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President's Message



I would like to ask all of our members to keep in your prayers our neighboring clubs like Alabama and Pensacola who were hit by Hurricane Ivan. I have heard a few reports that Fairhope had minor damage and should be ready for next month's show.

Pensacola was really hit hard and some of the bridges may not be restored for 6 months or more. There are a lot of Little British Cars in that area and we hope that they were able to be spared from damage. Tom Schimtz reported that they will be out of power for 3 weeks in Alabama.

We in Louisiana know what they are going through and hope and pray that their damages were minimal and that they can recover from this ordeal in the coming weeks.

I'm sure that the "Brits on the River" show in Vidalia or the Montgomery show will be missing our friends from Alabama and Pensacola, but maybe by the time of the Fairhope show some of them will be able to attend.

The TGIF gathering in Covington only drew 4 British cars but 11 people attended and we had a good time. Unfortunately, the next TGIFriday is Sept 24th and the Vidalia and Alabama shows are the next day. If you aren't going out of town, try to make it on the 24th.

The "All Clubs Cruise" to Middendorf's had a nice turn out. We must like the food! Some went on to Pontchatoula for antiquing and Strawberry non-alcoholic daiquiris.

Jazz'n the Vines was nice. We not only had some prospective members in their Minis, but a few people took their non-British cars.

Both the Triumph and ScarlettRose were not road ready for the Funkana but I attended in my Chevy with Roy Richardson whose cars also had problems. It was a nice day for Dave and crew. They did an exceptional job of putting on this fun event. This was the first one that I missed but I will be there next year with my car or Sally's.

God Speed!

Bill



October 2004



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3 Cruisin'	4 the	5 Ms.	6 Gulf	7 Coast-10th	8 Nashville	9 Nashville
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24/31 Lakefront Cruise (24th)	25	26	27	28	29 Fairhope Convoy	30 SABCC Fairhope

Sat Oct 2 - LA Z club has invited us to a tech session hosted by Bob Maggio at Maggio's Garage, 500 N. Bernadotte (near City Park). Free red beans & rice. Mid-morning to mid afternoon.

Sun Oct 3-10 - Cruisin' the Coast – Biloxi. <http://www.cruisinthe coast.com/main.shtml>

Fri Oct 8-9 - Nashville Show, Pinkerton Park, Franklin TN Events on both Friday and Saturday.

Tues Oct 12 - Board and Car Show Committee Meeting, 7pm Bill Breithoff 7315 Beryl Street, NO, (504)288-4019

Sat Oct 16 - Houston MG Car Club hosts their 15th Annual Houston All-British Motor Vehicle Expo, at Traders Village, Houston TX.

Sat Oct 16 - New Orleans Antique Car Show at the Treasure Chest Casino

Sun Oct 24 - Lakefront Cruise. 4pm. Leave parking lot across from Joe's Crab Shack on Lakeshore Drive, NO, cruise along the Lakefront to Old Town area of Slidell for dinner.

Tue Oct 26 - General Meeting - Elections

Fri Oct 29 - Convoy to Fairhope show.

Sat Oct 30 - SABCC Car Show in Fairhope AL.

August 31st General Meeting Minutes

President Bill Breithoff opened the meeting at 7:45. Bill announced that Cathy Greensfelder, who has been doing the newsletter since 1999, has turned the job over to Stuart McKendrick. Cathy will continue to be club secretary and maintain the membership records but Stuart will take over monthly production of the Morris Gazette.

Past Events: Peter Brauen is starting a Gulf Coast BMC. Ten people made their first meeting on Monday Aug 30 in Gulfport.

The Mystery Cruise last month was a big success so the club is doing it again. Tonight's cruise is to Droopy's SnoBall stand a half mile or so west on Jefferson Hwy from the meeting.

Ronnie Palmisano took a bow for his big win at the Un-Car Show.

A number of members have been attending the TGI Friday block party/car show on the last Friday of each month over the summer. There will be 2 more this year, in September and October. Try to attend. There are lots of neat cars, fun people, free music and all the restaurants stay open for you to buy dinner.

Future Events: Members were urged to attend the "All Club Cruise" to Middendorf's.

The Bradley's explained about the club cruise to "Jazz'n the Vines" for an outdoor concert / picnic dinner. It's a "Bring your own everything" event.

This year the Funkana has been moved up an hour to 1pm to accommodate the LA Z Club members who will again be attending with us.

BMCNO has been invited to a tech session sponsored by the LA Z Club on Saturday October 2.

Everyone was asked to check their calendars for the dates of the SABCC car show in Fairhope. It has been scheduled for Oct 30. An earlier tentative date was posted in the newsletter and on our web site. Oct 30 is the final date, hurricanes permitting.

Next month will be Nomination of Officers and we are still 2 officers short of a full slate. The club needs 2 more Members at Large. Please consider being more involved in the club and helping plan our events.

Member Projects: Allen Bradley needs help mounting his new windshield. He had the last new windshield professionally installed, but it broke anyway. This time he's doing it himself. "Scarlet Rose", Sally Breithoff's pink MGB is running much better after Bill Breithoff replaced the year old gas in the tank with some fresh gas.

Calendar Committee Report: Keith Vezina, Cliff Hughes and Ronnie Palmisano are putting together the pictures for a 2005 BMCNO calendar. They are putting nine pictures on each month so they need over a hundred good pictures. Please send pictures of your car and of club events to Keith. (See web site for address.)

Car Show Report: Thanks to Bill Harris, the club has a new host hotel for the 2005 BMCNO Car Day show. It's the Hampton Inn on Mounes in Harahan. They are giving us a \$79 room rate including breakfast. They have plenty of trailer parking, and will rent us a meeting room and let us bring our own food for the Friday night reception. This is a brand new hotel with plenty of amenities.


Mario Messina won \$33 in the 50/50 drawing. Several other items were raffled off. Ronnie Palmisano won a 5 piece detailing brush set; Butch Frutos won a socket set; Harold O'Reilly and Karen Vezina won screwdriver sets and June Harris won a magnetic parts dish. §

Club Officers - 2004

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Middendorf's Cruise *by Cathy Greensfelder*

A whole lot of cars showed up at Middendorf's for the "All Club Cruise" on Sunday Sept 5. Close to a dozen car clubs from the Southern Louisiana area participated, with well over 100 people. Middendorf's parking lot was full of every kind of classic car from American muscle cars like the T-birds to heavily modified hot rods to our little British sports cars.

The BMCNO contingent was 24 people (counting 7 children). We were represented by 7 British cars (and a couple of vans and a beautiful 50 year old Porsche driven by the Bradley's neighbors). Cars present from BMCNO were Robert Rougoulet's Mini Cooper, Jim Lilly's Spitfire, Stuart McKendrick's TR6, and Bill Breithoff's TR8. Allen Bradley, Cathy Greensfelder and John Roberts drove MGBs.

New Local British Car Club Forms

The Gulf Coast British Motoring Club would like to extend an invitation to any and all local British Car owners to join a newly formed association dedicated to the preservation of British motor vehicles. The first public meeting of the Gulf Coast British Motoring Club (GCBMC) was held at The Irish Coast Pub in Gulfport, MS. on Monday August 30th at 7:00pm. The objectives of the club are to promote the sport and pastime of motoring in all its branches, and in particular, to further the interest of ownership and driving of British motor vehicles.

Any person who is or has been the owner of a British motor vehicle, or who is in sympathy with the objectives of the Club, shall be eligible for membership. If one has any questions regarding GCBMC please feel free to contact Leith McKee at (228) 452-7844. There is also a group webpage at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GCBMC> and the club's email address is GCBMC@bellsouth.net

Funkana by Menda Hayden

The annual Funkana was held at Tanger Factory Outlet Mall in Gonzales Sunday, September 19, 2004.

Nine members participated in the event, and others came to spectate.

The Place finishers are:

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| <i>1st Place</i> | <i>Rodger & Fran Talley</i>
<i>1959 Austin Healey Sprite</i> |
| <i>2nd Place</i> | <i>Bill & David Karem</i>
<i>1973 Triumph TR6</i> |
| <i>3rd Place</i> | <i>Keith Vezina & Fred Stokes</i>
<i>1977 MGB</i> |

The funkana was a combination of events, and the car with the most points won. Points with time penalties were assessed to entrants' time for errors on the course. The events were:

Nagivator - Driving through a slalom course. The driver has a bag over his/her head, and the navigator guides by instruction.

Rope Hold - The goal is to drive both forward and backward in a circle around a pot with a rope attached. Pulling the rope out results in penalty points.

Flag Pull & Ball Drop - Both driver and navigator participate pulling a flag from a cone and replacing it with a small ball.

Tire Roll - Roll a tire (in this case a Mini tire) around a Lotus.

Wall Stop - Seeing how close one can come to a wall without breaking the egg taped to the front bumper.

Thanks for organizing this, Dave!



Crunch Time Cure

Last month we read of the unfortunate demise of member Rogers Schupp's white 1994 Lotus Esprit S4. Following extended "discussions" with his insurer, a suitable adjustment was made. Rogers, still firmly believing that an investment in Lotus a good move, went on the prowl for a replacement. The winner is shown here; a silver/black & grey 2002 Anniversary Edition. The Esprit is #57 and is powered by a twin-turbo V8.



LOG 24

The 24th Annual Lotus Owners' Gathering was held in Birmingham, Al. from September 10-13th. Our own Rogers Schupp attended in his third Lotus acquisition, meeting his (first) wife Cindy there. Rogers met up with several Texas Lotus Owners along the highway, and they all enjoyed a brisk trip to LOG HQ. The featured host was Dan Gurney, whose



car appears in the museum. A preview of the highly anticipated Elise and a Councours at the Skip Barber track were included among the activities. In-car fun came in the form of a mountain ride, autocross and track day. All of these events can make one hungry, so food was served often.



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Ivan Preparations

As citizens all along the Gulf Coast waited for Hurricane Ivan, plans had to be made. Will we evacuate? Will we stay? If we go, what will go with us. What did you decide about your LBC(s)? At least one made the trip to Texas. Stuart McKendrick's TR6 may have thought it was being returned to it's PO in San Antonio!

Ronnie Palmisano's TR6 was not so well traveled . It remained behind to suffer whatever fate Ivan dealt. Not so was the care provided to the Good Will Trophy that the Six earned a month before. It accompanied insurance papers and other valuables in the evacuation! Thank you Ronnie for showing the utmost in care for our beloved trophy. We hope the Triumph gets a little TLC when the next storm comes!



New Hotel for 2005 Show by Bill Harris

The signed contract for the new host hotel (Hampton Inn-Elmwood) was delivered to the hotel on Friday, Aug. 20. The staff is more than willing to have us, and several of the staff remember the show last year and even remember seeing about it on TV. I urge everyone to stop by the hotel to check out the location and facilities. Any suggestions or concerns that you have need to be addressed as soon as possible so that we can start promoting and advertising the hotel. I urge you to check out the hotel's website to see what facilities and accommodations that the hotel offers.

The room rates have been set at \$79.00 and a group code has been setup in the hotel's computer system. Guests can use the group code (BMC) when making reservations, either by phone or by internet. I recommend that those making reservations to use the toll free number (1-800-426-7866) so that they can request rooms #100-125. This will place them in the rooms closest to their cars and to the reception room. The hotel will be setting up a car wash station for our guests; the location will be up to us.

The reception room will be Clearview II, and we have use of the Elmwood (board room) for our registration the night of the reception. The reception room will have round tables with tablecloths and a long banquet table for the food that we bring. The configuration of the room is up to us, and we have plenty of time to figure that out.

The following link is the direct link to the hotel: <http://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/hotels/index.jhtml?moreDesc=true&ctyhocn=MSYELHX>. The Hampton Inn's address is 5150 Mounes Blvd., Harahan, La., 70123-3408. The telephone number is 504-733-5646.

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Jazz'n the Vines *by Cathy Greensfelder*

Over 30 club members and guests motored to the Pontchartrain Vineyards for a picnic and concert by the Phister Sisters on Saturday, September 11th. The Phister Sisters specialize in the music of the Boswell Sisters from the 1920 and 30's. And of course they do a lot of the Andrew's Sisters as well. The vineyard reserved parking for our LBCs right next to the stage area and we had a prime "seating" area right across from our cars.



Everyone showed off their fanciest picnic gear and shared our cheese and salamis, stuffed artichoke, Sue Bradley's amazing tuna salad, fresh fruit, fancy bread, etc. A number of bottles of wine were purchased and a lot of bottled water for the drivers. The Bradley's and Breithoff's lighted wine glasses were a big hit!



The eleven British cars participating were: Cort A. Musgrave's 63 Land Rover, Bill and Sally Breithoff's 80 TR8, Charlie Ake and Parrish Martin in Charlie's 77 MGB, Allen and Sue Bradley's 70 MGB, Robert Rougelot's 78 Mini Cooper (right-hand drive!!), Mark & Cathy Greensfelder's 79 MGB, Keith Vezina and

his cousin Joey Chauvin in Keith's 76 MGB, Terry Dembre's 73 MGB-GT and three new Mini Coopers belonging to Wayne & Joyce Aucoin and their friends (and soon to be new members) Pamela and Greg Fischer, and Michael Garcia and Kristy Barkston.

In addition, Roy & Jeannine Richardson, Cliff & Linda Hughes and friends, and several friends and neighbors of the Bradleys came in non-British cars. They all had to park in the regular parking area in the vineyard! §

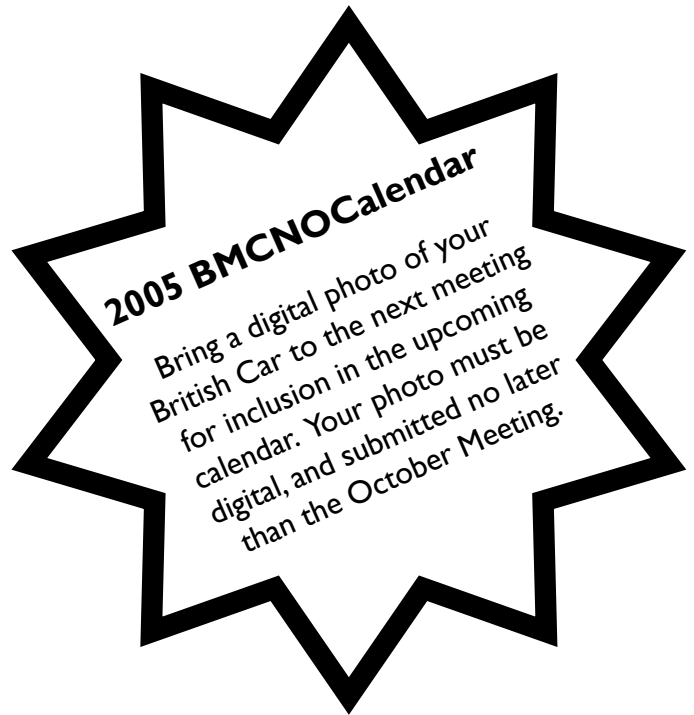


For Sale

1974 MG Midget parts car. No engine or transmission, or passenger door. Windsheild and wire wheels. Contact Gordon Ramsay at (504) 394-9774.



Set of 4 nicely refinished MGB Rostyle wheels with Yokohama Avid H tires. 2 tires are good , 1 fair, 1 bad. \$90.MGB aluminium bonnet, usable condition, \$100. MOSS MGB front tube shock conversion, including shocks, \$100. Terry Dempre (985) 845-8387



2005 BMCNO Calendar

Bring a digital photo of your British Car to the next meeting for inclusion in the upcoming calendar. Your photo must be digital, and submitted no later than the October Meeting.

Membership Info

Club membership is open to anyone who owns or has owned, drives or is interested in British motor vehicles.

Annual Dues: \$30 first year / \$25 subsequent years.
\$15 corresponding membership (newsletter only) available outside the Greater NO area.

New members receive a name tag and either a club license plate frame or T-shirt at their first or second meeting (shipping extra). All members receive the monthly club newsletter.

Your membership expiration date is printed on your newsletter mailing label. Please pay your dues promptly to avoid missing any issues of the Morris Gazette.



Mail renewal checks payable to "BMC-NO" to: Treasurer, PO Box 73213, Metairie LA 70033

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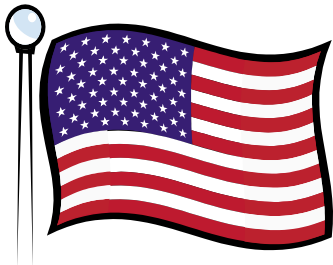
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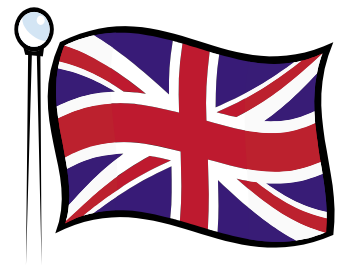
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