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and BMCNO 2019 President Karen Murray**



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# February 2020

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16	17	18 Board of Directors Meeting 4:30 General Meeting 7:00	19 Baton Rouge Area Gathering	20 NorthShore Area Gathering	21	22
23	24	25 Mardi Gras	26	27	28	29 LEAP YEAR!!!!

Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> – Our yearly trip to **Middendorf's** in Manchac for great food, friendship, honoring the ladies, and organizing the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual BMCNO Car Show. Convoy info below:

North Shore group leaves **Orlando's** at **10:30 a.m.**

Baton Rouge group leaves at 10:00 a.m. from the Shell Station on Juban Rd.

South Shore Group Leaves at 10:00 a.m. From Café du Monde, 4700 Veterans Memorial Blvd, Metairie.

**All groups will meet at Middendorf's for 11:15. Anyone interested in antiquing afterwards please join me.** Also, please bring your Car Show registration forms, donation or sponsor forms for the car show. This will really help the car show committee. Group picture at 11:20am in front of building.

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The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show registration, donation, and volunteer forms will be sent via email very soon!!!! Please complete as return ASAP!!!



## President's Message - past and present!

Karen Murray, BMCNO President 2017-2019



As my last President's article, I would like to thank everyone for their constant support during my 3 years in office. I felt truly honored for the trust that was placed in me as President of BMCNO .

I have always lived by the motto that you only get out of life what you put into it. Being President of BMCNO was not only a lot of work but also a lot of fun. Sometimes it was also like walking on broken glass. I never wanted to step on someone's toes or offend them.

Thanks to all of the past Presidents that were only a phone call away for advice and guidance. Their advice was invaluable.

Thanks to the wives that were always willing to help and give suggestions. I firmly believe that if you "make the wives happy then the members will be happy". The more the wives are invited to participated, the larger the turnouts became.

Thanks also to all of the Board of Directors that I had the pleasure of working with. Every member was there only to make the club a better organization. Sometimes we didn't all agree but thankfully we never came to blows physically or verbally and no one ever left mad. These men and women were very creative and contributed a tremendous amount to the club.

Last but not least a big THANK YOU to my husband Ronald Palmisano for always being there to help me with my hair brained ideas.

It is with great sadness that I give up the office of President. I really, really enjoyed working with

everyone but it is time for someone else to steer this ship. I know that Chad, and the new Board of Directors will do a great job!!!

*Chad Wicker, 2020 BMCNO President*



As the New President of the British Motoring Club, I would like to introduce myself. I work for ITC Global, a Panasonic Company, as a Telecommunications Engineer. I have an active family life and am married to my lovely wife Rachel.

As I am working, I can't always tend to club business immediately and will be depending on the other Board members for support. If I don't respond, please e-mail me what is needed and follow up if I don't respond in a timely manner.

As the Treasurer, I would like to thank Mark Greensfelder for his time as treasurer and assisting me with the transition into that position as well. I look forward to his guidance in the position as I learn it. There is quite a bit that is involved in this position and will take me some time to get up to speed as it's not my normal area of expertise, so please bear with me.

The Car show would be the next topic that needs discussion. We need volunteers to run the Car Show. We need people to lead certain areas, and we also need people to work. Please consider donating an hour or two to assisting to make the show great! Contact Karen Murray if you would like to know what positions are open, and to sign up. Looking forward to seeing our old and new friends there and all the beautiful British Cars and Motorcycles.



### *What's Happening by Vice President Karen Murray*

Everyone is busy working on the 30th Annual BMCNO Car Show that will be held on Saturday, March 21st at Delgado Community College.

#### **HOW CAN YOU HELP???????**

1. **REGISTER YOUR CAR!!!!** We almost 180 members and if all cars were registered it would be a full field with just member cars. This is your club, not a televised national show, so be proud of your car and pull, drag, trailer it to your show.
2. **PURCHASE A CAR SHOW T-SHIRT!!!** This year we are selling all past years t-shirts at half price. Please purchase some to help clean out our inventory and help with the scholarships.
3. **VOLUNTEER TO WORK ON A CAR SHOW COMMITTEE!!!!** This show requires many hands to produce so let your 2 be counted in the volunteer numbers. I will be emailing the volunteer list soon, checkout which of the 27 committees would fit your schedule. Most committee's only require a 1 hour time slot. HELP, HELP, HELP!!!
4. **ATTEND THE CAR SHOW!!!!** If you cannot enter a car or volunteer to work a committee please at least attend the show to give support for your club. Bill Nix is hosting his British Breakfast, beautiful cars will be on display, the Queen's Tea will be held free of charge for the ladies, and we will have a great Regalia Table and Silent Auction.. So... there are many fun things to keep you interested. All you need to do is just show up!!!!!!!!!!
5. **HELP SUPPORT WITH A SPONSORSHIP!!!** The lowest sponsorship is \$50 and you don't have to pay the full price. For example, I challenged all of the former Presidents to put in for a sponsorship.

I also challenge the following groups to give a spon-

sorship: North Shore Members, Baton Rouge Members, South Shore Members, and Ladies. If every group above contributed for one sponsorship we would have \$150.00 more to help offset the cost of the show.

6. **DONATE!!!** Do you have new items that could be donated for the Saturday door prizes, or items that can be placed on the Silent Auction table. I know that most car people have new or used items, so let's put them to work for the club. Bring anything you want to donate to your area meeting.
7. **CLUB SHIRTS** the Regalia table will also be selling Club Collared shirts with the logo screened on the front only. Roger Jeffrey did an excellent job working with Lands End setting up an account for BMCNO for embroidery shirts if you so choose. Those of you who do not want embroidery will have the chance to purchase screened shirts at the car show.

**SATURDAY WELCOME EVENT—BRITISH BREAKFAST AT BILL NIX'S HOUSE** If you haven't been informed yet we are not having the Friday night Welcome Reception this year. The object of this event was to welcome out of town guest to New Orleans. For the last few years we have been tracking the number of out of towners attending the Friday night event. Most of these people have told us they want to attend a New Orleans restaurant and therefore the number of BMCNO members have gone up but out of town numbers have gone down. This year our welcome event will be the Saturday morning breakfast at Bill Nix's house. The club is investing money to extend the seating, menu and time of this event. Please check your resignation form for all of the info.

Please look for me at the Car Show. I will be updating the birthday months. Let's all participate and have a fun day.



## CALENDER AT A GLANCE

February—April

Feb. 2020	<b>Middendorf Cruise (BMCNO Monthly Event)</b>	<b>Sun. 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11:15 group photo</b>	<b>All groups meet at Middendorf's</b>	<b>Karen Murray</b>
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	<b>BMCNO Annual Car Show</b>	<b>Sat. 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>9:00 a.m. - till</b>	<b>Delgado Community College</b>	<b>BMCNO</b>
April 2020	<b>Baton Rouge Meeting</b>	<b>Wed. 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting</b>	<b>Cafe Americain Restaurant, 7521 Jefferson Hwy.  Baton Rouge, LA 70806</b>	<b>Rick Huber</b>
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	<b>Convoy to Pensacola Car Show</b>	<b>Fri. 17<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>(check newsletter for info)</b>	
	<b>Panhandle British Car Show Pensacola</b>	<b>Sat. 18<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>(check newsletter for info)</b>	
	<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>Tue. 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5:00 – 6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan,</b>	<b>Chad Wicker</b>
	<b>General BMCNO Meeting</b>	<b>Tues. 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting</b>	<b>Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan</b>	<b>Board of Directors</b>



### January 2020 General Meeting Minutes by Cathy Greensfelder



We had a great turnout of twenty members and guests. Richard Gaudry joined at the meeting. He has an MGA, an MG-TD and a Jenson Interceptor. Dan Allegre is a relatively new member who drove his 1970 Spitfire

to the meeting.

Old Business: The Baton Rouge Cruise was well attended. Fifteen or sixteen British cars and thirty or forty people took part at various stages. The first stop, the West Baton Rouge Museum in Port Allen was a pleasant surprise. Organizers Rick Huber, Bobby Spann, and Milton Franklin had not realized how much was in the museum and we spent a good bit longer there than expected. We were a little late to lunch at the Bayou Bistro in Brusly and even later to Nottoway. Bill Nix met us at Nottoway in his silver Jaguar Mark II and ended up waiting 45 minutes for us to arrive!

The North Shore meeting was well attended, as usual. They have had a speaker at every meeting for the last year. Bob Hurst talked at one meeting about his trip to the Hersey PA Swap meet. The event is on 150 acres and at the end of the day, Bob's wife asked him how far he thought they had walked. He guessed 2 miles. Her fitness tracker had logged NINE miles! The NS Cars & Coffee group meets every Saturday and currently alternates between two restaurants. They are considering adding a place in Slidell for one weekend per month. Several interested members live in Slidell but are reluctant to drive to Covington/Mandeville every week. However, the rest of the group are willing travel once a month.

The Christmas party was great fun! A few members took advantage of the big LSU game showing on the big screen TV in the room. Sixty-seven people, including Delgado faculty and scholarship winners, attended. We also collected 163 pounds of food for Second Harvesters.

We had 20 cars participate in the Harahan Christmas Parade. Last year only a few cars were decorated but this year over half were. Everyone loved the stuffed reindeer toys "dancing" on the MGBs' triple windscreen wipers!

New Business: The General Meeting on the South Shore will be rescheduled in three months this year. The General Meeting is usually the last Tuesday of the month. However, the February and November meeting will be a week earlier due to Mardi Gras and Thanksgiving, respectively. The March meeting will be held on March 17th. This puts the meeting the week of the British Car Day show, giving New Orleans members a last chance to pre-register their cars.

President Chad Wicker outlined planned activities for 2020. These events are being added to the calendar as they are finalized. Click this link to subscribe to the BMCNO calendar. (You may need a Google account.)





### January 2020 General Meeting

Speaker: Rojer Jefferies did a presentation on how to order our custom logo shirts from Lands End.

Car Show: We still need chairs for several committees including the Queen’s Tea. The show is coming up fast so please email Karen Murray to volunteer for something!!

Reports: The club had 175 members plus 4 more picked up during the meeting.

Speaker: Benny Stiegler have an interesting talk on history of the McLaren marque. BMCNO Mike Glore has one! Hopefully it will be at the show in March!

Projects: Mike Anderson visited his brother and helped him pull the gas tank on an a “gift” TR4. The fuel filter was clogged with fine rust, so they ordered and installed a tank sealer. Time with tell if it helps. They also pulled the front end off the his brother’s TR3 (that used to be Mike’s). All the bolts that escaped the TR3’s numerous oil leaks were rusty and required a lot of gorilla work to remove. The ones under the leaks came right off!

Allen Bradley changed the rear shocks on his TR6. They are true lever action shocks and were no problem at all. Benny Stiegler wants to inspect his shocks before the Arkansas cruise this summer. He’s not sure there is any oil in them. Allen says he used motorcycle fork oil in his.



Benny had been told hydraulic jack oil would work for much less. However, you don’t need much so it’s not a huge difference.

Keith Vezina has a 1950 MG-TD in his shop that had been sitting for years with a full tank of gas. The gas is “skunked” and had to be discarded. Keith pulled the tank and drained it, fixed the fuel leaks then took it to The Radiator Shop on Downman Rd. They boiled it out and lined it - guaranteed not to separate - for \$200. They were very good about protecting the paint while they were working. The first few feet of fuel line leaving the tank were plugged solid with tar. Keith tried blowing it out but ended up using a heat gun to soften the tar then rodded it out with a coat hanger.

Keith did a couple of inspections recently. One was a classic Mini manufactured in 1999 and titled as a 1967 (with fuel injection and an ECM). The car originated in France and the speedometer is in KMPH. It’s cool to cruise down the highway, legally, at “100”!!

Another inspection was an MGB with a super-charger that was in “Belle Chase”. “It’s not that far, just over the bridge” they said. Keith ended up 12 miles beyond the Naval Air Station!!

50/50: Ronnie Palmisano won \$15. Cathy Greensfelder, Allen Bradley, Jack Kennedy, Dan Alger, Roger Jeffrey and Rick Huber won prizes.







### Baton Rouge Happenings by Rick Huber



We had a large group in January, 23 of us, at our most recent location. With the Sammy's restaurants closing, we're back to our original spot at Cafe Americain. It was like a mini-reunion, with sev-

eral members attending who we haven't seen for awhile. Rob Cowzer, a former Jaguar employee from the UK in the 70s and 80s joined us and has just joined the club. Welcome Rob, we're looking forward to hearing stories about the old days.

Rick mentioned that the January meeting is usually "Membership appreciation" night, with Karen and Ronnie attending and bringing King Cake, but they couldn't make it and postponed to February.

There were no past events since the December meeting but everyone had a good Christmas and new year. The big event for BR coming up is our annual cruise on Jan 25. We're looking forward to it are praying for nice weather, and hoping for a big turnout to see the West Baton Rouge museum in Port Allen, have lunch at Louisiana

Bayou Bistro in Brusly, and visit the Nottoway plantation home. Other upcoming events are the weekly breakfasts at MePa's where 5 or 6 of us are starting to be regulars. See Bobby's posts on our BMCNO Facebook page. Also, the first Thursday dinner at Dearman's. As of the meeting, the date for the club outing to Middendorfs wasn't set yet, but is usually in February.

Bobby brought another little wooden tool from Bill Avery's Tool Box, and Butch Ammons figured it out as he had just used one just like it to straighten out the edges of an MGB grill with it.

Danny had a show and tell and a story about how he replaces the troublesome heater valves on our little British cars and talked about some of the challenges overcome with his TR6 restoration where he is making great progress. This month he and Bobby wrestled with the windshield only to find out after it was installed that the rubber windshield to body seal was cracked and they'll have to do it all over again. Check out his Colonel Mustard YouTube videos for some of his clever inventions to make the process easier.

Do a good time visiting with everyone in Baton Rouge in January. Looking forward to another active month in February.



NOTE: The Baton Rouge group is now meeting at Cafe Americain at 7521 Jefferson Highway in Baton Rouge.



*Baton Rouge Cars and Coffee by Bobby Spann, your Roving reporter.*



WOW!

I was impressed this morning when we had 5 club members and 4 little British Cars at Me PA's Diner. Me, Danny, Jerry and Milton drove, and ask some of the guys about my quick exit. LOL I hope I didn't break anything or throw a spoke!

From there I cruised over to the 1st Saturday "Cars and Coffee" across the street from the Mercedes Dealer on Airline Hwy. They park all the new MB cars in the back corner to make room for the cruisers, and there were a lot of them! Mostly late



opened my hood - drawing young kids like flies to my MGB! TWO carburetors?! Oh, yeah! And they all loved the radiator catch bottle. This is a really good place to see other types of cars in Baton Rouge. Just watch for the 5-0 when you leave!

Roving Reporter

Lots of young guys there this morning but several old coots like me and Butch Ammons in his supercharged Mini Cooper.

When I first got there around 9:30 there was a tent set up, but they left pretty soon. Don't know if they had coffee there...

Check out the twin turbo thingy... Glad I at least had a pair of big K&N's under my hood!

Roving reporter

From Rick Huber: Always enjoy seeing and reading about what's happening from the Roving Reporter.

Cheers,.Rick



model, high end sports cars, compacts and high powered SUV's. I saw a 2020 Porsche there, several Jaguars, a McClaren, a Skyline, and a Scion & Audi painted those creamy gray / tan colors that are so hot right now.

As the cars left and screamed down the boulevard, I know they had to have been in triple digits at about 100 yards or so... Then they turned around and made another high speed pass in the other direction. A couple of guys got way out of shape hitting 2nd or 3rd gear and almost lost it. There were the usual late model muscle cars there, who all proceeded to ruin good sets of tires when leaving. I won't mention the two Chevy square body pickups with way too much motor and way too little tread on their tires when they left in clouds of blue smoke... And then there was the Camaro drag car with a parachute on the back...

I was surprised after making a lap to look at cars, and





### 2019 Brits on the Bluff, Or, A Tale of 2 fan belts By the Roving Reporter



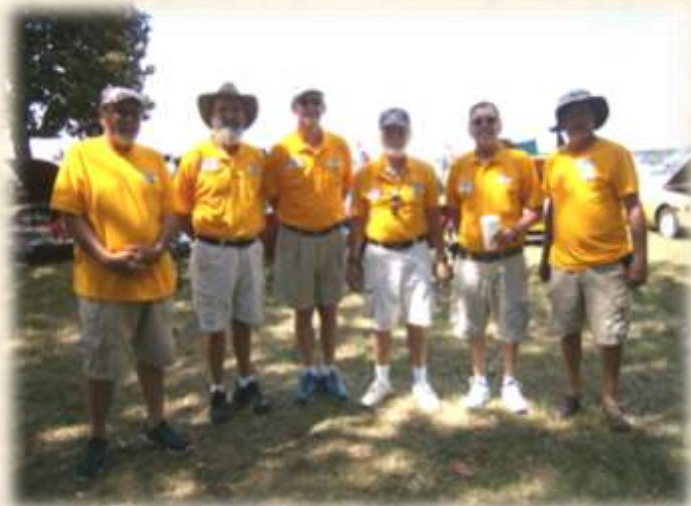
Friday September 20 the Baton Rouge group met at Rick and Mary **Lynne Huber's house in Mid-City** for muffins and coffee. Around 9:45 five LBC cars with 7 members started off for Mississippi, enjoying beautiful top-down weather.

Rick led us up the back way and except for getting stuck behind the usual concrete truck it was smooth sailing.

At the B-Kwikstop in Gloster, the fan belt on **Randy Fleming's Mini had come loose so we tightened it up in the parking lot.** Then the North and **South shore group arrived, adding 6 more LBC's** to our caravan! Keith and Karen were in their newly restored 1967 MGB, but fortunately **someone drove Keith's '76 with the pub on the back!** Benny Stiegler led off and we had a brilliant drive up to Natchez on the rolling hills, and it was actually a bit cool in the low spots - with an overcast sky and shade trees blocking the sun.

It was smooth sailing to the Carriage House Restaurant in Natchez where we all had a fantastic lunch, complete with Mint Julips! And the fried

catfish was even better than the fried chicken! Then it was on to the Grand Hotel to clean up our cars and get settled in the hotel. Everyone hung out in the air conditioning until it was time to walk over to the Bowie Café next door for the reception. Nice time over there visiting with other clubs and snacking at the buffet.



Saturday morning we took advantage of the **"Grand" breakfast downstairs,** then idled the 2 blocks to the show site on the top of the bluff overlooking the Mississippi River, under very welcome shade trees. They had over 40 cars at the show this year and some really nice one's at that. **By this time Randy's Mini had shredded the too narrow fan belt,** so he spent most of the show removing his grill and putting on a new one... Danny rigged up an emergency **"Mini fan belt tensioner"** out of a stick and piece of string leading into the driver's compartment, which was good for a lot of laughs.

When the **"Queen's Luncheon"** was announced and all the ladies followed Meredith and the queen's flag to the Cotton Alley Restaurant for lunch, Bobby and Danny announced the **"King's Lunch"** was about to start at the Pig-Out-Inn. Eight hungry guys walked over and let me tell you the BBQ and lively conversation was great!





*2019 Brits on the Bluff, Or, A Tale of 2 fan belts continued...*



Say, have you heard the joke about the...

Back at the show everyone had fun visiting and checking out cars, including a brand new Morgan and Bill Silhan's recently acquired 1950 Bentley. Which it happens was built by the same coach builder as Richard's Rolls Royce, only 90 body numbers apart???

BMCNO members got a lot of ribbons, and then 4 of the Baton Rouge cars decided to head home. We made it as far as Woodville MS before... you guessed it, the fan belt came loose on the Mini again! So we fixed it in the parking lot of an antique store/gas station while we put our tops up. Good thing because we did hit a little rain on the

way home.

GREAT trip, great friends in Natchez and we look forward to an even bigger show up there next year!





*2019 Brits on the Bluff, Or, A Tale of 2 fan belts continued...*





*2019 Brits on the Bluff, Or, A Tale of 2 fan belts continued...*



## *Knights of Columbus Car Show*



The Knights of Columbus Car Show at St John the Baptist church in Folsom (“the Little Cathedral in the Woods”!) was a lovely show. They had around 90 cars registered, mostly Hot Rods and American Classics. The show is on the grass under the oaks on the church grounds so there is lots of shade for sitting at talking about cars.

The K of C had hot dogs, hamburgers and pulled pork sandwiches available for purchase and the church hall was open for dining in the A/C. And the church ladies came through with a wonderful selection of cake, cookies and brownies for desert after lunch!

The show is divided into four classes: Hot Rods, American Classics, Trucks and Foreign Cars. BMCNO had five British cars entered in the Foreign class. **John O’Conner’s right-hand drive Triumph 2000 won a “Top Ten” trophy!**

**Benny and Lilly Stiegler’s 1967 Austin Healey Sprite**

**Carol Benson’s 1997 Jaguar XK8**

**Hans Hassinger’s 1972 MGB**

**Colin and Celia McCormick’s 1967 Sunbeam Alpine**





### *BMCNO 2019 Christmas Party*

The LSU SEC Championship game was not going to stop the BMCNO Annual Christmas Party.....

One of the biggest games of the season did not stop members of BMCNO from partying. The Annual Christmas Party was held Saturday, December 7th, at the Ramada Hotel during the same time as the championship game.

How was this accomplished??? The game was viewed on a large projector screen in HD. Members partied, ate, and cheered our team on to victory.

Sixty seven people attended including Delgado Scholarship recipients' with their guest and instructors. Food overflowed along with friendly conversations and loads of fun.

Almost everyone brought in food for Second Harvesters, and prizes were won by almost everyone.

Proceeds from the annual car show are given to Delgado Community College Automotive students in the form of scholarships. They were presented to seven students at the party.



BMCNO 2019 Board Members





*BMCNO 2019 Christmas Party continued....*





*BMCNO 2019 Christmas Party continued....*





### BMCNO 2019 Delgado Scholarship Recipients

The year was 2006 and it was BMCNO's eighteenth annual British Car Day. Five years prior, the club moved the show from LaFreniere Park in Metairie to Delgado Community College, City Park Campus.

For the past two previous years, BMCNO had donated the proceeds from the car show to Delgado, buying shop supplies, and replacing materials destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. However, from the very first year at Delgado, we wanted to give scholarships.

In 2008, we finally did it!! Karen Murray joined the board in 2007. Karen was employed by the Jefferson Parish School System, and worked with the Bonnebel High School automotive program and was coordinating with Delgado on many other issues. She knew what needed to be done and who to contact. Karen got the scholarship committee organized, coordinated things with Delgado, cracked the whip a few times and FINALLY got a BMCNO scholarship program created.



On Tuesday, February 26, 2008 club President Keith Vezina formally presented the first BMCNO scholarships to five Delgado automotive department students.

Since the first three scholarships' were awarded in 2008, BMCNO has awarded a total of 57

scholarships amounting to \$28,500.00.

Year	#	\$.00
2008	3	\$1,500
2009	5	\$2,500
2010	4	\$2,000
2011	4	\$2,000
2012	5	\$2,500
2013	4	\$2,000
2014	4	\$2,000
2015	5	\$2,500
2016	5	\$2,500
2017	5	\$2,500
2018	6	\$3,000
2019	7	\$3,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>\$28,500</b>



Scholarships are usually \$500.00 each and the number given out depends on the British Car Day show proceeds from the previous year. We can give more if we have lots of cars registered, sell lots of 50/50 tickets, sell regalia, and other. Sometimes we have bad weather, and less money comes in.

We have over 180 members in our club, and who actually knows how many cars they have. It depends on who you ask! As far as a members wife is concerned, each member has only one. We have members with 4-10 or more cars, some of which are hidden away in storage.

So, if each member registers only one car each, then we can pay for the car show and have plenty left over for additional scholarships.



*BMCNO 2019 Scholarship Receipts continued...*





2019 Harahan Christmas Parade With BMCNO from Facebook.



BMCNO took part in the Harahan Children's Christmas parade on December 14, 2019. Around

twenty cars participated, and most had Christmas decorations for the event. The cars ranged from Tom McMillan's 1949 MG-TD to Jack Ken-



nedy's 2005 Mini Cooper with everything in between.

There were a good number of grandchildren riding along. Roger Jeffrey attached a wooden "rumble seat" (that greatly resembled the top end of a Mardi Gras parade ladder) over the package shelf of his MG-TD. Three granddaughters rode and threw beads and candy. It took a bit to convince the youngest that she needed to throw out to the SIDE of the car. At first, she was throwing beads over Claudia's head in front of the car,



2019 Harahan Christmas Parade With BMCNO continued...



just throwing fools! Even with two trunks – one in the MG and one in the trailer – they still ran out. On the other end, Cathy and Mark Greensfelder, who ran out of throws last year, were throwing easy to make their candy last to the end. But they slowed back too much and went home with a gallon bag of candy. Their grand-kids will love it though!

There were some nicely decorated cars and plenty of Christmas hats. Cathy Greensfelder had a wreath on the nose of her Jaguar with gold ribbons and pine cone garlands across the back.



where Roger promptly ran over them!!



Karen Vezina and friend Robin W. rode in the Portable Pub, Keith's MGB trailer. They were

Keith Vezina had plush reindeer toys mounted on his MGB's triple windshield wipers. When the wipers were on, the little critters waved back and forth. Bill Harris put a big wind-up key on the back of his MGB!! He said by next year he will figure out how to make the key turn!! Pete Webber wore his oversize top hat again and Denise wore a green elf dress and hat. Benny Stiegler wore a red plush Santa coat and hat. Combined with his bushy white beard, quite a few kids ran up to his Sprite yelling "SANTA!!" After the parade, everyone drove the mile or so to Susan and Allen Bradley's home for a late lunch. Allen had hamburgers and fixings for all the BMCNO participants. Just to make sure everyone knew they were in the right place Allen had



2019 Harahan Christmas Parade With BMCNO continued...



the Magnette parked in the front yard. (Of course, that made room for tables and chairs in the garage!!) Everyone sat and talked and finished out a lovely afternoon.





2019 Harahan Christmas Parade With BMCNO continued...



Go to the "British Motoring Club New Orleans - **BMCNO**" Facebook page for more photos.







*2019 Harahan Christmas Parade With BMCNO continued...*





### 2020 Baton Rouge Cruise by Roving Reporter



Saturday, January 25 was the BMCNO Baton Rouge Rally. Nice attendance, and the West Ba-

ton Rouge Parish Museum was a lot more than we expected.

Our second stop was the Louisiana Bayou Bistro Restaurant in Brusly. The food was great, and a lot of members went away with 'to go' boxes as well.



Then we cruised down River Road with light to no traffic, through Plaquemine and then all the way to the Nottoway Plantation, which is the largest in the South. Our tour guide was excellent and the view of the river from the 3rd floor was amazing.

ton Rouge Parish Museum was a lot more than

I had to cut out early so I don't know how the ferry crossing went, but all in all it was a very good day for the BMCNO!

Roving Reporter





*2020 Baton Rouge Cruise continued...*





*2020 Baton Rouge Cruise continued...*





## History of the Triumph Spitfire

The Spitfire started with the Austin Healy Sprite. Around 5,000 Sprites were sold in the in the US but this was taking sales away from Triumph and MG. The Sprite was a quarter of the price of the MGA and TR3 so Triumph needed a cheap car that was better than the Sprite.

So Triumph started with the existing Herald chassis and engine and only made slight modifications, keeping the cost down. Giovanni Michelotti was pulled in to design the new body and the resulting prototype

project was named "The Bomb"! The car was to have many "modern" conveniences such as roll down windows, rubber floor mats, a heater and a locking trunk!! However, In 1960, Triumph was sold to British Leland and the "Bomb" project was forgotten.

Years later, British Leyland found the prototype and decided to build it. From 1962 to

1964 the Spitfire 4 (for 4-cylinder engine) sold 45,000 units at around \$12,000. Stories said the name was a tribute to the WWII fighter plane by the same name but there is no documentation to support that.

This model had issues with the rear wheel collapsing because of the way they narrowed the Herald chassis to fit the new body. (The problem would not be fixed fixed for eight years.) Hemings says the 24' 2" turning radius is the shortest of any car until the Smart Car which is 22.8'. They sold 46,000 Spitfires from 1962-1964 compared to 5,000 Sprites.

In 1964 improvements were made to the Sprite but not much. Then the Spitfire MKII was introduced and it had CARPET!! 37,000 of them were sold.

In 1968 the 100,000th car was built. 75% were exported, 45% to the USA.

The MkIII featured the raised bumper and a better soft top but the emission controls for North American export robbed power from the vehicle.

At this point the car still had the dash display in the middle so it was the same for left-hand and right-hand drive models.

In 1968, Triumph, BMG and British Leland merged.

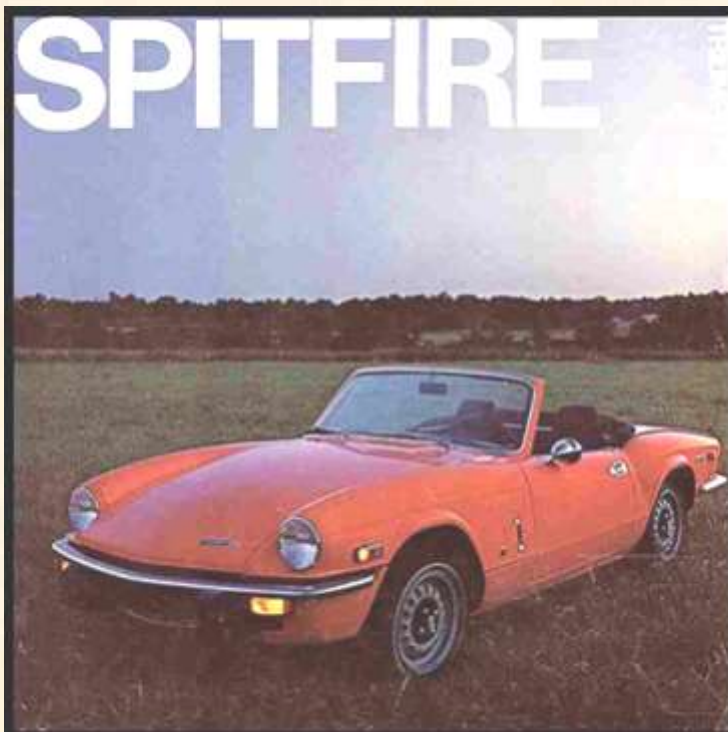
In 1970 there was a re-design making the car very similar to the Stag and FINALLY fixing the rear wheel collapsing problem. Also, the dash display was moved to over the steering wheel (different for left-

and right-hand drive) and the heater became standard.

The 1500 was slower due to the emission controls and the black rubber bumper overriders were added to meet US safety requirements. On the good side the handling was improved.

In 1975, between the government bailout, US safety regulations and competition from the Japanese 240Z the production ceased.

In all, over 300,000 cars were built over 18 years. And every one has an "M" on the hood latch for "Michelotti".





## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

# **Middendorf's Manchac Cruise / Lunch**

**Saturday, February 9<sup>h</sup>, 2020**

**Cruise information:**

**New Orleans Group leaves Café du Monde, 4700 Veterans Memorial Blvd, Metairie, at 10:00 am**

**Baton Rouge leaves Bass Pro Shop at 10:00 am**

**Bay St. Louis / Gulfport will drive directly to the Restaurant.**

**North Shore group leaves Orlando's at 10:30 a.m.**

**We meet at Middendorfs' at 11:15 am, Lunch 11:30am**

**Middendorf's Seafood, 30160 US-51, Akers, LA 70421 (Manchac)**

# **British Motoring Club New Orleans**

## **30<sup>th</sup> Annual British Car Day**

**Saturday, March 21<sup>th</sup> 2020**

***On-Site* Registration: 9 a.m. to Noon**

**Show: Noon to 3 p.m.**

**Awards at 3:30 p.m.**

**All British Cars & Bikes Invited**

**Spectators Welcome at No Charge**

### **LOCATION**

**Delgado Community College City Park Campus**

Orleans Ave. between City Park Ave. & Navarre Ave.

For more information contact:

**Karen Murray (504) 319-8506 [President@bmcno.org](mailto:President@bmcno.org)**

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Registration form available at our web site: [www.bmcno.org](http://www.bmcno.org)

Online registration available at [BMCNO.ORG](http://BMCNO.ORG)

**Host Hotel**

**Ramada of Metairie**

**3400 South. I-10 Service Rd W**

**Metairie, LA 70001**

**(504) 833-8201**

Ask for special BMCNO room rate available until **3/4/2020**

**British breakfast at Bill Nix's House (FREE) 8:30 pm - 11:00 pm**



# 30<sup>th</sup> Annual New Orleans British Car Day

## Saturday, March 21st, 2020

### Delgado Community College City Park Campus

Schedule of Events		
Saturday, March 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>British breakfast at Bill Nix’s House (FREE)</b> Bill Nix—79 N. Park Place 9 (short walk from Car Show Site) free coffee, scones, etc. Shuttles will leave the back of Student Life Center	8:30 pm - 11:00 pm
Saturday, March 21 <sup>st</sup>	On-site registration and line-up (Please note—field/registration opens at 9:00 am.)	9:00 am - Noon <small>Field entrance closes at noon</small>
	Show time—(Cars MUST remain on field until 3:00 pm)	Noon - 3:00 pm
	Judging (Popular Choice)	12:30 pm - 2:00 pm
	Guest Speaker— <b>Bruce Spicer</b> “Is Paul dead”	1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
	Awards	~ 3:00 pm

**All British Cars and Motorcycles invited**

**Spectators welcome**

Host Hotel:

Ramada Metairie, 3400 South. I-10 Service Rd W , Metairie, LA 70001

Car Show Site Directions: Delgado Community College, City Park Campus.

Exit I-610 at Canal Blvd and proceed south to Navarre Ave (signal light)

Turn left on Navarre. Turn right on Orleans Ave. Trailer parking in marked lot off Navarre.

All cars, including trailered cars, must enter show site from Orleans Ave.

Karen Murray                    504-236-7509                    karenmurray@cox.net

Ronnie Palmisano                504-319-8506                ronniep@cox.net

Use your smartphone camera to scan QR code for club registration.



A professional Photographer will be taking pictures that you can purchase . **The 11”x17” prints will be available on the day of the show for \$10.00.** All cars must take a picture even if you are not going to purchase.





**Official entry form**  
**30<sup>th</sup> Annual New Orleans British Car Day**  
**Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 New Orleans, Louisiana**

Name			
Address			
City	State	Zip	
Cell Phone	Email e-mail for Entry Receipt		
Club Affiliations			

**Cars / Motorcycles entered**

\$25.00 early registration

\$30.00 after 3-16-2020

#	Year	Make / Model / Type / color	Entry Fee
1			\$

PLEASE PRINT

More than one car—add \$10 **FREE TO SPECTATORS!!!!**

2			\$
3			\$
4			\$
Grand Total Paid for all cars entered			\$

In consideration of this entry, I waive any and all claims for me and my heirs against the British Motoring Club New Orleans, Delgado College, their officers and any sponsor of this event for injury or illness which may result directly or indirectly from my participation. I also give my permission for use of my name and / or pictures in any broadcast, telecast or any other account of this event.

I plan to attend the Saturday morning British breakfast with \_\_\_\_\_ total people.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment by PayPal or Credit Card available at:

<https://clubregistration.net/events/signUp.cfm/event/10545>

Make check payable to: "British Car Day" Mail to: Car Day, P.O. Box 73213, Metairie, LA 70033

*You are cordially invited to attend the  
British Motoring Club of New Orleans  
Premiere Welcoming Event*

## *"A Very British Breakfast"*



*Saturday, March 21, 2020*

*(8:30 a.m. till 11:00 a.m.)*

*You will dine on Coffee, Tea, Scones and other.*

*Hosted by*

*Bill & Violet Nix*

*79 N. Park Pl.*

*(2 blocks from the Delgado Show)*

***You must come and tour Bill's garage!***

*BMCNO will provide shuttle services from the back of the  
Student Life Center.*



***It's not too late to be a Sponsor***

30<sup>th</sup> Annual British Car Day

2020 SPONSOR Due Date

Time to get those sponsors/donors/vendors identified and the money and donations in.

Deadline for Sponsors - March 15, one week before the show.

Deadline for Donations - March 15, one week before the show

Why wait - bring sponsor forms/money to the club meeting.

Class Sponsorships are \$50 or more. See Sponsor Registration Form for details.

The club will have a contest for the number / dollar value of sponsors brought in by club members.

**If you'd like to approach a potential sponsor, please call or email Fred Duplechin at (985) 803-0672 or [fduplechin@gmail.com](mailto:fduplechin@gmail.com)** to put your name on the potential sponsor list. This will avoid more than one member soliciting the same potential sponsor. Please also ask for other donations of door prizes for Silent Auctions.

Sponsors may request a particular class and these will be assigned on a first come basis as best as can be done. Classes may have more than one sponsor.

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### British Motoring Club New Orleans

P. O. Box 73213  
Metairie, LA 70033  
[www.bmcno.org](http://www.bmcno.org)

## 2020 SPONSOR REGISTRATION FORM

30th Annual British Car Day – March 21, 2020

Due Date March 16, 2020

Class Sponsor: \$50 or more

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE DOOR PRIZES, SILENT AUCTION ITEMS, OTHER AWARDS, TROPHIES or be a VENDOR: Contact BMCNO Representative Bobby Spann at (225) 975 - 1928 or [bobbyspann@aol.com](mailto:bobbyspann@aol.com)

Organization/Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name & Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Class (if desired) \_\_\_\_\_

Payment must accompany application

**Make checks payable to “British Car Day” & give to a BMCNO representative or mail it with this printed form to:**

BMCNO  
P O Box 73213  
Metairie, LA 70033

Sponsorship will include the following:

- ◆ Publicity on the BMCNO web site
- ◆ Listed in the program for the day of the show
- ◆ Listed on the large display at the car show
- ◆ Invite to the welcome reception on Friday night
- ◆ Trophy presentation and thank you letter
- ◆ Sincere thanks from all of the BMCNO members

BMCNO Representative \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Ck# \_\_\_\_\_



*Car Show Information*

British Motoring Club New Orleans  
Cordially invites

Ladies to the

*Queen's* Tea Party

Honoring all ladies attending the  
Annual BMCNO Car Show

Date: Sat., March 21, 2020

Place: Delgado Community College  
Car Show site, Student Life Building

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Hot tea and desserts will be served.

Favors and Door prizes will add fun to the event.

*This event is to promote friendship among the ladies  
participating in BMCNO Annual Car Show.*

*Dress code is Car Show Attire*



## *Happy December, January & February Birthdays*

*from President Chad Wicker and the entire BMCNO Board of Directors*

*Happy Birthday wishes to the following BMCNO members:*

### *December*

*John Baldwin  
Carol Benson  
Reg Dunbar  
Richard Duperon  
Debbie Duplechin  
Mark Ferketish  
Anne Friloux  
Cathy Greensfelder  
Bill Harris  
Hans Hassinger  
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### *January*

*Milton Franklin  
Judy Huber  
Darrell Jackson  
Melania Jackson  
David Jones  
Audrey Kennedy  
Cort Musgrave  
Dana Varnado*

### *February*

*Jennifer Alexander  
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Jean Brown  
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#### Motorcycle Coordinator

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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 every 30 days.



### Club Resource Library



# BMCNO Membership Application

*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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British Motoring Club New Orleans, P.O. Box 73213 , Metairie, LA 70033

⇒ PayPal - [www.clubregistration.net](http://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 \_\_\_\_\_





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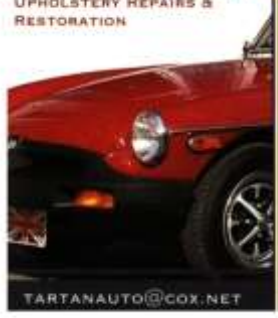
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**Calling all British Motorcycle Owners**

It has been suggested that the club work to increase the number of British Motorcycle owners. If anyone knows someone who owns a British Motorcycle please contact them about participating in our club.

Milton Franklin, Baton Rouge, is interested in organizing motorcycle events for owners of British Motorcycles. Harley groups are always cruising the roads so we would like to start British motorcycle cruises. We would also like to increase the number of motorcycles at our Annual Car Show. So...let's start looking for British motorcycles to give our business cards and brochures too. If you need more please contact Milton at [densalprop@cox.net](mailto:densalprop@cox.net).





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