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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! If you didn't make it to the BMCNO Christmas party, you missed a great time. Our thanks go to Wally and Margaret Friloux for hosting the party in their lovely home. The Saints' 42-17 thumping of Dallas looked especially nice on Wally's big-screen HDTV.

At the party, we ushered in the Board of Directors for 2007. We've added two new faces to the Board; Karen Murray and Roger Nagy have joined us as Members at Large. We welcome them aboard and look forward to their fresh perspectives and ideas. If you have any ideas for club events, please don't hesitate to contact any member of the Board.

The Christmas Party was the last event that Cliff Hughes presided over; he is taking a sabbatical after his latest four-year tour of duty. During this tour he was the Vice President for 2003 & 2004 and President for 2005 & 2006. Cliff was instrumental in all we have accomplished as a club in the last few years, not the least of which was surviving Katrina. Next time you see him, shake his hand and say "thanks".

There are two club events coming up before the next membership meeting that I need to tell you about.

On Saturday, January 13, starting at 10:00 a.m., Floyd and Anne Friloux will be hosting an oil change and lube party at Lubriport Labs. They have two car lifts at their shop that we can use. While your car is on the lift, there will be a team of expert shade tree mechanics available for under-chassis inspections. Floyd has offered to do oil analyses for us and he will also make a big pot of gumbo (he promises there will not be any Castrol in the roux). Bring your own oil and filter.

On Sunday, January 21, we will repeat our Plantation Cruise of last year. The Cabin Restaurant will again be our lunch stop, but this year we will visit the west bank plantations first. See the events calendar inside for convoy times and locations.

Your Board has lots of club events planned and we are all looking forward to you joining us in the fun this coming year.

Keith Vezina

BMCNO President 2007

January 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Oil Change & Gumbo Party Lubriport Labs 10:00am
14	15 <i>Martin Luther King</i>	16 B.O.D. Mtg. 7:00pm	17	18	19	20
21 Plantation Cruise 10:00am	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Membership Mtg. 7:00pm @ The Italian Pie	31			

Saturday, January 13 - 10:00 a.m. Oil Change & Gumbo Party

Lubriport Labs, 1650 Airline Drive, Kenner, LA (504) 464-1734. Anne & Floyd will be making gumbo and doing free oil analyses. Bring your own oil and filter.

Tuesday, January 16 - 7:00 p.m. Board and Car Show Committee Meeting

Keith Vezina, 3221 Maine Ave., Kenner, LA (504) 443-5056.

Sunday, January 21 - 10:00 a.m. Plantation Cruise

A nice Sunday drive up and down River Road, stopping at Plantations for photos and visits to gift shops. We will stop for lunch at The Cabin Restaurant, then come back down the river for more Plantations. We leave the Kenner Welcome Center (I-10 & Loyola) at 10:00 a.m., North shore convoy leaves Beau Chene main entrance on Highway 22 at 8:45 a.m.

Tuesday, January 30 - 7:00 p.m GENERAL MEETING

Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy. *Sign up for car show committees.*

Saturday & Sunday, February 10th & 11th—Cajun Country Cruise

Visits to quaint Cajun towns with some antique shopping. Cruise is designed such that, if you choose, you can make it just a day trip.

November 28 Minutes

There were no guests present but this was the first meeting for member John Wells. John joined almost a year ago but had never managed to make a meeting. He bought Fraser Rice's 1960 MGA. It was at Peter Braun's shop during Katrina and was not flooded. Bill Harris was present for the first time in close to a year. Bill retired and went to work for Home Depot part time. He has been working "part time" for 60+ hours a week since the storm. Welcome back, Bill! November 28 was also Linda and Cliff Hughes' 36th wedding anniversary. The club gave them a big round of applause. (Linda puts up with a lot from Cliff!)

Past Events: Mike Anderson put on a very easy rallye. Mike Brown's son, John, passed around the notebook he did for a school project containing the rallye questions, and answers and pictures from the route. Everyone thought he deserved an "A" for it.

Future Events: The next event will be the Christmas party. A sheet was passed around for everyone to list what dish they were bringing. There will be a convoy from the south Causeway toll plaza and directions will be posted on the BMCNO web site. Mike Baker is planning another Acadian Cruise for February. This will be a Saturday afternoon cruise, overnight stay and short Sunday cruise.

Car Show: Wally Friloux's son, Sean, has created a very professional T-shirt design for the car show. A printout was passed around. T-shirts should be available for the January meeting. Orders are being taken for golf shirts. Golf shirts are \$20 and must be pre-paid to one of the Board members by the Christmas party.

Show chairman Keith Vezina went through the volunteer list.

Member Projects: Brion Rose passed around photos of his MGB project car. Keith Vezina helped him get it running and Brion is working on the body. Stuart McKendrick said things have been quiet at the Auto Palace on Oak Street. He is working on the cooling system of his car. Robert Rougelot's MGB is waiting for Peter Braun to finish checking out a replacement engine.

Floyd Friloux is NOT working on any projects so he was surprised last week when he heard his wife Anne yelling "WHAT DID YOU BUY?!" from the front of their warehouse/office. Some guy was unloading a Mustang transmission. Turns out their son-in-law had bought it and had it delivered to Anne and Floyd's business without telling anyone.

Cliff Hughes is attempting to put air conditioning in his Midget. He talked to Old Air Products and Vintage Air and both said he was on his own. They can put A/C in an MGA but the Midget's nose is too narrow.

News: Engine rebuilders around the country have started having problems with rebuilt engines failing during the break-in period. The new oils have much less zinc and phosphorus and do not protect the engines adequately during this period. Several people recommended using Shell Rotella or motor cycle oil for the break-in period after a rebuild. The new oils are fine for use after the first 500 or so miles.

Mike Brown's son, John, won \$22 in the 50/50 drawing. Robert Rougelot and Bill Harris won T-shirts. §

Club Officers – 2007

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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: \$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)

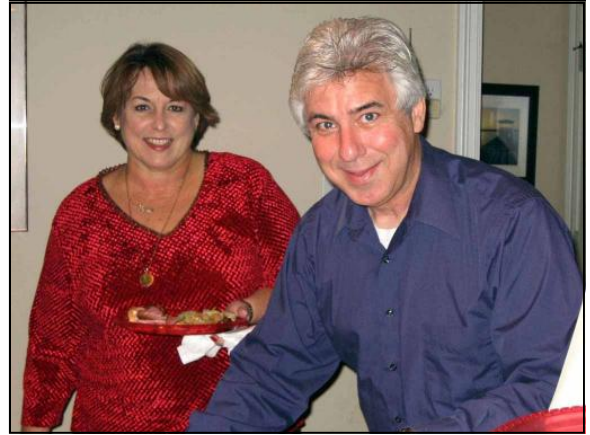
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T-shirt \$10.00

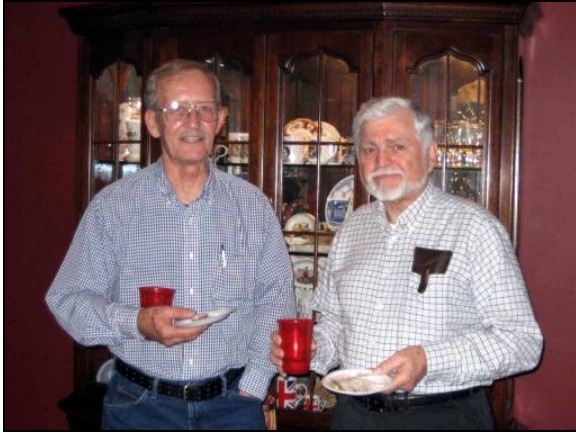


BMCNO Christmas Party at Wally and Margaret Friloux's.

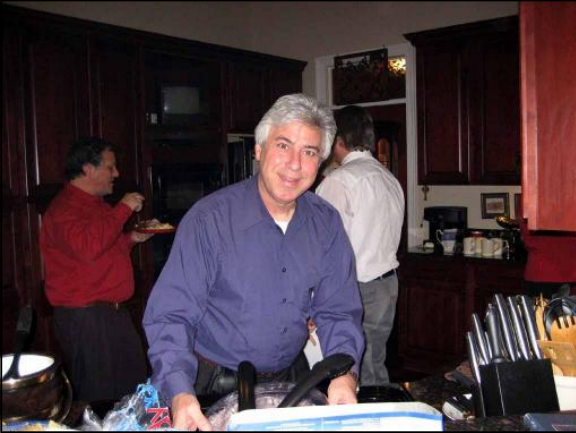
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More Christmas Party Fun



Christmas Party Fun



CHEF'S CORNER by Karen Murray

Many say that this club is not only about beautiful British cars but also about good food. All of our meetings and events include wonderful food either at great local restaurants, club members' homes, or pot luck parties. BMCNO has many functions where members provide scrumptious food. Most people want to share recipes, but with our busy schedules, we never have time to email.

This column is dedicated to sharing some of the delicious recipes from club members. Please submit recipes to me for each newsletter and one will be published every month. Thanks to incoming President Keith Vezina for his mouthwatering Brisket recipe that everyone looks forward to at our annual Christmas Party. I am very partial to this recipe as I cooked it last year. The brisket was **VERY** easy to prepare and well received by my family. Looking forward to more delectable entries in the future!!!!!!

Baked Brisket

10-12 lb. brisket with fat on.

Pre-heat oven to 500 degrees F.

Coat brisket liberally with Tony Chacherie's

Spray a large pan with Pam and place brisket in, fat side up.

Place in preheated oven, after 20 minutes, turn down to 275 degrees.

Cook until fork tender.

Remove from oven, place on cutting board and tent with aluminum foil

Let stand at least 30 minutes before slicing.

Remove remaining fat with a knife and separate the two slabs of meat

Slice each slab separately, across the grain

Separate grease from drippings.

De-glaze pan with drippings and water.

Add flour or corn starch to make a gravy.



Recipe by T. Keith Vezina , President 2007

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A British Motor Nut's Alternative Winter Vacation by Rick Huber

Tired of the same ol' ski trip, cruise or island hop every February? Now is your chance to break away from the routine vacation humdrum and do something really entertaining, valuable, and fun with your favorite hobby for a winter vacation.

Go to University Motors to receive your MGINEER degree. Yes, even we Southerners can be awarded a certificate just for completing one of the technical seminars put on by John Twist. John is one of the foremost, world renowned, MG authorities (host of the annual Summer Party), and he advertises and writes in the NAMGBR's "MG Driver" magazine, and the AMGBA's "Octagon" magazine.

John owns and operates his full time British car restoration and repair shop, University Motors Ltd., in Ada, Michigan (just outside of Grand Rapids). Each February he runs a series of technical seminars to train us British Motoring Aficionados that dare to venture up to the frozen tundra of western Michigan in February (I believe I was there for the coldest day of the year last February, down to a Louisianan numbing 3 degrees). For all those Northerners, most British cars get put away in the winter due to the snow, cold and, worst of all, the wet salty roads. So why not venture out to a seminar to learn more about your favorite hobby?

The two-and-three day seminars consist of hands on rebuilding of your own transmission, carburetor and distributor; a two-day MGB engine rebuild; and a three-day MG mechanical seminar. This year there are also T series and MGA restoration Seminars, and an MGB sheet metal restoration seminar. I've attended the transmission, carb & dizzy, restoration, and mechanical seminars over the last three years. I've thoroughly enjoyed the time in the shop, getting the work done myself, and learning from the Pro.

This year John is adding a TR3-TR6 mechanical seminar to the normal MG mix, showing he still can expand his horizons beyond the MG world. For more information on the seminars, or to learn more about University Motors, check out the website at www.universitymotorsltd.com. If you want to talk about my experiences and learn some tips on travel, hotels, car-pooling – drop me a line at rick1huber@aol.com or call me at 225-926-6946.

Mary Lynne has gone with me twice. She hangs out in the hotel and sews while I'm in the seminar, and we go out to eat, a movie, or shopping in the evenings (if it's not snowing!). We even did some sightseeing one free Sunday afternoon. Sure it costs some money, but hey, just think of how much you'll save postponing that ski trip, cruise, or island hop to next year!

University Motors Ltd, a British Motor Heritage ® Approved Workshop, is located in Ada, Michigan (an eastern suburb of Grand Rapids). University Motors specializes in the MG sportscars, yet any classic British car is welcome. University offers line and bench service, full maintenance, restoration, technical support, counter sales of new and used parts, and mechanical and restoration classes. John H Twist founded University Motors in January 1975, and he and his wife, Caroline Robinson, are the owners. University Motors is a registered repair facility with the State of Michigan. Both John and Caroline offer a lifelong dedication to the marque!

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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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17th Annual British Car Day

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Address			
City		State	Zip
Telephone		Email	
Club Affiliations (used to calculate club participation award)			

Cars entered \$25.00 early registration \$30.00 after 3-10-2007

	Year	Make / Model / Type	Entry Fee
1			

\$10.00 each additional car

2			
3			
4			

I plan to attend the Friday night reception with _____ people, total.

Total Fees	\$
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Awards Dinner: Gumbo, chicken breast stuffed with shrimp & andouille, steamed veggies, salad with choice of dressing, rolls, iced tea and bread pudding.

Number of Adults: (\$17.50)	Children: (\$8.00)
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T-Shirts—See front cover for t-shirt design! Size S through XL \$12. size XXL and XXXL \$14

Sm:	Med:	Lg:	XL:	XXL	XXXL
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Swamp Tour Tickets: (\$27)	(non-refundable unless tour is cancelled due to lack of participation.)
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In consideration of this entry, I waive any and all claims for me and my heirs against the British Motoring Club New Orleans, Delgado College, their officers and any sponsor of this event for injury or illness which may result directly or indirectly from my participation. I also give my permission for use of my name and / or pictures in any broadcast, telecast or any other account of this event.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Make check payable to British Car Day

Mail to: Car Day, P.O. Box 73213, Metairie, LA 70033

Pre-registered cars will be admitted beginning at 8 a.m.
 On-Site Registration is from 9 a.m. to Noon.
 Voting will be from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
 Awards Dinner at 6 p.m.
 For more information visit our web site: <http://www.bmcno.org>
 Or call: Keith Vezina: (504) 722-5777
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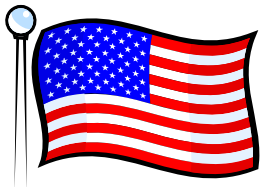
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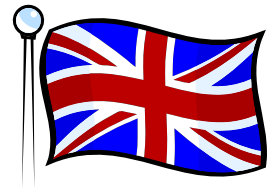


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