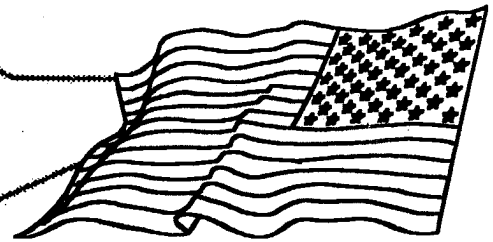
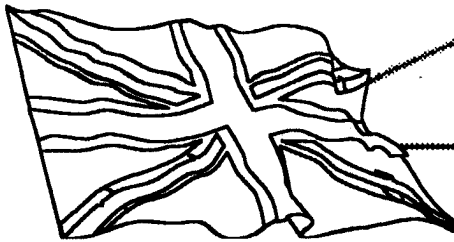


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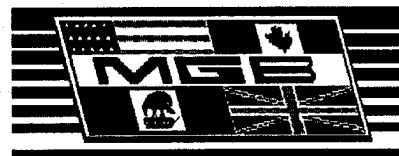
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9	10	11 Officer & Car Day Meeting	12	13	14	15
16 Middendorf Run	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 General Membership Meeting	26	27	28	

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

JANUARY 28

GENERAL MEETING – New Orleans Hamburger & Seafood Company located at 817 Veterans Memorial Blvd. in Metairie, La. for 7:30 PM.
First meeting to be held by the 1997 club officers.

FEBRUARY 4 – Car Day / Officer's Meeting. All Committee Heads Expected to Attend.
Mike Anderson's Place, 31 Pratt St., Kenner, La. at 7:00 PM.

FEBRUARY 16

MIDDENDORF RUN – Cruise to Middendorf's Restaurant for a seafood lunch. Two convoys:
Picadilly Restaurant on Veterans Blvd. in Kenner, La. and Piggly Wiggly on Highway 22 in Mandeville, La. both leaving at 11:00 AM.

FEBRUARY 25

GENERAL MEETING – New Orleans Hamburger & Seafood Company located at 817 Veterans Memorial Blvd. in Metairie, La. for 7:30 PM.

MARCH 1

STENNIS TOUR – Cruise to and tour of the Stennis Space Center. More information later.

MARCH 22

CAR DAY – 7th Annual British Car Day at Lafreniere Park in Metairie. Register your Car Now!

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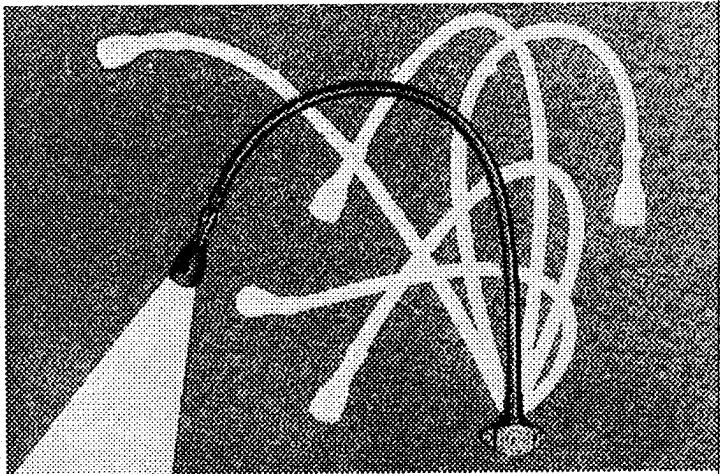
Annual Crayfish Boil – Bogue Falaya Municipal Park in Covington.

IN MY TRAVELS by Jim Jones

Well, the holidays have slowed work on British cars down somewhat, but some things have been going on. I traveled to **Peter Brauen's** shop in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi from Mandeville, Louisiana with **Mike Schrantz**. We transported his Austin Healey 100 BN2 to Peter's for completion of frame and panel work. The trip was uneventful.

Uneventful, because Mike has a good trailer and because he has rigged it and his tow vehicle very well. The car being carried on the trailer is secured using a system which utilizes straps sewn together in the shape of half of a tire over the top half of both of the front wheels. The strapping is secured to the trailer frame by large clamps designed for that purpose and tightened using cranks. The rear of the car is secured with regular straps which each have tensioning cranks and are held to the trailer frame by large buckles. The trailer itself is large and heavy with its four tandem wheels mounted aft of center, but it can easily carry any car from a Jaguar MKII to an MGB. Mike's tow vehicle is equipped with a receiver hitch and rear air shocks.

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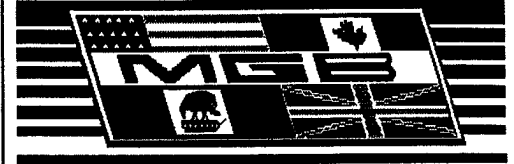
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I found some coolant on the ground under-
neath the Morris Minor the other day. The original
water pump seal finally gave out. Well, it did last for
thirty years. A catalog part is usually never on sale
when I need it. But, this time it was on sale by
Mini-Mania. Now, all I have to do is wait for four or five
days for the UPS guy to deliver it.

You must always think about the other parts
that you will need when replacing a major part. In the
case of a water pump, there are several other parts to
consider. Not all pumps come with the gasket in-
cluded. Order a gasket. It is cheap insurance against
not having one when you need it. If your pump has a
by-pass fitting, ordering a new hose is wise. It is easy
to replace the hose as you install the new pump. It is
next to impossible to install it with the pump in place.
The lower fitting to which the by-pass hose is secured
will not come with the new pump and is usually badly
corroded. Order it, if not both upper and lower ones.
The original hose clamps are nice, but the worm gear
type works much better.

A paper gasket is usually supplied and does
not need sealant applied. If you feel the need for
sealant, use it sparingly. A light smear on both sides
of the gasket with your finger is enough. Excessive
sealant just oozes outside and inside the mating
surfaces. On the outside it just looks nasty. On the
inside it can dislodge, travel along with the coolant,
and plug up a small water passage way.
Be cool and check the condition of the fan belt before
you order those other new parts.

NOVEMBER PLANTATION CRUISE by Cathy Greensfelder

The River Plantation Cruise looked like it was going to be a bust: the sky was dark, overcast, and it was threatening to rain. But, eighteen members showed up in Kenner, eight in British cars. To paraphrase one driver, a bad day driving your British car is better than a gorgeous day at the office, so we headed out. We took Airline Hwy. to Sorrento, then swung south to the Houmas House and Tezcuco. We pulled in just long enough to check out the gift shop and the antique shop respectively. From there it was the Sunshine Bridge to the West bank, and a lovely drive down winding highway 18 to Oak Alley.

Lunch at Oak Alley worked out really well. We hit them at a quiet time and they were able to seat almost all of us together. The restaurant is located in a small cottage with seating in each of the different rooms of the house. They managed to seat 14 of us in one room and the rest of us in the adjacent room which is the best that they could do given the layout of the building. (The plantation has facilities for large groups, but only in the pavilion with either a limited menu, or a guaranteed number of guest for a buffet. So we just showed up, took your chances, and it worked!)

After lunch, we posed for a group picture, (just as it began to drizzle rain!) then proceeded to Laura Plantation, which is just a few minutes down river from Oak Alley. The Laura Plantation has only been open to the public for a few years, so no one in the group had seen it before. The tour was really fascinating. Even the members who have been to lots of other plantation tours were impressed by the guide. She truly brought the house and its early Creole residents to life for us. The tour lasted nearly an hour and included numerous anecdotes involving the first three generations of Laura's owners.

By the end of the tour, however, it was looking like serious rain so we skipped driving to the San Francisco Plantation and the Destrehan Plantation and everyone went their separate ways home.

NAMGBR HOLDS SECOND AGM in NEW ORLEANS!

For the second time in just three years the North American MGB Register (NAMGBR called Namburger by some) has chosen to hold its Annual General Meeting (AGM) in New Orleans, Louisiana. This was announced by NAMGBR Chairman Rick Ingram at the register's October 26, 1996 AGM which was held last year in Philadelphia, Pa.

Our club hosted the register's AGM in October of 1995. We tried hard to help the attendees "pass a good time" and we must have succeeded. Three years later the group will be back in New Orleans.

In '95, we hosted a chartered St. Charles Streetcar ride for them (for which the register paid) and, as luck would have it, the city had its first ever Halloween parade passing right in front of the group's hotel! It will be hard to top '95's activities, but we are going to try.

This is not an Annual Register Convention, just a business report meeting, so the attendance is small. The Annual Register Convention for 1997 will be held in Buffalo, NY. All BMCNO members will be welcome to attend the AGM. If you are a NAMGBR member, so much the better! Your club will be in need of members with vans to assist in the transportation for whatever activities we come up with for the AGM attendees. Maybe, we will organize a "Riverboat Gambling Trip" or a "French Quarter Carriage Tour".

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES by Jim Jones.

AS USUAL, NO MEETING WAS HELD IN DECEMBER.

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Car club dues are \$30.00 for the first year of membership and \$25.00 a year thereafter. Correspondence membership is available for those members who live out of town and is \$15.00 a year. If you are unsure if you owe dues or not, check the mailing label on your current Morris Gazette. It has the date that your membership dues will expire and that date will be highlighted in yellow the month before and the month that your dues are due.

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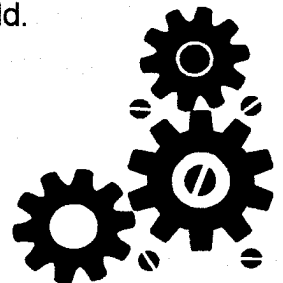
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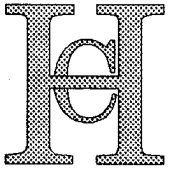
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TECH SESSION REPORT by Jim Jones

The Tech Session went well. Despite the cold weather, the turn out was good. **Floyd and Anne Friloux** placed a number of heat producing devices around the our work area in their warehouse and provided us with good strong hot coffee. Some chocolates were also available for those of us who cannot resist them. The sun shone brightly warming the warehouse roof and the outside temperature was not as low as had been predicted. I wore two pair of pants and felt quite comfy in my heavy long sleeve shirt. I had to shed my jacket.

The only real problem that we had to overcome was how to jack up the rear end of **Keith Vezina's** late model MGB once it was on the lift. We placed a floor jack on the concrete under the car's rear end with the lift in its lowest position, operated the jack, and then place jack stands under the front mounting brackets of the rear springs. The jack stands were placed on top of a thick board positioned across the top of the lift's ramps. We then lowered the floor jack and raised the lift. I did not have to figure this out. Once the group was told what the problem was, they solved it quickly.

Although none of the group had seen this procedure done before, they were able to detect any mistakes or misstatements that I had made. I had not performed this task for about four years now and I was a little rusty. But, their questioning of me was with a good nature. Keith helped a lot by doing the remedial tasks, such as removing the differential's rear cover, etc. Some of the group socialized during the jacking of the car and the pulling of the left hand half shaft, but they were all interested when I got to the differential itself. The job went well and I think that I covered all the bases.

We did not finish the session until after 2 o'clock in the afternoon, but that did not stop us from having a late lunch at the "Rib Shack" on Williams Blvd. in Kenner. Loved that rib plate!

ARKANSAS BRITISH CAR SWAP MEET

The British Motoring Club of Arkansas is attempting to establish a regional swap meet. This year the event will be held on March 29th next to McLeod's British Cars off I-40, exit 142, Highway 365 & Maumelle Blvd. 12 X 15 "swap meet" & "cars for sale" space will be available for \$15.00 each. Space is limited. Set up time begins at 6:00 AM. Swap meet time is 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Cars & parts related to

British cars only! No admission.

For information and / or map call: 1-800-352-5816.

T-SHIRT CONTEST DEADLINE

The deadline for submitting concepts of the T-shirt design this year has been extended to January 28, the date of the General Membership Meeting. Club member **Patricia Gonzalez**, who will be doing the art work for the T-shirt design, is visiting family in Costa Rica. She will be back in time for the General Meeting.

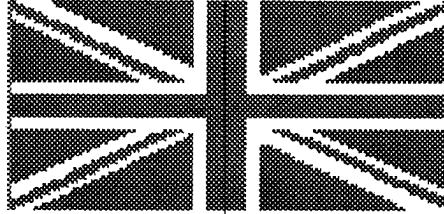
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

New full members will receive a BMCNO T-Shirt, Club Membership Card, Name Badge, and Holder.

New Orleans area members are expected to pick up these items at one of the monthly General Membership Meetings. These items will be shipped to out of town members free of charge.

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'74 MGB, White (Chrome)

IN MEMORIAL by Cliff Hughes

On December 12th club member Col. Frank Berry, one of my friends, passed away. Frank had resided in Madisonville, La.

I met "The Colonel" riding a bicycle near a MG shop in 1987. He seemed very interested in older cars and my MGA was "in restoration" at that time. He liked British cars so much that he soon purchased a TR-3 from there he "requisitioned" another TR-3 parts car. He told me that "requisition" was an old army term for acquired at no cost. Frank worked on that TR-3 for at least four years restoring every system himself. "What a tinkerer!"

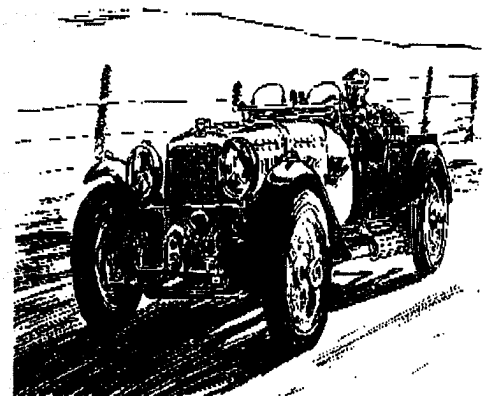
Frank was not a very active BMCNO member, but he did attend most of our club's Annual Car Days. His latest project was a 1994 Triumph Mayflower that was again a major restoration which he completed the night prior to our last Car Day. His son, Mark, arrived from Dallas to help with the last details two days before the event.

Frank was more than a club member to me. His advice helped me tremendously when I started up my new business five years ago and his automotive mechanical and electrical knowledge was highly appreciated. I enjoyed his outlook on life. Always starting a story or joke with "This may have happened, but I personally cannot verify as to its authenticity".

A friend, a mentor, "last of the good old guys". I do miss you, Frank.

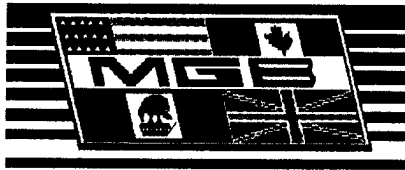
C & D COLLECTIBLE DIECASTS by Jim Jones

C & D Collectible Diecast has sent to me a complete listing of all of their available models. Over 250 in listing at this time. Most are of cars and many of them are of British vehicles. Some are car related items like Texaco gas pumps (take note **Mike Schrantz**). Prices range from 10 to 40 dollars each. Give them a call at 1-800-333-3866 or give me a call at 504-892-7774 to see if your desired car or related item is available. C & D will be a vender at our March 22nd Car Day.

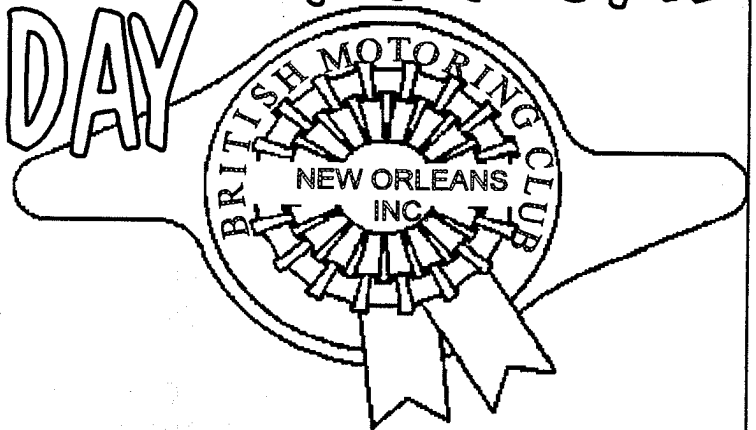


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NEW ORLEANS 7th ANNUAL BRITISH CAR DAY MARCH 22nd, 1997



North American MGB Registry Chapter



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The British Motoring Club–New Orleans, Inc. will continue with its chosen form of judging in order to recognize the very best cars in the show. We will offer points style judging for those who choose to participate. We will also offer popular judging for those who deem that style of judging to be more appropriate for their vehicle. Thus the choices are as follows:

POINTS JUDGING: Cars will be judged by a team of respected members of area clubs against a possible perfect score of 1000 points. There will be only **ONE** class for **ALL** judged cars. Therefore the competition will be very stiff (i.e. the best MGAs will be up against the best XKEs etc.) not unlike the Premier class at other shows. Plaques will be awarded in three levels: Gold, Silver, and Bronze, (three of each) plus one for Best of Show, ten awards in all. This competition is not for the faint of heart! Cars in this class will not be eligible for popular votes.

POPULAR JUDGING: Cars will be arranged into classes based on registration. Judging will be performed by the other entrants, and plaques will be awarded to First, Second, and Third place in each class.

In addition to these awards, the "Show Stopper" award will be presented to the car which most attracts the attention of the individual attendees. (Overall condition not considered)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, MARCH 21st, 1997

PRE-REGISTRATION - HOLIDAY INN
RECEPTION - CHURCH NEXT DOOR
CAR DAY SITE - LAFRENIERE PARK
REGISTRATION AND LINE UP
SHOW TIME
JUDGING
AWARDS BANQUET

12:00 Noon - 8:00PM

6:00PM - 9:00PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 22nd, 1997

8:00AM - 12:00 NOON

12:00 Noon - 3:00PM

12:30PM - 2:00PM

6:00PM - 8:00PM

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