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## President's Message

It's the end of September, the tropical storms are lining up and coming one after the other, and the temperature is cooling down, so it must be time for the October car shows!!!

Our Funkana is September 22, followed by the SABCC show in Fairhope on October 4-5. These are both great events and we will have convoys to both. If you don't attend you will be talked about.

The following weekend some of our members will attend the Brits on the Bluff at Natchez October 11-13, while others may opt for Cruisin the Coast October 9-13.

October 19 is the Antique Car Show at the Treasure Chest Casino. Your car must be at least 25 years old to enter ( 1977 or older ). Although cars are divided into classes, each car is judged on points. More than one car can get a 1st or 2nd place trophy. The 19th is also the date for the Houston All-British Expo at Traders Village. Some of our members have attended this show in the past and brought home trophies.

The VTR So.East Regional will be at Jekyll Island GA on October 24-26. The three traveling wedges (Breithoff, O'Reilly & Richardson) are expected to attend. Any other Triumph owners are invited to join us.

All these shows will be capped off with our E.E.Reynolds Ralley on November 3. This is another fun event even for those that tend to get lost on the way to the mall.

Phew!- I'll need a rest. But wait, it's not over. We have more club events coming, plus, don't forget, our ELECTIONS. Nominations will be accepted at the September 24 meeting, with elections at the October 29 meeting. Don't be too embarrassed to run for an office. If you don't want to be on the Board, we have committees that can use help and, of course, our car show committees will be forming soon.

Have fun - keep driving those British cars.

Harold O'Reilly



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## August 27 Minutes

The meeting was called to order early at 7:10 to make time for the “Hound & Hare” rallye following immediately after the meeting.

Mike Anderson reported on the UnCar Show. (See August issue)

The September meeting will be the official nomination of officers for 2003. Any one who wishes to be on the board should contact any board member before the September meeting or may nominate himself/herself at the meeting.

Guests Richard Cunningham and Don Pritchard from the South Alabama British Car Club (SABCC) in Mobile, AL, came to the meeting. They cordially invited all BMCNO members to come to their show on October 5th at Fairhope, just the other side of Mobile. Bay Fest, the Mobile music festival is being held that same weekend. They have added a class for motorcycles. The BMCNO group is staying at the Key West Inn and Sally Breithoff has negotiated a group rate. Final convoy plans will be made at the next meeting.

“Cruisin’ the Coast” in Biloxi and the “Brits on the Bluff” show in Natchez will be weekend of Oct 11. The Houston All British show and the Antique Car Show at the Treasure Chest Casino are all on the weekend of October 19th. For members who don’t want to leave the New Orleans area, Harold O’Reilly pointed out the Treasure Chest show (all makes 25 years or older) judges each car on points based on appearance and workmanship, not originality, so many of our cars can compete with the Corvettes and Mustangs.

Floyd Friloux reported that the Jaguar Club of New Orleans, inspired by the success of their joint show with us last March, is reorganizing and is trying to put on more events. (Many of their members are also member of our club.) They are definitely planning to have their show within our show next March and are working on getting more publicity within the national Jag community this year.

Cliff Hughes and Roger Gibson are getting out advanced publicity flyers to national car magazines and web sites now for our 2003 show. If you have the address of any car related publication, please contact Cliff or Roger.

Industrial Marine across the street from our meeting place can make custom fuel lines. Tippy Barback’s fuel line, purchased from Moss Motors, failed after only 2 years of service. It was reported that many cars in California are currently having problems with fuel lines because of

new additives (oxygenated fuel) that are causing premature failure. Also, Tippy is organizing a work party to do something with late BMCNO member Richard Denneau's car. Anyone interested should contact Tippy at (504) 271-2784.

George Torlage teaches a course on auto bodywork at Delgado Community College. Tuition is \$250 and you learn how to paint your car, using Delgado's state-of-the-art paint booth, under George's supervision. Sounds like a good way to get a paint job on a budget.

The 20/20 was \$22 and was won by Jeannine Richardson. Cindy Frutos won a \$20 gift certificate from Pep Boys.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 for the Rallye.

### **Hound & Hare Rallye** by Cathy Greensfelder

Roger Gibson put on a short "Hound & Hare" rallye after the regular meeting on Tuesday August 27. In a "Hound & Hare" rallye, one driver (Roger) is the "Hare". He leaves first to run a preplanned course. About 100 feet before each turn, the Hare sprays a splash of paint on the road. About 100 feet after each turn, he sprays another splash of paint.



The other drivers are the "Hounds". They are each given a sealed "emergency" envelope with the address of the end point, then they start leaving at about 2 minutes intervals. When a driver sees the paint, he knows that at the next opportunity to legally change directions, he must make a decision: left, right or straight. But there is no indication of which way. If the Hound guesses right, he will see a second marker in 100 feet. If he guesses wrong, he won't see a marker and will have to turn around & go the other way. The winner is the driver that completes the course with emergency envelope intact and the lowest mileage, not time.

The course was 5.1 miles from the Italian Pie to the Coffee Cottage on Citrus. About 10 cars participated and two, Mike Anderson and Wayne Aucoin with his fiancé Joyce made it with "emergency" envelopes intact. Mike finished in 5.5 miles and took home the prize, a nice looking canvas tool bag! Talk about some good guessing! Butch Frutos kidded that he thought he racked up over 30 miles guessing wrong! I ran the course and got lost (no surprise!!) but after opening the envelope I did manage to find the Coffee Cottage on my own, with only the help of my trusty, New Orleans area map! §

### **Dorset Madness #4** by Jim Jones

Major work on my '49 Austin Dorset has slowed down. I am waiting on the guy who does media blasting and priming. I am "on his list" to get the work done, but no time schedule has been given. The structural work to be done by Peter Brauen of BMC Restorations cannot begin until after the blasting work has been completed.

I have been occupied, however. I have been constructing a custom wiring harness for the

Dorset. I started with a harness from a late '71 to early '72 MGB. Club member Cliff Hughes donated this used harness to me from his home attic archives.

I removed the harness' outer wrappings (blue non-sticky tape) leaving only the black fabric tape at the breakouts. This tape is very messy, but I left it in place until I had removed all the wires that I did not need (wires for modern stuff like key buzzers, & such).

Next I removed the black tape, replace it with wire ties, and cleaned the sticky mess off the remaining wires with mineral spirits. I stopped work at this point and went to my computer.

I scanned the MGB diagram into a file and deleted the wires that I had physically removed from the harness. The use of 8 1/2" X 14" paper gave me a great deal more space in which to work.

Back to the harness. I temporally installed the inner fender wells, radiator, and dash on the Dorset. This allowed me to put the harness in place and begin to insert needed wires and change the breakout points of all the wires to suit the car's needs.

Of course, things keep changing all the time. The MGB never had an Amp gauge like the Dorset. So I had to add those heavy gauge brown wires. The Dorset's ignition switch is just an off-on switch. With air condition (a period FrigiKing unit) envisioned, I will need a more modern ignition switch with accessory and start positions. The MGB wiring uses separate turning signal single filament bulbs. The Dorset used an "8-way relay unit" and single double filament bulbs on each side of the car for all rear light functions (signal, brake, & running lights). Examples can go on and on.

But everything is being accomplished, however slowly. Eventually, not only will the Dorset have a custom wiring harness, but its own custom wiring harness diagram as well.

More to come. §

#### **NOTICE TO MGB OWNERS!**

Our club is affiliated with NAMGBR, the North American MGB Registry. This affiliation provides our liability insurance for events. BMCNO must maintain 8 registered NAMGBR members in our club to be affiliated. If you own (used to own, or would like to own) an MGB, please join NAGMBR, then tell the newsletter editor, Cathy Greensfelder. (She's the keeper of the membership list.) NAMGBR dues are \$25 and the newsletter *MG Driver* is worth it. Cathy will have NAMGBR membership applications at the next meeting.



National MGB Registry



#### **ATTENTION TRIUMPH OWNERS!**

Our club is a Vintage Triumph Register (VTR) zone. We need 10 VTR members in our club to become an affiliated chapter. There are insurance and other benefits to becoming a chapter. If you own (used to own, or would like to own) any type of Triumph, please join VTR, then tell the newsletter editor, Cathy Greensfelder. (She's

the keeper of the membership list) or Harold O'Reilly, the VTR liaison. Cathy will have VTR membership applications at the next meeting.

## Breaux Bridge Bayou Byway, Acadiana Cruise

### **RESCHEDULED! CLICK HERE FOR NEW INFO**

Mike Baker has organized this event of special interest to the Abbeville and Baton Rouge members!

When: **Saturday, November 9, 2002 3:00 p.m.**

Where: Winn Dixie Parking Lot, Rees St, Breaux Bridge (I-10, exit 109, Breaux Bridge/LA328 South)

What: Cruise through Acadia

The participants will cruise through Cecelia, Arnaudville, Sunset, Opelousas, then back to Breaux Bridge, ending at Pat's Fisherman's Wharf restaurant in Henderson. The route will last about two hours. Drawing for Door Prizes at dinner. No fee to join in.

If you plan to join us for dinner, RSVP Mike Baker by noon on Saturday, October 26 at 337-332-6577 or email to [thebakers@centurytel.net](mailto:thebakers@centurytel.net), so that a reservation for a meeting room at the restaurant can be made.

Roger & Carol Gibson are going from the New Orleans area and Roger is coordinating the convoy. **The N.O. group will leave the Kenner Welcome Center I-10 & Loyola at 12:00 NOON.**

Attention Baton Rouge members: Where & When is a good place for you guys to meet up with the New Orleans convoy? Contact Mike Baker (337)332-6577 email: [thebakers@centurytel.net](mailto:thebakers@centurytel.net), or Roger Gibson (504)887-2725 email: [rgibson1no@aol.com](mailto:rgibson1no@aol.com)

Lodging is available at a variety of Bed & Breakfasts and area hotels, some of which are listed below:

Cajun Country Cottages  
1138A Lawless Tauzin Road  
Breaux Bridge, LA 70517  
(800)318-2423, (337)332-3093 \$150/Night  
Double Occupancy  
Breakfast Included  
[www.cajuncottages.com](http://www.cajuncottages.com)  
Chris & Stephanie Baker – Inn Keepers

Bayou Cabins  
Breaux Bridge Highway  
Breaux Bridge, LA 70517  
(337)332-6158  
Call for details  
Ask for Rocky & Lisa

Holiday Inn Express  
I-10 Exit 115  
2942H Grand Point Hwy.  
Breaux Bridge, LA 70517  
(337)667-8913

Best Western of Breaux Bridge  
I-10 Exit 109  
2088-B Rees Street  
Breaux Bridge, LA 70517  
(337)332-1114



\$79/Night Double Occupancy

Additional hotels are located in Lafayette at Exit 103A

### **Breaux Bridge Bayou Byway, Deja Vu Acadiana Cruise**

When? Sunday, November 10, 2002 10:00 a.m.

Where? Breaux Bridge Winn Dixie Parking Lot, Rees Street, Breaux Bridge

What is it? Participants that enjoyed the Saturday cruise and want to make one more run, are invited to join for another beautiful drive cruising to St Martinsville and back ending where you started. The route will last about one hour. No fee to join in. §

### **Twelfth Annual British Car Festival - Fairhope AL**

The South Alabama British Car Club invites you all to enjoy some southern hospitality at the 12th Annual British Car Festival in Fairhope, Alabama. With its location high on the bluffs of the Eastern Shore of Mobile Bay, Fairhope is known for its lovely parks, its sweeping panoramic views of Mobile Bay, and its charming downtown where visitors and locals alike find reasons to shop, stroll, and dine. Also that weekend is BAYFEST, the Mobile music festival. This three-day event features over 100 national, regional, and local live musical acts on 7 stages in and around Bienville Square, Downtown, Mobile.

More info at [Http://www.sabcc.org](http://www.sabcc.org) <http://www.bayfest.com> <http://www.cofairhope.com/>

**Friday, October 4, 2002**—Welcome Party- 7:00PM to 9:00PM - Dahlgren Hall, Faulkner State Community College - Fairhope Campus Fairhope Avenue. Light hors d'oeuvres, car talk and homemade goodies.

#### **Saturday, October 5, 2002**

9:00AM - 12 noon - Registration - Fairhope Beach Park

12 noon - 2:00PM Popular choice voting

2:00PM - Valve cover races

3:30PM - Awards ceremony

Twenty different show Classes, including motorcycles. Two vehicles are required to make a class. Trophies will be given first place only in classes with two cars and to first and second place in classes with three cars.

When less than two cars in a class, the car goes to appropriate BRTIANNIA class.



New Orleans convoys will be leaving the Plaza at Read & I-10 in New Orleans East on both Friday Oct 4 and Sat Oct 5. Convoy details will be discussed at the Sep 24 meeting. The New Orleans group is staying at the Key West Inn, (251) 928-9191 Tell them you are with the British Car Show group. §

### **Brits on the Bluff Show - Natchez, MS**



The English Motoring Club will host its 6th Annual Brits on the Bluff British Car Show and Competition October 11-13, 2002 at historic Natchez, Mississippi. This will be a Concours d' Elegance (points) judged show with awards and dash plaques.

**Friday evening October 11th** will feature an outdoor Welcome Reception poolside at the Ramada Inn Hilltop, the host motel.

**Saturday October 12th**, Brits on the Bluff car show participants will motor through town accompanied by a Police Escort to the show site: the grounds of the magnificent antebellum mansion "Rosalie," built circa 1820, which sets on a bluff overlooking the mighty Mississippi River. A special guided tour of "Rosalie" will be held for Brits on the Bluff participants and their families that day.

All cars will be in place by 11:00 a.m. Saturday and judging will commence at 12:30 p.m. Many "special" awards will also be presented during the Awards Ceremony which will take place at approximately 3:30. The Ramada Inn Hilltop (800-256-6311) is the host hotel, which has a commanding view of the Mississippi River and is right across the highway from the assembly point for the parade through town under Police Escort. Special EMC rate of \$65 per night. When making reservations be sure and tell them you are with The English Motoring Club.

BMCNO convoy plans will be discussed at the Sep 24 meeting. One group is going up on the morning of Friday Oct 11, and a second group may be going up early Saturday Oct 12. §

### **Run On Problem Solved!** by Jim Jones

This is a follow up article about Charles Ake's MGB. Charles' engine would continue to run even after the ignition key was turned to the "off" position and the key was removed! This problem has been driving me crazy.

I had another opportunity to trouble shoot the problem after Charles and I converted his rubber bumper MGB front suspension to wire wheels and he left the car at my garage overnight. We will install a wire wheel rear end assembly later.



The problem had me confused. All I knew for certain was that it had something to do with the alternator and/or the ignition warning light wiring. This car has had a lot of "creative" rewiring by previous owners. I disconnected the ignition warning light wires under the bonnet and rigged up the temporary ignition warning light circuit under the bonnet and the problem went away!



This lead me to believe that the cause of the problem was some other wire shorting together with one of the ignition warning light wires located in the main or dash wiring

harness. Not wanting to unwrap both harnesses to locate the real cause of the problem, I decided to desert the original wires for the ignition warning lamp and run two new wires.

Everything now works as it should. I feel so much better now!

### For Sale

**74 TR6** - Pearl White Fully restored & dependable. Recaro seats, overdrive. All reasonable offers considered. Anne Friloux (504) 464-1735. Email: [afriloux@lubriport.com](mailto:afriloux@lubriport.com) (9/02)



**74 1/2 MGB-GT** - Very good to excellent body and paint. Runs great! Driven daily. Teal blue/ black & foam interior. Good hydraulics, rebuilt clutch slave cylinder. New starter & fuel pump. Overdrive transmission. Great daily driver. \$2,500.00 or best offer. Michael Delacerda 504-887-5756 [dela217@excite.com](mailto:dela217@excite.com). (8/02)

**51 Rolls Royce Silver Wraith Park Ward Saloon.** (Limo) Stored 7 years, just needs cleaning and starting up. Asking \$30,000. Ed Stein, Comfort, Tx [onestein@hotmail.com](mailto:onestein@hotmail.com) (830) 995-4001 (7/02)

**73 Triumph TR6**, fully restored, gun-metal gray, electric overdrive, runs like a champ. Must see to believe. Butch Frutos 504-885-4285

### PARTS:

TH-400 Auto Trans 53,000 miles. Removed from 90 Jag XJS during 5 speed manual trans kit installation. \$50 if you come get it, \$75 If I bring it to you at a BMCNO meeting, \$100 advance + Freight Collect If I send it motor freight. Mike Baker (337) 332-6577, [thebakers@centurytel.net](mailto:thebakers@centurytel.net) (9/02)

1977 MGB rolling chassis, good floors and trunk floor, good right side sheet metal, free if you pick it up. John Roper, (985) 893-2413 or [vscjohn@huntnet.net](mailto:vscjohn@huntnet.net), Covington (9/02)

45 dcoe Weber carb and manifold for MGB, \$250, John Roper, (985) 893-2413 or [vscjohn@huntnet.net](mailto:vscjohn@huntnet.net), Covington (9/02)

### Newsletter Submissions

Electronic submissions are greatly preferred. Email to [MorrisGazette@cox.net](mailto: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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