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## Member at Large Message

Being a "Member-at-Large" is both an exciting and fun position to hold on the board of the British Motor Club New Orleans. It's been a joy attending board meetings and participating in event planning for the club.

A major part of being a "member-at-large" is helping with the planning of events, making a few phone calls, contacting other club members, and contributing my knowledge and experience on many different topics. One task that is expected of a member at large is to govern a particular event. Plan, exercise, and work out all the details of an event are part of this task. Of course it is not to be expected that one person should do all the work, but merely to plan and foresee the completion of an event.

One major plus in holding any position on the board is that we all get together for dinner at one of the board members' house for our monthly board meeting. (We rotate each location each month during the year.) Different from the general club meetings, a board meeting is quaint and allows more interaction with each club member. I have grown stronger friendships with the club members as I have become more involved as a "member-at-large." I'm always excited to involve myself in events and gatherings where a common interest is LBC's.

I encourage all members to make an effort to become more involved in the club and I feel the first step is being a "Member-at-Large."

Robert C. Rougelot (Member-at-Large)



We have lots of great pictures from recent events. There are too many pictures to publish in this newsletter.

Please visit our BMCNO website Picture Gallery at <http://bmcno.org/gallery.htm> to see all of the photos.

On the left is Allen Bradley in his MGB at Mary Mahoney's in Biloxi. Allen and Sue were Cruzin' the Coast.

# November 2006 Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>October 31 General Mtg. The Italian Pie 7:00 PM Election of Officers!</b>	1	2	3	4
5 E.E. Reynolds Memorial Rallye	6	7	8	9	10	11 <i>Veteran's Day</i>
12	13	14 B.O.D. Mtg. 7:00pm	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	24	25
26	27	28 Membership Mtg. 7:00pm @ The Italian Pie	29	30		

**Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 p.m. GENERAL MEETING** - Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy  
**Election of Officers**

**Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> - E.E. Reynolds Rallye** - The Italian Pie in Harahan. Drivers meeting at 1:15 PM with 1st car out at 1:30 PM. All participants will need a dollar for tolls. A working odometer is NOT needed as long as the navigators can count stop signs, stop lights, etc.

**Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting** - Bill Breithoff. 9116 Bocage Pl., River Ridge, (504) 305-6542

**Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 p.m. GENERAL MEETING** - Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy

**Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>—Christmas Party 6:30-9:30**, Wally Friloux's house, Madisonville

## September Minutes

Twenty-four members were present with guests / spouses bringing the total to thirty-five. New members present were Kenneth Dieffenbach (67 Austin Healey 3000), David and Cathy Morgan (59 right-hand drive AH Sprite & 60 left-hand drive AH Sprite) and Marilyn and Donald Geddes (52 MG-TD and Robert Rougelot's mom & step-dad). Guest Mark Warren is a potential new member – he is looking to buy a 74 chrome bumper MGB-GT.

**Past Events:** Jazz'n the Vines was perfect weather, way more fun than the one last month that got rained out. Margaret Friloux thanked all the BMCNO members that came to the English Tearoom for the Daughters of the British Empire "Fish & Chips" fundraiser. The event organizers were most grateful to us for our patience with the long line for food. This was the DBE's first time with this event and they promise to be better prepared with serving food faster next year.

The newsletter was available to be picked up at the meeting. This was Ronnie Palmisano's first time editing and he hit a few technical snags but promises the next one will be ready much earlier.

**Future Events:** The Friday convoy to Natchez was discussed.

**Member Projects:** Mike Anderson finally got the engine out of his Jennette. The transmission was rusted to the engine.

Ronnie Palmisano got a new transmission cover but it didn't fit on the car. He took the car and tranny cover to the "Garage Mahal" on Oak Street where he and Keith Vezina broke out the heavy duty tools and cut it to fit. "Dixie", Ronnie and Karen's TR6 is painted except for the bonnet. He is still looking for a good bonnet.

Robert Rougelot's MGB has spent some quality time at Jim Jones' garage and was finally running or so he thought. Just as he got off the Causeway in Metairie, the engine blew back oil into the Weber carburetor. Fortunately he had a stack of shop towels in the car to clean up with. He limped it to the meeting and was hoping it would make it back across the lake to Covington.

Roy Richardson won \$31 in the 50/50 drawing. Allen Bradley won a vintage car show t-shirt.

**New Business:** The floor was opened for nomination of officers.

**Keith Vezina** was nominated for **President** by Cliff Hughes. Ronnie Palmisano seconded the nomination. **Robert Rougelot** was nominated for **Vice-President** by Keith Vezina, seconded by Mike Anderson. **Allen Bradley** was nominated for **Treasurer** by Mike Anderson, seconded by Sally Breithoff. **Four Members at Large are required.** **Roger Nagy** was nominated by Cliff Hughes and seconded by Cathy Greensfelder. **Bill Breithoff** was nominated by Cliff Hughes and seconded by Keith Vezina. **Wally Friloux** was nominated by Keith Vezina and seconded by Ronnie Palmisano. With only three members nominated for the Member at Large office, Cliff Hughes was about to move that the nominations be left open till next month when **Karen Murray** volunteered to run. She was nominated by Sally Breithoff and seconded by Keith Vezina. (Karen Murray and Sally Breithoff have both joined the club individually and separately from their husbands memberships so they may vote in club elections and serve as officers if they wish.) Roger Talley then moved to close nominations. Cliff Hughes seconded the motion and called a vote. The motion carried.

**Amendment of club By-laws:** Three changes were proposed:

**First**, to split the office of Secretary/Editor into two offices. The secretary would be charged with keeping the minutes, maintaining the membership roll, and receiving proposed by-laws changed and absentee ballots. The Editor would be solely responsible for publishing the newsletter. The amendment was voted on and adopted. ..Continued on page 4

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**Second**, to make all annual memberships expire on June 30. This would simplify bookkeeping for both the club and the members. The amendment was voted on and adopted.

**Third**, to change the by-laws from: "A newsletter shall be published once a month and mailed before the regular monthly Club membership meeting" to "A newsletter shall be published once a month before the regular monthly Club membership meeting" omitting the words "and mailed". This would permit but not require the club to go to an all electronic newsletter.

There was a great deal of discussion over this amendment. Several people had suggestions to change the proposed amendment but Keith Vezina pointed out that our by-laws did not allow that – the amendment had to be voted up or down as published.

Keith explained that the effect of voting *down* the amendment would be that members may continue to opt out of getting a mailed copy but the club would continue to be *required* to mail the newsletter to all members who do not opt-out.

If the amendment *passes* the club would be allowed to publish the newsletter electronically and *only send paper copies to members who opt in*. At the last meeting a poll was taken and a large majority of the members present said they would not mind getting only an electronic copy.

Anne Friloux felt strongly that the newsletter should continue to be mailed. She feels it is a good reminder to members that the meeting is coming up and helps hold the membership together. She worried about people who did not have email, had unreliable email, or (like her!!) were very busy and didn't check email frequently. Dan Melsurgo was concerned that members who do not regularly attend the meetings would be cut off from the club by not receiving a mailed newsletter. Cliff assured Anne and Dan that members who do not come to meetings can opt in and will continue to receive the newsletter in the mail. Mike Anderson requested that a large notice be placed on the outside cover of the remaining newsletters warning people that they needed to fill in the opt-in form to continue receiving a paper copy. Ronnie Palmisano said he will do this.

Several members expressed concerns over the newsletter being late several times over the last year and wanted to know if this amendment would fix that. Cliff said it would not. However splitting the Secretary and Editor jobs should help the newsletter come out in a more timely fashion by removing unrelated duties from the Editor. The problem with late newsletters has been that Cathy Greensfelder freely admits that she is burned out on doing the newsletter. She quit the job last year but took it back when no one else could do it. Ronnie Palmisano published the October newsletter for Cathy. It was his first time and he ran into problems resulting in another late newsletter. Those problems have been resolved and Ronnie plans to have the November newsletter out well before the next meeting.

Mike Brown moved to close the discussion. Paul Webb seconded. President Cliff Hughes called for a vote. The result was strongly for the amendment but there were a number of votes against.

Keith Vezina gave everyone some hints to help get the email notices by most spam filters. He said members could call him for help.

Anne Friloux wanted know what would happen to the money the club saved by not mailing newsletters. She wanted the club held accountable and to see a treasurers report at least once a year. Cliff assured her that the board would address her concerns.

## Club Officers – 2006

		Board of Directors	
President:	Cliff Hughes	985-845-8709	hugh8709@bellsouth.net
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North American MGB Register	Henry Bourgeois	504-893-7610	bayouboo@charter.net

### Crusin' the Coast by Susan Bradley

Allen asked me if I wanted to go to Crusin' the Coast and I said sure; I had never been. He had gone once before in the MG with a friend who drove a Camaro.

I immediately called and made a 2 PM lunch reservation at Mary Mahoney's in Biloxi. We were both looking forward to this drive and spending the day on the Gulf coast. Allen drove the old Hwy. 90 all the way to Bay St. Louis. Yes, there is still lots of destruction in the area. It was a beautiful day so we made the most of it in our 1970 MGB.

We saw lots of old vintage cars and an Austin Healey and a MGBGT. We ran into bumper to bumper traffic at various locations along the beach highway. People were all very patient and we did not have to worry about anyone bumping into the car. Spectators were literally camped out all along the highway, just sitting in chairs, some on trailers, and with their RV's and vehicles parked for prime viewing spots. They waved, took pictures and yelled nice comments about the car. We even got a sign lifted at us that said "Bad to the Bone". I wasn't sure, but I figured it was a street rod thing...and it was a good thing. Some man yelled, "is that little red car for sale"? Bet he didn't know it was an MG.

We made it in time for our lunch reservations. The food was so good. This old French house restaurant was built in 1737. Then we walked over and spent some time in the beautiful Beau Rivage. We watched some of the LSU game....well, maybe just a little, then got back onto the beach road in all the traffic. You just take your time and enjoy all the other cars passing. It was fun when Allen and I could name the cars and even the year.

We really had a terrific day crusin'...beautiful, blue skies. Next year, we will take the TR6. Maybe some of you British car owners will join us next year.



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## Abita Brew Pub Cruise by Cathy Greensfelder

Saturday October 7 was a spectacularly beautiful day: clear blue sky, fluffy white clouds, and mild temperatures. It was a great day for driving little British cars. Karen & Keith Vezina and Cathy & Mark Greensfelder drove their MGBs from the South Shore. They



met up with Wally Friloux and his son Sean in Wally's TR6 at Claiborne Hill and with Mary Ann & Cort M. Musgrave and Tisha & Cort A. Musgrave in their Rovers at the Abita Brewery. (Cort M & Cort A. are father & son and both are members.)



It turns out there isn't much to see at a brewery. It's pretty much all big stainless steel tanks and pumps, except for the bottling machine. Unfortunately, the bottler was down for maintenance. So after a very quick tour, everyone went to the Abita Brew Pub for a late lunch / early dinner. At the Pub, they were joined by Wally's wife Margaret and by Dave Denson. After a nice meal and a good bit of talking, everyone enjoyed the great weather on the drive home.

## Natchez Show by Cathy Greensfelder

Several members convoyed up to Natchez on Friday. Mark & Cathy Greensfelder, Susan & Allen Bradley, Sally & Bill Breithoff, Jeannine & Roy Richardson and Margaret & Wally Friloux drove to Natchez, through Vidalia and on to Frogmore Plantation and Gins. Frogmore is both a restored historical plantation dating from the late 1700's and a working modern cotton plantation. It was a fascinating tour, which included a cotton gin with a patent from 1884. The tour also included the opportunity to venture into the fields and pick our own cotton. The plantation was named after the country home of Queen Victoria in Frogmore England. It is where she and Prince Albert are buried. The tour was like no other "plantation" tour since it concentrated on the working end of plantation life. For more information you can visit their website at [www.frogmoreplantation.com](http://www.frogmoreplantation.com)

Fourteen more BMCNO folks and eight more BMNCO British cars joined the group over the course of Friday evening and Saturday morning. The weather Saturday was near perfect and close to fifty cars total showed. There was a wide assortment from MGBs to a Triumph Mayflower named "Mrs. Biddle". (She has trafficators!!) Like past shows, the only "complaint" was that it was held in conjunction with the Jim Bowie Festival and the Bowie BBQ Duel. Everyone at the car show could smell world class barbeque but none of it was available to the public. Only the judges of the BBQ contest got any!! Everyone left the show with an appetite. Fortunately there were plenty of options for dining in the area.

One group had dinner at Monmouth Plantation on Saturday night. Those sixteen members & spouses had managed to get organized a month before the show to made reservations. Dining at Monmouth is strictly by reservation and they were booked up weeks in advance so they were unable to add any more to the group at the last minute. It was a wonderful experience and all of those who went would recommend it.



Several other BMCNO members attended but did not enter cars. Jeannine & Roy Richardson drove up with the convoy on Friday in their Lincoln. Roy's gold 1981 TR8 survived Katrina but they had been too busy rebuilding their business to work on the car. (Roy lost a 1981 TR7 and a 1979 Cadillac El Dorado convertible. Both were totally submerged for 3 weeks.) Ham Ramsey and Cindy and Nicky Edrington dropped by the show to visit. The Edringtons have sold their TR6 and Ham didn't enter his Avanti. The group that went to Monmouth ran into Josie and Harold Hunt at dinner on Saturday night.

No trip to Natchez would be complete without the visit to Darby's for pumpkin fudge and other necessities. It was a wonderful weekend..... thanks to the English Motoring Club of Jackson for having their Natchez show in Vidalia. Cannot wait till next year.





BMCNO Members at Vadalia	Car	Prize
Susan & Allen Bradley	1970 MGB	1st
Kenneth Dieffenbach	1967 Austin Healey 3000	1st
Chesney & David Loeb	1952 MG-TD	1st
Karan & George Barton	1974 ½ MGB-GT	2nd
Margaret & Wally Friloux	1971 TR6	2nd
Menda & Dave Hayden	1967 TR4A	2nd
	Austin Mini 1000	3rd
Paul Hornsby	1960 MGA	2nd
Cathy & Blake Sonnier	1972 MGB	2nd
	MGA	2nd
Karen Murray & Ronnie Palmisano	1976 TR6	3rd
Darryl Lynn & John Roberts	1973 MGB	3rd
Sally & Bill Breithoff	1977 MGB	--
Cathy & Mark Greensfelder	1979 MGB	--
Mary Lynne & Rick Huber	1975 MGB V8	--



## Cars For Sale

**78 MGB.** new top, runs well. 49k miles, \$2,995.  
Harold Hunt 504-458-1151 (10/06)

**1968 MGB Roadster.** In very good all original condition.. Runs well. All original new interior with banjo wheel and AM radio. Very clean engine compartment. Needs lower side panel rust work and paint. \$6,50000 Please call Pat Bloodworth at 985.789.7924. (10/06)

## Wanted To Buy

**A-H Sprite Mk2 or MG Midget Mk1.** Most important criteria is no rust. Not running, disassembled ok. Jim Dougherty, 985-789-1826-sebring222@aol.com, Covington." (10/06)

**Factory Hard Top** for Austin Healey Bugeye Sprite. Jim Dougherty, 985-787-1826, sebring222@aol.com (10/06)

## Parts For Sale

**Used MGB dash pad cover** fits 1972-1976.  
One small break in an inconspicuous area. Moss sells this part for \$55. \$10 o.b.o. Contact Keith at webmaster@bmcno.org or call 504-455-5056 (9/06)

**Rebuilt MGB overdrive transmission.**  
4 synchro. All new bearings, synchros and seals. \$1,000. Installation available. Peter 228-586-0187 or pbrauen1@bellsouth.net(6/06)

**N.I.B. MGB Windshield Moss Part #458-815**  
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**79 MGB wheel & new tire** \$135; rack (without mounting bracket) \$35; New seat belts, black \$40 Rick, 504-885-3901 Rick, 504-885-3901(10/06)



## Membership Info



Club membership is open to anyone who owns or has owned, drives or is interested in British motor vehicles.

Annual Dues: \$25 per year

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

Lifetime Membership: \$250

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

**Club Regalia** – Contact Treasurer Allen Bradley for information.

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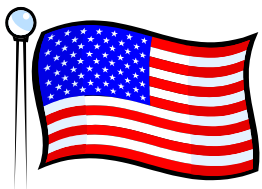
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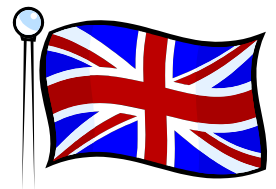


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**E.E. Reynolds Rallye, Nov 5<sup>th</sup>**