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President's Message



October is usually a busy month, and this one is no exception. I can't wait to hear who went to what and how they did in competition.

Well the month isn't over yet, so get ready for the Lakefront Cruise at 4pm Sunday, October 24th. Meet at the parking lot across from Joe's Crabshack and cruise the lakefront to Slidell for dining. This should be a nice event.

At the General Meeting we will be electing officers for 2005. We will also be making convoy plans for Fairhope on Friday the 29th and Saturday the 30th.

Remember – Daylight Savings Time ends, so FALL BACK one hour on Sunday the 31st (officially at 2am).

Go to the polls and vote on November 2nd.

The Daughters of the British Empire are holding Pub Night at the Greek Church on Saturday, November 6th. They would like to display a few of our cars at the event, which helps raise money for a worthy charity.

The major event in November is the E.E. Reynolds Rallye, and it will be held on Sunday, November 7th. Come to the meeting for more details.

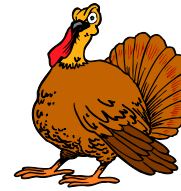
Mark your calendars for our annual Christmas party, which will be held at Rogers and Cindy Schupp's house on Sunday, December 5th.

After this, there is no more to 2004!

Bill



November 2004



Sun Mon Tues Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6 British Pub Night
7 E.E. Rynolds Rallye	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Board Meeting	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 General Meeting				

Upcoming Events

Sat Nov 6 British Pub Night: 6 – 10 pm, Hellenic Cultural Center, 1200 Robert E. Lee Blvd. This event is a fund-raiser put on by the Daughters of the British Empire in LA to benefit a retirement home. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Ticket include food. Call (504) 367-4116 or visit www.dbeinla.org for more info.

Sat Nov 7 - E. E. Reynolds's Rallye: Noon at "our" Italian Pie Rallye. Joy Watts and Lyle Brown, (504) 391-9980.

Tue Nov 16 Board & Car Show Committee Meeting: 7pm Keith Vezina, 3221 Maine Avenue, Kenner (504) 443-5056.

Tue Nov 30 General Meeting: 7:30 pm Italian Pie, Jefferson Hwy .6 miles West of the Huey P. Long bridge, across the street from Smilie's.

December 2004

Sun Dec 5 Christmas Party – Rogers & Cindy Schupp, 1455 Exposition Blvd (at Hurst) 6:30—9:30 pm (504) 895-9462.

The club buys the fried turkey & sodas—please bring a side dish or desert to share

Tue Dec 7 Board Meeting – 7 pm., Rogers Schupp, 1455 Exposition Blvd (at Hurst) (504) 895-9462.

NO DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING!

September 28th General Meeting Minutes

Approximately 44 members and guest attended the meeting. There were 16 British cars in the lot: Nine MGs, five Triumphs, an Austin Healy and a Lotus.

Past Events: Reports were made on the All Clubs run to Middendorf's and the Funkana. (See last month's newsletter). Several members reported on the English Motoring Club – Mississippi "Brit on the River" show in Vidalia, LA / Natchez, MS. (see article this issue)

Robert Rougelet reported that he missed the morning cruise of Vidalia and Natchez. It had been initially scheduled for 11 am, but was moved up to 8:30. Anyone who was not at the social on Friday night missed this change of plans. Oops!!

The last TGIFriday event in Covington was on Sept. 24. Club member Jim Jones went, but it was much lower attendance than in the past, perhaps because of Hurricane Ivan.

Bill Breithoff reported on Baton Rouge club member Fred Fabre. Fred had a stroke some time ago and has recovered much of his speech but is still paralyzed on one side. The club extended its hopes and prayers for Fred's continued improvement.

Coming events: British Pub night is coming on Nov6. (see calendar) Member Joy Watts encouraged all club members to attend. They will reserve parking near the door for our British cars.

The Louisiana Z club has invited all BMCNO members to a tech session on Oct 2. Keith Vezina encouraged members to attend.

Plans for the October 24 Lakefront Cruise were discussed. Dinner will be at the Times Grill in the old train station in old Slidell, followed by dessert at the Old Time Soda Shoppe.

The South Alabama British Car Club show at Fairhope was discussed. There was minimal damage to Fairhope in Hurricane Ivan and the show is still on as planned. Sally Breithoff made arrangements for a group rate at the Key West Inn in Fairhope. Members were encouraged to call immediately for reservations as there was another group in town that weekend and hotel reservations soon will be difficult to obtain.

Joy Watts asked for a show of hands of how many people planned to attend the E. E. Reynolds Rallye. It will not be a difficult rallye.

Nominations were made for the 2005 officers as follows:

President: Cliff Hughes. Vice-president: Rogers Schupp. Treasurer: Allen Bradley. Secretary/Editor: Cathy Greensfelder (Stuart McKendrick will be editing the newsletter.)

Members at Large: Robert Rougelot, Bill Harris, and Ronnie Palmisano. Jim Lilly was nominated but was not present to accept the nomination. We still need a fourth confirmed nomination for Member at large.

The 50/50 drawing for \$33 was won by Stuart McKendrick. Fran Talley and Ronnie Palmisano won T-shirts. Karen Vezina won a car radio/cassette player. Harold O'Reilly and John Roberts won decals. §

Club Officers - 2004

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27th Annual New Orleans Antique Auto Show *by Mike Lewis*

The 27th New Orleans Antique Automobile Club of America show was another great event for the Mardi Gras T's. The Mardi Gras Ts put nine MGTs/Y, a '66 Mustang convertible and '35 Ford Phaeton in the show. Our MGTs were included in the British and Foreign car class. There were about 200 beautiful antique automobiles in the show.

The show was sponsored by the Treasure Chest Casino, and this year we used their big parking lot instead of the grass right in front of the casino, the grass was still soft from several rains. This year there was more than adequate space for displaying our cars. The casino gave us two for one buffet tickets for pre-registering. Most of use took advantage of the buffet!

This is an AACA judged show and club member Dan Cantor is one of the chairpersons. Mike Lewis was the head judge for the team judging our class. All club MGs that were registered to be judged, placed and received an award. The same thing happened last year!

Members and their MGs placing were: First Place: Dave Loeb (TD), Seth & Shayn Silverstein (TD), John & Karen Hooper (TF); Al & Lee Flake (TD); Mike & Sharon Lewis (Y-type); John Forsythe ('67 MGB-GT). Second Place awards: Jim Forsythe (TF); and Norm Ogan & Sharon Boyle. Scott Cantor brought Dan's TD (display only). Other cars entered in the class included: Allen & Sue Bradley ('70 MGB, First Place); Mike DeLacerta; '61 MG Magnette, Third Place); and a unique VW Thing in Second Place. In other classes our members Doug Wells brought his '66 Mustang convertible and Dan Cantor brought his '35 Ford Phaeton, and both earned First Place awards. Jim Dougherty & Gene Boudouin also visited the show.

There was a lot of tire kicking and story telling. Dave Loeb had replaced his water pump & pulley (caught in the nick of time as a result of the T' Register safety inspection we did last month). John Hooper's TF refused to get on a trailer in the early morning, displaying it's disapproval by catching the muffler on the trailer. I think it wanted to be driven from Mississippi to try to win the distance award and wouldn't listen to reason!

Brits By The River *by Cathy Greensfelder*

Eight of us left the Kenner Welcome Center Friday bound for Natchez. We didn't arrive until 5pm, but that was the plan!! In St. Francisville we stopped for lunch at the Myrtles Plantation. The food was very good and the building was gorgeous. From St. Francisville, we took 61 up to Natchez.

The last time we went to Natchez we missed the Old South Winery, but it was closed. This time we made it, and everyone tasted several of the eight or ten different types of Muscadine wine made there. They make a lovely semi-dry rose called "Miss Scarlet". Sally Breithoff bought a couple bottles to go with her MGB "Scarlet Rose".

Saturday was the show. Attendance was a little light compared to last year. The South Alabama and Pensacola clubs were noticeably absent, but understandably so. BMCNO had 12 cars entered and came home with 11 trophies.

Bill Harris provide the "mechanical entertainment" for the event. Just outside the show site, his MGB-LE blew a hole in the coolant overflow tank and stopped in a cloud of steam. Actually, it was kind of a blessing, as Bill retrieved a canopy for some heat relief.

However the heat may not have been the most frustrating thing. The car show was held in conjunction with the Jim Bowie Festival and BBQ Cook Off. The winner of the BBQ contest would be going to the national championships. We could smell the best BBQ in the state of Louisiana, but they were JUDGING it, not selling. We couldn't taste any of it! Bummer!!

A number of BMCNO members brought home hardware:

Member	Award Received
Bill Karam	1st - TR6
Nicky Edrington	2nd - TR6
Bill Breithoff	1st - TR7/8
Carolyn Hornsby	1st - MGA
Blake Sonnier	1st - MG Chrome
Allen Bradley	2nd - MG Chrome
Keith Vezina	1st - MG Rubber
Bill Harris	2nd - MG Rubber
Dawn G. & Ray W.	3rd - MG Rubber
Dave Hayden	3rd - Empire Sports
Robert Rougelot	1st - Empire Saloon
Host Club: English Motoring Club of Mississippi	
(www.msemc.org)	



2004 All British Car & Motorcycle Show (Franklin, TN) by Sue Bradley

Susan and Allen Bradley, along with June and Bill Harris turned out to be the only couples heading to Franklin, TN for the Nashville Car show. We went up a day early in order to participate in a countryside drive. The scenic drive was organized by Detroit Triumph Sports Car Club who did an excellent job! The drive was beautiful: farms, barns, plenty of horses, winding roads, and beautiful scenery with some change of colors. We traveled through Columbia, Leiper's Fork, then ended with a drive through historical Franklin.



After going back to the hotel, we headed out on the Interstate to downtown Nashville to the Lane Motor Museum (www.lanemotormuseum.org). This was incredible, even for the ladies. The huge museum features a unique collection of about 100 European automobiles and motorcycles not typically seen in the U.S. It is a working museum with the goal to keep all vehicles in running order. The owners drove 4



of their British cars to the car show! After the museum, we took back roads on the way to the hotel for the club social. The car show presented about 150 cars, which included a separate Jaguar event. This was also attended by 30 British cars shipped over from England for a tour of the U.S. from Houston to Charleston, SC. There were a lot of British people!

June Harris won 1st place for her sparkling blue rubber bumper MGB. Susan and Allen Bradley took a very proud 2nd place for their bright and shining red chrome MGB. There were lots of door prizes, including 3 sets of Bridgestone tires.

We met so many nice and fun people from Nashville, Detroit, Minnesota, Indiana, and Kentucky. All were so hospitable and made us very welcomed. We recruited a bunch to come to our car show, and they can hardly wait! We also visited with Jeff and Jan Zorn of the Little British Car Co. The days were very full and unfortunately did not leave much time for shopping in Franklin, where you can find quaint shops and a church on just about every corner.



On the way home, we drove back on the Natchez Trace, which took 2 hours longer...poor Bill and Allen. They didn't seem to mind too much. The drive was lovely and very scenic. No 18 wheelers either. We didn't get the rain from Matthew until we reached Jackson, MS and the dark skies cleared after passing McComb.



Host Club: Nashville British Car Club
(www.nashvillebritishcarclub.com)

Additional Photos: <http://www.geocities.com/bdavispics/NBCC/NBCC3.html>
<http://community.webshots.com/user/80mgble>

15th Annual Houston All British Motor Vehicle Expo

Keith Vezina and Bill Harris attended the Houston Show, and returned with these photos. Enjoy them!



Host Club: Houston MG Car Club (www.houstonmgcarclub.org)

Additional photos at: www.bmcno.org and community.webshots.com/user/80mgble



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Lakefront Cruise *by Cathy Greensfelder*

Twenty one of us met at the Lakeshore drive parking lot across from Joe's Crab Shack for a cruise to Old Town Slidell. Keith Vezina led the parade in his '76 MGB accompanied by Dawn Gonzales and Ray Williams in their '80 MGB, Roy & Jeannine in their '81 TR7, Allen & Sue Bradley in their '70 MGB, Rodger and Fran Talley in their '59 AH Sprite, Wally and Mario Messina in their '85 XJS Jaguar, and Bill and Sally Breithoff with their '80 TR8. John and Darryl Lynn Roberts, Butch and Cindy Frutos, Mike & Rene Brown & kids. Mark & Cathy Greensfelder brought up the rear in an assortment of non-British vehicles.

We cruised all the way down Lakeshore Drive, then continued down Hayne to 510 to Chef Menteur and finally to Highway 11. The drawbridge caught us, though Ray Williams took the opportunity to take pictures of the convoy. We continued into Slidell's Old Town section to the Times Bar & Grill at the old train station.

Joining us from the North Shore were Cliff and Linda Hughes plus their daughter Heather. In addition, Peter & Melissa Braun and daughter came from Kiln, MS and met us at the restaurant for some first rate hamburgers. Keith Vezina won the drawing from among the British Car drivers for the \$10 towards dinner.

Afterwards, most of the group went down the street a couple blocks to the Old Town Slidell Soda Shop. We had everything from plain vanilla to carrot cake.

After ice cream, several members stopped by Dawn Gonzales and Ray Williams home in Slidell. Several others headed home. On the way Mark & Cathy (in their water-proof Ford Explorer) passed Keith Vezina stopped under an overpass in the pouring rain, putting up the top on his MGB in the dark. Most others also hit several short but very heavy downpours on the way back. Roy & Jeannine Richardson must live under a lucky star – they left not too long after Keith but before the Bradleys, and missed any rain heavy enough to be a problem.

E.E. Reynolds Rallye *by Joy Watts*

When: Sunday November 7th, 12 noon assembly, 12.30 p.m. start

Where: Italian Pie parking lot, 5650, Jefferson Highway

After the precision and excellence of last year's time/speed/distance format, and realizing we couldn't possibly match Roy's efforts with a stopwatch and calculator, this year's E.E. Reynolds Rallye will be a kinder, gentler event!

All the entrants will need to do is follow directions, answer a few simple, observational questions and maybe stop along the route in search of a few common objects for extra points. That's it.

What to bring? A pen or pencil, compass if you feel insecure without one, also a map of Jefferson and the River Parishes and your cell phone if you plan on getting well and truly lost. A clipboard might make writing a little easier.

While the judges check maximum correct answers against minimum mileage there will be an opportunity to exchange war stories over a cold beverage or two and a bite to eat for those who so wish.

See you there!



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1968 Jaguar XK-E FHC, 4.2ltr-6 Carm. red/blk, 76K mi. Stnls exh, new tires, 2 ear knock-offs, AM/FM/CD, new Lucas distr., Lucas Sport Coil. Mods include: Cl. series 1 dash w/toggles, 3-SU carbs, hi-amp alt. See 2004 Show winners on club site for pics. \$22.5K OBO. Cort A. Musgrove (504) 394-2095 or (504) 559-4960.

1973 MGBGT O/D, solid body, good Glacier White paint, owned for 14 years and garage kept. Maintained exclusively by Gambino's Foreign Cars. \$3500 Firm. Terry Dembre 985-845-8387 night; 504-736-2584 day.

3 Morris Minors, 1 older restoration convertible needs master cyl and generator work to be really good car + woody wagon needs retored but complete + pickup partially dismantled + ton of parts including engines transmissions etc. Price \$6000, which the convertible alone is probably worth. Nancy Brown (770) 748-1145, loranzal@bellsouth.net. Submitted by Mike Long.

Newsletter Submissions:

Electronic submissions preferred via the following methods:

- **Email to editor@bmcno.org** (Stuart McKendrick)
- **Bring a diskette to the meeting**
- **Mail to P.O. Box 73213 Metairie, La 70033**

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.

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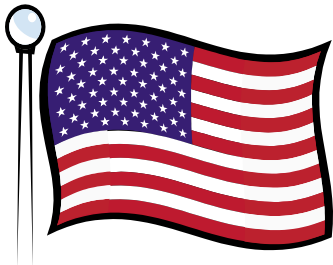
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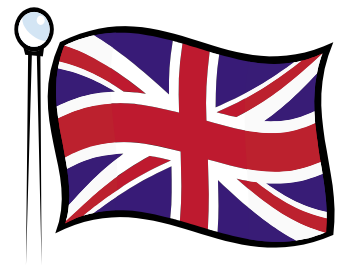
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