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President's Message



Our 16TH ANNUAL CAR DAY is now history. Under the circumstances, our success was measured not only by the number cars on the field. It was also measured by the number of volunteers that helped provide one of our smoothest running shows ever.

When the volunteer schedule was posted many months ago, we were concerned that we would not have enough volunteers signed up to have a BMCNO Car Day. More volunteers than ever allowed all of us to complete our tasks and still have time enjoy the show.

Concerns were also expressed that we may not have enough cars to fill the field. Well, we were wrong again. Our out-of-town guests really came through for us. With hotel rooms mostly unavailable, we still had one of our best attended shows. Many thanks to our regional car club friends in helping BMCNO with this event.

Lastly, I would like to personally thank Mike Lewis of the Mardi Gras T Club for his help in cajoling his car club buddies to bring their T's out for our event. Not only did he get the members to attend, he managed to secure donations locally and as far away as California. (See letter from California MG club on page 10.)

This May issue of the MORRIS GAZETTE is a special Show Edition which we will send to every registered owner, sponsor and donor. Once again, thanks to all that helped with our Car Day.

See you next year at # 17!

Cliff Hughes

May 2006

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 Crawfish Boil | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 Jazz nVines Tannehill |
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Tue Apr 25 General Meeting 7:00 pm Italian Pie, Jefferson Hwy .6 miles West of the Huey P. Long bridge, across the street from Smilie's. **Crawfish Boil payment DUE! \$15 per 5lb serving.**

Fri Apr 28 – Final Friday, Columbia St, Covington, 5pm – 10pm. Block party & informal car show (no fees, no awards, just fun!) Look for other members. Bands, shops, restaurants.

Fri Apr 28 – Convoy to Pensacola leaves 8 am from New Orleans East, Plaza Mall (I-10 @ Read), meet Northshore members at 8:45 am at Mississippi Welcome Center, I-10 exit 2.

Sat Apr 29 Panhandle British Car Association Show, Pensacola, FL. For info: Tom Schmitz, (251) 961-7171, tschmitz@ametro.net <http://www.pbca1.com/show.htm> Call Pensacola Beach Best Western Motel direct at (800) 934-3301 for reservations.

Sun May 7 - Crawfish Boil, Bogue Falaya Park, Covington. South shore convoy leaves south Causeway toll plaza at 11:00 a.m.. Start serving at noon. **YOU MUST PAY AT APRIL 25 MEETING !!!** \$15 per 5lb serving of crawfish, including potatoes, corn & soft drinks.

Sat May 13 Sports Cars at Tannehill Show, Birmingham, AL. More information: <http://www.birminghambmc.org/> Contact Wally Friloux for convoy info.

Tue May 16 – Board –7pm Robert Rougelot 610 W. 23rd Ave Covington (985) 809-7007
Car pool leaves back of Lakeside Mall at 6:15

Fri May 26 – Final Friday, Columbia St, Covington, 5pm

Tue May 30 - General Meeting 7:00 pm Italian Pie, Jefferson Hwy .6 miles West of the Huey P. Long bridge, across the street from Smilie's.

Future Stuff:

Jun 21–25 MG2006 All Register MG Meet – Gatlinburg, TN. www.mg2006.com Convoy leaves Jun 20. Contact Keith Vezina 504-443-5056, webmaster@bmcno.org for convoy information.

March 21 Minutes

52 members were on hand for the last general meeting before the car show. Special guests included returning member Paul Webb. Paul has a 76 Triumph Spitfire of which he is the original owner. John Charles Murphy moved to Slidell just 2 months before Hurricane Katrina and was lucky enough to pick a home on high ground. He has a gorgeous 73 MGB. Ron Mullen of Louisiana Motor Cars, Ltd, has just joined the club. Ron owns an "assortment" of Rolls Royce's and plans to bring three to the show.

There was a lot of discussion of the car show. The wonderful t-shirts, designed by Charlie Ake, have sold out and a second order will be placed.

The Panhandle BCA show on Pensacola Beach was discussed. The PCBA show is back at their traditional spot under the beach ball water tower after being displaced last year by the after-effects of Hurricane Ivan. (There's been a lot of that going around lately.) Around a dozen cars are going from BMCNO. PCBA has waived the entry fee for the Katrina area but they ask that you PLEASE send in the entry form so they know who is coming and can plan accordingly.

The MG National meet in June is looking like a fun trip. Keith Vezina has mapped out an itinerary and has negotiated a special price with the hotel in Gadsden, AL, where the convoy will be stopping on Tuesday night. Nine cars are entered so far. The BMCNO group will be meeting 3 more cars from the Jackson, MS area. If you plan to attend, email Keith Vezina for more information.

Will Hall, who has been slowly restoring his MGB, broke down and bought one that runs. He bought it from a friend. He'd been working on it for years and when she put it up for sale, he couldn't resist.

Scarlet Rose, Sally Breithoff's pink MGB, is back from Covington and garaged in her brother-in-law's garage in River Ridge. Jim Jones did a great job of getting her back on the road, but even so, the fuel pump died as they were leaving Covington to bring her home. Bill Breithoff picked up an "after-market" pump at Auto Zone and made it home. On the way, Scarlet started making a "new sound". It turned out to be problems with one of the wheels. Bill is in the process of replacing an axle and wheel after the bearings seized up on the way home.

Allen Bradley's Magnette is at BMC Restorations in Kiln, MS. Allen picked up the car on New Year's Eve last year after he bought it on EBay. It turned out that the inner sills were rusted out and Allen has been helping Peter Brauen fabricate new parts for it. Allen found outer rockers for the car in Oregon. He bought them, had them sent to his brother in Portland, OR, and his brother's neighbor packed and shipped them here. All 6 feet of them!

Allen and Susan Bradley drove their MGB in the Italian-American parade in the French Quarter. They dressed as British Royals and had a blast!! The car didn't overheat once and they've invited other members to participate next year.

The 50/50 was a near record \$43 and was won by new member Michelle Rose. Jeannine Richardson and Dan Melesurgo won boxes of Walker's Shortbread Cookies (from Scotland). Joe Rogers won a golf shirt and Frazer Rice won two hats. §

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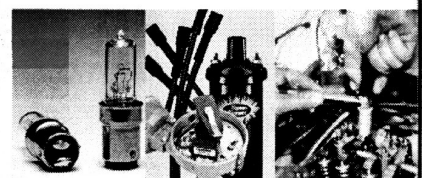
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**Tourist Trophy Garage Award for the Most Original Car (or as Elliot says, "least molested")
sponsored by Elliot Evans of Tourist Trophy Garage
Tom Schmitz's 1968 Morgan 4/4**

2006 British Car Day Class Winners

Ordinarily, we publish the names of the winners of the New Orleans British Car Day in our newsletter, but these are not ordinary times. In spite of everything that has happened this year, we had 110 cars turn out for the show. That's down from 130-something for last year, but much higher than we expected, so we decided to list everyone that showed. Each sponsored class is followed by the name of the sponsor in parenthesis. The prize winners are listed first, followed by all other entries in alphabetical order by owner's name.

The members of the British Motoring Club—New Orleans and Delgado College would like to thank each and every one of you for participating and making this one of the best shows we have ever had.

Cathy Greensfelder, Registrar

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|---|--------------------|---|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| B - AH Sprite & MG Midget | | (BMC Restorations - Peter Brauen) | E - MGB & C Chrome Bumper | | (MG Owners of Northern California) |
| First | Sunny Gulley | 1978 MG Midget | First | Pat Ballard | 1971 MGB |
| Second | Chris Cole | 1959 Austin Healey Sprite | Second | Blake Sonnier | 1972 MGB |
| Third | David Ranglack | 1979 MG Midget | Third | Sue Bradley | 1970 MGB |
| | Randi Lee | 1978 MG Midget 1500 | | Wm. Richard Bishop | 1966 MGB |
| | Michael Wildman | 1975 MG Midget | | Pat Bloodworth | 1968 MGB |
| C - MG TC and other Pre-war | | | | Mickey Kay | 1967 MGB |
| | | (Ford, Lincoln ,Mercury, Nissan of Slidell) | | Tommy Little | 1970 MGB |
| First | Gene Gillam | 1949 MG TC | | Michael Loden | 1971 MGB |
| Second | Frank Daniel | 1947 MG TC | | John Charles Murphy | 1973 MGB |
| Third | Jim Dougherty | 1948 MG TC | | John Roberts | 1974 MGB |
| CW - MG TD (square tail light, mostly un-Red) | | | F - MGB Rubber Bumper, early | | (MG Owners of Northern California) |
| | | (Ford, Lincoln ,Mercury, Nissan of Slidell) | First | Stuart Waddington | 1977 MGB |
| First | Allen Flake | 1951 MG TD | Second | T. Keith Vezina | 1976 MGB |
| Second | Joseph Creely, Jr. | 1952 MG TD | Third | Rick Huber | 1975 MGB V8 |
| Third | Dan Cantor | 1950 MG TD | | Tommy Ducote | 1977 MGB |
| CX - MG TD (square tail light, mostly Red) | | | | Michelle Rose | 1977 MGB |
| | | (Ford, Lincoln ,Mercury, Nissan of Slidell) | | Sandy Walter | 1976 MGB |
| First | David Loeb | 1952 MG TD | | (No show—Sally Breithoff | 1977 MGB) |
| Second | Allen Flake | 1952 MG TD | FX - MGB Rubber Bumper, late | | |
| Third | Seth Silverstein | 1952 MG TD | First | Leslie Oliver | 1980 MGB |
| | Marvin Dupre | 1952 MG TD | Second | William Harris | 1980 MGB-LE |
| | Ben White | 1951 MG TD | Third | John E. Pearson | 1978 MGB |
| CY - MG TD (round tail light) | | | | Charles Ake | 1977 MGB |
| | | (Ford, Lincoln ,Mercury, Nissan of Slidell) | | Fred Beinke | 1980 MGB |
| First | John Church | 1953 MG TD | | Cathy Greensfelder | 1979 MGB |
| CZ - MG TF | | (Ford, Lincoln ,Mercury, Nissan of Slidell) | | Robert Morrisett | 1980 MGB |
| First | Alex & Elaine Diaz | 1955 MG TF | | Roger Nagy | 1978 MGB |
| Second | Mike Zobrist | 1955 MG TF 1500 | | Jack Ross | 1978 MGB |
| | | | | Joy Watts | 1980 MGB-LE |
| D - MGA Roadster & Coupe | | | G - MGB/GT & MGC/GT | | (MG Owners of Northern California) |
| | | (MG Owners of Northern California) | First | John Hans | 1974 MGB-GT V8 |
| First | Danny Varnado | 1958 MGA | Second | Gene Johnston | 1973 MGB-GT |
| Second | Cliff Hughes | 1960 MGA | Third | Mike Thomason | 1969 MGB-GT |
| Third | Paul Hornsby | 1960 MGA 1600 | | George Barton Jr. | 1974 1/2 MGB-GT |
| | Mike Brown | 1958 MGA | | | |
| | Dean Duplantier | 1958 MGA | | | |

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2006 British Car Day Class Winners

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H - Triumph TR2 , 3, 3A&B, 4, 4A, 250 (Redbeans and Rice)
 First Wayne Pangburn 1963 Triumph TR4
 Second Tony Watts 1959 Triumph TR3A
 Third Dave Dupre 1966 Triumph TR4
 Mike McPhail 1968 Triumph TR250

I - Triumph TR6 (Two Oaks Acoustics)
 First Bill Karam 1973 Triumph TR6
 Second Wally Friloux 1971 Triumph TR6
 Third Allen Bradley 1971 Triumph TR6
 George Barton Jr. 1974 Triumph TR6
 Mike Blaney 1974 Triumph TR6
 Nicky Edrington 1975 Triumph TR6
 Art Graves 1976 Triumph TR6
 Stuart McKendrick 1972 Triumph TR6
 Ronnie Palmisano 1973 Triumph TR6
 Michael Rankin 1971 Triumph TR6
 Al Salvatore 1976 Triumph TR6

J - Triumph TR7 & 8 (Paretti Imports)
 First Bill Moseley 1980 Triumph TR8
 Second Joe D'Aquila 1975 Triumph TR7
 Third John Roper 1980 Triumph TR8
 (no show -Bill Breithoff 1980 Triumph TR8)
 (no show -Roy Richardson 1981 Triumph TR8)

K - Triumph Spitfire, GT6 (Redbeans and Rice)
 First Joshua Boudreaux 1969 Triumph GT6
 Second Anne Friloux 1972 Triumph GT6
 Third Jim Lilly 1971 Triumph Spitfire
 Victoria Hurst 1974 Triumph Spitfire
 Mike Japp 1977 Triumph Spitfire 1500
 Paul Webb 1976 Triumph Spitfire

L - Motorcycle
 George Torlage 1973 Norton

MX - Jaguar Vintage & Classic Sports, pre-1974 (Paretti Imports)
 First Bob McAnelly 1954 Jaguar XK140
 Second Margaret & Bob Henson 1967 Jaguar XKE
 Third Terry Richardson 1969 Jaguar XKE

MY - Jaguar Modern Sports, 1975 up (Paretti Imports)
 First Christopher Skinner 2001 Jaguar XKR
 Second Donald Marpe 1997 Jaguar XK8
 Third Dan Melesurgo 1986 Jaguar XJ-SC

N - Small Sedans (Morris Minor, MG Y Type,...)
 First Bill Silhan 1964 Austin Mini
 Second Mike Lewis 1950 MG Y Type
 Third Pat Cashman 1953 Triumph Mayflower
 Joe Earnest 1964 Triumph Herald
 James D. Jones 1967 Morris Minor Sedan
 Alistair Niblett 1965 Triumph 2000 MK1 Saloon
 Robert Rougelot 1999 Mini Cooper, Rover Sportspack

O - Jaguar Sedans (Paretti Imports)
 First Brent Bordelon 1937 SS Jaguar 1 1/2 Litre Saloon
 Second Frank Siebert 1986 Jaguar XJ6
 Third Michael Baker 1987 Jaguar XJ6

P - Empire Sports (Morgan, Aston Martin...) (Gambino Foreign Cars—Kevin Gambino)
 First Tom Schmitz 1968 Morgan 4/4
 Second Cliff Hughes 1958 Austin Healey 100-6
 Third Robert Phillips 1956 Austin Healey 100M
 Shannon Reed 1973 Triumph Stag

S - Rolls Royce & Bentley (Louisiana Motors / Ryan Mullen)
 First Robert Ramelli 1962 Rolls Royce
 Second Tony Sparrow 1951 Bentley Mark VI
 Third Richard Norem 1964 Roll Royce Silver Cloud III
 (No show—Louisiana Motor Cars, Ltd—1960 Rolls Royce Phantom V,
 1967 Rolls Royce Silver Shadow, 1987 Rolls Royce Spur Limousine)

U - Lotus / Millennium Sports (Paretti Imports)
 First Rogers Schupp 1991 Lotus Elan M-100
 Second Tomas Mulleady 1987 Lotus Esprit
 Third Michael Glore 2005 Lotus Elise
 Dean Duplantier 2005 Lotus Elise
 Jim Lilly 2005 Lotus Elise

V - Mini Cooper, Modern (Two Oaks Acoustics)
 First Stuart McKendrick 2003 Mini Cooper
 Second JoAnn Bloodworth 2004 Mini Cooper S
 Michael Delacerda 1990 Mini Cooper
 Joe Tiemann 2006 Mini Cooper §

2006 British Car Day Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who worked the show. Having lots of people to help makes something like this so much easier. This is a list of everyone we had written down and everyone we could remember.

If we missed your name, our sincerest apologies. Thank you all, very, very much!

Charlie Ake
Mike Anderson
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MGOC Letter

Mike Lewis, BMCNO member and self-proclaimed "Tech-Opinionator" of the Mardi Gras T club, received this letter and forwarded it to BMCNO. As BMCNO President Cliff Hughes explained at the show, pizza for 200 people was just not practical so the donation was used to sponsor the MGA, MGB 1963 to 1974, MGB 1974 1/2 to 1977 and MGB-GT / MGC-GT classes.



The MG Owners Club

The Northern California Centre of the MG Car Club of England

Mike Jacobsen - Treasurer - San Francisco, CA 94131-3141

January 23, 2006

Dear Mike,

My name is Mike Jacobsen, and I'm the Treasurer for the MG Owners Club in the San Francisco Bay Area. I'm writing because James Hunt, one of our members, suggested that our club do something for the New Orleans area MG club in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Our President Bob Stine, indicated to me that he's spoken with you and made the arrangements for sending your group a contribution towards a pizza feed or similar event and an MGOC grille badge for your use, possibly as a raffle item.

Enclosed please find a check to your Treasurer, Mike Zobrist, for \$200; and an MGOC grille badge. I did not send the check directly to Mr. Zobrist because the USPS web site listed his home address as an area where they would not deliver mail and would instead simply return any mail to the sender. Please forward the check to him when you can.

We realize that this won't make things the way they were before the storms, but we want you to know that we're hoping for the best for you.

Sincerely,

Mike Jacobsen

The Mardi Gras T club also donated one of their club grill badges and the MGT and MGOC grill badges were one of the door prize given away during the show.

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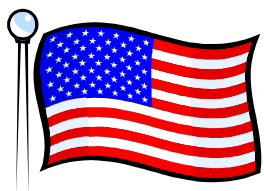
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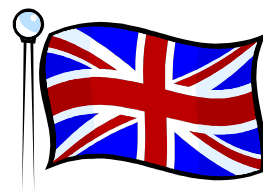


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May 2006



**Sunday May 7—Crawfish Boil
(Payment due at Apr 25 meeting)**