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## **President's Message**



It's the end of April already, and I missed the Pensacola Car Show this past weekend. From what I understand, it was a very good show, with several BMCNO members winning trophies.

The next functions on our agenda are the general meeting next Tuesday, followed by TGI Friday in Covington. We've had a good time at the TGIF event in the past and the city of Covington will hold this event the last Friday of every month thru October.

A sign up sheet for our annual crawfish boil will be passed around at the meeting next week, so please bring your money. Robert Rougelot is in charge of this event this year, and we hope to have a great turnout as we have in the past. The site for the Crawfish Boil is Bogue Falaya Park, Covington. See the calendar for particulars.

This summer that is almost here and we are trying to come up with new events. We are kicking around the idea of holding a swap meet at Ann and Floyd Friloux's warehouse in Kenner, in conjunction with using their hydraulic lift to change oil, etc. For those of you who don't know, many years ago we helped Floyd and Ann install the lift, and they offered to let us use it in the future. Since we can't do anything without food, we are working on that aspect of the swap meet also. We will keep you posted on the final arrangements.

Finally, we must have a vote to replace Rogers Schupp as Vice President, who stepped down because of family commitments. Keith Vezina has tossed his name into the ring and we will take other nominations from the floor on Tuesday. (We understand, Rogers, and we will keep the light on for you in the future.)

Thanks, Cliff Hughes

# May 2005

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Tannehill Show
15	16	17 Board Meeting	18	19	20	21
22 Crawfish Boil	23	24	25	26	27 TGIF Covington	28
29	30	31 General Meeting				

**Tue Apr 26– General Meeting** 7:00 pm Italian Pie, Jefferson Hwy., 0.6 miles west of the Huey P. Long Bridge, across the street from Smilie's. Crawfish Boil payment DUE! \$10 per 5 lb. serving.

Fri Apr 29 – TGIF in Covington, block party & informal car show (no fees, no awards, just fun!) Look for other members in Covington between 5 and 10 pm on Columbia Street. Bands, shops, restaurants. This is a regular event in Covington (weather permitting) that our North Shore members have been enjoying for a couple of summers.


Sat May 14 – Sports Cars at Tannehill Show in Birmingham, AL. British cars as well as Porsche, BMW, Ferrari.... <http://www.birminghambmc.org> for details.

Tue May 17– Board Meeting – Cliff Hughes, 100 Chula Place, Mandeville, (985) 845-8709. South Shore car pool leaves the back of Lakeside Mall near Whitney Bank at 6:15 pm.

**Sun May 22 - Crawfish Boil**, Bogue Falaya Park, Covington. South Shore convoy leaves south Causeway toll plaza at 11:00 a.m. Serving starts at noon. **YOU MUST PAY AT APRIL 26 MEETING !!!** \$10 per 5 lb. serving of crawfish, including potatoes, corn & soft drinks.

**Tue May 31– General Meeting** 7:00 pm Italian Pie, Jefferson Hwy across the street from Smilie's.

Fri May 27 - TGIF in Covington, 5-10 pm.

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## Minutes March 15

The last meeting before the car show saw a fairly light turn out due to rain; only 31 members were in attendance. Two new/returning members were introduced. This was Robert Phillips' 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Robert owns a newly restored Healey. Tom Kronenberg was attending his first meeting after an absence of several years. Tom has an MG Midget.

It was announced that Rogers Schupp has tendered his resignation as club Vice President. Rogers plans to remain an active member, but simply does not have the time right now to devote to being on the Board. He is planning to run for office again some time in the future when he has the time to do it right. As a result, there will need to be a special election to fill the office.

Past Event: 26 people helped stuff goody bags and registration packets for the car show. They also enjoyed pizza and conversation.

Robert Phillips went to the Amelia Island Car Show. They had an all day poker rally on the Friday before the show and it was lots of fun. The show was held on the Ritz Carlton's golf course fairway and it was absolutely beautiful. An Austin Healey BM1 took Best in Show. Pepe Merrick also attended. He took both a Harley Davidson motorcycle with side car and "Emma Peale", his 1913 Triumph bike with the wicker side car. He was invited to participate in the "fashion show" and he and his wife dressed in 1913 attire. Pepe and Claudia planned to wear their outfits for our show. The only bad thing about it was that his pre-WWI British officer's uniform is 100% wool and HOT!

Pepe and "Emma Peale" will be appearing on WWL-TV's morning show on the Friday before the show. Due to the new layout of the studio, they can't fit in two cars any more so Pepe will be by himself.

Robert Rougelot's Mini Cooper was appearing in the Super Dome. He's had half a dozen offers to buy it! His green Mini has suffered a bad rod bearing and melted piston and has been towed to Kevin Gambino's shop.

Delgado had two of our members' cars that were painted at Delgado year before last at the New Orleans New Car Dealer's show. Cliff Hughes' Austin Healey and Allen Bradley's TR6 looked fantastic under all the lights. People kept asking if they were prototypes!! Cliff said he spent the entire time chasing kids out of the Healey. They passed out 150 flyers for our show. Speaking of the Delgado paint class, Harold O'Reilly's Spitfire (that was supposed to be painted in the same class) is finally being painted after almost two years!!

Keith Vezina's article on MGB floor pan replacement was published in Moss Motors' quarterly magazine. They paid him \$300 for the two-page article. Keith announced that he and his wife, Karen, will be attending the Knoxville, TN show the week of April 2 and plan to drive the MGB to Chicago for July 4<sup>th</sup> for "The Vintage M.G. Car Club of Chicago GOF CENTRAL 2005, MK XXVII." There will be activities from July 6 - 10.

The volunteer sheet for the show was discussed and everyone reminded of what they had volunteered to do.

Tom Kronenberger won \$25 in the 50/50 and the meeting was adjourned.

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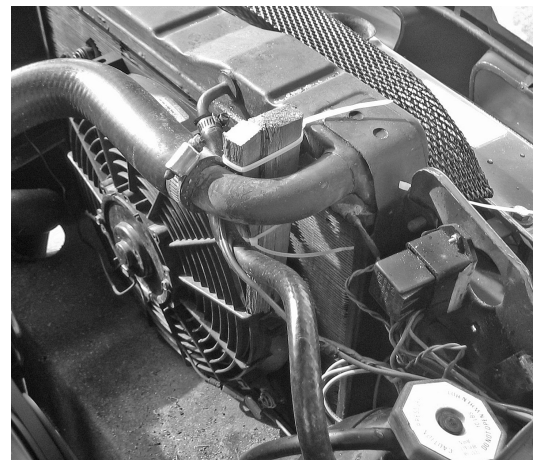
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## Pensacola Beach Bash Car Show by Cathy Greensfelder

The Panhandle British Car Association held their 13th Annual Pensacola Beach Bash Car Show on Saturday, April 16th. The Friday convoy was sort of disorganized this year. Several of the regular Friday drivers were unable to go and several others had to work Friday morning so only three cars, Susan & Allen Bradley in their TR6, Bill Breithoff in his TR8 and Cathy and Mark Greensfelder in our MGB, left at 2:30 pm. Somewhere in Mississippi Cathy started smelling something sweet and burnt. Like coolant. Just as Cathy said she smelled coolant, Mark said the car was running really hot. They headed for the shoulder, followed by the two Triumphs. As the MGB slowed, steam was visible coming from under the bonnet. The temperature probe in the back of the radiator had popped half way out and steam and coolant were spraying all over the engine compartment. Not good!

Allen inspected the problem and Susan and Cathy began gathering up all the little half liters of bottled water from our coolers, while Bill Breithoff scavenged something off the side of the road to hold the probe in the radiator. Bill & Allen wedged a stick and a chunk of tire tread between the probe and the radiator hose and poured all the Kentwood water we had into the radiator. It was enough to limp the MGB a couple miles to the next exit and a gas station. While Susan & Cathy refilled the water bottles in the ladies restroom, Bill scrounged up some more chunks of wood from the side of the road and Allen wire-tied the best fitting ones together to fit in the gap. Bill whipped out his saw (yes, he carries a saw in the TR8!!) and cut off the wood so the bonnet could close without knocking it out of place. After filling the radiator & purchasing two gallon jugs of bottled water (just in case!), we were back on our way. The MGB made it to Florida and back with that chunk of wood wedged behind the temperature probe!



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## Pensacola Beach Bash Car Show

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We arrived late for the reception at the host hotel, the Best Western. They had most of the 2nd and 3rd floor guest rooms restored but the entire ground floor, except for the small lobby, was still pretty much open to the air. You can no longer walk through from the parking lot to the beach. The interior walls are up but not much else. But the upper floors were in good order, and no one was overly put out by the room phones not working. In fact, Mark Greensfelder was thrilled—it meant he got out of logging onto his computer on Sunday morning to check on work!!

The weather was absolutely perfect - it was warm but not hot, sunny, breezy... a glorious day! There were just under 100 cars registered including 17 cars entered by BMCNO members. Due to damage by Hurricane Ivan, the location on the public parking lot where the show is usually held was unavailable. Pensacola Beach officials were just not able to give up a substantial portion of what little parking lot had been restored. So the show was held in the parking lot of the Hampton Inn Hotel. The Hampton is about half way between the "Beach Ball Water Tower" and the host hotel. Since the Hampton will not be open for guests for several more months, they were able to spare their lot! The location *did* cut way down on the number of spectators. At the regular location, they always got hundreds of beach-goers walking through the show on the way to or from their own cars. But other than that, the location was just fine.

BMCNO came home with 14 trophies. Paul Read won a die-cast Mini Cooper and a \$50 Gift Certificate in the raffle and Cathy Greensfelder received the hard luck award for her radiator incident. When Cathy pointed out that Bill also deserved an award for "most creative use of lumber in an automotive repair", he was awarded an MGB owner's manual for his wife Sally's MGB. §

(For more pictures, see links in the Gallery)

## Pensacola Show Results

Allen Bradley	1971 Triumph TR6	2nd—TR6
Joe D'Aquila	Triumph TR7	1st—TR7 and 8
Anne Friloux	1978 Triumph Bonneville	3rd—Motorcycle
Cathy Greensfelder	1979 MBG	3rd—Late Rubber Bumper MGB
Dave Hayden	1973 Lotus Europa	2nd—Britannia Sports
Paul Hornsby	MGA	1st—MGA
Mike Lewis	1950 MG Y-Type	2nd—Small Sedans
Jim Lilly	Lotus Elise	2nd—New Millennium
Stuart McKendrick III	2003 Mini Cooper S	2nd—New Minis
Robert Rougelot	1978 Mini Cooper	3rd—Small Sedans
Rogers Schupp	Lotus Esprit	1st—New Millennium
Blake Sonnier	MGB	3rd—Chrome Bumper MGB
Keith Vezina	1976 MGB	1st—Early Rubber Bumper MGB
Dawn Gonzales	1980 MGB	2nd—Late Rubber Bumper MGB

Also attending were: Deryl Lynn and John Roberts with their MGB, Bill Breithoff with his 1980 TR8, and Paul Read with his MGB. Ronnie Palmisano and Karen Murray and Will Hall attended without entering cars. BMCNO had a total of 36 members, spouses and children at the show.

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