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President's Message

Your Board has been hard at work on the upcoming car show. Early registrations are pouring in. It looks like this could be a really big show. The Jaguar Concours being held in conjunction with our show will help swell the numbers.

We need all our members to enter their cars and participate.

If your car runs, wash it and bring it out. If it doesn't run, you come anyway.

This year the show will be held at the City Park Campus of Delgado. Visitor & trailer parking is in the parking lot on the City Park side of WYES studio on Navarre, and cars will enter the field from Orleans Ave. Look for the British Flag signs. (see map below)

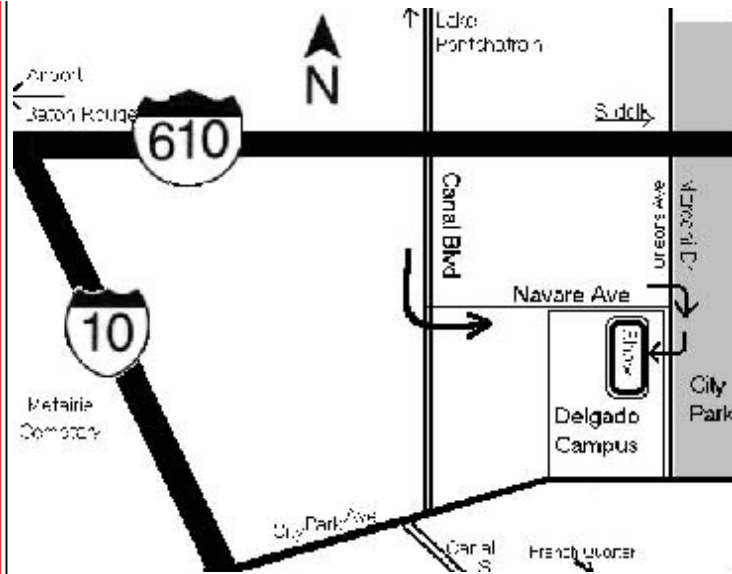
The awards dinner Saturday night will be held on the second floor of the Delgado Student Life Center in the Lac Maurepas room. The meal will include fried catfish and gumbo. As usual, we will also have many great door prizes.

We are also planning other fun events such as the Crayfish Boil in Covington May 19, and a cruise to Catfish Charlie's in Hammond on June 9. Another cruise is scheduled for July 14 but a destination has not been selected yet.

The Board has approved some new initiatives to encourage driving your British car and wearing your club nametags.

Please read the details on page 4 in this newsletter.

Harold O'Reilly



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February 26 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by club president Harold O'Reilly. New members Jacob White and Martin Straka were introduced. Jacob owns a 1975 TR6 and Martin has a 1957 MGA 1500.

Harold reviewed the upcoming club event calendar. April 14th will be the Car Day Appreciation party. Everyone who works at the show will be treated to pizza on the club at CiCi's pizza.

The Panhandle British Car Association's "10 Years at the Beach" Show will be held on April 20th at Pensacola Beach, FL. There will be convoys leaving New Orleans for Pensacola on both Friday, April 19th and Saturday April 20th mornings. The British Motoring Club of Arkansas will be holding their 2nd annual car show in Hot Springs, AR, on May 4th. The VTR S. Central Regional is coming up April 25-27. Contact Harold O'Reilly (504) 486-5837 for registration & convoy information. BMCNO will be having our annual crawfish boil on May 19th at Bogue Falaya Park in Covington.

Most discussion centered on the 12th Annual British Car Day show, which will be March 23rd at Delgado's City Park Campus. (see map p. 1)

Friday March 22nd will be the Red Beans & Rice reception at the Shoney's Inn. The reception will be held at Shoney's Inn, in a 3rd floor meeting room– there are elevators available. The club is buying the red beans & rice (Roger Gibson is cooking) and all our members should bring a dish to share. A sheet was passed around for members to indicate what he or she was bringing. Everyone is encouraged to come and welcome our out-of-town guests.

Treasurer Roger Gibson announced that 30 plus cars were already pre-registered for the show. Registration forms were passed out and several members filled them out and registered their cars on the spot. (As of March 5, there were 50+! Editor)

Show chairman Bill Breithoff reminded everyone that if your business has promotional materials for the "Goodie Bags", we need them delivered to Lubriport Labs (see calendar) by March 16th. On that date, we will meet at Lubriport to stuff the goodie bags and assemble pre-registration packets. Everyone was encouraged to come help out. The club pays for dinner (usually pizza or fried chicken). If you get a donation, please bring the name and address of the donor so we can send a thank you letter. Several members' businesses have donate pens, key rings, discount coupons, etc for the goodie bags.

Member Projects: Rodger Talley bought a carburetor reamer and offered to lend it to any member that needs it. Sheila Simmons MGB has gotten a new fuel tank and should ready for the show. Mike Anderson reported that he ordered rear wheel cylinders for his TR3 from Moss. The parts arrived and have the wrong threads on one end of the hydraulics connection.

Mario Messina won \$25 in the 50/50 drawing. Mike Anderson, Roger Gibson and Tony Witcamp won T-shirts. §

Good Reasons To Wear Club Name Tag & Drive Your British Car by Harold O'Reilly

The Board of Directors has adopted two new initiatives to encourage members to participate more. Beginning after the car show, with the April 30 meeting, when you purchase 50/50 tickets, you will receive ONE EXTRA TICKET if you are wearing a club nametag. You will also receive ONE EXTRA TICKET if you drove a British car to the meeting.



If, for some reason (and it better be good) you did not receive a new nametag at the car show, you will be able to get one at the meeting. Cathy Greensfelder has fixed the label machine so new members will finally be able to get their nametags and she will have the machine and badge holders at the next few meetings.

Also beginning after the April 30 meeting, when you drive your British car to a BMCNO club event (not a meeting), each car will receive one raffle ticket. The lucky person will win \$10.00 toward their food bill.

We hope these new policies will prove popular and bring out more British cars to our meetings and events. §

The Switch that I Needed by Jim Jones

The toggle type headlamp switch that operates the two-speed wiper conversion on my 1960 Morris Minor 1000 Traveller has never worked properly. It did not feel right and the wiper speed was the same in low position as it was in the high position. I had jumped the modified wiper motor wires and proved that the wiper motor was operating correctly in both speeds. So, it had to be the switch that was at fault.



I ordered a MG Midget toggle headlamp switch from two different suppliers only to have the item backordered each time. One supplier told me that he did not know just how long it would be before he received any.

Mini Mania sent me a sales flyer that offered a Morris Minor toggle type headlamp switch at a discount. I jumped at the chance to purchase one. After I received the item, I noticed that the switch did not have a #2 terminal and I needed that terminal for the proper operation of my two-speed wiper conversion. O' no! They are supplying the wrong switch assembly!

But wait. I checked the late model Morris Minor wiring diagram and sure enough terminal #2 is not utilized and so does not come installed on the switch for the Morris Minor.

What to do? Well, I concluded that I could probably install a suitable terminal from a single position switch assembly. The hole that would allow me to do just that was already drilled out in position #2 in the base of the Morris switch. Not having a small enough diameter pop-rievet to secure the terminal to the switch's base, I threaded a machine screw into the already existing hole in order to secure the added terminal.

I was able to complete the task that I had set for myself and that made me very happy.

Note: I have observed that the manufactures now only make one switch base (the black plastic part) for the toggle type switch, which they drill to accommodate all eight terminal positions. They only include the necessary terminals needed for the operation of a particular switch. This makes it possible for you to easily add terminals to suit your needs. In the past, the terminals were always secured with copper rivets. Now days, I have found that some of the terminals are secured with aluminum pop-rivets. §

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Tools on Loan by Mr. Goodspanner

While surfing the world wide net the other day, I discovered something at AutoZone.com that I did not know about. It was their "Loan-A-Tool Program".

Your local AutoZone store will lend you the right tool for the job. Just leave them a deposit and they will lend you the tool that you need. They will return your deposit when you return their tool. That sure beats purchasing a needed tool for a one time use.

You can find out if they carry a part for your car. It may not be in stock, but they do have a number of spares for some British cars. Check it out. Safety Fast!

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Pensacola Beach Bash And All British Car Show

The Panhandle British Car Association's 10th annual All British Car Show will be April 20, 2002, on Pensacola Beach, just a few feet from the beach . It's a lovely vacation and just walking distance to restaurants and shopping.

For early arrivals the club will again offer a "Red Beans and Rice" Social from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm Friday, April 19, in the party room of the Best Western Motel, Pensacola Beach. Registration will be open Friday night and from 8:00 am to noon on Saturday. Judging will be by "People's Choice".

This is not a "concoors" show, but a chance for British car lovers to get together, display their cars and have a good time. So bring your British "ride" and enjoy the camaraderie. There will also be valve cover racing. Must be a usable British valve cover with overall length no more than 24 inches and no propulsion other than gravity.

Accommodations are available at the Pensacola Beach Best Western Hotel, (800)934-3301, at \$79.00 off beach and \$89.00 beachfront. Please make your reservations by March 15 and tell them you are with the British Car Show for the reduced rates. You may also contact the Santa Rosa Island Authority for other hotels and other information about the Island, (850)932-2257, or the Pensacola area Chamber of Commerce at (850)438-4081. For more information, assistance, or to become a sponsor at this year's show, please contact Tom Schmitz, (see below) OR Ron Newman, (850)492-9791, renewman@peoplepc.com

MORE INFO

Registration:

- \$15.00 if received by April 9, 2002.
- \$20.00 Day of Show April 20, 2002.
- Additional cars/bikes \$10.00 each.

Ballots and dash plaques will be put in drivers seat of car at approx. Noon. Turn in by 2pm. Card slip with your **car number** is for the **door prize drawing**. If you want to take a chance on the raffle prizes displayed, buy raffle tickets from ticket vendors.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____ PHONE _____

email _____ CAR/BIKE 1 Year _____ Make _____

Model _____ Color _____ CAR/BIKE 2 Year _____ Make _____

Model _____ Color _____

I plan to attend the Friday night "Red Beans and Rice" Social (Free): Yes ____ Number

attending ____ **Make checks payable to: PBCA**, Send to Tom Schmitz, 9609 Soldiers Creek Drive, Lillian, AL 36549. (251)961-7171. Email tschmitz@ametro.net

WAIVER I am aware of the hazards inherent with motor vehicle events and specifically release and do indemnify the organizers, supporting sponsors, and the Panhandle British Car Association, Inc., collectively and separately, from any and all liability from personal injury or property damage incurred by me or my guests while participating in the 2002 Pensacola Beach Bash and All British Car Show. I understand and agree that the Panhandle British Car Association, Inc., reserves the right to revoke my registration and retain my registration fee should I engage in reckless, dangerous, and/or unsafe behavior. I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND AGREE TO THIS RELEASE.

Signature _____ Date _____

Buying That British Car by Jim Jones

I now have four British cars. A Morris Minor 1967 Sedan and a 1960 Traveller both in running order, a 1960 Morris Tourer in delayed progress, and a 1949 Austin of England Dorset in active restoration. This car is being built as an "All British Street Rod".



If I had the room, I would have others as well. Club members are always calling me up to tell me about a British car that has come on the market. I would love to

own some of them, but I have run out of space. My 24' X 30' garage is filled with British cars.

Step #1. You must have a place to store your British car. A protected car port at least. A garage emptied of junk is best. Rust is the big enemy.

Step #2. Locate others who own the model of car that you are interested in buying. They are in the best position to inform you of the positive and negative aspects of the car in question.

Step #3. The car that strikes your fancy may not be the car for you. Parts availability should be a consideration. If the car that you chosen is not a popular model, make sure that it is complete, as spare parts may be hard or impossible to come by.

Step #4. A running car that is in good condition is your best buy, but it will be the most expensive up front. Restoring a car to like new condition will be the most expensive way to go. But if you like the work, it is your most rewarding choice.

Step #5. Do you have the tools or skills that are necessary for working on the car. Or can you afford to pay someone else to do so? Alternatively, you can have a knowledgeable club members assist you and learn as you go. I assist club members all the time. Teaching skills, working with them, lending tools, etc. Many other club members do the same. Step #6. If all the above works out, purchase the car. Remember that the better condition the car is in, the least amount of effort and expense, as opposed to driving pleasure, will be necessary.

Happy Motoring- bmcno@i-55.com

You know you've owned a British car too long when

the journey of a thousand miles begins with a broken fan belt and a leaky tire.

For Sale

58 Jaguar XK150 drop head coupe. Silver exterior, red leather interior, black top. Silver wire wheels, custom red & black coco mats. Low mileage on rebuilt 3.8 L engine. New clutch, wiring harness, recored radiator, master brake cylinder, rear springs, wipers & motor box, turn signal control arm. Polished engine valve covers & dashpots. Car was black plate CA registered purchased 2 years ago at Monterey CA auction. 1st in Class and Best of Show at 2001 BMCNO show. Asking \$70,000. (504) 616-4102 or email mrg@giacona.com



79 MG Midget. British racing green. Garage kept. Peter Brauen rebuilt the engine 50 miles ago. Needs body work. Top has a tear. \$2,500 OBO Harvey Colomb 831-8481 (3/02)

Newsletter Submissions

Electronic submissions are greatly preferred. Email to MorrisGazette@cox.net or bring a diskette to the

meeting. (MS Word or plain text preferred.) Bring written articles to the meetings, or mail to P.O. Box 73213 Metairie LA 70033

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