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President's Message



Honestly, I do not know where to begin this last message of 2005. To all of our officers that served this year, I thank you. The past three months have been extremely difficult for all of us, and as this holiday season is upon us, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a better new year.

As usual, we elected a new board in the nick of time for 2006, this being the 29th year of our club's existence. I look forward to working on the events and the 16th Annual Car Show that we have scheduled for next year. Car show volunteers are needed again this year, as some in our ranks are no longer in New Orleans. We will continue with the show as if nothing unusual occurred. (Yea, right!!!)

Our next event will be the **Annual Christmas Party** at **Cathy Greensfelder's** home in Algiers. Please bring a covered dish, dessert or salad to our party. I am sure everyone will be in a **Holiday** mode as we move on into next year.

Don't forget our membership meeting at **The Italian Pie** on **Tuesday, November 29**. See you there,

Cliff Hughes

Christmas Party Directions

Cathy Greensfelder's house, Algiers.

Take the CCC bridge across the Mississippi.

Exit Gen. Degaulle East. (*immediately* after the bridge)

Turn **left** on **Macarthur Drive**

Go through 2 lights, turn **Right** at stop sign on **Eton**.

Turn **left** at stop sign on **Berkley Drive**.

5537 Berkley is on the right, half way down the block.

Lost call: 504-392-9261.



December 2005



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Tue Nov 29—General Meeting- 7:00 pm. Italian Pie, Jefferson Hwy 0.6 miles West of the “Huey” across the street from Smilies’.



Sun Dec 4 –Christmas party – 6:30 – 9:30, Cathy Greensfelder, 5537 Berkley Drive, Algiers. 504-392-9261. Take the CCC bridge across the Mississippi. Exit Gen. Degaulle East. Left on Macarthur, Right on Eton, Left on Berkley. The club buys the fried turkey & sodas—bring a side dish or desert to share.

Tue Dec 6 - Board Meeting and Car Show Committees – 7:00 pm. Keith Vezina, 3221 Maine, Kenner (504) 443-5056

No general meeting in December.

Drive safely throughout the holidays and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!.

Future Stuff:

Sat Mar 25, 2006—16th Annual New Orleans British Car Day, Delgado City Park Campus. The show is still on!

October Minutes

The first order of business was election of officers. After nominations at the September meeting, we were still short one Member at Large. Since no one else had stepped forward, Bill Breithoff volunteered to fill the office. Since there were no opposed races, the slate was elected by acclaim. (See below.)

Allen Bradley may be transferred to Houston later in 2006 and may not be able to serve out his full term as treasurer. However, Allen has consented to serve until he has to leave. The club needs someone to work with Allen and begin taking over the job.

The club also voted to accept a change to the club by-laws creating a “Life Member” category, dues to be ten times the regular membership due.

Past Events: Due to the hurricane, the only past event was the September general meeting. Seventeen people attended and the formal meeting lasted only five minutes.

Future Events: Convoy to the SABCC show was discussed. The E. E. Reynold’s Rallye was discussed. Rallye-master Rodger Talley assured everyone that it would be an easy rally – no stop watch required, mileage only. After the hurricane, he didn’t think anyone would be up to anything very challenging.

Car Show: The 16th Annual British Car Day is still on for Saturday, March 25, 2006!

The car show will be held as scheduled at Delgado’s City Park campus. The campus only had water in two buildings and the soccer field and student center were **not** flooded. The Hampton Inn—Elmwood has been contacted: They are still holding a block of rooms for our out of town guests and the reception is still scheduled at the hotel for Friday March 24th.

Wally Friloux is writing a procedure manual on our show. We have talked about doing this for years as a guide to new members working on the show. Finally someone is actually doing it. If you have chaired a show committee in the past (or simply worked on a committee and remember something that worked especially well), please write up what you did and give it to Wally. His email is twofrilouxs@bellsouth.net or bring a written copy to a general meeting or mail it to the club’s P.O. Box.

Sally Breithoff won \$27 in the 50/50 drawing. Butch Frutos and Harold O’Reilly each won a set of Cararama die cast models of Mini Coopers. Roger Nagy won a Mini Cooper pin. §

New Officers for 2006

The members listed below were elected to office for 2006. §

Office	Name
President	Cliff Hughes
Vice President	Keith Vezina
Treasurer	Allen Bradley
Secretary / Editor	Cathy Greensfelder

Members at Large
1—Robert Rougelot
2—Ronnie Palmisano
3—Wally Friloux
4—Bill Breithoff

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A Two Guy Kind of Job by Jim Jones

I really got on the accelerator of my 1275cc powered Morris Minor sedan the other day and I noticed that the engine really did not perform to the max at very high rpm's.

I usually set ignition timing by ear. I place the distributor in its normal physical position, turn it for highest engine rpm's, and then back it off a few degrees. I turn the vacuum advance knob to mid range.

This procure is quick and will get the engine started easily and idling smoothly. However, it is not good enough at high revs.

In order to get the maximum power from the engine at high revs, you must set the vacuum advance properly. This requires the use of special equipment. A timing light that is able to handle this job will have a graduated dial for setting the vacuum advance.

Most of our LBC engine's ignition systems are pretty simple. But, different manufacture's timing instruments vary. So you will be required to follow their individual instructions. Watch out for the negative verses positive ground thing and electronic setups.

The problem that I ran into was turning the distributor/vacuum knob and reading the setting at the engine crankshaft pulley at the same time! No can do with a 1275cc Midget engine installed in a Morris Minor. The gauge at which you must read the setting is located at the bottom of the crankshaft pulley. To make matters even worse, a framing cross brace is positioned in front of the gauge.

Short of getting up after reading the timing marks & back down after turning the distributor/vacuum setting each a bunch of times, this is really a "Two Guy Job". §

South Alabama GOF

Due to Hurricane Katrina, South Alabama British Car Club's annual car show was scaled back to a "Gathering on the Faithful". Nine BMCNO members / spouses participated. Karen and Keith Vezina drove their 1976 MGB. Susan and Allen Bradley took the TR6. Cathy & Mark Greensfelder, Sally & Bill Breithoff and Will Hall attended with their non-British cars.



The event was held at the regular show site, Fairhope Beach, and SABCC provided hamburgers and hot dogs for lunch. A good number of British cars were on display and area British car enthusiasts spent the afternoon comparing hurricane stories and talking cars.



Sally tries the video game.

Someone brought a Play Station II and a driving game. Several of our members had fun driving like maniacs and crashing simulated cars while trying to take that turn *just* a little faster.

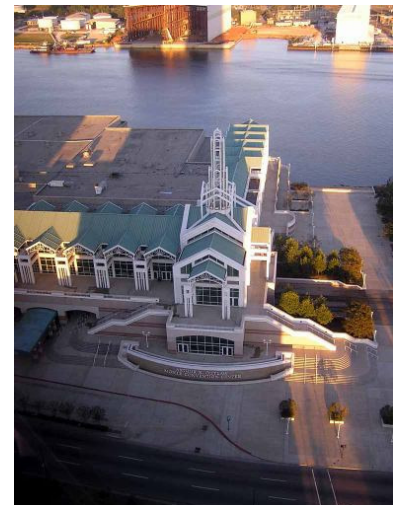
And, as usual, the BMCNO ladies drove up the hill into Fairhope for some antiquing.



Sally Breithoff "drives" while Bill Breithoff watches.

The Breithoffs and Bradley's had managed to find hotel reservations in Mobile. The Vezinas lucked out and got a room as well, so they all stayed over Saturday night. They ate a wonderful seafood dinner at Wintzell's Oyster Bar in Mobile. The six of them crowded into Sally and Bill's Buick because they were in the hotel parking garage. Bill thought they were going to get pulled over... too many adults and having way too much fun in the backseat!! After dinner, Susan and Allen walked back (9 blocks) to the hotel through downtown Mobile.

Everyone got an extra hour sleep on Sunday morning due to the change to Daylight Saving. Time. They had a great breakfast at Dick Russell's BBQ—the best biscuits ever—after waiting about 30 minutes for a table at 9 AM. They all headed back to the Big Easy after a restful weekend they all needed. §



Mobile Convention Center from 25th floor of hotel

E. E. Reynolds Rallye by Stuart McKendrick

Jim Lilly and I own four British cars. Location, flooding, and “maintenance” took them all out of consideration for the annual E.E. Reynolds Rallye. There would be no suffering, as our “backup” vehicle carried four of us in style. “Delta” as she is known, is Jim’s 1975 Oldsmobile Delta 88 convertible – all 19 feet of her.

We met the other participants at the Italian Pie. Five British cars and two stand-ins began the 101 mile trek through Boutte, Luling, Des Allemands, Bayou Gouche, Kramer, et al. There was a great balance of scenery, twists and challenge along the course prepared by Rallye Master Rodger Talley. Allen Bradley and Ronnie Palmisano engaged in some TR6 horseplay along the way.

After a few hours of mileage calculations, recalculations, and wondering at times just where the h*** we were, our final destination was reached. As it turned out we were one of just three teams to get to Spahr’s Restaurant in downtown Thibodeaux without turning to the fail-safe slip. Mike Anderson and Herb Forsyth won first place and Jim Lilly and I took second. Keith & Karen Vezina came in third, but get kudos for finishing in a British car. §



Karen & Keith Vezina



Rodger Talley, Herb Forsyth & Mike Anderson



Karen Murray & Ronnie Palmisano



Ronnie Palmisano, Karen Murray, Susan & Allen Bradley.



Mike Brown & son, Carol & Roger Gibson



Stuart McKendrick, Ford, Elaine & Jim Lilly



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Nashville Show by Stuart McKendrick

The fall date of October 8th looked like it would be a fantastic time to visit Nashville. Not only was the Nashville British Car Club hosting their annual show in downtown Franklin, but the LSU Tigers were playing Vanderbilt in the Tennessee capital. With a brother in town we were assured a place to stay. Katrina actually afforded us the free time to go, as we would have had other plans in New Orleans ruling out the trip.



Bill Harris 1980 MGB-LE

The show grounds of Pinkerton Park made for a great show setting. The gray skies may have kept some cars away, as Bill Harris thought he remembered more in the past. There were quite a few unique cars present, with some coming from Lane Motor Museum.

Bill and June Harris made a last-minute decision to attend, and brought his '80 MGB-LE. As usual, the MG won first place. The "Katrina Survivor" placard garnered a few votes for sure!

LSU won the game, and we got to spend time with our family. What a great weekend! §



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Nashville Show



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1948 Morgan F Super, rear



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From the Editor

It's a hurricane!

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Things will get back to normal, or close to it, eventually. In the meanwhile we are not taking anyone off the membership roll but we are leaving the "overdue" notices on the mailing labels until everything gets sorted out.

If you've mailed your dues, it will catch up to us eventually. If you haven't, please get to it when you can. If you are leaving the area and quitting the club, please let us know.

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Cathy Greensfelder
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Newsletter Submissions

Electronic submissions are greatly preferred.

Email to 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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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.

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



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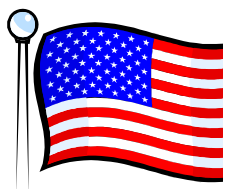
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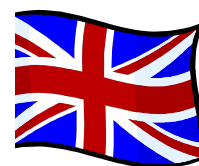


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Happy Holidays!