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## President's Message



The hot summer months are just about over! I want to thank our members for making our monthly meetings more enjoyable with the mystery cruises for dessert. It's a great way to end an enjoyable evening.

Several events during August had good turnouts. The Jazz'n the Vines and Covington Final Friday were good times for everyone who participated. Several of our members, and newcomers joined in the fun.

A few important items are coming up at next months meeting, including officer nominations for 2006. Several officers' terms are up. Nominations will be open at the August and September meetings with elections at the October general meeting.

One of the ideas that created much interest last year was the BMCNO calendar. We have asked for volunteers to help with this project during the past several meetings, and interest has been rather lukewarm. Robert Rougelot has thrown his hat into the ring to spearhead a calendar committee, but he needs more help. To make this project somewhat easier, several club members have taken photos with digital cameras that are posted on our web site. PLEASE HELP!!!!

Another of our newer club members has taken on a new project for BMCNO CAR DAY. Wally Friloux has volunteered to write a procedures and job description manual that has never been formalized since the inception of CAR DAY many years ago. With the help of several past committee chair persons, we expect to have this ready for the next CAR DAY. If you receive an email or phone call from Wally, please help. This manual will no doubt make our show easier to run, and everyone will know what the responsibilities of chairpersons, and volunteers.

See you at the UNCAR SHOW, and General Meeting.

Thanks, Cliff Huhges

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As per article 11 of the British Motoring Club – New Orleans By-Laws, I hereby petition the Board of Directors, Officers and Members to add the following:

**3. (e) Life Members: Life membership shall be open to all persons who qualify as Full or Associate Members. Life Members shall be subject to the same regulations and entitled to the same benefits as full members. Dues for Life Membership shall be a one-time fee of 10 times the Full Member annual renewal rate.**

T. Keith Vezina, Vice President & Webmaster.

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# September 2005

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25	26	27 General Meeting	28	29	30 Final Friday	

**Fri Aug 26 Final Friday** in Covington, block party & car show 5 to 10 pm on Columbia Street.

**Tue Aug 30 - General Meeting** 7:00 pm Italian Pie, Jefferson Hwy .6 miles West of the "Huey".  
Nomination of Officers for 2006

**Sun Sep 4 - All Clubs' Cruise to Middendorf's.** Manchac, LA. 11:30AM at the restaurant.  
Convoy from Kenner Welcome Center at 10:30AM, from Beau Chene 10:30AM

**Sun Sep 11 -Hayden Funkana** , 1:00 pm Tanger Outlet Mall, Gonzales. South shore convoy leaves  
at noon from Kenner Welcome Center. North shore convoy leaves 11:30 from Beau Chene.

**Tue Sep 13 - Board Meeting** 7:00 pm Keith Vezina 3221 Maine Avenue, Kenner, (504) 443-5056.

Fri Sep 23 - Brits by the River convoy. Details and tour plans TBA.

**Sat Sep 24 - Brits by The River**, English Motoring Club - MS Show in Vidalia, LA, in conjunction  
with the Jim Bowie BBQ Festival. (Great antique shopping across the river in Natchez.) Details:  
John Turbeville (601) 922-2110. Host hotel: Comfort Suites, Vidalia, LA (318) 336-1655.

**Tue Sep 27 - General Meeting** - Italian Pie, Jefferson Hwy .6 miles West of the "Huey" across the  
street from Smilies'. Second call for nominations for 2006.

**Fri Sep 30 Final Friday**, in Covington, block party & car show 5 to 10 pm on Columbia Street.

## Future Stuff:

October: Oct 1—Round Rock Show (near Austin); Oct 8 —Nashville Show; Oct 15—Houston Show;  
Oct 28—Final Friday (last one for 2005) Oct 29—Fairhope, AL Show;

November: E.E. Reynolds Rallye; Memphis and Montgomery Shows.

## June 28<sup>th</sup> Minutes

Forty-two members were in attendance. New member Jimmy Hoppe was introduced. Jimmy has a 2000 Jag XJE and a 73 TR6. Michelle and Brion Rose are also new and Michelle has a 77 MGB.

**Past Events:** Final Friday on June 24th was lots of fun but very hot. On July 17th, twelve British cars took part in the Cruise to the Cypress Bayou Casino Charenton, LA. Bill and Elaine Karam from Franklin set up the trip. They arranged VIP parking and a \$15 meal coupon and VIP seating in the dining room for each participant. Elaine even did British flag table decorations. After dinner, some of the members went into the casino. (article next month.)

**Future Events:** Plans for Jazz N the Vines, Final Friday and the Un-Car Show were discussed.

Several club officers will be unable to serve in 2006 and we need someone to run for Treasurer and for 2 Member at Large offices.

The 2006 Calendar project needs pictures and volunteers. The calendar needs to be ready by December so work must start soon. Roger Nagy and Robert Rougelot are on the calendar committee. Contact Robert at 985-809-7007 or email [rcrougelot@charter.net](mailto:rcrougelot@charter.net) to volunteer.

**2006 Car Show:** Volunteers will be needed for several committees. Please call any officer to ask what you can do to help.

**Member Projects:** Bill Harris reported on his drive to Washington State in his MGB-LE for the 2005 NAMGBR show. It was 6,100 mile round trip. See article p. 6

Stuart McKendrick's TR6, Ham Ramsey's Morris Minor, the Bradley's MGB and Jim Lily's Delta 88 were all chosen as extras for a movie being shot in the area. Everyone was dressed by Wardrobe in 70's period polyester. It paid minimum wage but they fed everyone very well. Several BMCNO members got their picture taken with actor Charles Durning.

Robert Phillips recently finished restoring his Austin Healy. He took it to Cort Musgrave at Gambino's Garage, for a final tune up and it runs great now. Robert heartily recommended Cort. Robert now has another AH with no body to restore.

Jeff Jarosinski has started tearing down his MGB in preparation for the fall semester paint class at Delgado. See article p 8.

Cliff Hughes reported that he has 2 MG Magnettes, same year, same model, and both cars have two different tie rods, some of which are Whitworth. Aurgh!!!

LBC Company (Jeff Zorn) is planning another trip to the British Isles in October 2006. It will be a 2 week trip tentatively visiting Wales and Ireland. Bill and June Harris went on the trip to Scotland last year and have said that many of the people on that trip have already signed up for the next one.

Bill Harris won \$30 in the 50/50 drawing. Cort Musgrave donated two model Minis which were won by Butch Frutos and Don Marpe.

The meeting adjourned early and was followed by a Mystery Cruise to 5200 Veterans in Metairie. Fifteen members followed the directions to Puccino's for coffee and pastry. §

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## Ron Tugwell Memorial Award by Bill & June Harris

Ron Tugwell, the NAMGBR Limited Edition Registrar, recently passed away after a three-year struggle with cancer. In honor of his great service to NAMGBR and to the LE Registry, which he managed, a special award was created in his memory. This award was featured in July/August MGB Driver, the NAMGBR publication.

This award was to be given to the Best Limited Edition at the 2005 NAMGBR convention in Olympia, Washington. This award was kindly donated by Classic MG Magazine.

BMCNO members Bill and June Harris had the honor of being chosen to receive this one-time, one-of-a-kind award. It was presented by Marcham Rhoads, the present NAMGBR registrar who has assumed the duties after Ron's passing. Also presenting the award were Niki Tugwell, Ron's wife, and Laura, Ron's daughter, who made the trip to Olympia for the presentation.

Laura has inherited his Limited Edition MGB and will remain active in NAMGBR.

NAMGBR presently has 263 LE's registered. I urge anyone with an LE to register with NAMGBR by visiting the NAMGBR website or by sending information to P.O. Box 8645, Goleta, CA 93117. A form will be sent to you so that you can complete the registration. Let's keep Ron's efforts going! §





## Jazz `n the Vines by Cathy Greensfelder & Susan Bradley

The club went back to Pontchartrain Vineyards for the Red Stick Ramblers on August 14th. We saw the same group at the vineyard two years ago, but back then their truck broke down causing them to be two hours late starting. This time, everything went much better. The band was on time, there was no rain, and we had an excellent turnout even if it was really, really HOT!!



Participants were Allen and Sue Bradley (70 MGB) Cathy and Mark Greensfelder (79 MBG), David and Chesney Loeb (52 MG-TD), Wayne and Joyce Aucoin (04 Mini Cooper), Wally & Margaret Friloux (71 TR6), Cliff, Linda, Connor & Laura Hughes (58 AH 100-6), Roger and Donna Nagy (78 MGB), and Charlie Ake. Everyone was really pleased to see Charlie. He was recently diagnosed with cancer in his tongue and is recovering nicely from the surgery to remove the tumor. He's talking almost normal again although he is sad to say he can no longer make his signature cricket chirp sound.



Wayne & Joyce Aucoin

Everyone brought a picnic dinner and shared goodies at the Vineyards. Roger Nagy brought delicious homemade chocolate chip & nut cookies...one of his specialties. Allen Bradley



Cliff & Connor Hughes, Charlie Ake, Linda Hughes

brought ice-cold, sweet watermelon from Farmer-ville in Northern LA. Wayne Aucoin brought pluots (a fruit) and chocolate candy to top off all our sweets. Robert Rougelot shared a chilled wine glass with Susan Bradley...what a difference that makes. Also Robert had a cold, wet, towel for some the ladies to cool off after dancing in the heat.

On the way home, the Aucoins and the Bradley's were going through the Causeway toll lane one behind the other. Wayne was first and treated the Bradleys for their \$3.00 toll ....then Wayne promptly took off and lost them on the Causeway. §



## NAMGBR 2005 Convention

by Bill & June Harris

After 4 and ½ days of driving, and bypassing tornadoes, high wind and hail in Oklahoma and Kansas, we finally reached the Red Lion Hotel in Olympia, Washington. This was the site of the 2005 NAMGBR 2005 Convention and the fourth NAMGBR convention that we have attended. We were one of several MGs that arrived early for the four-day convention, but it worked out well: it gave us a chance to clean the MG of road dirt and grime.



The following day a group of about two dozen or so MGs set out for Mt. St. Helens. After about an hour's drive through the scenic backroads, we reached the parking lot at the National Park's Visitor Center. The views were breathtaking. It's hard to believe that it has been 25 years since the eruption and the damage is still evident. Downed trees, rock and evidence of mudslides were everywhere. We even saw Mt. Rainier in the distance.

The following day, instead of attending the tech sessions or a tour of the LeMay Car Collection, we decided to set out on our own and took a ride to the Pacific Ocean. By the time we started out it was raining. In fact, it rained the whole trip. The rain didn't matter because the scenery was well worth it.

The third day, under beautiful skies, we took a ride to a Native American reservation and were served a bar-b-que that featured fresh-caught salmon. After dinner and entertainment, we were invited to see the Cultural Center and got a history lesson of the Northwest Native Americans. Then it was back to the hotel to clean the car again.



Saturday morning, the day of the show, the parking lot of the hotel was filled with MGs. The show was held there because the grass being too soggy from the rain.

The show had 178 entries and was divided into 20 classes. This year, instead of entering the "Popular Choice", we decided to try "Concours d'Elegance" just to experience it and to see how the judging was done. It takes six judges and about one and a half hours to go through the judging sheets for the nine cars that were judged. Fourteen cars were registered, but six decided not to participate.

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## NAMGBR 2005 Convention by Bill & June Harris

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After the valve cover racing and the car show were over, we were asked to place our Limited Edition MGB inside the banquet hall for the awards banquet. We were honored that we were selected.

The first award that was given out was the Ron Tugwell Memorial Award. Ron Tugwell was the NAMGBR Limited Edition Registrar who recently passed away. Classic MG Magazine kindly donated this award. This one time, one of a kind award was awarded to us for the Best Limited Edition MG at MG 2005. Marcham Rhoades, the present NAMGBR Registrar who has assumed the duties after Ron's passing, presented it. Also presenting the award were Niki Tugwell, Ron's wife, and Laura, Ron's daughter, who made the trip to Olympia for the presentation. Pictures and an article will be published in the NAMGBR MG Driver Magazine and in Classic MG Magazine.



Bill's MGB-LE inside the banquet hall



The next award was for the "Concours" participants. My name wasn't called until last, and not even realizing it, we were unanimously selected as being the highest points winner in the "Concours" with a score of 965 out of 1000 possible points. We still haven't come down from the "high". We never thought that we would score that high considering the condition of the other cars entered. Boy, were we surprised! It was strange seeing others taking group pictures in front of our car. Just never thought of it that way.

The day after the show, and after saying our good byes, we hit the road for the long trip home. We made it even longer by touring Yellowstone Park (Old Faithful), Devil's Tower, Crazy Horse National Monument, Mt. Rushmore and The Badlands National Park.

The total trip was 6,100 miles long and took us 13 days to complete. We ended up going through twelve states, seven of which I had never been through. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity that we are glad we took. Winning the "Concours" and receiving the Ron Tugman Memorial Award made the trip even more special.

The MG 2006 will be held in Gatlinburg, Tennessee on June 21-25, 2006. This event is put on every five years by all of the North American MG Registers. There will be five host hotels, all within walking distance of each other. The Great Smoky Mountains National Park has some fantastic MG roads, plus the "Tail of the Dragon" with its 318 turns in 11 miles. Information can be obtained at [www.mg2006.com](http://www.mg2006.com). Registration and hotel accommodations can be made from the website. We will be there. §

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## Auto Storage Facility by Stuart McKendrick

Three members of BMCNO recently leased a building to store their prized collectibles. The group of Jim Lilly, Stuart McKendrick and Rogers Schupp had been in search of a suitable facility nearby for some time, and finally came across a building that met some basic criteria.

The group's goals were to find shelter and workspace for their cars. Having their LBCs and other cars out of Mother Nature's wrath and space to work on them was paramount. The new "Auto Palace" meets those needs for the three and their fourth partner in storage. There are currently six autos stored in the Auto Palace. Rebuilding Rogers' 1977 Esprit S1 is the largest scale project slated.

The building has seen duty as auto mechanic, metal fabrication and wood working shops. "It needed a good cleaning and some adaptation to our needs", said Rogers.

The group has extended an invitation to the club to use the building for a tech session or other events. All members of BMCNO are invited to come take a look (call first). Members interested in storing their cars in the Auto Palace should contact Stuart McKendrick at (504) 568-1135. §

## MGB Tech Session 201 by Cathy Greensfelder

Jeff Jarosinski is leasing space in the Lily-McKendrick-Schupp garage (dubbed the "Garage Mahal" by Keith Vezina) for his MGB until it's moved to Delgado for the fall semester paint class. One tech session has been held there and Keith Vezina, Wayne Aucoin, Cathy Greensfelder and Bill Breithoff began stripping Jeff's car. More sessions will be scheduled to work on sheetmetal. Jeff's B has some rust and definitely needs new floor pans. Keith has been trying to talk Jeff into buying a small welding machine for the project then selling it to another member (like Keith) afterwards.

Stuart McKendrick reported that he put in a great deal of effort to clean the garage, including power washing the "W.C." Stuart said that as best he could tell, the bathroom hadn't been cleaned in decades. Cathy was especially appreciative of his efforts!! §

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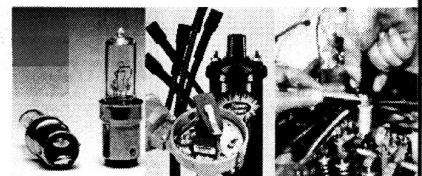
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**67 Austin Healy parts car.** Rusty but complete minus the body. Complete engine, trans, rear end, carbs, accessories. Some of the bits on the car may no longer be available anywhere. Richard Jemison, Pensacola. (850)857-1184, cell (850)516-3847. (8/05)

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**69 Spitfire engine/flywheel**, pulled from a running car, stored indoors (crank turns) w/ generator, water pump, exhaust manifold. **78 Spitfire engine**, 1498 cc - rebuilt with Zero Miles, chrome valve cover, oil pan and timing cover. Free engine stand with motor. Other parts available. Must sell engines, no reason-

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Electronic submissions are greatly preferred.

Email to [editor@bmcno.org](mailto:editor@bmcno.org) or bring to meeting.

(MSWord or plain text please.)

Bring written articles to meeting or mail to P.O. Box 73213 Metairie LA 70033

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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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