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President's Message



It's Sunday afternoon following the Middendorf's run, and the rain held up long enough to clear the parking lot. A total of 49 Club members and 14 British cars joined in the fun despite the gloomy skies. Great show!

As we were departing, Robert Rougelot's Mini developed what sounded like valve clatter. With the help of Breithoff's First-Aid Mechanical Kit and Vezina's mechanical ability, the Mini was on the road again. All is well, and Robert arrived home safely without further incident.

Plans are humming along smoothly for our 15th Annual British Car Day next month. The loose ends are being gathered up, and we are looking good. We do, however, need your help in two key areas:

The first area is donations. I ask all members to contact their business associates and vendors (Auto Zone, Tire World, Pep Boys, etc.) to ask for goodie bag items or sponsorships. Please coordinate your solicitations with Bill Harris. As you know, whatever we need that is not donated turns into an expense for our Club. If you know of any wholesale companies that can help us with discounted merchandise, that is also very useful information.

The second way that you can help with the show is by donating an hour or two of your time. There are several tasks that must be performed to ensure the success of our show, and no one can make the Club look good like you! Please accept a task for an hour or two, and then enjoy the Friday reception, the show, and the banquet.

Please remember to pre-register your cars for British Car Day. The closing banquet is enjoyable; so much so that we have had to cap the ticket sales at 100. Order yours today when you register your car!

Our T-shirt design has been completed by Martin Straka, and I think it is the best design we've ever had. Kudos to Martin for a job well done. They will be available for sale at our upcoming meeting February 22nd. In addition to being a great way to catch up on Club news, our meeting will also allow you another opportunity to volunteer and register for the show.

I'll see you at the meeting!

Cliff



March 2005



Sun Mon Tues Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1 Board Meeting	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 General Meeting	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Show Reception	19 British Car Day
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Upcoming Events

February 2005

Tue Feb 22 – General Meeting - 7:30 pm Italian Pie, Jefferson Hwy .6 miles West of the Huey P. Long bridge.

March 2005

Tue Mar 1 Board - 7pm, Bill Harris, 9427 Calvary Ct, River Ridge. (504) 737-0887. Final Committee meeting before the show.

Sat Mar 12 - Goodie Bag Party, 4pm Lubriport Labs, 1650 Airline Hwy by the airport, behind NAPA. Come help assemble the goodie bags for the car show. Many hands make light work and the club provides dinner for all workers.

Tue Mar 15 – General Meeting – NOTE – EARLY DATE AND TIME!! 7:00 pm Italian Pie, Jefferson Hwy .6 miles West of the Huey P. Long bridge, across the street from Smilie's.

Fri Mar 18 – WWL-TV appearance on the Morning Show. **ALSO – Red Beans & Rice Reception, Hampton Inn - Elmwood** 25150 Mounes Street, Harahan, LA, 6pm. The club brings the beans & rice, y'all bring a pot luck dish to share with our out of town guests.

Sat Mar 19 – British Car Day, Delgado City Park Campus

April 2005

Sat Apr 16 - Pensacola Car Show - Details at <http://www.pbca1.com>

Tue Apr 12 Board Meeting – 7 pm., Rogers Schupp, 1455 Exposition Blvd (at Hurst) (504) 895-9462.

Tue Apr 26 – General Meeting – NOTE NEW MEETING TIME!! 7:00 pm Italian Pie, Jefferson Hwy .6 miles West of the Huey P. Long bridge, across the street from Smilie's.

General Meeting Minutes, January 25th, 2005

New president Cliff Hughes called the meeting to order with the announcement that this is the club's 27th year. It was founded in 1977.

Guests were introduced: Richard & Jena Brown are joining. They have a 60's Mini Traveller and a 59 Ford Anglia. Tom Lumberger, friend of Pete Meyer was in attendance. Pete has been attending BMCNO meetings and events for the past six months or so, but is returning home to Colorado. Old Business: Rogers and Cindy Schupp expressed how much they enjoyed hosting the Christmas party and volunteered to host it again next year.

The English Tea House event was lots of fun and very well attended by 10 cars and 22 people. Dan Melesurgo expressed concern that the event was listed in the newsletter as tentative and the Members at Large did not call to remind members. Cliff responded that the board is addressing this problem and will do better in the future.

Future Events: Rogers Schupp visited the Best Western on Pensacola Beach and reported that he doesn't know how it will be ready in time for the PBCA show in April. The entire ground floor is washed away. Tom Schmidt of PBCA says it will be ready and the show will go on.

Cliff reported that all club calendars are sold. Keith Vezina, Cliff Hughes and Ronnie Palmisano went through 860 pictures to pick the 108 that ended up in the calendar. Please send copies of pictures taken at club events and any other British car outings to Keith (see web site). They would like to do the pictures a little at a time for next year.

Member Projects: Cliff Hughes bought an MG Magnette, which Allen Bradley took as permission to buy one. Allen bought a Magnette in Florida on EBay. This got Mike Delacerda re-interested in the Magnette he's been working on for the last 4 years. Spiraling enthusiasm caused Cliff and Allen to buy yet another one (a parts car) from Alabama on EBay. They trailered it back to Covington and Allen, Cliff, Mike, Charlie Ake and Jim Jones stripped it to just bones in one weekend. Lesson to all members' wives: Be careful about admiring a car!!

Harold O'Reilly is still looking for a trunk lid for a Spitfire. Cort Musgrave (Jr) bought a house that needs restoration in Lacombe and asked advice on building a garage. Keith Vezina replaced the rear main seal on his MGB. He pulled out just about everything from the engine compartment and painted it. He said it took roughly 80 hours labor.

The club presented past President Bill Breithoff with his corrected plaque for service to the club. The plaque was presented at the Christmas party but his name was spelled wrong.

Car Show: Show Chairman Bill Breithoff took over the meeting and passed around the Manpower chart for members to sign up to work the show. Rogers Schupp reported that the newly formed LALLA, Louisiana Lotus Limited Association, and LOST, Lotus Owners of South Texas, plan to attend our show in force. The Daughters of the British Empire have asked if they can have a table at the show to pass out literature and have a bake sale. We will check with Delgado about the bake sale. Keith Vezina asked about posting a set of official Valve Cover Racing rules. Bill Harris said he will e-mail them to the board for consideration.

Other Business: Cliff Hughes proposed that we move the meetings from 7:30pm up to 7:00pm. The proposal was approved by a large majority. Cliff asked for the club member's prayers for Joe Rogers' wife Sandra. She is undergoing surgery soon.

Susan Bradley won \$29 in the 50/50 drawing, to much good-natured teasing about the treasurer's wife winning!! Butch Frutos won a polo shirt embroidered with the club logo. §

Club Officers - 2005

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Middendorf's Cruise *by Cathy Greensfelder*

Despite a possibility of rain, 13 British cars showed up for the South Shore convoy from the Kenner Visitor Center to Manchac. Robert Rougelot contributed the sole Brit from the North Shore to make a total of 14 LBCs. Marques present included MG, Triumph, Jaguar, MINI, and Lotus. Fifty people didn't arrive at Middendorf's ready for seafood without there being a healthy number of Toyotas and Fords as well! As the old saying goes, "If the MG won't run, bring the GM!!" The cuisine was superb as usual, especially the thin fried catfish!

From among the 14 British cars, Harold O'Reilly won the \$10 drawing. (You qualify only if you drove a British car!)

After lunch, Cliff called a quick club meeting in the parking lot to take golf shirts orders. These polo style shirts sport the 2005 show T-shirt design on the back and the club logo on the left chest. He also took orders for a club tote bag. The bag is a roomy 20" x 15" with a 5" gusset and handles long enough to slip over your shoulder. It will have the club logo silk screened on one side and a British flag on the other. Tote bags will be available at the show, but in very limited quantities. The golf shirts are a "done deal" - they must be special ordered and the order was placed the very next day.



Trailer Tips by Jim Jones

Many of us utilize car trailers. If you are thinking of purchasing a new car trailer, here are some proven tips for you.

New trailers can be built to your specifications. If your British car is like most of ours, it only measures about thirteen feet long. Have your trailer made fourteen feet long. A shorter trailer is easier to back up and to make turns with. It weighs less as well.

Single axle trailers (two wheels) are O.K. if your car is small like an Austin Healey Sprite, etc. I suggest that you purchase a two axle (four wheel) trailer for most other cars. It can more than handle the weight involved. **Safety First!**

You will find that because our British cars sit low to the ground, you will not be able to open the driver's door very much after you have pulled the car onto the trailer bed. Whoops, the fender is in the way!

But, there is a solution. Cut out a portion of the left hand fender top and inside so that you can open the car door. The positioning and size of this hinged flap will vary from trailer to trailer. When in use, place a towel over the opening to protect the car's door!



The new trailer will not come with the attachments for the ratchet straps which hold the car securely to the trailer's bed. Install four hold down brackets; one for each wheel. Nothing less will do. **Safety First** again!

Position your car on the trailer. There must be enough room in the front and the rear of the car and the front and rear ends of the trailer bed for the ratchet straps to be operated properly and with ease. Position your tie down brackets to meet these requirements.

Your new trailer may not come with tires designed for a car carrier. They may be used automotive type tires at that! I would opt for the proper tires - trailer tires! **Safety First** yet again!

When backing up your tow vehicle to hook up the trailer, you cannot see the ball at your bumper or the hitch on the trailer. For an easier time, buy a flag on a plastic pole from a bicycle shop. It can be mounted on the trailer's tongue and used as a reference point. The flag can be removed from its bracket and stored in your tow vehicle when not in use.

BMCNO Logo Shirt Information

The following shops have the club knock-off logo on file and will embroider it on your garment or other fabric item for a very nominal fee. **It's best to call first!**

Aardvark House of Embroidery (504) 712-0613, 385 W. Esplanade Ave., Kenner.

Stitch N Print (985) 626-9903, 520 Asbury Dr., Mandeville.

Embroid Me (504) 779-9724, 7032 Veterans Memorial Blvd., Metairie.

Faux Pas Prints (504) 834-8342, 620 Papworth Ave., Metairie.



Newsletter Submissions

Electronic submissions preferred via the following methods by the monthly Board Meeting:

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

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\$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.

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15th Annual British Car Day Info

Popular Choice Judging ♦ Show Will Be On The Lawn ♦ Concessions Available

Dash Plaques and Goodie Bags to the First 150 Entrants

Activities:

Valve Cover Racing
(see www.bmcno.org for rules)

Swap Meet

Banquet
(\$15pp, 100 tickets only!)

Merchandise:

Car Photos - \$25 includes color 8"x10" print and photo file on CD.

T-shirts - \$12

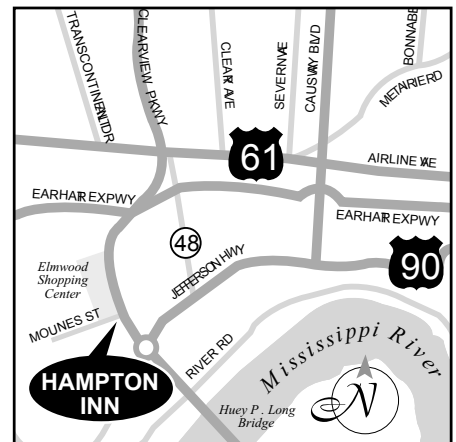
Canvas Tote Bags - \$15 - large size with screened BMCNO knockoff logo on one side, British flag on the other. **LIMITED SUPPLY!**

Attention Jaguar Owners!

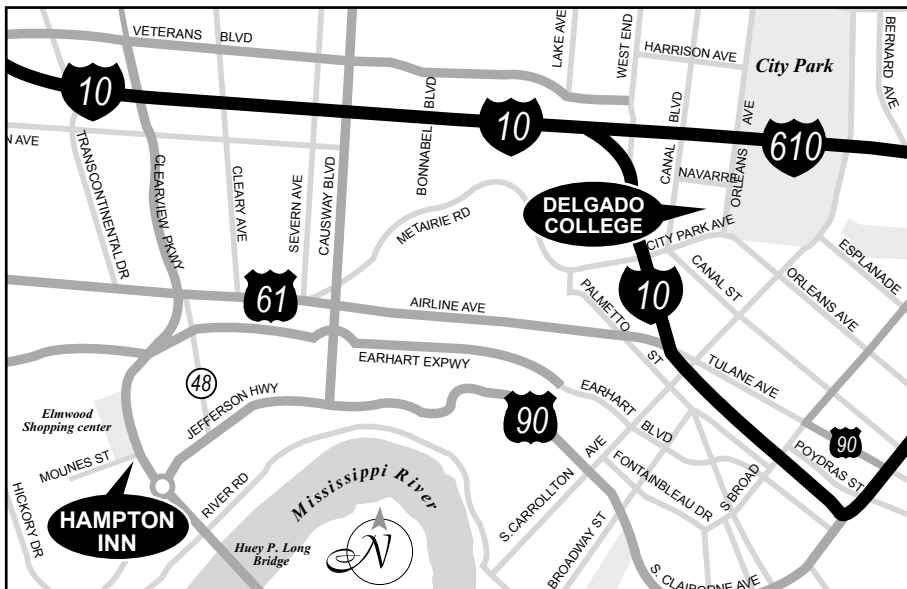
The Jaguar Club of New Orleans will be holding a Concours d'Elegance within the BMCNO show. See the JCNO flyer for more information.

Car Show Site - Delgado Community College, City Park Campus, Exit I-610 at Canal Blvd. and proceed south to Navarre Ave. (signal light.) Turn left on Navarre and follow the signs to the show. The show is on the lawn next to the Student Life Center building.

HOST HOTEL MAP



Host Hotel: Hampton Inn (800) 426-7866 5150 Mounes St., Harahan, LA 70123 Ask for the \$79 "British Car Day" rate; the group code is "BMC". This is an excellent rate for New Orleans this time of year! A block of rooms will be held until March 1st.



15th official entry form annual British Car Day

please print

personal information

Name		Guest (for name tag)	
Address			
City		State	Zip
Telephone		Email	
Club Affiliations (used in calculating Club Participation Award)			

\$25.00 early registration *cars entered* **\$30.00** after 3-10-04

	Year	Make / Model / Type	Entry Fee
1			
\$10.00 each additional car			
2			
3			
4			

<i>total</i>	
Car Fees	\$
Banquet	\$
Total	\$

I plan to attend the Friday night Jambalaya Jamboree with _____ people.

<i>awards banquet</i>	
Adults: \$15.00	Children under 12: \$8.00

please include number planning to attend

In consideration of this entry, I waive any and all claims for myself and my heirs against the British Motoring Club New Orleans, Delgado College, their officers and any sponsor of this event for injury or illness which may result directly or indirectly from my participation. I also give my permission for use of my name and / or picture in any broadcast, telecast, or any other account of this event.

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

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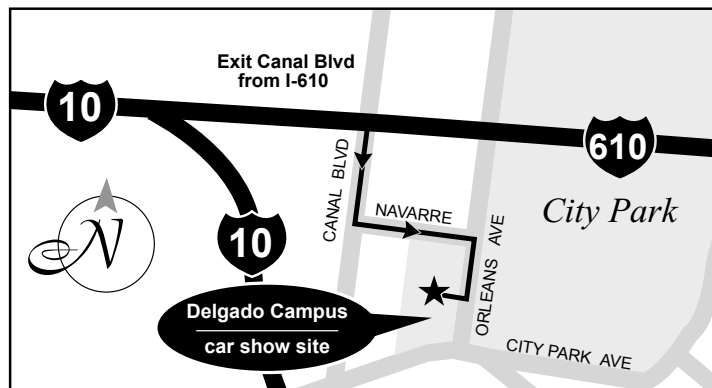
Schedule of Events

Friday, March 18	Reception at Hampton Inn, 25150 Mounes St., Harahan. Refreshments!	6:00pm - 9:00pm
Saturday, March 19	CAR SHOW AT DELGADO CITY PARK CAMPUS	
	Registration and Line Up	9 am - Noon
	Show Time	Noon - 3 pm
	Judging (Popular Choice)	12:30 pm - 2:00 pm
	Valve Cover Races	2:00 pm
	Radio Control Car Races	3:00 pm
	Awards Banquet at Delgado	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

REGISTRATION BEGINS 9:00 am No early birds!

CAR SHOW SITE

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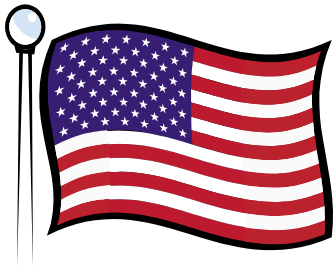
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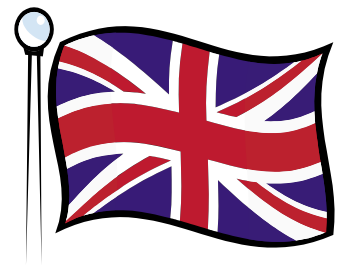
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