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President's Message

Congratulations to Roger Talley for his "Best of Show" at Fairhope, AL. What??.the show was cancelled...no one told Roger...he was the only one there?...oh well, he and his wife had fun anyway!

Sally and Bill Breithoff heard the show was postponed but Sally was already in travel mode, so they went to the British Car show in Memphis. Opps...they forgot to bring their British car, went in a BUICK. (Actually, they went to visit their daughter and just stumbled across the show...)

The string of bad weather changed plans for a lot of people. Inconvenience for some, serious damage for others. I hope all our members came through Ok.

The Fairhope show has been re-scheduled to November 9. The Key West Inn has extended the special price for rooms.

This has caused us to re-schedule our Acadiana Cruise to November 16. Please RSVP to Mike Baker if you plan to attend this cruise. Mike has done a lot of work planning this event.

Special thanks to the Haydens for all their work in putting on another successful Funkana. In spite of the rain we had a good turnout and lots of fun. Some wives are rumored to have found time for a little shopping.

Our calendar continues to be full of activities. Please make plans to attend the meeting on October 29. We will accept final nominations from the floor before the election of the following nominees. We will also start the list of volunteers for workers for next year's car show. New club hats will be available

President	Harold O'Reilly
Vice-President	Bill Breithoff
Treasurer	Roger Gibson
Secretary/Editor	Cathy Greensfelder
Members at Large	Butch Frutos Cliff Hughes Allen Bradley Bill Harris

for sale.

Keep those British cars on the road.

Harold O'Reilly



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September 27 Minutes

Fifteen people braved impending Tropical Storm Isidore to attend the meeting. Plans for convoys to the SABCC show in Fairhope (which has been postponed due to Hurricane Lili & rescheduled for Nov 9) were discussed. The Natchez Brits on the Bluff convoy was also discussed. The three "traveling wedges" (Roy Richardson, Bill Breithoff and Harold O'Reilly's TR7 & TR8s) are going to the VTR show on Jekyll Island, GA. The Breaux Bridge Acadiana cruise was discussed. At least 3 cars are going. Roger & Carol Gibson are staying the night and attending both the Saturday and Sunday cruises and have volunteered to coordinate the New Orleans convoy.

Nominations for officers for 2003 were made. No nominations were received from the floor. If any member wishes to run for an office, please contact any current board member. All volunteers are welcome.

There was discussion of modifying the club by-laws to split the secretary and editor office, making editor an appointed position. Cathy Greensfelder does not feel she is doing an adequate job of the secretary job and would like someone else to handle club correspondence and record keeping.

Cliff Hughes reported that Bill Breithoff has acquired an old Hunter Engineering tire balancing machine that balances the wheel while it is still on the car. The device allows one to balance the tire, hub, rotor and everything. This is especially important for wire wheels, which are almost impossible to properly balance off the car. It is missing the motor / brake assembly. Cliff has contacted Hunter Engineering and they want \$700 for a new motor. He wondered if the club wanted to investigate buying a used motor for the device and making it available for use by all club members. Bill has the setup for 14" and 15" wheels (but not 13").

Harold O'Reilly reported on the Funkana. Harold balanced his car on the teeter-totter again, but not as long as last year. The Hayden family put on a wonderful event again.

Member Projects:

Cathy Greensfelder, who never carries spare parts, actually had one that someone needed! (Her philosophy is that a cell phone, Auto Club card and a fire extinguisher are all you REALLY

need, although she recently added a tow strap to the trunk!) Her MGB was in Covington at Jim Jones garage for a week. When she arrived, Tony Wittkamp was there trying to get his brake lights to work so his car could pass its safety inspection. When Jim pronounced the brake light switch un-salvageable, Cathy remembered she happened to have a spare. Five years ago her brake lights had failed and Keith Vezina fixed the switch. She bought a new switch, planning to install it next time the old switch failed, which (since she has a spare) hasn't happened. Jim Jones got Cathy's car running reliably for the first time in a year. It now has a Delco alternator and the ignition light no longer comes on at low rpm. Jim is writing an article on the job.

Roy Richardson unintentionally let the smoke out of one of his cars –again. (“Little British Cars run on smoke, which lives in the wires. If you let the smoke out of the wires, the car won't go any more!”) He had a low tire on his TR7 and plugged in his electric air pump to the cigarette lighter. It overloaded the circuit and burned up the wiring in the dash.

Don Marpe won \$14 in the 50/50. Harold O'Reilly won a \$20 gift certificate to Pep Boys, and Bill Harris won a 2000 show T-shirt and a flasher switch. Everyone left early to beat Isidore home. §

Used Parts by Jim Jones

There is a source for used British car parts in Ponchatoula, Louisiana. Richard Baker deals in the same. He acquires older British cars and dismantles them for parts: Engines, transmissions, sheet metal, etc. Sometimes he even obtains a car in good enough condition to sell as a complete unit. Richard offers his wares on Ebay, but you can purchase them directly from him. Pick them up yourself or have a north shore buddy pick them up for you and save the cost of shipping. Contact Richard by phone at: 985-386-2244 or email him at: tr8@bellsouth.net for your needs. §

Breaux Bridge Acadiana Cruise - RESCHEDULED

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

It has been *RESCHEDULED* for SATURDAY , NOVEMBER 16, 2002.

When: 12:00 Noon— New Orleans convoy leaves Kenner Welcome Center I-10 & Loyola. .

When: 3:00 p.m.Breaux Bridge

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. Roger & Carol Gibson are going from the New Orleans area and Roger is coordinating the convoy.

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, so that a reservation for a meeting room at the restaurant can be made.

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, or Roger Gibson (504)887-2725 email: 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
Breux Bridge, LA 70517
(800)318-2423, (337)332-3093 \$150/Night
Double Occupancy
Breakfast Included
www.cajuncottages.com
Chris & Stephanie Baker – Inn Keepers

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

Holiday Inn Express
I-10 Exit 115
2942H Grand Point Hwy.
Breux Bridge, LA 70517
(337)667-8913
\$79/Night Double Occupancy

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

Additional hotels are located in Lafayette at Exit 103A

Breux Bridge Bayou Byway, Deja Vu Acadiana Cruise

When: Sunday, November 17, 2002 10:00 a.m.

Where: Breux Bridge Winn Dixie Parking Lot, Rees Street, Breux 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. §

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

NAMGBR, 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.



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.

Shawn Hayden Funkana

Well, it was another "good time had by all", in spite of the rain. Folks huddled under the canopy for a while, chatting and waiting, but the sun finally came out and 9 British cars and a few non-Brits got a chance to run the course. Harold again managed to balance his TR7 on the teeter-totter. After his run, he went back around to show everyone how it was done—and couldn't do it a third time! Harold is the only to ever balance. New members Bill & Elaine Karom tied for first with Harold. Bill Breithoff's wife Sally has decided to retire as Bill's "nagivator" after Mike Anderson navigated Bill to a second place win. This is the first time Bill didn't run off the course. (But it wasn't nearly as entertaining for the spectators!) Mike Anderson took 3rd, even with the 10 pt penalty for skipping the teeter-totter. He was afraid his Toyota station wagon was too heavy!

Menda Hayden brought wonderful goodie bags for everyone with sample de-stressing products from her new natural beauty products businesssoaps, creams, and bath teas.

The shopping crowd had fun too— Sally Breithoff got a good start on her Christmas shopping at the Lenox China Outlet.

And of course there was food. Most attendees stayed for dinner at Cracker Barrel.

Thanks again to Dave & Menda Hayden, family & friends who dragged all the equipment in from Abbeville, set it up, then worked the entire afternoon manning the stop watches & calculators. Spectacular job, Hayden crew! §



Everyone "Say Cheese!"



Mike Brown reaches for a bag.



Joe Rogers navigates Mike Brown through the slalom.



Bill & Elaine Karam checking their egg



1st Place: Harold O'Reilly & Roy Richardson; Dave Hayden



1st Place: Bill & Elaine Karam



2nd Place: Mike Anderson & Bill Breithoff; Dave Hayden



	Driver	Navigator	Car
First	Harold O'Reilly	Roy Richardson	79 TR7

First	Bill Karam	Elaine Karam	73 TR6
Second	Bill Breithoff	Mike Anderson	80 TR8
Third	Mike Anderson	Bill Breithoff	Toyota Camry S/W

Natchez Brits on the Bluff Pictures by Allen Bradley



Terry Travato's 49 Singer Nine



Healeys on display



Allen Bradley's 70 MBG



Newlyweds GiGi and Richard Crighton from Nashville, Tennessee and their 2002 Mini Cooper



Bill Breithoff's TR8



What a view!



There's Just Somethin About Natchez by Menda Hayden

It starts with the anticipation of going. While you're packing and getting ready to go, making sure you have everything you need, all you can think about is how much fun you are going to have. I know the shows are supposed to be about the cars BUT for me it is always about spending a weekend with dear friends.

Maybe it's when you pull into the Ramada Inn Hilltop and see the gorgeous view of the Mississippi River? Or the greatest poolside gathering spot? Could be the staff of the hotel, everybody from housekeeping who would get you anything you needed, to the bartender who remembers you from last year (and it is not because you hung out in the bar all weekend!)?

Oh, I know what it is: Terry and Merideth Trovato and their gang of merry women and men who plan and put on such a wonderful show. This year's opening night reception even included the wedding of GiGi and Richard Crighton from Nashville Tennessee. Yep, you knew right off the bat how special it is when a couple wants to share the most wonderful event of their lives with the group that attends that show. Instead of feeling like strangers at a wedding they made you feel like cousin Dave and Menda from Louisiana. They feed us great and even provided music. What a cool surprise to see Terry himself on drums.

Wait! It could be the show itself, "Brits on the Bluff". It starts with a police escorted parade thru Natchez, ending at the Plantation home Rosalie. What a beautiful site! Parking on the

grounds between the big house and the mighty Mississippi River. The cars themselves, superior each and every one of them. The mayor, chief of the fire department and sergeant from the police department all there to help us judge and pick their favorite. Having them with us made you feel the city of Natchez was happy to see us. Sitting under the shade trees with the New Orleans group and the gang from Pensacola gabbing the day away.

After the show, and back at the hotel a poolside gathering once again. This one was divine. Listening to the traveling tales of Pat and Lou Ballard of Georgia. They have taken British Motoring to its maximum. The miles they have put on that beautiful Austin Healey, and the places they have traveled these are the trips dreams are made of. Meeting new friends from Baton Rouge the Madsons, and the old friends Gus and Ann Fell from Pensacola. This gathering almost made me late for dinner. As you all know this would be bad!! Eating comes in as #2 reason for why we do these things.

This year dinner was arranged by Jeanne and Tom Schmitz of Pensacola fame. They set us up at Kings Tavern, one of the oldest buildings in the south and haunted to boot. The prime rib was the best I had ever eaten.

As if all this wasn't enough, the Sunday morning goodbye party in the parking lot was too cool. Seems there is always somebody who wonders how they are gonna get their car home. This year it was Bob Madson our new buddy from Baton Rouge. He was advised by guru Dave to trailer home. Now where to get a trailer? Instantly we all knew whom to call- Terry. The call got his machine, that's because Terry and Merideth were on the other side of the parking lot saying goodbye and thank you to all. Where else would they be!!!! Terry says trailer—use mine, bring it back whenever.

LIKE I SAID THERE IS JUST SOMETHIN ABOUT NATCHEZ!!!!

If you've been, you know. If you haven't put it on your schedule, you will find out. My heart needs to thank The English Motoring Club of Mississippi, The staff of the Hilltop Ramada Inn, The people of Rosalie, and the city of Natchez for the grand hospitality for the weekend. We will see you all next year.

Sincerely,
Menda Hayden §

For Sale

80 MGB LE Black with special LE wheels,etc. Runs great, new top, new tires, new LE steering wheel and more. \$7500.00 Roger at (504) 887-2725

'79 MGB reasonably presentable, black (not an LE), Weber downdraught, runs but needs alternator and convertible top. Good 'rolling restoration' candidate. \$2,000 OBO. Peter Brauen (228) 586-0187, email pbrauen@telepak.net (10/02)

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

59 TR3A, 69 TR4, plus TR4-o.d. transmission, (needs total restoration). All for \$900.00 Tom Bailey, Covington, LA (985) 893 3791 (10/02)



WANTED:

Chrome-bumper MGB, running, prefer wire wheels. Bill Breithoff (504) 488-8560

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 (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, Covington (9/02)

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

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