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Hello BMCNO club members.

The last President's message this year is due tonight, and I don't know where to begin. It has been a very exciting year for our club, where we voted on some major changes regarding the newsletter. As of last week, we have received approximately 25 opt in letters for members wanting to receive their newsletters via mail. The majority of our members will receive their newsletters on our web site, promptly and in living color. We think that eventually all of our members will want to receive their Morris Gazette from our website. Many of the clubs that we correspond with have begun to send us their newsletters via their web sites, and not one them has objected to us publishing ours on the web.

The other major accomplishment this year was passed by the membership to change due dates for membership from anniversary dates to a single date for all members. This will allow for easier accounting and tracking for the treasurer's office. No longer will we send out dues notices for 3 months before a member is dropped. This will also give our Members at Large a chance to call members who are late paying their dues, and follow up on keeping our club roster up.

This is the 29th year of our club's existence, and what a good year it was. As we were recovering from last year's storm, we held the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual British Car Day, the most successful show ever. More volunteers helped with the show than ever before, and we were complimented by our members and out of town guests alike. The profits raised from our Car Day event were donated to Delgado College Automotive Group, to purchase supplies for the auto body classes. And I might add, several of our members are now enrolled in the auto body course, using the supplies that were donated.

One of the most difficult tasks accomplished by our board this year was to finally, (after 16 years) writing a car show manual to share with club members and officers alike, describing what to do and how to do it. This should greatly aid both new and not so new committee chairman in determining what their role and duties are to make our Car Day the best it can be. Many thanks to WALLY FRILOUX for combining all of the info, from past and present officers, members, committee chairpersons, and publishing it in booklet form. (Some might think it is a dictionary!!!)


Also after many years of publishing our Morris Gazette, we finally coerced a new Newsletter Editor to take on responsibilities from CATHY GREENSFELDER. I know that Cathy was getting a little tired and needed someone to take over. Thank you CATHY. Welcome to RONNIE PALMISANO, our newsletter editor, 2007, who graciously accepted this position 2 months ago. PP

Planning for Car Day 2007 is underway. Many decisions have already been made regarding the show, including the tee shirt design. At the last membership meeting, we asked for t-shirt designs, and at the last board meeting, a design was presented by SEAN FRILOUX. Sean, Wally's son, submitted his design, and it was accepted by the board. A copy of this design appears elsewhere in the Morris Gazette.

Again, this has been an exciting year for BMCNO. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as President for the past 2 years, and thanks to all of the board members that have helped make it possible. The new board will be inducted at the annual Christmas party on the north shore this year., and I look forward to seeing you there. Till the next meeting on Tuesday, good luck to our new president, KEITH VEZINA, and the new board members. Thanks, CLIFF

# December 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 BMCNO Christmas Party 6:30-9:30 p.m.	11	12 B.O.D. Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	13	14	15	16 <i>Chanukah</i>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 <i>Christmas</i>	26	27	28	29	30
31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>						

**Sunday, December 10 - 6:30-9:30 p.m. BMCNO Christmas Party** - Wally Friloux. 313 Jade Ct, Madisonville. 985-845-8216. The club buys the fried turkey & sodas. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. South shore convoy leaves South Causeway toll plaza at 5:00 p.m. Map and driving information located on BMCNO website. Go to December Events December 10<sup>th</sup>. Click on .

**Tuesday, December 12 - 7:00 p.m. B.O.D./Car Show Committee Chair Meeting** - Wally Friloux. 313 Jade Ct, Madisonville. 985-845-8216. Southshore Car pool leaves back of Lakeside Mall at 6:15p.m.

**No December Meeting! Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, Season's Greetings!**

# Minutes

Minutes – October 31, 2006

There were no guests or new members.

**Club business:** As there were no opposed races, the nominees for the board for 2007 were elected by acclamation. The 2007 board will be: President: Keith Vezina. Vice-President: Robert Rougelot; Treasurer: Allen Bradley. Newsletter Editor: Ronnie Palmisano. Secretary: Cathy Greensfelder. Members at Large: Roger Nagy, Bill Breithoff, Wally Friloux and Karen Murray.

**Past Events:** The Abita Brewery tour was discussed. Members who participated agreed that the brewery tour was probably not worth doing again, but the lunch at the Brew Pub was nice. The shows at Vidalia/Natchez and Fairhope were discussed. (See articles in November 6th Gazette.) Cliff Hughes reported that on the way home from Fairhope, five miles from his house, he had a blowout on the MGA at 75 mph. It really messed up the fender. He called one of the tire companies and asked what the life of a tire is in *years* and was told six years tops, regardless of mileage. Cliff's tires were around 8 years old. We all should have learned this lesson several years ago when Fred Mayer had a blow out on Interstate 55 at "a high rate of speed" in his TR6. The car did a 360 across the freeway, hitting the center divider on the *passenger* side after narrowly missing going under an 18-wheeler. No one was injured but the entire passenger side of the TR6 suffered body damage. Fred's tires had plenty of tread but were 20 years old.

**Future Events:** The E. E. Reynolds Rallye was discussed. Rallye Master Mike Anderson said neither a working odometer nor stopwatch would be necessary. The Christmas Party this year will be at Wally Friloux's home in Madisonville on the North shore. There will be a convoy from the Metairie end of the Causeway bridge at 5:00 PM.

Anne and Floyd Friloux proposed having a possible tech session at Lubriport Labs in January. They have 2 car lifts available for use.

**Car Show:** Show Chairman Keith Vezina went through the list of show committees which need chairmen and volunteers. He will bring the Volunteer Schedule to the next meeting. There was a great deal of discussion regarding whether we should have an awards banquet on Saturday evening after the show. There was no banquet last year because of the after effects of the hurricane. Members who worked that show said it was really nice to be able to go home by 6pm. For the volunteers who arrive at the show at 7am to set up, having the banquet makes for a 14-plus hour day and it is truly exhausting. The out-of-town members who attend the banquet have always said how much they enjoy it, as have local members who are able to go home at 3pm and return for the banquet at 6pm.

The club received a letter of thanks from Delgado's automotive department for last year's show donation. (See page 8) They desperately needed shop supplies, so they requested that we use the proceeds from last year's show for supplies. The club sent a \$2,500 check from the 2006 show to one of the automotive department's suppliers and we received an itemized receipt of materials purchased with the money. They promised they will have everything set up to award scholarships for next fall with the donation from the upcoming 2007 show.

As there were no guests, Anne Friloux was asked to draw the ticket for the 50/50 and she drew her husband Floyd Friloux's ticket. Floyd won \$18. Bill Breithoff, Karen Vezina and Roy Richardson won t-shirts. Roy won "en ausencia". He sent money for 50/50 tickets with Harold O'Reilly but was unable to attend personally. Late Monday night or early Tuesday morning someone jumped the curb, plowed through a neighboring yard, hit Roy's parked TR8, and knocked the TR8 into Roy's classic Thunderbird. The person, presumably drunk, then fled the scene. Everyone present hoped that both cars would be salvageable. §

# Club Officers – 2006

## Board of Directors

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Webmaster	Keith Vezina	504-443-5056	webmaster@bmcno.org

## 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.

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

Windscreen Transfer \$ 1.00

T-shirt \$10.00



## The 29<sup>th</sup> E.E. Reynolds Rallye by Mike Anderson

This year, Herb and I did a slightly better job in planning the E.E. Reynolds Rallye. Of the five British and one faux Brit cars that participated in the rallye on Sunday, November 5, 2006, fifty percent finished compared to 33 percent last time we staged it.

The rallye started at the Italian Pie on Jefferson Highway in Elmwood and crossed the Huey Long Bridge. (Yes Tom and Nicole, you are supposed to follow the instructions and cross the bridge.) Participants traveled various roads on the west bank of the river, looped through Algiers and crossed the Crescent City Connection. Along the way, answers to numerous questions had to be found. One of the answers was Kinder-Morgan, the company for which Karen Vezina works. She got the answer correct. After crossing back to the east bank, they continued answering questions as they passed through various neighborhoods, some intended and some unintended. The unintended included a detour on the side streets around Toledano and Claibourne Avenue due to a Second Line Parade. The detour ended Keith and Karen's campaign to win the rallye again. The rallye ended with a good meal at Fellini's Café on Carrollton Avenue.

The winners were Roger (driver) and Donna (navigator) Nagy in their faux British car. They correctly answered 27 out of 28 questions. Congratulations to the Nagys, they get to stage next year's rallye. Robert Rougelot (driver) and Donald Geddes (navigator) were second with Ronnie Palmisano (driver) and his son Cedric (navigator) coming in third. The other participants besides Keith and Karen Vezina were Mike Brown and his son John and Tom and Nicole Daughdrill.

Next year is the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the E.E. Reynolds Rallye. Let's have a very big turnout. You don't have to drive your British car to participate, just participate. It's great fun even if you don't finish.







E.E. Reynolds Rallye Pictures



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E.E. Reynolds Rallye Pictures



Artwork for British Car Day 2007. Design submitted by Wally Friloux's son Sean.

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October 24, 2006

Cliff Hughes  
President, British Motoring Club

Cliff,

As coordinator of the Delgado Community College automotive department I wish to thank the British Motoring Club for the generous gift of \$2,500 worth of collision repair supplies. These supplies will be used immediately to enhance George's classes. As your members know we took a serious hit from Katrina and the schools budget for supplies is limited. I expect that in the future if we receive donations from BMC we will put them to use in the scholarship program that we set up last year.

Please let us know if you need anything for the Spring show.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joseph Cruthirds".

Joseph Cruthirds



## Classified

### Cars For Sale

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

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**1974 1/2 MGB-GT** for sale \$4500. Includes any parts that i have with the car. George Barton 469-7221

### 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)

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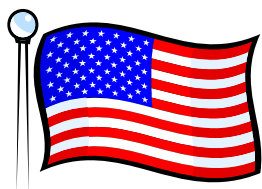
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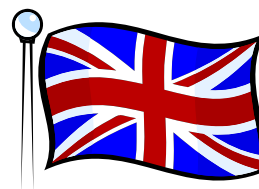


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