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President's Message

It was nice to see the good turnout at the
Crawfish Boil. It seems that we have
become quite proficient at setting up for
the event and just as good at taking down
and folding up afterward. The weather
was nice and the drive over was fun.
Thanks to all of the British Car Drivers
who had a chance to win \$10.00 and this time it was Roy
Richardson who got free crawfish for his efforts.



By the time you get this, our outing at the Pontchartrain
Vineyards will have taken place. But coming up is the Back
to the Beach Car Show and Concert taking place on
Lakeshore Drive at Franklin Ave. by the UNO Assembly
Center. Last year about 10 of us met at the Kinko's Parking
lot on the corner of Leon C. Simon and Franklin Ave to
group before driving to the show site. We will do the same
this year.

They line cars up in the order that they come through the gate
(not organized into classes like we do), so to make our
"BRITISH CLASS" we must go in as a group. Come out and
join us. There are some beautiful and unusual cars at this
event and you get to hear some great music free with your
admission to the show. And by the way, the proceeds from
this event go to help make the lake fit for humans to swim in
and sea life to live in.

While you are marking your calendars for the above event,
don't forget to make plans to join the fun at Catfish Charlie's
in June. If you have attended this event in the past years, you
know that we have a really good turnout and the food is good
and they keep it coming as long as you are hungry.

In July we will be going back to Taste of Bavaria and then
August will be the Un-Car Show.

We have been having some very well attended meetings the
last few months and I would like to thank all of the members
who have been turning out and bringing their LBC's.

Remember when you buy a 50/50 ticket and you are in you British car, you get an additional free ticket. And wearing your name tag entitles you to another free ticket. So you even get lagniappe when you do more in 2004.

See you at the next event.

Bill Breithoff



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April 27 Minutes

Due to technical difficulties, the April minutes were unavailable at press time. They will be published on the web site when available.

Pensacola Beach Bash Results

The 2004 Pensacola Beach Bash show was a wonderful show. The weather was near perfect all weekend long—bright and sunny and no where near as hot as last year, with a nice cooling breeze all day.

Half a dozen cars met at the Plaza Mall on Friday before the show and drove over together. After breakfast at the Waffle House in Kiln, we motored on to Mobile. Several members had been wanting to see some of the sites in Mobile's historic district for several years, so most of us stopped for a visit. (For some reason, we decided see Mobile on a trip to Pensacola. Go figure!!)

We caught the IMAX showing of "IMAX NASCAR" and "Shackleton's Antarctic Adventure". Even if you are not a big NASCAR fan, any car person will appreciate the film. It gives the history of NASCAR, with plenty of behind the scenes information. Everyone in the group thought we needed one of the special double-decker 18 wheel trucks that they use to carry the race cars to the track—we could fit maybe 8 LBCs in one of those trailers, with enough tools and parts to build one from scratch!!

The second film was the true story of British explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton's 1914 Antarctic expedition. Shackleton's wooden sailing ship was caught in an ice flow and crushed. The group spent almost 2 years in Antarctica, eventually being rescued after Shackleton and 5 others sailed a lifeboat 300 miles, through a hurricane, to an island with a whaling station. Then Shackleton and his sailing master had to hike across a mountain range and glacier to get to the station because they landed on the wrong side of the island and the crew were too sick to sail any further. The film combines a 2001 re-enactment with the original still photographs and motion picture film footage from the expedition. Believe it or not, every single member of the

expedition survived.

After the films, we took the trolley through Mobile's downtown historic district. We had a late lunch at Wintzell's Oyster House on Dauphine Street (caught happy hour—cheap oysters!!), toured the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, stopped at specialty shops for gourmet chocolates and fresh roasted peanuts, then back to the cars, and on to Pensacola.

The British Motoring Club ended up with 16 cars entered in the 2004 Pensacola Beach Bash, with 13 winners. §

2004 Pensacola Car Show Photos

*This was new member Dawn Gonzales' first car show. She's off to a great start with a first on her first.

Cathy Greensfelder, Stuart McKendrick and Jim Lily also entered cars but did not place

Pensacola Beach Bash Winners		
Member	Car	Place
Pat & Lou Ballard	63 Austin Healey BJ7	2nd Austin Healey
Jim Forsythe	54 MG TF	2nd MG T Series
Paul Hornsby	60 MGA	1st MGA
Allen Bradley	70 MGB	3rd MGB late chrome
Keith Vezina	76 MGB	1st MGB early rubber
Dawn Gonzales*	80 MGB	1st MGB late rubber
Bill Harris	80 MGB-LE	1st MGB-LE
Butch Frutos	93 Jaguar XJS	3rd Jaguar XJS
Menda Hayden	94 Jaguar XJS	2nd Jaguar XJS
Nicky Edrington	75 TR6	1st Triumph TR6
Bill Breithoff	80 TR8	2nd Triumph TR8

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Sports Cars At Tannehill by Sally Breithoff

The show this weekend was in Bessemer....sponsored by the Birmingham British Motoring Club.... (not Montgomery) The BMCNO was represented by 3 members.



Susan and Allen Bradley took home a first place with their MGB, June and Bill Harris also went home with a first place for his MGB-LE, and my Bill took second place in the TR8. The show was located in the Tannehill Ironworks State Park.

Susan Bradley was our designated Tour Guide and she did an excellent job seeking out great restaurants for us to enjoy. The Cypress Inn on the Black Warrior River in Tuscaloosa, the Bright Star Grill, Bessemer's oldest restaurant, and Crescent City Grill in Hattiesburg on the way home.

On Friday we stopped at the Mercedes-Benz plant in Vance, AL. The tours of the plant have been suspended until the new models are introduced but the Welcome center had many old cars and history to hold your interest. There was even a film showing the production line which was very interesting (at least that's what they tell me.... I took a nap). Definitely worth the stop for any car buff traveling through the area.

On the mechanical front, Bill never got a chance to write anything about our starter trouble. But the starter would not dis-engage. It was weird. Bill let go of the key and it was still cranking. Several people had solutions—Bill Harris even pulled out the starter relay but it wouldn't stop. The solution was to beat it with a hammer to stop it. So for the rest of the trip, I was placed in the drivers seat long enough to turn the key while Bill stood over the engine with a hammer thing and hit the starter. It worked fine, and we made it home with our new ritual.



The new starter is on order and should be here by the end of the week. After 24 years, I convinced Bill it was time to get a new one instead of rebuilding the old one. Let's see how long this new one lasts!

Hope your day at Avery Island was fun, sorry we had to miss that one. I have been wanting to do that run for a long time. I bet it was a great day. See you soon, Safety fast, Sally Breithoff §

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.

Crawfish Boil

It was not a record breaker, but a good number of members came for crawfish and camaraderie. After a weekend of rain, the weather stayed dry for us and it was quite cool for a pleasant change. Several dozen members enjoyed the hot, tasty mudbugs at Bogue Falaya Park. §





Cliff Hughes is starting a new crop of members - his two grandsons.

Cliff Hughes and Mark Greensfelder weigh out crawfish.



Cliff Hughes is working on getting our club affiliated with NAMGAR, the National MGA Register.

If you have an MGA and are a member of NAMGAR or would like to join, contact Cliff.

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Dorsett Madness #10 by Jim Jones

Much work has occurred on my Dorset since I wrote up article Dorset Madness #9. Peter and I moved our attention to the front of the car's body.

In the firewall area, the top, the shelf, and the lower firewalls have been replaced with new custom made sheet metal, as were the foot wells and the front floor boards. Peter produced all of these sections from flat sheet metal panels.

Replacement takes a lot of sheet metal, but it certainly looks much better than patch work repair.

The battery holder on the left hand top firewall has been repositioned to the center of the firewall.

Peter has completed the major sheet metal replacement work and will soon move on to lesser repairs such as the replacement of the front drain gutters.

The only other major work left to be done is the building of the transmission cover. It may be made in more than one piece.

Two additional body to frame mounts have constructed under the inner front seat rails to remove flexibility at those points. More to come. §



New firewall sheet metal from inside engine compartment



New firewall, foot wells and front floor boards from passenger compartment.

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