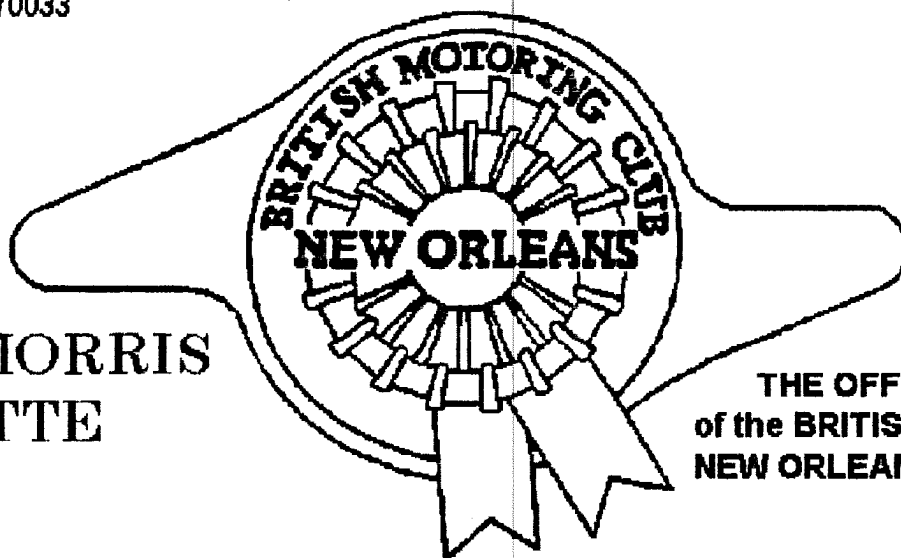


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BRITISH MOTORING CLUB EVENTS



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14  ABITIA SPRINGS RUN
15	16	17  7:30pm OFFICER'S MEETING	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29  GULF COAST CRUISE & PICNIC	30	31  7:00pm GENERAL MEETING				

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☺ NEW MEMBERS ☺

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504-488-3173

'63 Austin Mini Cooper

'65'66'74 MGB - '56'60 MGA

'71 & '76 Triumph TR-6.

New members are entitled to a BMCNO T-Shirt and a name badge. These items will not be shipped and must be obtained by new members from the club Treasurer at any of the General Membership Meetings.

OTHER CLUB'S CAR DAYS

June 11th & 12th 5th Annual Houston All-British Motor Vehicle Expo - Hosted by the Houston MG Car Club - Call Mike at 894-9272 or Dan at 370-4066.

June 23rd thru 26th NAMBGR National Meet '94 - Hosted by the MG Car Club, Washington DC Centre. Open to all MG's. Call Carolyn Bayer-Broring at 301-916-1315.

October 1st 4th Annual British Car Day - Hosted by the South Alabama British Car Club at the U.S.S. Alabama Battleship Park on Mobile Bay.
Contact: Ben Caddell, 6441 Doubletree Court, Mobile, AL 36695 Phone: 205-661-9388.

📄 MINUTES of the GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING of FEBRUARY 1994 📄

The meeting was called to order by Cort Musgrave at 7:30pm. Cort discussed the sale of club hats and patches and the sale of Car Day shirts and posters. A "Member at Large" plaque was awarded to Mike Brown for his past service to the club. And the original club "MG Banner" was presented to Alden "snubbs" Bienvenu Jr. as the club Logo has changed and he is a founding member of the club. Roger Gibson gave a report on the "Middendroff Run". Jim Jones gave a report on the "Fountain Bleu Picnic". Lists were passed around for "Crayfish Boil" and the Car Day reception food. Cliff Hughes gave a report on the upcoming Car Day. (Car Day shirts were on hand for sale thanks to Cliff's efforts!) Snubbs asked for volunteers to control traffic for the Car Day. Peter Brauen gave a report on the judging for the Car Day. The 50/50 totaling \$16.50 was won by Jim Jones. (His first time ever). A total of thirteen British cars were on hand.

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- April 24th ✓ Annual Crayfish Boil - Lake front shelter #1 or #2 look for the British Flag and British cars. All the crayfish and Barq's drinks you can consume. Five dollars each adult and two dollars for each child under 12 years of age.
- April 26th ✓ General Membership Meeting - Russell's Short Stop #1 - 119 Transcontinental, Metairie, La. at 7:00pm.
- May 17th ✓ Officer's Meeting - Cort's house at 7:30pm.
- May 29th ✓ Gulf Coast Cruise & Picnic - Held on the grounds of a private home in Mississippi over looking the beaches of the Gulf of Mexico. No interstate run this, cruise old highway 90 past fishing camps in Louisiana and the beautiful beaches of the Gulf Coast of Mississippi!
- June 18th ✓ Tech Session - The second tech session by Fred Fabre at the Carriage House Garage located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana at 3745 Prescott Road. Fred's session will cover cylinder heads and the use of unleaded fuel. If you attended Fred's last tech session, I know you won't miss this one and the breakfast at Frank's before the session!

⌘ BRITISH CARS & SPARES ⌘

Ads will be run only once, unless a request is received each month.

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- FOR SALE '74 JENSEN HEALEY - Call L. B. Kinchen at 504-345-2753.

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The club held it's "Fourth Annual New Orleans British Car Day" this month. The Car Day Committee worked very hard and put on a terrific show. They did a great job and I thank them. To enhance and broaden the appeal of our show we had vendors selling parts and accessories for British cars. The 1993 car show survey suggested we change the banquet menu and awards. Our Car Day Committee did an excellent job on both accounts. Both of these changes were written up and mailed out with the registration forms. The weather was great, many publications advertised our show, all indications pointed toward us having a record number of entrants at this event. But, we did not meet the anticipated number of participants expected for this year's show. This will have to be addressed and rectified before planning next year's show.

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IN MY TRAVELS

Well, I got the front seats for my MG1100 covered. I had them done up in red with white piping. They look and feel just great. I am well pleased with the job as done. The seat covers were made up from raw materials as they are not available in kit form for my car. The color match was good also considering the faded color of my door panels.

The work was done at "Judy's Upholstery" in Laplace. Note that Judy is now an advertiser in our newsletter as of this month. If you have any work done by Judy's, be sure that you tell her that you are a club member.

The transmission in my MG1100 never has worked very well. No first gear, clunking reverse gear, sloppy shifting, and very noisy! It finally died! I have a spare transmission / differential unit but it needs to be rebuilt. So, I now ordering parts, dismantling the spare unit, and preparing to pull the engine out of the car. Looks like I am going to learn a lot about British front wheel drive.

**BRITISH MOTORING CLUB CLOTH PATCHES WILL BE AVAILABLE
FOR SALE AT THIS COMING MEETING and REDUCED TO \$5.50**

FOUNTAIN BLEAU PARK PICNIC

I did not leave for the park with the group from Lakeside Shopping Center in Metairie. Saturday I attended a crayfish boil and got home rather late. I needed a little extra sack time. I headed to the park from Laplace in my MG1100. By the time I arrived at the park, many club members were already on hand. The sky was cloudy and the wind was strong, but the rain never fell on us. Just fine as far as the picnic went, but not so good for the sail boats. Most never made it into the water.

Eight British cars were on hand and counting members "other" cars, we filled all the available parking spots. A group of members took a walk along the beach. But, some of them returned earlier than the rest. Something about a swamp! We all had a good time of it.

After the picnic, a group of British cars and one Japanese pickup truck toured the road along the lake front and end up at the house of Mike & Mary Schrantz. We all got the nickel tour of Mike's newly completed out building which was built to accommodate and work on his British cars. Mike has an MGA coupe which is not far from completion. Body and paint is finished and the car is looking good! We got the opportunity to drive some country roads on the way to Mike's place. Mike Vezina in his MGB did not get take the curves as fast as he would have like, because he was behind my MG1100. He should have passed me when he had the chance. The 1100 is just not as sporty as Keith's "B"!

A MODIFICATION

I needed a gear shift lever bush and it was NLA (no longer available). This is the nylon bush which fits to the bottom of the gear shift lever on most British cars. So, I ordered both the gear shift lever bush and the select lever bush for a late MGB transmission remote control unit. After the parts arrived, the gear shift lever bush proved to be too small in the inside diameter and too large in the outside diameter. However, the selector lever bush fit the gear shift that I was working with just fine. But, the outside diameter was too large! Somehow I had to find a way to reduce it's size without destroying it in the process. What the hey, maybe the grinding wheel will work. Well, it did work! But, it left the surface with peeling layers and kind of fuzzy. Hmmm, lets see what the wire wheel will do. I say to myself (I often say things to myself). Sure enough, the wire wheel smoothed the surface real fine. The reducing of the outer surface must be done slowly in order to not create too much heat (the stuff is tuff, but it will melt).

The modified part fit and worked well. You just never know what will work until you give it a try.

Mr. Goodspanner

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BMW's BUYOUT

Concerning BMW's buyout of Rover, the following is a statement made by BMW of North America: "we are looking forward in particular to the temptation and opportunity to reinstate in the coming years some of the great British automobile marques so renowned in the past". The marques referred to include - MG, Triumph and Austin! Hang in there guys & gals at least some of the old British names we have loved so well may appear again!

It is possible that in the future American versions of these car could be assembled at BMW's soon to open plant in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Remember that BMW already has nationwide dealerships in place to sell any cars that they may produce under a British marque. Establishing dealerships is one of the biggest obstacles to overcome in introducing a new name to the market place. Lovers of British cars may once again have the opportunity to purchase a new MG, Triumph or Austin automobile! (It could happen!)

4th ANNUAL CAR DAY REPORT

A great big thanks to all of our club members and supporters who made this year's Car Day possible! For many of us this required a full day and a half of non-stop work. For a few of us it required months of work, lots of driving all over the area, massive long distance phone calls and on and on.

The Pre-registration went well. The biggest problem was when the Barq's soft drinks were delivered to the host hotel. The driver of the truck demanded payment for them! The drinks were, in fact, donated by the Barq's Root Beer Company. After Cliff calmed down, he was able to place a phone call to the driver's dispatcher and the whole thing was resolved. Next the hotel Sales Office people told us that we had to get them out of their office. It was, after all, not a very big office and there were a lot of cases of drinks involved. So, we loaded up Cliff's pickup and unloaded them at reception hall next to the hotel.

The reception was handled very well by Cort's wife, Mary Ann. However, we just could not get enough club members to bring in the wonderful food which they had prepared in the past. The club had to purchase some food. For those members who did bring cover dishes, deserts, etc., a big thanks! For those who could have done so and did not, thanks for nothing! And if you enjoyed the food made available to you at the reception and brought nothing when you well could have brought a dish: Thanks for Nothing! Next time try McDonald's place.

The weather was just wonderful (as ordered) and a cool breeze blew all day long. We build the Car Day and the British cars came! The total number of British cars was tallied in at only 87 (Not counting "For Sale" cars). The smallest number of cars to attend our Car Day ever! I counted 15 British cars in the parking lot at one point in time. I do not know why those cars were not out on the grass instead. I was told by a number of people that other shows this year experienced a drop in the number of cars they usually draw also. Go figure! We advertised nationally this year and we really did expect to top previous attendance records. Don't get me wrong. There were lots and lots of people. There were just not enough cars.

Still it was a great Car Day and everyone I spoke to said that they enjoyed the event. Of course, I did not talk to the group of people that bitch every year about something or another no matter how hard you try to please them. (You know you are!)

There were a lot of top notch cars at the event this year. It was very hard for me to select just one car in many of the classes. A special thanks to all of the out of town/out of state car owners who came and parked their cars on the grass. Some of these models are not seen that often in this area and you must travel long distances in order to view them. Looking at a picture is just not the same as seeing the real thing.

We gave away more goodies this year than I have ever seen at any Car Day. Gifts were handed out all day long. We even hand carried gift to people's cars if they failed to respond to the public address announcements!

For the first time, the Friends of the Park were handling the sale of drinks and food items from a portable unit which was towed on the grounds for that purpose. It was the first time that they had operated the unit and it took them awhile to get everything going. Their biggest problem was that some of their volunteers did not show up! We had to supply some of our club members to help them out!

The Awards Banquet went well, thanks to Bill Breithoff and his wife. The main course was changed by the caterer, however, from a shrimp based dish to a crayfish based one. This only caused a problem for one person that I know of and Bill was able to come up some roast beef from the catering people.

The awards presentation was given by Fred Mayer who acted as the MC. We had received some request that the awards presentation not be so long. So, it was shortened by only giving a limited number of the nicer gifts away at that time. Next year we will all so start the awards banquet at least an hour earlier in order to help our out of town guest get home earlier.

More thanks to people like Keith Vezina and the Rice's, Frazer and Beverly who handled the registration desks both Friday evening and Saturday morning. For the members I know that I did not mention a big thanks also!

PANHANDLE SHOW REPORT

Just a week after our show, it was a pleasure to watch other people do the work of putting on a show! It rained lightly all the way to Florida on the trip to the show that Saturday morning. The rain stopped when we got to the Florida state line. How they do that? It was windy and overcast at the show site but, it never rained. The Panhandle British Car Association put on a good event and attracted a goodly number of British cars to their event. The Judging was by popular vote this year. A first for me, at an open British car event, was the fact that three (count them 3) MGC's were on site! The following BMCNO members cars were awarded plaques:

1st in Class:	Jim Jones	'69 MGC-GT (Tied with John Simmers of Jackson, Mississippi club)
	Keith Vezina	'76 MGB
3rd in Class	Peter Brauen	'68 MGB-GT
	Anne Friloux	'74 Triumph TR6.

EDITOR'S MISC. NOTES

Sorry guys and gals for the lack of phonographs in this issue, but I was just too busy with the Car Day! I did, however, take time to get a bunch of front end shots of British cars for the cover page of the Morris Gazette.

Thanks to Chip for redesigning the ramps so that drivers would not have to make the hard left turn, in order to, enter the Car Day site. Some smart paint job too, Chip.

Thanks to Snubbs for on site traffic control without a hitch.

Please take note that the date for Fred's tech session has been changed so that he and others can attend the Houston event.

Give me a little slack this month for any screw ups. The Car Day and other normal club duties have left my brain in overload model!

We gained three new club members at the Car Day, but I was not able to obtain the information on them in time for publication. They will be listed in next month's Morris Gazette.

