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President's Message

BOUQUETS AND BRICKBATS

Congratulations to all the members who helped with this year's British Car day. It was a huge success. More cars than we ever had before. Near perfect weather. The Friday night party went over well with a big crowd, great food, and lots of friendly conversation. I heard no complaints. Even our critique session at the board meeting had few items to discuss. It just gets better each year.



Unfortunately our car show appreciation party for all you workers did not go as well. In an effort to upgrade the event and offer better food, we tried to hold it at the King Buffet on Veterans. The idea was good but the execution was poor. This restaurant is very crowded on Sundays and could not hold a large seating area for us. We ended up with people scattered around this rather large building and some members left angry due to long lines for seating. I apologize to all that were less than pleased. The board learned another lesson from this experience and will do better in the future.

Our next event is our crawfish boil. This is usually a popular event and we control all of it. There will be parking, seating, and crawfish. To guarantee everyone is taken care of, reservations are required. We have a meeting the week before where you can make reservations, or contact a board member.

The Pensacola Beach show is on April 26. We will have convoys on both Friday and Saturday. This is always a fun show and weekend, and our Panhandle friends promise shade this year.

See you soon and keep driving those British cars.

Harold O'Reilly



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March 18 Minutes

Harold O'Reilly called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

New Members introduced at meeting included Roger Schupp with a 1973 Lotus Europa which he purchased in South Carolina and David Russell with a 1940 HRG.

Past Events: Goody Bag Party at Lubriport Labs was well attended. The bags had some of the best “goodies” ever and weighed in at 4.5 pounds. Registration packets for 105 entrants and 114 cars were assembled. This was the most ever pre-registered. A craft table was also set up this year to put together the centerpieces for the awards banquet. After all the hard work, the crew was treated to Church's fried chicken.

Future Events: Reservations for the Crawfish Boil will be taken at the next General Membership meeting. The Pensacola Car Show is scheduled for April 26th. Convoys will leave the Lakeforest Plaza on Friday at 9:00 AM and on Saturday at 6:30 AM.

Car Show: Carol Gibson announced that the Friday Hospitality Night needs non-meat dishes and more salads. List was again passed around. The room will open at 1:30 PM. Jambalaya is to be the main items; prepared by our own “chef” Roger Gibson and paid for by the club. Bill Breithoff continued the discussion saying the club will have two rooms at the hotel, one for the reception and the other for show registrations. New directional signs have been made for the show and will be placed around the I-10, I-610 and Navarre Avenue. List of volunteers was again reviewed and more volunteers were enlisted. Roger Gibson reminded us that it's important to make the out of town guests feel welcome. Cliff Hughes needs 4 volunteers to drive the Jaguars from Paretto Pontiac to the site. A new Mini will be driven in from the new dealership in Baton Rouge. Corrado Giacona has donated “foot” long plastic cups with logo for the show. Friday morning, Cliff Highes will bring his newly restored Austin Healy & Pepe Merrick will bring his 1913 Triumph motorcycle to the WWL studio to promote the show, but WWL says they cannot guarantee air time if war breaks out with Iraq.

Members Projects: Cort Musgrave, Sr. rebuilt the fans on his Land Rover and rewired them to run off a relay rather than the ignition switch. Floyd Friloux had to return a stainless steel (SS) exhaust system from a GT6 to Victoria British as the pipes did not fit together properly. Mike Lewis has a “free” complete dual exhaust system for a Stag. Keith Vezina talked about installing SS brake lines for his MGB which solved the problem of a stuck caliper. Cort Musgrave, Jr. advised changing brake hoses on both sides.

Invitations were passed out for an open house at Fantasy Motors in Metairie. June Harris won

the 50/50 jackpot of \$30.00. T-shirts were won by Fran Tally, Mike Brown and Thomas Bonner.

2003 British Car Day Recap

This was the most successful British Car Day ever! We had entries from 50 cities in 9 states: Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Arkansas and Oklahoma. 148 people entered 168 cars and roughly 120 people attended the awards banquet, where trophies were awarded in twenty five classes. Entered vehicles ranged from a 1913 Triumph motorcycle and 1929 Rolls Royce Brewster Town Car to a 2002 Mini Cooper; from a pristine, all-original MGT to a highly modified MGB with a V8 engine and a gorgeous metallic silver paint job. The weather was absolutely perfect: sunny, breezy and just warm enough. The beautiful live oaks that surround the field made for pleasant sitting and visiting conditions for the show participants (even if they did dust the nearby cars with pollen!) And the "Lagniappe" bags were a great hit this year. They contained little tool kits, Zymol car care samples, Crystal hot sauce, and a full size can of Stoner tire shine, just to name a few of the goodies included.

In addition, the Mardi Gras T club of New Orleans was celebrating their 25th anniversary and they brought out twenty-three beautiful old T-series cars. Twenty four Jaguars (including a Daimler "formal saloon" -that's "private limousine" in American) appeared, most of which took part in the Jaguar Club of North America, New Orleans chapter's Concourse judging. A newly formed Land Rover club also came out in force with eight Land Rovers, compared to the previous years' one or two. §

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Thanks and Congratulations

From: Bill Watkins
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2003 12:33 PM

Let me start by congratulating your club on an excellent show. Our club, British Iron Touring Club of Northwest Arkansas, held its first ever show last fall (attended by Bob and Nell McAnelly from your club) and I know how much work went into what you did and how pleased you must have been with the turnout of cars. Well done.

The real purpose of this message is to say "thank you" to the large group of people whose names I never learned who chipped in to help get my 3.8S running after the show. Thanks to George Torlage (I hope the spelling is correct) for lending me the distributor cap and plug wires off of his E-Type. Many heartfelt thanks to Bob McAnelly and the 5 or 6 others who spent the

best part of three hours helping to adapt George's cap and wires to my car, figure out why it still wouldn't start, and enable my wife and me to drive it the 650 miles or so home.

What a great display of everything that is right about the British car hobby. So many people gave of their time and skills to get their hands dirty and help someone they didn't know (me!) get running without being concerned about whether or not I knew their names, let alone asking for compensation or acknowledgment of any kind. At least twice I was ready to give up and figure out a way to get the car hauled back here to Rogers or get it stored until I could come get it. Each time someone with more patience or a higher tolerance for frustration would offer encouragement and tell me to just hang in. I can't tell you how much I appreciated all of the help and I hope you will either forward this message on to the membership or print it in your newsletter or otherwise make my gratitude known.

By the way, I hope some of you will make the drive up to Fayetteville, Arkansas, for the 2nd Annual Brits in the Ozarks All British Car & Cycle Show September 27th. We do this as an MDA benefit and we netted \$8,500 for MDA last year in our first attempt. We had 107 entries last year and hope to improve on that. I can tell you from experience that it is right around 650 miles from New Orleans. If you drive up stay over night in Little Rock or Hot Springs or thereabouts on the way and split it into two reasonable chunks. Bob and Nell McAnelly drove their XK140 up from Baton Rouge last year. Contact me at this e-mail address for information.

Again, thanks to everyone involved in helping me out.

Bill Watkins
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 Rogers, Arkansas §

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.



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.

2003 British Car Day Winners

Special Awards:

The Club Participation goes to the Mardi Gras T club of New Orleans.

The “Hard Cheese” (Hard Luck) award is presented this year to Bill Watkins of Rogers, AR. Bill’s Jaguar refused to start after the show and it took a half dozen people, a modified distributor cap, and close to three hours to get the car going.

The “Tourist Trophy Garage” Trophy is sponsored by Elliot Evans and is awarded to the car which in Elliot’s opinion is the most original pre-1970 vehicle and that epitomizes the true British car driving experience. This year it is awarded to Jim Forsythe’s red 1952 MG TD.

The “Show Stopper” Best in Show trophy, sponsored by Weaver’s Po Boys on Navarre Ave, is awarded each year by popular vote. The 2003 winner is Robert Ramelli’s beautiful 1929 Rolls Royce Brewster Town Car. §

For Sale

67 Triumph GT6 Mark 1. Solid California car plus similar parts car, lot of parts. Recent brake and clutch rebuild, runs good, purchased from the original owner. Fuel tank still out after cleaning. New fuel pump. Clear title on the good car. Bill of sale only on the parts car: good glass, good suspension, some decent sheet metal, no transmission. In Harvey, LA. \$2,500 package deal. Dave Johnson H:(540)368-1733 W:(504)362-7373 Cell:(504) 416-3710. (5/03)



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