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President's Message



At our recent board meeting we started a discussion about duties and responsibilities of the board members. We decided that for each month leading up to the elections in October, each board member would write an article in the President's Message describing his or her duties, so here goes.

As **President of BMCNO**, duties include calling the general meeting to order and conducting the meeting. Meetings follow a pattern of guest and new member introductions, discussion of past and future activities, discussion of member projects, and asking for any volunteers needed for upcoming activities. Oh and I forgot: writing a column for the newsletter once a month in a timely manner!

Most of the club's business is handled by the officers which are the President, Vice President, Secretary-Newsletter Editor, and Treasurer. We also have four members at large that are delegated the task of following up with members about current and future activities. Over a period of several years, most of the officers have risen from the Member at Large position.

The most important function of the President is to coordinate the annual BMCNO CAR DAY. Beginning in late August and early September, various committees are formed that actually conduct the car show business. The Vice President is directly responsible for the car show, along with the Car Show Chairman, but the President is ultimately responsible for the event.

Personally, I don't think that the office of BMCNO President is all that difficult. Attempting to keep the members informed about club activities, and volunteering members as directors and officers is probably the most difficult task.

Through the years, I have been involved with this club in various capacities and I have forged some very good friendships along the way. BMCNO members never cease to amaze me with the pool of talent available, not only car related, but in any type of skill or profession.

BMCNO needs your talent, skills and time to continue into our 30th year in 2007!!!! Please consider volunteering, and talk with any of the BMCNO officers.

Thank you, Cliff

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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. There will be a snoball or ice cream run after the meeting.

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

Sun Aug 13 -Annual Richard Wolf "Un-Car Show" 4-7 pm at the Tap Room on the corner of Columbia and E. Gibson in Covington. South Shore convoy leaves Causeway Toll plaza parking lot at 3:00. Prizes awarded in an assortment of categories from oil leaks to bad paint. The club buys dinner for the driver of each entry, so drive, push or tow your "not show quality" British car and enjoy the food and A/C.

Tue Aug 15 -Board Meeting 7pm Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy. This open board meeting will be held at the same place as the monthly meeting. Please remember this will be a working meeting, not a social event.

Fri Aug 25 - Final Friday, Columbia St, Covington, 5pm. Block party & informal car show.

Tue Aug 29 -General Meeting, 7:00 pm Italian Pie, Jefferson Hwy .6 miles West of the Huey P. Long bridge, across the street from Smilie's. Nomination of Officers. Cliff Hughes and Cathy Greensfelder cannot serve again. Please volunteer!

Future Stuff:

Sat Sep 30 -Brits By The River Show, Vidalia, LA (Natchez, MS)

Sat Oct 28 - South Alabama British Car Festival, Fairhope (Mobile) AL

June 30 Minutes

Club Secretary Cathy Greensfelder was unable to attend the meeting and no one remembered to take notes, so no minutes for June. §



Ponchatoula Saturday

Ponchatoula has started a Saturday “Block Party” event similar to Covington’s Final Friday with music, a car display, shopping and dining. Sue and Allen Bradley, Linda and Cliff Hughes, Margaret and Wally Friloux and Charlie Ake all attended on July 15. It was blazing hot and the music was too loud but this event has just started. It will get better as they figure out what works! §



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ON THE ROAD TO GATLINBURG by Susan Bradley

Our caravan started in New Orleans East early Tuesday, June 20 with Karen and Keith Vezina, Susan and Allen Bradley, Sally and Bill Breithoff, Deryl Lynn and John Roberts (four British cars, two on trailers). (The Roberts brought their new pet...Za Za, a Chihuahua.) Our first stop was Cracker Barrel in Meridian, MS. After lunch and checking tires, etc., our caravan had grown: Blake Sonnier and son Kerry (Lake Charles), Tommy Little and son David (Sulphur) and Faye and Jim Enzman and Martha and Gene Johnson of the English Motoring Club from MS. This brought the caravan up to nine LBCs (four being driven and five on trailers).



Once on the road, and heating up for those driving their MG's, our leader, Keith, had to pull over on the shoulder. Well, of course, everyone pulls over. After looking things over (the ladies stayed in the shade of the rag tops) a battery was taken from Tommy Little's trailered MG and Jim Enzman had a spare alternator in his trunk. Yes, unbelievably, it all worked out. The only problem was no radio for Keith, but the MG was running great once again. Now on the road to our first night destination in Gadsden, AL. Finally, some air-conditioning! Keith was busy replacing his battery and ordering a new alternator, which he picked up later in Maryville. The entire group went for dinner at a local seafood restaurant.



The next morning we were joined by Carolyn and Paul Hornsby from Baton Rouge. After gassing up all the vehicles, our leader, Keith, led us to Sonny's BBQ for lunch, yes the entire group. (Though Blake and Gene left earlier from the hotel for TN). We always enjoyed our meals together and a time for cooling off. We took "the back way in" to avoid all the traffic in Gatlinburg. The route is less-traveled and very scenic...a little further, though no one minded at all. This was the beginning of the winding roads and curves. We drove right to our hotel on the Historic Nature Trail. At this point, everyone split up to different hotels. We did meet up with Bill and June Harris at the host hotel. They had towed their MGB. The host hotel was just

down the street from our hotel (Sally, Bill, Keith, Karen, Susan, and Allen). Our hotel had a covered

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parking area which we all loved. As we walked down the street, we saw where other members of our caravan were staying. We then visited the host hotel where we saw the hundreds of beautiful cars and old and new friends. The host hotel is where the registration, vendors, and tech sessions were located. We were all excited to finally be here in the beautiful Smoky Mountains.

Thursday morning was the day for driving the "Tail of the Dragon"...11 miles, 318 curves.

Departure was 7 A.M. to beat the heat and crowd. The caravan included: Karen and Keith, Blake and Kerry, Tommy and David, Gene and Clay (brother), and Susan and Allen. The guys were so excited once we hit the first curve. The drive there was an hour and a half which also took us on the Foothills Parkway. It was fun for all and very challenging. At the end of Hwy. 129 (dragon) was Deals Gap....a motorcycle shop, motel, and restaurant. We hung out and visited with some motorcycle drivers for awhile and of course bought a t-shirt for proof we did the drive. Keith also bought a video of the 11 mile highway. We saw MG A's, other B's, and T series enjoying the curves. There were lots of motorcycles on the drive also. At Deals Gap is a "Tree of Shame" with wrecked parts of motorcycles hanging all over the tree. Thankfully, no MG parts were left there. The Tail of the Dragon is patrolled by the State Police so it is prudent that you drive at a speed at which you are comfortable....and obey the rules of the road. By the way, Tommy Little's son, David, got to drive the Tail going back...downhill. He did great and loved every curve. After this exciting event, some of us drove the Cades Cove (very slow and hot) scenic route. Some went shopping or visited the Arts and Craft Village.

Friday, CAR SHOW in Cosby, TN. It was so neat seeing so many MG's on the roads. You just can't imagine what 1100 MG's in one spot looks like! They were parked all over the field where the show was; very congested parking but we were able to enjoy the beauty of all of these classic and vintage cars....Airline Coupes, Magnettes, Farina, and more. There were vendors and local craft and food booths. The best was the homemade peach cobbler with ice cream. Delicious! Then we saw the MG Girls booth...lots of fun and t-shirts. They were very excited when Allen brought them some Mardi Gras beads. The Bradleys had a Mardi Gras theme for their car and gave away beads and dou-

bloons. People were surprised that they were free! It was nice seeing some of our car friends from FL, MS and AL, too. Around mid-day there were threatening skies and some cars pulled out early. It only turned out to be light showers on a very hot day.

Scarlett-Rose turned out to be the only "British Racing Pink" car in the show! Imagine, out of 1100 cars not one other one was painted pink! She was a hit with not only the ladies but the guys too, especially when they saw the "official Katrina waterline" still on the back fender. After hearing the story of her surviving

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the storm and being re-furbished for this show, many people expressed their concerns about the survival of the entire New Orleans and Gulf Coast area. Many were upset to hear about all of the wonderful British cars that were lost to Katrina. There are lots of MG owners out there praying for the recovery of the entire area. It was heart-warming to see the concern of people from all over the USA and Canada. Why, of course, they even asked about the Mayor!

Saturday would be the last day for driving, hiking or shopping for the group. Some of us drove to Cherokee, NC and then on to the Blue Ridge Parkway (drove through tunnels). We stopped at Water-rock Knob Lookout Trail (elevation 6,000) and David Little hiked all the way. Some drove to Clingman's Dome. Susan and Allen hiked all the way up to the top of the dome and met club member Maury Drummond and family at the top. He did not bring a car but came to see the show. We also ran into another club member...Richard and Martha Porche at a restaurant. He is restoring a MGA and was on vacation and came to the show.

The Awards Banquet was Saturday evening. Most of our group attended the banquet but some opted for dinner elsewhere and later joined the MG gathering. Mike Lewis won a third place, Sally Breithoff won a second place, Keith Vezina won a first place and Bill and June Harris won Honorable Mention in the Concours d'Elegance with 931 points!

Then it was back to hotels and start packing up the cars for the departure back home. Thank goodness for Sally and Bill's jeep. We loaded it up with all the purchases and luggage that we couldn't fit in our own MGs.

Along with the MG International 2006 in Gatlinburg this week was the Honda Hoot and a national dance competition. There were Hondas all over the Smokey's. The dance competition dads told us they were glad to see all the cars.



Keith & Karen Vezina, Sally & Bill Breithoff



Keith Vezina and Sally Breithoff

We always drove together, whether it be a caravan or just a pair of cars. We know it is best to stick together for safety precautions. We shopped, drove, hiked, ate wonderful food. Most of all we enjoyed superb camaraderie. There was tailgating every night and even tech sessions in the hallway. Parking lot parties were going on till late hours of the evenings. This show was in Gatlinburg because of the roads....the drives, curves, steep grades...for all to enjoy and that we did.

We all thank Keith Vezina for mapping out our trip and really appreciate all the work he did getting everything ready for us. He even made a booklet for us with all the information needed. §

Is Your MG Good Enough to be a Cover Girl?

MGB Driver is looking for a cover shot for its November/December 2006 issue.

- PHOTO MUST CONTAIN . . . An MGB, MGB-GT, MG Midget, MG 1100 or MG 1300.
- The photo must be interesting with an interesting background. No limits as to where it can be, city, country, water, cliff . . . The image cannot be altered like cutting out the MG and balancing atop the Empire State Building. Preferred images will be the ones as natural in taste and beauty as possible. The prettiest MG in a great setting is not the only consideration. The ugliest MG in a bad situation will be considered as well.
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Entries must be in by September 1st, 2006.

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(MSWord or plain text please.)

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

Membership Info

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

Lifetime Membership: \$250

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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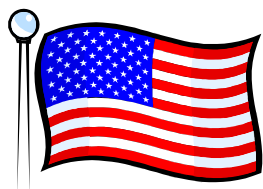
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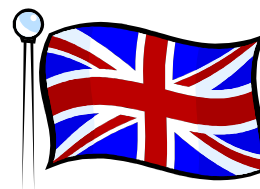


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Aug 13—Un-Car Show

Be sure to pick up your Car Day trophy at the meeting 7/25 or 8/29!