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President's Message

The next meeting on November 26 is the last meeting for the year. Please make plans to attend. This is an important meeting as we will be signing up committees for the car show next March 22. If you are not at the meeting you may get assigned to a committee you don't want to be on. And we may not tell you when and where the Christmas Party will be held if you don't attend the meeting!

The election last month was by acclamation with no competition for any office. This was somewhat disappointing but a compliment to those that did run. We have had great success this past year with attendance at events in both numbers of people and numbers of British cars, but when it comes to running for office, well....

I have had lots of fun as President this year and look forward to another great year. It takes a team to run the show and the board is loaded with talent and enthusiasm.

If you enjoyed the club and it's activities, if you have ideas to offer, if you just want to get more involved, please volunteer to help on committees and consider running for office next year.

Harold O'Reilly



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October 29 Minutes

Past Events: Allen Bradley reported on Cruisin' the Coast. He went on Wednesday & Thursday of the Wed – Sun event in Biloxi. He spotted two other British cars.

Roy Richardson reported on the “Brits on the Bluff” show in Natchez. The only car that had problems on the trip was Bill Harris’s JEEP. A couple from Tennessee were married at the Friday social. They drove to the show in their 2002 Mini Cooper.

Harold O’Reilly reported on the Antique Car Show at the Treasure Chest Casino. He said there were many more British cars than in the past. The Mardi Gras T club and the Rolls Royce Owner’s Club participated.

Bill Harris reported on the Houston MG show. He said they got 2 inches of rain and 25 mph wind during the show, but fortunately it is indoors. Bill passed out flyers for our 2003 show to everyone there and nine Houston owners promised to bring their cars to our show.

Bill Breithoff reported on the Vintage Triumph Registry show in Jekle Island, GA. It was an “eventful” (not always a good thing) trip. Roy’s Lincoln Towncar died, Harold had flat on his truck and Bill’s accelerator cable broke. Sally Briethoff has promised an article for the next newsletter.

Future events: Plans for the convoy to the rescheduled Fairhope show were discussed. The E. E. Reynold’s Rallye was discussed. It will be the 25th running of the E. E. Reynolds. Since the E. E. Reynolds trophy is a traveling trophy that the winner only keeps for the year, Mike Anderson plans to have commemorative trophies made that the winners can keep. Everyone participating in the Acadian Cruise was reminded to call Mike Baker so he could make reservations for dinner.

New Business: Election of officers. President Harold O’Reilly read the slate of candidates and asked for nominations from the floor of anyone else who wished to run. No nominations were made. Keith Vezina moved that nominations be closed. Charles Ake seconded the motion. Nominations were closed. In light of the fact that there were no contested offices, the nominees were elected by acclamation. Anne Friloux volunteered to help Cathy Greensfelder out with the secretarial duties. Cathy feels she does not have time to adequately keep up with that part of the Secretary/Editor office and still do the newsletter. Jim Jones (who did it for many years himself) wholeheartedly agreed.

Members Projects: Anne Friloux has decide **not** to sell her pearl white TR6.

Car Show: The manpower chart was discussed. All members were encouraged to volunteer a little time working the show. Few of the jobs are difficult, and most require only that one spend a few hours on show day working. Please volunteer and lighten the work load by sharing it.

Keith Vezina won the \$31 on a 50/50 ticket drawn by his daughter Kimberly. (She asked for a percentage!) Tony Witcamp won a British car wall clock, Jeannine Richarson won a flasher switch and Floyd Friloux won a t-shirt. §

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

Acadiana Cruise by Roger Gibson

Three cars left the Kenner Tourist Center headed for Breaux Bridge: Allen and Susan Bradley, Rodger and Fran Tally, and Carol and I. All went well up to Baton Rouge where Rodger Tally experienced some engine trouble. After a brief stop, the decision was made to continue. About 30 miles on the other side of Baton Rouge, Rodger's car just wasn't running right and we stopped again. This time it was bad. The car was running on 3 cylinders so Rodger and Fran decided to head for home before it got worse. The Bradley's and Gibson's proceeded to Breaux Bridge and met up with Wayne and Joyce Aucoin and David and Menda Hayden. There were two additional cars, a TR-6 driven by Joe and Evonne Daquila from Abbeville, and an Austin-Healey 3000 driven by Terry and Merideth Trovato, Natchez, for a total of six British cars, along with Mike Baker and family in his American SUV (his Jaguar is broke).



The drive was very nice and took us through the heart of Acadiana with a stop for dinner at Pat's in Henderson. After dinner some of the gang headed for Mulate's for Music and dancing Cajun style. Sunday morning the Aucoin's, Bradley's and Gibson's joined the Baker family for another scenic drive through Acadiana.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the drive and we are looking forward to the next Baker family tour next year. Lets hope that the Fairhope show is not moved back again so more of our club

members can participate. §

SABCC Show in Fairhope

The South Alabama British Car Club's annual car show in Fairhope Alabama was held the weekend of November 9th, after being postponed due to bad weather (T.S. Isidore and Hurricane Lili), but they ended up with wonderful weather for the new date. Seven BMCNO cars convoyed over on Friday morning, the day before the show and seven more drove in on Saturday giving us a total of 14.





Bill Harris, 1980 MGB-LE



Nicky Eddrington, 1975 TR6

Upon arrival in Mobile, the Friday crowd stopped downtown and toured Fort Conde, and then walked to the Museum of Mobile in the old city hall where the ladies wanted to catch a doll exhibit (150 antique dolls from a single collection). The guys were resigned to being bored as they followed their wives through the exhibit, but were surprised to find the dollhouses to be quite fascinating. The museum had half a dozen and each was a perfect scale model of a different style of house, complete down to the bathroom plumbing fixtures. One was faced with thousands of hand made “stone blocks”. The museum also had a collection of silver (including some pieces formerly belonging to the officers of a naval vessel) and a good Civil War exhibit. Afterwards, we went next door to the Gulf Coast “Exploreum” Museum of Science and caught the 3:00 showing of “Lewis & Clark: Great Journey West” at the IMAX. For future reference: Always sit towards the BACK in an IMAX dome theatre. Otherwise you get a crick in your neck from looking up!



Roger Gibson’s new Jaguar



Anne & Floyd Friloux, 1974 TR6

SABCC put on a really fine reception Friday evening. They had sandwiches and tons of yummy home-made goodies for all the out of town guests. Everyone sat and talked and caught up with friends from the Florida and Alabama clubs. The weather on Saturday was beautiful, cool and sunny and SABCC had a good turnout despite the show having been rescheduled. They have a really wonderful site, with the cars on display along the length of the park with Mobile Bay in the background. Bill Harris had brought his grandson and they had lots of fun on the nearby playground equipment. The park also has picnic tables and lots of shade.



Pepe Merrick's 1913 Triumph Bike



There's more than one way to win a trophy!
(Bribe them with CANDY!)

The SHOPPING was also beautiful. Menda and Dave Hayden had trailered their car over with their van, so all the ladies got to downtown Fairhope in style - without having to ride in the back of a pickup truck as in previous years!. Seven ladies spent the early afternoon in the antique stores in Fairhope and quite a few of them made good progress on their Christmas shopping. The "Church Mouse", a shop specializing in British imports and antiques, wondered about the sudden run on British flags and the little crossed British and US flags lapel pins! §



Cliff Hughes 1960 MGA

Award	BMCNO Member	Car
1	Butch Frutos	Jaguar
1	Nicky Edrington	1975 TR6
1	Pepe Merrick	1913 Triumph Motorcycle
1	Allen Bradley	1970 MGB
1	Bill Harris	1980 MGB-LE
2	Dave Hayden	1967 TR4
2	Cathy Greensfelder	1979 MGB

2	Anne Friloux	1974 TR6
3	Cliff Hughes	1960 MGA
3	Bill Breithoff	1980 TR8
1	Dave Hayden	Valve Cover Race

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.

25th Anniversary E. E. Reynolds Rallye



The 25th running of the E. E. Reynolds Rallye was held on Sunday, November 3. While it threatened rain (and storms were predicted that night), it never actually did and the temperature was just wonderful—cool but not cold—and last year's winner, Mike Anderson, had a lovely course laid out.

The rally started from the Marquis Business Center on the West Causeway Approach in Mandeville. The route meandered through Covington, up to Folsom, across to Abita Springs, then down to finish at Rip's Seafood Restaurant on the lakefront back in Mandeville. It was a beautiful route that included some wonderful narrow, twisting back roads.

Twelve cars (including a BMW and a Cadillac) ran the course, and four finished without getting lost. The other eight all managed to find



Rip's but did so only after opening the "emergency" envelope to get the address, then breaking out the maps to find out where in blazes they were!! Roger and Carol Gibson found the final checkpoint by accident: they came flying by on the cross road trying to get to Rip's after opening the envelope. Roger tried to turn it in as unopened by sealing it back up with electric tape, but Rallye Master Mike Anderson didn't buy it!



Several of the finishers apparently got caught in a funeral at one of the small churches they passed. Rumor has it that at one intersection a group of kids were directing traffic. According to Wayne Aucoin, he and his new wife Joyce got lost twice. They got lost the first time almost immediately, but Wayne knew where Kehoe-France (one of the markers) was, so he went there and started from that instruction. Then he got lost again somewhere! Cathy Greensfelder, who is infamous for having ended up in Baton Rouge instead of Gonzales and in Reserve instead of La Place, did manage

to find Rip's. But only after she & her husband Mark gave up and opened the envelope. They had no idea where they were and were completely off Cathy's St Tammany Parish map. They stumbled across LA 21, and followed it until they found 190.

The winner of the rallye is responsible for putting on the rallye the following year. The 2002 Winner Roy Richardson has threatened to make the next rallye a tour of all his rental properties in New Orleans. He joked that the next rallye will cover all the housing projects in the city! §

Place	Driver	Navigator	Points
1st	Roy Richardson	Bill Coskrey	111
2nd	Dave Dupre	Eddie Dupre	194
3rd	Floyd Friloux	Anne Friloux	217



Mike Brown and son



Rallye Master Mike Anderson and his assistant Herb Forsyth



Mike Anderson presents the E. E. Reynolds trophy to Roy Richardson & Bill Coskrey



1st Place: Roy Richardson & Bill Coskrey



2nd: Dave Dupre & his brother Eddie Dupre



3rd Place: Anne & Floyd Friloux

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 (10/02)

'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)

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 (10/02)

TR6 in good running order. Bill McQuade (985) 624-2820 (11/02)



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)

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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