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## President's Message



Once again it is time to compose the President's Message, just before deadline as usual. Three events were planned for June; the Back to the Beach Car Show in Kenner, Taste of Bavaria in Ponchatoula, and the MG gathering in Gatlinburg. I hope to hear a report fresh from Gatlinburg at the General Meeting on July 27th.

George Torlage, painting instructor at Delgado Community College, will be our special guest at the next meeting where he will answer any and all questions regarding the painting course offered at Delgado this fall, including costs, fees, etc. Many BMCNO members have expressed an interest in painting their LBC's, and this is a perfect opportunity to do so.

British Car Day proceeds of \$2,500 will be presented to the Delgado Automotive Group to sponsor five \$ 500 scholarships for the fall semester. These scholarships will be awarded to upperclassmen with a grade point average of 3.2 or better. Many thanks to BMCNO members and Delgado Community College for their help in setting up the scholarship program.

BMCNO membership has hovered around the 120 mark for the past 10-15 years, and, as with any volunteer organization, 20% of the members do 90% of the work. In reviewing the service record of the current board members, we see the following: Cathy Greensfelder, 9 years; Bill Breithoff, 9 years; Keith Vezina, 8 years; Cliff Hughes, 7 years; Allen Bradley, 6 years. This Board has done their fair share; the word "retirement" comes to my mind. The election of four officers in October is probably the most important BMCNO election held in recent times. I fear that the future of BMCNO could be in jeopardy if a new group of board members do not volunteer their services for the good of the club.

Why would a BMCNO member want to become a board member? I can only give you my answer; because of the members, the cars, and the fun.

For the past several years, spreading the work load among 8 to 12 members has become increasingly difficult, and this past year has been most difficult for many members attempting to rearrange their lives after Katrina. During our recent board meeting, one of the possibilities discussed was ending mailing of the monthly newsletter. In lieu of mailing, posting it on the web page has many advantages; no printing, folding, stamping, postage and delivery to the post office. Also under discussion was the possibility of changing duties and responsibilities of all elected positions. We are attempting to make the board more effective and efficient. As a result of the board meeting, we are planning an open board meeting at the Italian Pie and inviting anyone considering becoming a board member to attend.

During the next several months, board members will submit articles to the newsletter on what their responsibilities of office include. BMCNO is one of the best car clubs in this region. We sponsor the New Orleans British Car Day, which is second to none and we need some new volunteers to continue this tradition. I know with your help we can have it all.

Thanks, Cliff Hughes

# July 2006

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**Tue Jun 27 - General Meeting 7:00 pm** Italian Pie, Jefferson Hwy .6 miles West of the Huey P. Long bridge, across the street from Smilie's. George Torlage will be on hand to answer questions on the Delgado pain class being offered this fall.

**Fri Jun 30 - Final Friday, Columbia St, Covington, 5pm** Block party & informal car show

Sun Jul 9<sup>th</sup> - Board meeting NOON. Cathy Greensfelder, 5537 Berkley Dr, Algiers 504-392-9261 Pot luck, RSVP required.

**Jul 19-23 VTR National**, Dallas TX. More info: [vtr2006.com](http://vtr2006.com) or Jim Thompson (817) 562-1500

**Sat Jul 22 Jazz `n the Vines**, Pontchartrain Vineyards Hwy 1082 north of Covington. Concert by Wardell Williams Blues Show Band. Bring picnic dinner, chairs, flashlight and umbrella. South Shore convoy from Metairie Causeway toll plaza at 4:30 pm, meet North Shore at Rouse's on Hwy 190 in Covington at 5:15. Arrive at Vineyard shortly before 6 pm. \$8.50 admission. Wine (by glass or bottle) & soft drinks available for purchase. No pets or outside alcohol.

[www.pontchartrainvineyards.com](http://www.pontchartrainvineyards.com)

**Tue Jul 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.

**Fri Jul 28 - Final Friday, Columbia St, Covington, 5pm.** Block party & informal car show.

Future Stuff:

**Sun Aug 13 -Annual Richard Wolf "Un-Car Show" 4-7 pm** Covington

## May 30 Minutes

Vice President Keith Vezina called the meeting to order. Thirty four members were in attendance. There were no guests to introduce. The newsletter was running late and all members in attendance were asked to go pick theirs up from the table and save the club the postage.



**Past Events:** About 40 people attended the Crawfish Boil. The club got a 50% discount on the table and chair rental as a result of the quick thinking of Robert Rougelot. We have to rent the tables and chairs from Friday to Monday and Robert saw that another group was scheduled to rent the Bogue Falaya pavilion on Saturday before our Sunday crawfish boil. He asked them if they would like to share the rental!! Many of the attendees went to Madisonville afterwards for ice cream and snoballs.

May 26 was the Final Friday block party in Covington and the Bradleys and Charlie Ake were there to enjoy the good weather. Steve Wilson of Gulfport MS brought the only other British car, a TR6. Steve, a former president of the 6-Pack TR6 club, lost a TR6 and a TR250 in Katrina.

**Future Events:** Convoy details for the Back to the Beach show were discussed, as were details for the Taste of Bavaria run to Ponchatoula. The Gatlinburg show in June was discussed. In consideration of trailered cars, the group will not be taking the "Tail of the Dragon", an eleven mile stretch of road with 318 curves and a 1,500 foot change in elevation.

All members are encouraged to attend the monthly Final Friday shows in Covington and the Jazz N the Vines concerts.

Delgado is offering George Torlege's paint and body work class again at night. Three members (including Keith Vezina, who had already taken it) expressed interest in signing up. By taking the class, you can paint your car for the price of 3 hours tuition, cost of the paint (red is more expensive) and two nights a week of your time. Students get to use Delgado's state-of-the-art paint booth under George Torlege's expert supervision.

**Member Projects:** Robert Philips had "good news / bad news" to report. Restoration of his MG Midget is scheduled for a July 4<sup>th</sup> finish. The bad news is that a Sewage and Water Board truck failed to stop, ran into / on top of a Porsche, pushed the Porsche into an Infinity, and the Infinity into his 1956, fully restored Austin Healey 100-M.. The Healey is 50 years old and never had an accident until now. The bumper and trunk lid are messed up. Robert's insurance is with Hagerty and they told him to get it fixed and they would deal with the Infinity / Porsche / S&WB truck's insurance companies.

Keith Vezina has been working on "Rusty", his MGB project car at the "Garage Mahal" (the McKendirck / Lilly / Schupp garage on Oak Street). He has started cutting on Rusty's door sills to replace the sills forward of the dogleg. Important safety tip: always wear a long sleeve shirt when welding over your head. Keith's arms looked like he has chicken pox!!

Cliff Hughes was having problems with his new transmission – when he put the car in 5<sup>th</sup> gear is slowed down. He switched out the rear end and now the car goes 80 mph easily,

Lee De Ramus reported on his findings regarding the requirements for getting an antique license plate and the requirements for brake tags for antique cars. The De Ramus's are writing an article on their findings for the newsletter.

The 50/50 drawing for \$27 dollars was won by Cathy Greensfelder. §

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# Taste of Bavaria

Breakfast at Taste of Bavaria in Pontchatoula was at 9:30 am and it's a good thing—even that early it was blazing hot. Nineteen members participated, bringing six British cars and an assortment of non-Brits. The official “designated Japanese chase car” was Bill Breithoff’s new 2002 Jeep .

The South Shore convoy took the scenic route up old Hwy 51 instead of the elevated IH-55. The road is in good shape so we clipped along at a brisk pace, only slightly slower

than we would have on the interstate.



Fran Talley and the German Pancake

Everyone enjoyed the omelets and pancakes. Fran Talley ordered the German apple pancake. When it arrived, we found out why the menu said to allow 20 minutes for this item. It was more like a fallen soufflé than a traditional American pancake and was big enough to feed 2 or 3 people!§



Wally & Margaret Friloux, Cliff & Linda Huges (seated) Allen Bradley (standing)



Sally & Bill Breithoff, Charlotte & Lee De Ramus, Allen & Sue Bradley.



Mark & Cathy Greensfelder, Keith & Karen Vezina, Rodger & Fran Talley



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# Back to the Beach

Seven BMCNO members entered their cars in the “Back to the Beach” car show sponsored by Sewell Cadillac and the “Save our Lake” group. It was blazing hot and everyone was very grateful that we managed to get the club tent there this time.

The Custom Cruisers club puts on the show and they expected at most 150 cars but got 252! They are a very small club and did an amazing job running the show with so little help and such a huge turnout. Awards were given for the top five Corvettes, the top 100 cars and “Best of” in dozen or so categories. Wally Friloux’s red 1971 Triumph TR6 and Keith Vezina’s burgundy 1976 MGB were among the top 100. Susan Bradley’s 1970 chrome bumper MGB won “Best Sport Compact”.

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Chesney & David Loeb & 53 MG-TD

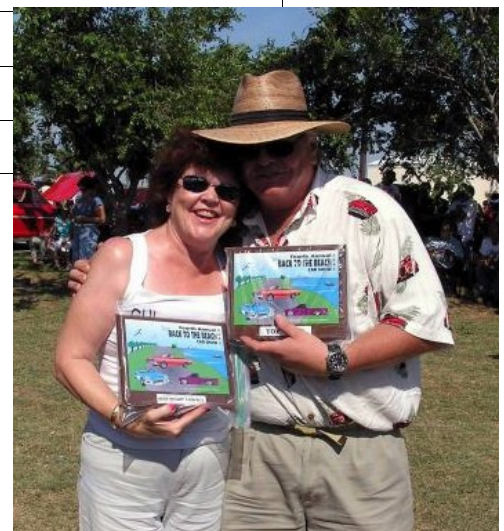


BMCNO group at awards ceremony

<b>Susan &amp; Allen Bradley</b>	1970 MGB	Best Sports Compact
<b>Wally &amp; Shawn Friloux</b>	1971 Triumph TR6	Top 100
<b>Karen &amp; Keith Vezina</b>	1976 MGB	Top 100
<b>Michael Delacerda</b>	1967 Mini Cooper	
<b>Dave Dupre</b>	1966 Triumph TR4	
<b>Cathy Greensfelder</b>	1979 MGB	
<b>Chesney &amp; David Loeb</b>	1953 MG-TD	



Allen & Sue Bradley & 70 MGB



Sue Bradley & Keith Vezina

## For Sale

**78 MGB** new top, good interior, runs well, 49,000 original miles, \$3,995 Josie Hunt, 504-443-1447 (5/06)

**2005 Car Trailer.** 5" channel frame, 12 ga. steel deck, tandem axles, electric brakes. 16' flat deck, 2' dovetail, 5' steel ramps store underneath and lock. Conduit for all wiring. new spare tire. only used about 4 times. \$2,500 Tom at warrentb@bellsouth.net or 205-823-6302 (Birmingham, AL) (6/06)

## WANTED TO BUY

**Two (unused and undamaged) BMCNO** car show coffee mugs. My Bugeye was down and I was unable to get a goodie bag. Offering \$5 each for the 1<sup>st</sup> two mugs brought to me at next meeting. Thanks - Rodger Talley(6/06)

**Tow dolly for little British car.** Harold Hunt 504-458-1151 (5/06)

## PARTS

### Rebuilt MGB overdrive transmission.

4 synchro. All new bearings, synchros and seals. \$1,000. Installation available. Peter 228-586-0187 or pbrauen1@bellsouth.net

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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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## Membership Info

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.

\$15 corresponding membership (newsletter only) available outside Greater NO area.

Lifetime Membership: \$300

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.

Your membership expiration date is printed on your newsletter mailing label. Please pay your dues promptly to avoid missing any issues of the *Morris Gazette*.

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

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 – Contact Treasurer Allen Bradley for information.

License Plate Frame \$5.00 (2 for \$9.00)

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T-shirt \$10.00

(Please pick up regalia at the regular meeting. Shipping extra.)



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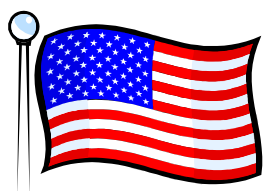
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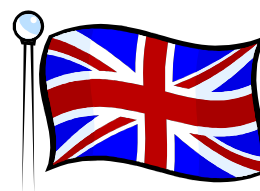


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**July 22 - Jazz `n the Vines**

**Be sure to pick up your Car Day trophy at the meeting 6/27 or 7/25!**