

Morris Gazette

President's Message

On the weekend of February 10th and 11th several of us joined up with other British car owners in the Lafayette area for two days of food (of course!) and fun. We traveled on some nice scenic byways and ate at some of the best restaurants in the area. You can read more about the Acadiana Cruise inside this newsletter. Many thanks to Mike and Linda Baker for a well organized event.

The Delgado Auto Repair Department would like to do a British car exhibit at the New Orleans Auto Show. This show is sponsored by the New Car Dealer's Association and is on March 9, 10, & 11 at the Morial Convention Center. Delgado would like to have as many as eight cars on display. If you might be interested in participating, contact Cliff Hughes at hugh8709@bellsouth.net.

Don't forget to register for the Car Show!

Keith Vezina

BMCNO is affiliated with

North American MGB Register (NAMGBR)
and

Vintage Triumph Register (VTR)

If you are member of these or any other national club or register, please let us know.

We strongly encourage all members to join the registry for their marque!

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March 2007 Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6 B.O.D. Mtg. 7:00pm	7	8	9 New Car Dealer's Assoc. New Orleans Auto Show	10 New Car Dealer's Assoc. New Orleans Auto Show
11 New Car Dealer's Assoc. New Orleans Auto Show	12	13	14	15	16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> River Road Car Show
18 Car Show Goodie Bag Prep 4:00 p.m.	19	20 Membership Mtg. 7:00pm @ The Italian Pie	21	22	23 Red Beans & Rice Reception, Hampton Inn 6:00 PM	24 17th Annual N.O. British Car Day
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Tuesday, March 06 - 7:00 p.m. Board/Car Show Committee meeting - Cathy Greensfelder, 5537 Berkley Drive, New Orleans (504) 392-9261

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Sunday, March 18 - 4:00p.m. Car Show Goodie Bag Prep Party - Lubriport Labs, 1650 Airline Hwy behind NAPA. Come help us stuff the Lagniappe Bags and registration packets for the show. Dinner provided for workers.

Tuesday, March 20 - 7:00 p.m. GENERAL MEETING - Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy. **Note change of date!!** Meeting is a week early for car show. Sign up sheet for show volunteers and for dishes for Friday reception.

Friday Mar 23 - Red Beans & Rice Reception, Hampton Inn - Elmwood 25150 Mounes Street, Harahan, LA, 6pm. The club brings the beans & rice; y'all bring a pot luck dish to share with our out-of-town guests.

Saturday, March 24 - 17th Annual British Car Day! Delgado City Park Campus. Registration - 9 a.m. to noon, Show noon - to 3 p.m.

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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: \$24 per year (July 1st to June 30th).

Dues are prorated for the first year at \$2.00 per month.

Lifetime Membership: \$240

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 the Club Treasurer Allen Bradley for information.

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

Windscreen Transfer \$ 1.00

T-shirt \$10.00

January Minutes

The BMCNO January club meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Keith Vezina. Congratulations to Sally & Bill Breithoff on the birth of their first grandchild, Annabel Galatoire Lawler. Annabel was born January 19, 2007 and weighed 10 lbs. 10 oz. Mother, father, baby, and new grandparents are doing fine.

Guests Max and Carol Benson from Liverpool, owners of a 1971 MGB Roadster, were introduced. Carol is a native of New Orleans.

Keith thanked Wally and Margaret Friloux for hosting the annual Christmas Party. Frazer promised to bring gumbo next year if Wally and Margaret agree to host again.

Floyd and Ann Friloux were thanked for hosting the "Oil Change and Shrimp Stew Party". Floyd returned the oil test results to car owners and explained what everything meant. British cars show higher levels of lead content and gasoline in their engine oil than American cars. He said that you could smell gas in the oil as it was taken out of the cars. Discussion then followed on how to successfully change oil in British cars.

The Acadiana Cruise is scheduled for the weekend of February 10th. The cruise is organized by Mike Baker. Discussion followed on the designated meeting places, agenda, accommodations, and tourist events including antique shopping.

The River Road Car Show is scheduled for March 17th at the St. Joseph Plantation. This car show is similar to a miniature Jazz Fest according to past participants Wally Friloux and Robert Rougelot. It is a charity event with a \$25 pre-registration fee or \$30 at the event. There is also good food and a jambalaya cook off.

The Goodie Bag Stuffing Party will be hosted by Floyd and Anne on March 18th at 4:00 p.m. Please request a gross of ANYTHING from ANYONE to put in the bags. Dinner will be provided by the club.

Car Show Volunteer Appreciation Party on Sunday, April 15th from 12:00 noon till 5:00 p.m. at the Kenner Veteran Pavilion. Food and soft drinks will be provided by the club but you can bring your own beer.

June 30th is the deadline for membership dues. Dues are pro-rated this year after the by-law change passed last year. A list from Cathy was passed around for everyone to see how much they will owe in June.

Cliff showed the new award trophies for the car show. (Frazer Rice wanted cash!) Cliff is purchasing the trophies from a Jefferson business. The recipients will receive the trophy with their name on it at the banquet.

The committee chairmen list was completed with the help of Bill Harris and Ronnie Palmisano accepting parking and photography respectfully. Floyd Friloux and Allen Bradley volunteered to be roaming photographers. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered. If you haven't volunteered to chair committees please sign up to help on a committee.

A hospitality sign up sheet was passed around for the Friday night event. If you didn't sign up for this event please email Karen Murray with your dish. We need wonderful food to welcome our participants.

Karen.murray@jppss.k12.la.us

Frazier Rice discussed the cars that he has recently sold.

Keith Vezina suggested members start organizing tech sessions at their houses to help with the restoration of their car. It is a good idea to order pizza and drinks for the volunteers.

Ronnie Palmisano and Allen Bradley went on a trip to Jackson, Mississippi to purchase a new hard top for Ronnie's 1976 TR6.

Robert Rougelot went to install a stereo system in Wally Friloux's TR6. He suggested that everyone to get under the dash and check that all connections are in proper place. If so, the lights will be brighter and you could even get better gas mileage. Robert also mentioned that Gerry Masterman from Prairieville sells special brushes to clean bullet connectors in electrical systems. Contact Robert for name and number.

Keith Vezina discussed ebay scams and how to recognize and avoid them. Floyd Friloux wants to purchase a 16' tilt back trailer. Stewart McKendrick is trying to sell his TR7. Frazier Rice attended a charity auction event where a '76 MGB was won by someone who bought \$1,000 in raffle tickets.

Harold O'Reilly won \$26.00 in the 50/50. T-shirts were won by: Joey La Branch, Karen Vezina, Wally Friloux and Maryilyn Geddes.

The meeting was adjourned for networking and the selling of car show T-shirts.

Acadiana Cruise by Mike Baker

The Saturday cruise got underway once the caravan from New Orleans arrived. My son John joined us for the ride and lunch, so I brought the XJ6 sedan. The caravan included Keith and Karen Vezina in their MGB, Rick and Mary Lynne Huber in their V-8 powered MG, and Wally and Margaret Friloux in their TR6. We were also joined by Randi Lee of Abbeville in her 59 Barbi Pink Thunderbird with a 390 V-8. Randi also has an MGA Twin-Cam that is set up for racing.



The cruise made its way through Breaux Bridge, Parks and into St. Martinville. The first stop was at the Evangeline Oak in St. Martinville. Those of us of a certain age had to read Longfellow's epic poem in school and learn the fate of it's heroine Evangeline. The poem centered around the Oak when the French Acadians were forced to leave Nova Scotia following the French and Indian War. The weather cooperated to some extent by holding back on the rain, and the sun peeked out from behind the clouds occasionally. Too bad it was too cold for top down cruising! After leaving St. Martinville, the cruise traveled one of my favorite "sports car roads" that snakes its way along the perimeter of the Stuller property of Stuller Jewelry Settings fame. The road winds through a small cy-

press swamp and through a series of neighborhoods, each trying to outdo the other with style and grandeur.

The cruise continued along the outskirts of Broussard and Lafayette before passing back through Breaux Bridge and then on to Henderson where we stopped at Pat's Fisherman's Wharf Restaurant for lunch.

Ronnie and Karen Palmisano joined us just in time for lunch. After lunch, and a short stop at the Best Western to drop off a vehicle, it was on to Odell's Pottery Studio. We were joined by two FEMA employees, Jim Philpott from Seattle who has a TR3 at home, and co-worker Colleen McNeese from Colorado who owns a



Model T Ford.

Bruce Odell started with a lump of clay on the potter's wheel and worked it into an elegant pot. He demonstrated how to adorn the outside with different shapes from ordinary things such as a phillips screwdriver and how the shapes change as the pot progressed. There was a collective sigh of dismay from the when Bruce deformed the pot into something that artist Salvador Dali would love. The group then gathered to watch how pots, glowing red from the kiln, were sprayed with a mixture of corn oil, alcohol and water, erupted in fireballs. (continued on page 6)

The pots were then partially buried in moist hardwood sawdust to change the amount of oxygen to different areas of the glazing. This caused the copper based glazing to change into a rainbow of brilliant colors.

Dinner on Saturday night was at Poorboy's Riverside Inn, one of my favorite restaurants in Lafayette. Just as Linda and I were preparing to leave to meet the group to caravan to the restaurant, Linda walked into our bathroom and found herself standing in ¼" deep river of water across the master bathroom floor. A sewer clog and a running toilet in the other bathroom conspired to overflow the shower stall. I gave the group directions and sent them on to the restaurant, while Linda and I dealt with the household excitement.



On Sunday, the group was joined by Tommy, a local British Car enthusiast in his Spitfire, and Mike and Lisa Blaney from Lafayette in their TR6. We had plenty of sunshine but only Tommy was brave enough to cruise with the top down. My son John could not join us, so Linda and I drove the XJS convertible. The cruise departed Breaux Bridge and wound its way through Cecelia, Arnaudville and Grand Coteau before making our first rest stop.

From there it was on to Sunset and Opelousas. As we traveled from Opelousas to Washington, we actually had roads with hills! In South Louisiana! Lunch was at the Steamboat Warehouse Restaurant in Washington. After lunch, I turned the group loose in the Schoolhouse Antique Mall. There are antique shops jam-packed into the entire schoolhouse and Gym. The school is a two-story brick structure built in the early part of the last century. Each couple was free to browse as long as they wanted and directions were provided to get the group back to I-10 for the ride home.



CHEF'S CORNER by Karen Murray

This month's recipe was a huge success at the BMCNO Christmas party. Thanks to Mary Lynne Huber.

Muffaletta Torte

- 2 (8oz) cream cheese, cut up
- 2 Tbsp butter, cut up
- 1/4 tsp pepper - (I used much more, to taste)
- 1 1/2 cup grated provolone cheese
- 1/2 cup olive salad mix
- 1/2 cup chopped ham
- 1/2 cup chopped hard salami (I used pepperoni)
- Parsley for garnish



Mary Lynne and Rick Huber

Place cream cheese, butter, pepper and provolone in a food processor, mix until combined and smooth. Line a 3 cup round bowl with saran wrap, and layer as follows: olive salad mix, 1/3 cream cheese mixture, chopped ham, 1/3 cup cream cheese mixture, chopped salami and 1/3 cup cream cheese mixture.

Use a small spatula greased with cooking spray to spread cream cheese over other ingredients. Cover and chill until firm. Turn uncovered bowl upside down on a serving platter and remove plastic wrap carefully. Surround torte with parsley and serve with crackers. I put more olive salad around the base of the torte.

Enjoy, Mary Lynne

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 Karen karenmurray@cox.net

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official entry form

17th Annual British Car Day, Saturday, March 24

Please print

Name		Guest (for name tag)	
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 M 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>

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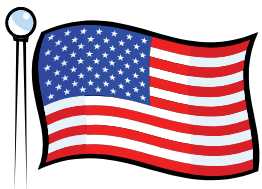
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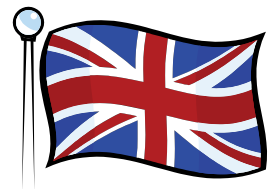


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