed head coupe. Robert was under the impression the car had run before being stored (see last month – **“do not lie to your mechanic”**) **but was apparently grossly misinformed.** After a lot of work it finally started but there was a horrible rattle. The harmonic balancer had failed. **It’s a \$280-in-the-box part.**

Another client asked Keith to remove the entire dash on an MGB, not just the part that is



split. It was a nasty job. He was also replacing the windshield on that car, which we all know is not fun. He got all the way to the end when the **last 6" of the gasket came loose and he had to start over.** Bummer!

Keith reported he has gotten the overdrive for Ruby (formerly know as Rusty!) back and plans to install and put the transmission back in soon. Keith is looking for someone to drive one of his cars to Natchez. **If he can't get a driver, he's bringing Ruby and the 76 MGB and portable pub will not attend.**

Rick Huber has a 74 Alpha Romeo Spider he received as a donation. He moved it out of the garage so he would have room to work on it but now its too hot to work on it! It has a first generation fuel injection system and rick has no idea what to do with it. Fortunately the Alpha expert lives nearby!!

BREAKDOWNS: Karen asked the group what was the most memorable breakdown they ever had and there were lots of stories.

Fred Duplechin was driving across the Chattahoochee Bridge in the Delores when the car died. After drifting across 6 lanes of traffic to reach the shoulder, he was sitting on the side of the road with both the gull wing doors open when two bike cops approached. One asked if is this wire was supposed to be hanging like that?? The wire to the resistance resistor had come off. Oops!

Not a breakdown, but once on the way home from the North Shore, Keith Vezina and Allen Bradley pulled into the toll plaza side-by-side. The toll operator yelled **"RACE!"** so they burned rubber out of the toll plaza!

Another causeway story had Linda and Cliff headed home in 2 cars. Just 2 miles from the end of the bridge, the MGA drifted to a stop. Linda **pulled over and asked what's wrong.** The A was

out of gas. Linda asked **"What do I do??"** Cliff replied **"Push me"**. Cliff instructs Linda to gently ease up behind the A, applying the gas gently and **"DON'T SLOW DOWN!"** They got the MGA off the bridge to a safe place where Cliff asked Linda to 1) drive home and get a gas can, 2) buy gas and 3) bring Cliff the gas. Linda brought gas and left. When Cliff arrived home she was waiting. **"NEXT TIME FILL UP!!!"** (Linda really is a saint!)

On a trip to one of the Houston shows, Karen and Keith Vezina stopped in Baytown. When they got back to the car, the starter was dead. Keith was having knee problems so Karen had to push start the MG for the rest of the trip. At the show Keith **bought her a "I'd rather push an MG than drive a Triumph" shirt!!**

In another incident, on the way to the Natchez show, the 76 MGB's fuel pump points went bad and the pump would stop every few miles. To keep the pump going, Keith would ease the car off **the highway onto the "wake up" bumps until the pump restarted.** This worked fine until they got off the highway!

Oppie Lee and Mike Anderson drove Mike's first British car, an Austin American, to Atlanta for their honeymoon. On the trip, he had to stop three times to clean the points to keep it running. They are still married. (Oppie Lee is another saint!)





Baton Rouge Gathering by Roving Reporter, Bobby Spann



Wow, rowdy meeting last night, Wednesday, August 21st at Sammy's! Despite the rain we had a packed room with 23 people and 4 brave souls drove their LBC (oops, and maybe a late model I didn't spot).



We had a new member, Carol Thibodeaux, who's going to join, and her friend Gary Setzer, and we had some old members we haven't seen in awhile, Bill Steed and Ed Shihadeh.

Room was packed, food was good and Rick seems to be healing from his fall off a roof. We talked about past events, upcoming events, Danny's neat temporary paint booth and his Colonel Mustard videos, Bill Avery's Toolbox, and of course John had some door prizes for us!

Motor Safe,

Roving Reporter

* here is the You Tube link for Colonel Mustard's spray paint booth. Cool. Hold down the Ctrl Key and left click on the link. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Py0V2U3CRtY>





By the Roving Reporter , Bobby Spann

BRITS ON THE BAY 2019



One of the things I like about being in the BMCNO is that we are **part of the “British car show circuit.”** And Pensacola has to be my favorite. Sun, sand and surf! In a LBC! Danny Varnado and I left at 7:00 am Friday the 26th in our Roadsters and made it to



the MS rest area by 8:30 to call Rick & Mary Lynne Huber and ask where everyone was. We **were joking but turned out the usual ‘players’** were at Jazz Fest!

As soon as Danny and I checked into the Pensacola Grand we headed for the beach in my MGB, with the top down! Lunching on the deck at the Boardwalk was worth the drive! After cruising the beach road we returned to town and swapped cars to drive over to the Transportation Museum in his MGA, the perfect place for a reception. The red beans and rice and sandwiches were great and it was all you could eat and all the wine and beer you could drink!

Saturday morning was sunny and cool as we drove over to Seville Square and found our assigned parking spaces with free coffee and donuts! **Then I realized the 3 chrome bumper GT’s** matched the nearest roadsters, color for color! White, brown and primrose! The sound system at the park reached everyone, and a bagpiper group played several times as well. The **‘Panhandle Minis’ car club had 17 cars there** so we really talked up our 2020 N.O. show to them, and to the dozen Morgan 3 and 4-wheel owners. Rick counted 122 cars on the field this year.

The Pensacola club had it going on – voting ballots stapled to cardboard backing, and the pens, goody bags and other “free” items all had the





name of their show and 2020 dates printed on them! Say what?! Other BMCNO members we spotted included: Jim Smith, Bill & Sally Breithoff and their friends Roy and Jeanine from N.O., Ted and Pat Oster and of course Bill & Melissa Silhan from Pensacola. After the awards Danny and I headed back to the beach for more cruising. The weather was perfect all weekend, **and it couldn't have been any better! Oh, and ask me about all the FBI agents in big black SUV's at our hotel Saturday night, next time you see me...**

Pensacola Recap & car show tips

You wouldn't believe the stuff those guys did for advertising toward next year's show! The voting ballots were stapled to a cardboard backing and

came with the blue pens for easy voting! Check out the enclosed pictures...

They didn't have cars in front of or inside the Transportation Museum this year, and had to block off a street to put the Mini's over in the next block where the double decker bus was. Then a dog walk came around the park headed downtown with hundreds of dogs - none of them pooping and none of them barking! Rick counted 122 cars but I saw registrations up in the mid-130's... I think Bill Silhan may have been best of show as he walked away with a big silver plate...

Cruise Safe,
Bobby





2019 BMCNO Annual Crawfish Boil

The Annual BMCNO Crawfish Boil was held on Sunday, May 19th at the Fairview-Riverside State Park located at 119 Fairview Dr. in Madisonville, LA 70447. Colin McCormick spearheaded the North Shore in organizing the event again this year. The event started at 12:00 noon with 42 members participating.

We had participants from the North Shore, Baton Rouge, and New Orleans area. The club again helped subsidize the cost.



panionships of other British car enthusiasts.

After all the food was eaten and everything cleaned up, members enjoyed looking at one another's cars and just relaxing and sharing car stories.

What a great relaxing day enjoying good food, beautiful cars, and cool breezes under ancient oak trees covered in hanging moss.

Honey Belle, Karen and Ronnie's French Bulldog, was also on hand to meet and greet everyone with plenty on kisses.

The pictures on the following two pages best describes this event.

Life does not get better in South Louisiana!!!



Food served included crawfish, potatoes, corn, sausage, mushrooms, and garlic. Everyone brought their own drinks. The ladies out did themselves with the wonderful desserts provided.

Door prizes were given away and additionally 2 small plants were won at every table. Everyone seemed to really enjoy the scenery, food, and com-









2019 BMCNO Keesler Air Force Base Tour



tour of the New York battle ship at Northrup Grumman and the tour of Northrup Grumman in Newport News, Virginia when I were allowed to tour an aircraft carrier and nuclear submarine. Obviously something in me likes to tour military machines.

Those of you who missed Keesler really missed a great day. Many of our members told me after that it was the best event ever .



Saturday, June 1st, 38 BMCNO members met at the Biloxi Lighthouse for coffee, donuts, and an brief meeting regarding our day at Keesler Air Force Base. This trip was again organized by Lt. Colonel Jeff Ragusa, a BMCNO member and Hurricane Hunter.

The day started with a briefing on Keesler poli-cies, then tour of the base. Next it was onto the airstrip for our drive and pictures. How many **people get to “put the pedal to the metal” on a real airstrip?**

Two professional photographers were on hand to take pictures on the airstrip in groups and then in one large group. Before we left the airstrip each person had the opportunity to have a picture taken with their car in front of a C-130. What a rush to drive on the airstrip—WOW!!!!!!!

A BIG THANK YOU to Jeff Ragusa for his ser-vice to our country and his many hours organiz-ing such a great event for BMCNO. It really was a day we will never forget!!! Enjoy your retire-ment.

The pictures from our Keesler tour are available.

C l i c k o n t h i s l i n k :
<https://imagesbyrichkopp.zenfolio.com>

Then, click on: RECENTLY ADDED

Lunch was provided by the base and we ate in-side this time. Next it was back to the briefing room for a hurricane flight simulation and learn what the personnel and their jobs are on the **plane. Once we understood what every person’s job was and our thousand questions answered we then moved outside to the airstrip. We were able to take another picture by the photographer in front of the Hurricane Plane and then tour the plane for as long as we wanted. WHAT AN EX-PERIENCE!!!!**



then click on: BRITISH CAR CLUB 2019

The password is: Ragusa

I have taken many students and teachers on field trips in and out of the state. I can honestly say this was the best event I have ever participated in. The only thing close to this for me was my



WOW!!!!



Safari anyone???











Joe sitting on the "throne"



Next stop Europe!!!!









C-130 Hurricane Hunter Plane
& BMCNO Members



Lieutenant
Colonel
Jeff Ragusa
Hurricane
Hunter Pilot
and
BMCNO
Member





BMCNO Anniversary Celebration with City Bus Tour and Brunch

by Ronald Palmisano

Forty two BMCNO members attended a New Orleans City Tour and French Quarter lunch on Saturday August 3rd, 2019 in celebration of **BMCNO's 42nd Anniversary.**

At 9:30 am we departed Café du Monde in City Park from the Casino Building for a three hour air conditioned bus guided tour, with stops at the City Park Sculpture Garden and Lafayette Cemetery in the Garden District.

We were then dropped off on Decatur Street for a 2 block walk to Antoine's Restaurant where we enjoyed lunch. A culinary legend opened in 1840 **in New Orleans' French Quarter, Antoine's** is perhaps the most important restaurant in the history of New Orleans. Created by a French immigrant named Antoine Alciatore. It is the oldest restaurant in New Orleans and the oldest in the United States owned and operated by the same family.

Antoine's is the birthplace of such culinary classics as Oysters Rockefeller, Eggs Sardou (poached eggs over artichoke bottoms with anchovies, topped with hollandaise sauce), and Pommes de Terre Souffles.

We all ordered off the \$20.19 Summer Lunch **COOLinary menu. There's no better time to dine** in New Orleans than during August COOLinary month. This month long program celebrates the **Crescent City's rich and unique culinary landscape** with specially curated and priced two and three-course menus at restaurants across the city. Of particular interest was the daily featured 25 cent cocktails ordered by many.

After lunch, and the rain stopped, we walked back to the bus on Decatur Street and Bob our driver transported all of us back to City Park where we departed for home.



A local licensed tour guide spoke to us the entire time we were on the bus. She was very knowledgeable of the city and its history. Some of us learned a lot about the city of New Orleans, especially the Garden District and the French Quarter. The history of New Orleans, Louisiana, traces the city's development from its founding by the French, through its period under Spanish control, then briefly back to French rule before being acquired by the United States in the Louisiana Purchase.

Our unique New Orleans cuisine is a melting pot of French, Spanish, African, German, Irish, Italian, Vietnamese, and Chinese foods.

Jazz comes from African music and military cadence of Union soldiers..

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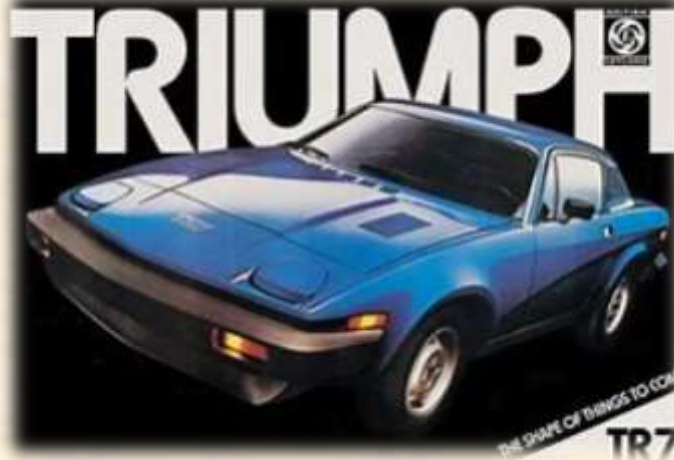


A well needed tip for the tour guide!!!!

Triumph TR7 by unknown.

The Triumph TR7 was a sports car manufactured from September 1974 to October 1981 by the Triumph Motor Company (which was part of British Leyland) in the United Kingdom. It was initially produced at the Speke, Liverpool factory, moving to Canley, Coventry in 1978 and then finally to the Rover plant in Solihull in 1980. The TR7, which finally went out of production in 1981, was originally designed to accommodate the 3500cc Rover engine so that the car could be sold on the US market as the TR8.

We in Britain were left with the car in its limp-wristed 2litre form and very few TR8's were ever sold in the UK; the only glimpses of a TR8 that most people in Britain ever had was when they made a brief appearance on the international rally circuit. But that does not mean that the gutsy TR8 is beyond the reach of us Brits. The TR7's 1998cc engine was a combination of the Dolomite Sprint's iron block and the Dolomite 1850's eight valve alloy head. Not only was this a problematic unit, it did not provide much in the way of 'poke'. This unit can be tuned to a certain degree but for little money, the lusty Rover V8 can be accommodated easily beneath the bonnet with only a few simple modifications. And that not only brings quicker performance but also brings the smooth low down torque characteristic of this classic engine. Even by slotting in a standard second-hand V8 SD1 engine into the TR7 you can transform the car, giving 130mph performance



and sub-eight second 0 to 60 times. But surprisingly, there are masses of tuning and handling parts available to further improve V8-equipped TR7's. You can also take advantage of all the development work that has been carried out on the engine on other cars too. The capacity can be increased to

3.9, 4.2 or even 5.1 litres...imagine a 5100cc TR7!

Why the TR7?

The TR7 may not seem like the ideal candidate for a tuning project. For most of its life, the car has attracted tags such as 'hairdresser's car' or 'wimp mobile' - you know the sort of comment, along the lines of the abuse that is often hurled at the Spitfire. And also in a few years time, the TR7 should be just about becoming recognized as a classic. The beauty of the car at the moment is that fixed head versions can be picked up for as little as £500, even less if you are prepared to put up with a rotted example. Then there's the convertible. A beautiful car. The last in a line of affordable British convertibles, which can now be bought for as little as £1500.

The conversion

So what do you need for the conversion and what will it cost you? Well to pick up a few tips and to look at the work involved, we visited S & S Preparations, of Ramsbottom in Lancashire, who carry out all kinds of conversions on TR7's from simply slotting in a second hand V8 right up to





£6,000 worth of mods to create a real road racer." Creating TR8's is taking off in a big way and is becoming big business for us. Some of our customers have picked up a TR7 for as little as £500. An extra outlay of a few hundred quid will give them a good-looking GTi beater...and it's British", says Steve Wilcox, one half of the S & S duo. "A TR8 is much more distinctive than a boring hot hatch, far more modern than the old Escort Mk 1's and at the moment it's a pretty rare beast too - no wonder it's becoming such a popular road racer", he added. What is beautiful about the conversion is that the modifications required are minimal. The 5-speed gearbox on the TR7 is the Rover SD1 'box anyway, the only change needed is to swap the TR7 gearbox's bellhousing to one which accommodates the new engine. The rear axle on the standard car is fully capable of taking the increased power output too. There is adequate space beneath the bonnet for the engine, again because the car was

designed to take the lump anyway. There are slight clearance problems with the bonnet line when SU carburettors are used but this can be solved by fitting a modified crossmember. S & S have their own made up for this job. Another way round this clearance problem is to fit the Holley four barrel carburettor and corresponding K & N air filter which will give you a 20 bhp power increase. A new radiator and electric cooling fan is also required because of clearance problems lengthways. The electric fan is mounted in front of the radiator and blows air through.

Handling and suspension

If you are looking for a soft ride, then the TR7's standard suspension will be fine, but the car does tend to wallow a little when pushed on corners. The ideal sports set-up, although you do lose something in terms of comfort, would be to upgrade the inserts and fit either 25% uprated or 200lb rated coil springs in the MacPherson struts. At the rear, again either 25% uprated or 200lb rated coil springs would improve matters greatly, along with Spax gas adjustable shock absorbers.

Although we said the standard axle is capable of handling the power, you can make simple axle ratio swaps to up the car's top speed. The standard TR7 ratio is 3.9:1 and is geared for a 115mph top speed, a 3.45:1 axle ratio from the Rover 2.6 will give a 130mph top speed, while the 3.08:1 axle from the 3.5 Rover will give a 140mph top speed.

If you are determined to recreate the TR8 as best you can, it's worth noting that the TR8 stick-on decals and the genuine TR8 steering wheels are still available through the Rover Group. Now and again, the more attractive American spec. bumpers come available through the same source too.

Exhausted

On the TR8, you can choose between two types of exhaust system. One is a twin pipe system along the full length of the car. The other is a single pipe system. This involves joining the two sets of pipes half way down the length of the car. We tried a car with a THREE INCH bore single pipe system and the noise was unbelievable!



Conversion choice

We asked S & S to suggest four different stages of tune ranging from a do-it-yourself basic conversion costing a few hundred pounds up to a complete £3,800 facelift giving 180bhp at the rear wheels.

Stage One

The first and least expensive stage would involve finding your own V8 unit and fitting the modified subframe, new engine mounting brackets and rubbers and a new radiator with mounts. The TR8 brake kit with bigger discs, calipers and pads would be included, the TR8 cast exhaust manifolds with a twin pipe system in stainless steel, new choke and throttle cables, a new rev. counter, and electric fan, K & N air filter, complete wiring diagram, and an updated oil pressure switch and spring. From S & S, this kit would cost £825 and you could expect about 115bhp at the rear wheels.

Stage Two

The second stage suggested by S & S would involve having the stage one conversion work carried out by the company and again would involve a used Rover V8 SD1 engine painted to a specified colour. In addition to the above, this would be supplied with SU carburettors with chromed dash-pots, a bellhousing, an electronic ignition system, new coil, an anti-dive kit and polished rocker covers. The rear suspension bushes would also be changed for the solid-type bush. To give you an idea of price, this conversion would cost about £1600. The power at the rear wheels would amount to around 120bhp. S & S offer a rebuilt Rover engine, with a 12 months guarantee, for an extra £800.

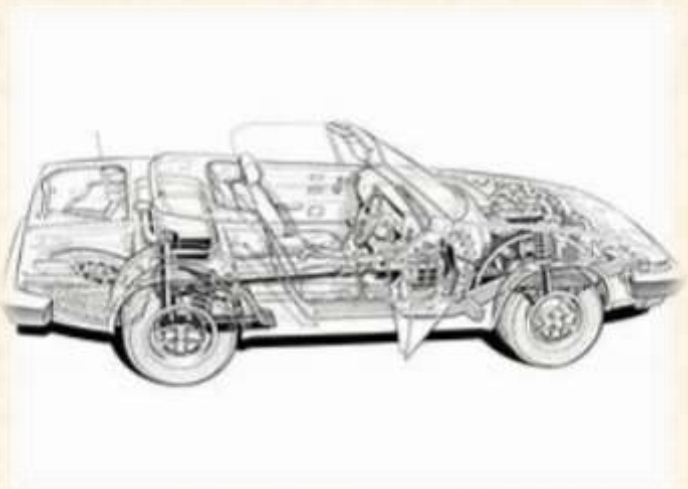
Stage Three

This is where it starts to get silly and although the price of this particular conversion starts to get

silly too, it shows exactly what can be done. So, we move on next to a fully rebuilt V8 with a Holley 390 carburettor, Offenhauser inlet manifold and 14 inch chrome air filter. On the suspension side, Spax gas adjustable shock absorbers would be fitted with 200lb rated springs all round. This conversion would produce around 155bhp at the rear wheels, for around £3500 drive away, with an allowance for your old TR7 engine.

And there's more...

If you are already determined to get the most out of your Rover V8, you can go even further up the silly scale. The stock V8 can be fitted with a high lift Kent H214 cam and 10.5:1 compression ratio pistons which would give 180bhp at the rear wheels. And even then, the engine can be bored out to 3.9 or 4.2 litres and by fitting a Chevy crankshaft on the latter, the capacity of the engine can be increased to 5.1 litres giving a whopping 300bhp at the rear wheels.





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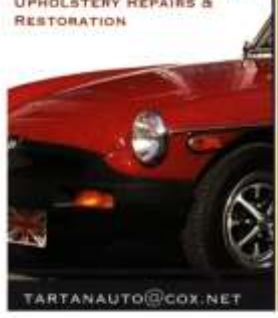
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