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## President's Message

By the time you read this, you should have already received your notice for membership renewal. Because we are transitioning to a June 30<sup>th</sup> renewal date, almost everyone's membership is pro-rated. Please closely review the form, update your personal data and return it with your dues payment. This will be the only notice we send out, so please take some time now to write a check and mail it in.

Be aware that changes to your e-mail address for the Club database will NOT be reflected in our web-based mailing list. Because of security safeguards, our web-based mailing list requires your response to a confirmation e-mail. If you do not respond, your e-mail address is not added to the list. This helps protect your e-mail address from spammers. The downside is that you must make changes to the mailing list yourself.

Making changes, however, is very easy. First, open the web page [http://www.bmcno.org/mailing\\_list.htm](http://www.bmcno.org/mailing_list.htm), type in your old e-mail address then click "un-subscribe" and "go". Go back to the same page then type in your new e-mail address.

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The June and July General Membership meetings will be short ones. For the June meeting, we will adjourn early so that we can convoy to the snow-ball stand on the corner of Veterans and Roosevelt. In July, we will adjourn early to convoy over to the Creole Creamery on Prytania Street. Please come early so that we can start on time.

Save room for dessert!

Keith Vezina

# July 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i>	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 <b>B.O.D. Mtg. &amp; Family BBQ</b> 12:00 pm	16 NAMGBR Sanoma, CA	17 NAMGBR Sanoma, CA	18 NAMGBR Sanoma, CA	19 NAMGBR Sanoma, CA	20 NAMGBR Sanoma, CA	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 <b>Final Friday</b> 5-10 p.m. <b>Downtown Covington</b>	28 <b>Jazz'n the Vines</b>  Cruise Night Clearview Mall
29	30	31 <b>Membership Mtg. 7:00pm @ The Italian Pie</b>				

**Tuesday, June 26 - 7:00 p.m. GENERAL MEETING** - Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy. **Short meeting then we'll convoy to the snowball stand at the corner of Vets & Roosevelt**

**Friday, June 29 - 5:00 p.m.-10 p.m. Final Friday** Covington, LA - A street party featuring all types of antique cars, including British cars. Four blocks of Columbia St. are closed for a car display. Most restaurants are open and live music at both ends of the street. Call Cliff Hughes (985) 845-8709 or Jim Jones (985) 892-7774

**Sunday, July 15 - 12:00 p.m. Board Meeting & Family BBQ / Pool Party** - Karen Murray, 1900 Colony Road, Metairie, (504) 454-3461

**Saturday, July 28 - Jazz'n the Vines** Pontchartrain Vineyards and Winery, 81250 Old Military Road, Bush, LA 6:30 until 9:00 p.m. featuring **Limited Edition (Classic N.O. R&B)**. Bring lawn chairs and picnic dinner (or food is available for purchase). The only alcoholic beverages allowed are Pontchartrain Vineyards Wines. Admission: \$ 10/person children 12 and under are free. *South shore convoy leaves Causeway Bridge parking lot 4:30 p.m., North shore convoy leaves Rouse's @ Claiborne Hill 5:30 p.m.*

**Tuesday, July 31 - 7:00 p.m. GENERAL MEETING** - Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy. **Short meeting then we'll convoy to the Creole Creamery**

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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.

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## Minutes, May 29 Meeting by Cathy Greensfelder

Guests included new members Don Rodriguez, Marcus McWaters and Andrew Gilchrist. Don has a 2006 Mini Cooper S that he's put 25,000 miles on in the year he's had it. Marcus has a 1978 MGB that he's had since 1980. Andrew has a 72 Rover and a 79 Austin Mini. His father Jim, who has a Jaguar XKE was visiting from Canada.

**Past events:** Cliff Hughes reported on the May Final Friday. The weather was excellent and it was a lot of fun. Robert Rougelot reported on the Crawfish Boil. (see article.) The Bradley's went to the Birmingham show. The show has British, German, Italian and Swedish cars and is held in a park. There were over 100 cars, about 50 of them British. Allen's car won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in it's class. They recommended you stop for BBQ in Tuscaloosa, AL at Dreamland BBQ; the only thing on the menu is ribs.

**Future Events:** There is a cruise-in every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday at Clearview Mall. The show is from 6-9 pm and admission is \$1. "Drive Your British Week" is May 26 – June 3. This event was started by a dentist in California who said "You don't see those driving around any more." Drive your British car so people *do* see them on the road. Plans for the Back to the Beach show on June 3 and breakfast at Taste of Bavaria on June 10 were discussed.

**Club business:** Ronnie Palmisano announced that we have show t-shirts for sale for \$8.

Dues for the 2007-08 year are due by June 30. Members will be getting a letter detailing their pro-rated dues. We will be printing club membership cards and a membership directory in mid-July so get your checks in.

Tourist Trophy Garage on Tchoupitoulas has closed. The only shop working on British cars are now Peter Braun's in Kiln, MS and Gambino Foreign Cars behind the Palace Theatre in Clearview. Kevin is very short-staffed.

The 2008 British Car Day will be on March 29, 2008. We need a volunteer to send out show notices to the quarterly parts & car magazines by the end of August.

The Scholarship committee has almost finished writing up the club scholarship program. We plan to distribute applications to Delgado Automotive students in August and award our first scholarships for the semester beginning January 2008.

At the Pensacola show, the idea of satellite BMCNO chapters was brought up. Rick Huber has volunteered to be the Baton Rouge coordinator. Dave Hayden is being approached about being the Lafayette coordinator.

**Member Projects:** Ronnie Palmisano had a visit from "Lucas, Prince of Darkness" when his car cut out on the highway. The rotor had broken and part had fallen down into the centrifugal advance. It was not fun getting the part out.

Mark Warren is looking for someone to do the interior of his 74 MGB.

Roger Nagy reported that Jeff from Advanced Distributor worked on his distributor. He got the work done in 2 days for \$99. They can do a custom advance curve in a week.

New member Marcus McWaters reported that he was in an accident while trailering his MGB in which the trailer jack-knifed. The B stayed on the trailer but slid diagonally on the bed. He wants to find out if the car is wrenched. Ham Ramsey suggested the "bucket test". On flat, dry pavement, pour a bucket of water over the tires to wet them and then roll the car forward. If the back wheels make tracks right on top of the front wheel tracks, the car is straight.

Karen Vezina won \$23 in the 50/50. Don Rodriguez, Ronnie Palmisano and Sue Bradley won Car Show Goodie bags. Mark Warren won a t-shirt. §

## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Back to the Beach Car Show by Sue Bradley

It was a beautiful, sunny day along Lake Pontchartrain. Allen and Susan Bradley as usual, go early to hold prime parking places. Joining the Bradley's were, Tommy Boudreaux, 1978 Triumph Spitfire (New Iberia) and Don Rodriguez. Roger Nagy and Wally Friloux were heading across the causeway when the 1976 Midget had a blowout. They rolled very slowly to the nearest turnaround to change the tire. Roger was driving and there was no harm to them or the car. They headed back home and drove an air-conditioned vehicle over to the car show. We spent a very enjoyable day under the car club tent. This tent is a life saver for this event. We saw all kinds of different cars...350 total...from classics, race cars, Mustangs, Shelys, Corvettes, a Packard, motor bikes, and more. Last year there were 270 and they turned away 70 cars. The committee was very lenient with parking this year. Also, all of the money collected went directly to the Save Our Lake Foundation. There also was a 50/50 drawing of \$500.00. We also received a dash plaque and goodie bag.

The Bradley's were also joined by their daughter and son-in-law (newlyweds), Jill and Joe Senia. Joe entered his sparkling white 62, Chevrolet Biscayne. He is so excited about marrying into a "car" family. He kids Jill and tells her..."look how many cars your Dad has when he starts talking another car".

There was a beautiful red 1969 Jag E type and 1973 chrome MGB there also. We talked to the owners and invited them to our monthly club meeting.

Throughout the day, we visited with lots of people who were interested in our British cars. Then it was time to eat. We had lots to choose from for lunch and of course a snowball for dessert. Great music played throughout the day. Then after the committee of judges viewed the cars, the awards were presented at 3 PM.

The awards were given to the top 100 entries and then there were special awards. This year the Best British Car was added. This award went to the 1969 Jag E type. Don Rodriguez won Best Sports Compact for his 2006 Mini Cooper S. Susan and Allen Bradley won the Best Foreign Car. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> Back to the Beach for Susan and Allen and hope more of our club members will join us next year. We always look forward to this event.



## Taste of Bavaria

On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, twenty hungry members of BMCNO ventured to A Taste of Bavaria restaurant and bakery for a leisurely breakfast. The restaurant is one mile west of Ponchatoula on LA 22. We were seated in, a separate building, in a beautiful room with raised wood paneling. Those in attendance where, the Bradleys, Vesinas, Musgravs(Cort Sr.), Hughes, and the Friloux (Wally,who arrived in their newly acquired Jaguar XK8 Convertible), Also attending where the Wells, Messinas, Roberts, Nagys, Robert Rugelot and new member Jim Dougherty who was driving a Black MG-TC. Following Breakfast a number of members paid a visit to the nearby antique shops in Ponchatoula.



## DORSET UPDATE & FRILOUX OIL CHANGE “THE REST OF THE STORY “ by Jim Jones

I was going to write a monthly newsletter article on the progress of my 1949 Austin of England Dorset. But, I thought that it would become boring after awhile as it has been in the works for years. The time has come for an update.

First some background information. The Dorset is a larger two door family sedan meant for export as apposed to the four door Devon home market model. These two models were a radical change for Austin. Many in England did not like the cars. The engine produced higher horse power (40) than previous models and this meant higher taxes.

Peter Brauen of BMC Restorations and I have worked together to bring the car to its present stage of restoration, which is drivable and awaiting exterior paint. It will be painted a pleasant shade of medium green. This has not been a normal restoration but more of a major upgrade. This is why it has taken so long to get the car to the stage that it is now. We have adapted & modified everything!



The engine has been replaced with a MGB 1800 unit. The brakes have been upgrade with Austin Healey and MGB parts. It has Austin Healey front discs and MGB rear drums, a dual circuit master cylinder with a vacuum booster, more modern tires on Triumph rims, hydraulically operated clutch, and modern turning signals while retaining the old trafficator signals (semaphores).

The whole car has been treated in this fashion while maintaining an original look inside and out. It not a “hot rod”, but it is much more modern in function.

At the recent club oil change event, Wally Friloux discovered that no one could remove the transmission filler plug on his beloved red TR6. It was stuck tight and very difficult to get a wrench on! Everyone wisely decided to stop trying to do so before the plug was completely rounded.

Wally asked me if I would give the job a go at my garage. I agreed to take on. I spent some time thinking of just how I get the job done.

To my delight, Wally had purchased a bolt extractor kit from Sears. I felt that with this small tool the filler plug could be removed without having to remove the car’s transmission cover as there is limited space between the plug and the transmission cover.

Using a 1/4” ratchet, socket, & a large screwdriver the job was accomplished. There was just enough room for the assembly to fit in place. The large screwdriver was used as a leverage bar between the transmission housing and the ratchet head to load the extraction tool against the filler plug. It turned out to be a piece of cake.

Having the proper tool for the job is always a pleasure. P.S. After all this it turns out that the transmission did not need any oil!

## CHEF'S CORNER by Karen Murray

It's that wonderful time of the year again. The shrimp are plentiful and the recipes tasty. Our delicious entry this month was a huge success at the Car Show Friday night Gala. It's not only delectable but quick and easy for summer cooking. Thanks to Deryl Lynn Roberts for sharing this mouthwatering dish at the Gala and submitting this month's article. ENJOY!!!!!!!!!!!!

### Crawfish Soup

1 bunch green onions  
 Dash each Lea & Perrin and, lemon juice  
 1 Stick butter  
 Red pepper  
 Garlic (to your taste)  
 Crayfish, Crabmeat, or Shrimp  
 1 can cream of mushroom soup  
 1 can whole kernel corn, drained  
 Optional: add can mushrooms  
 Fry chopped green onions and garlic in butter until soft. Add soup, corn and seasonings. Add a little water, if needed. Add crawfish and cook on low 15-20 minutes.

Deryl Lynn Roberts



John and Deryl Lynn Roberts

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**1972 Midget** that can be refurbished. Good top and appears to be sound. Car ran prior to being stored 6 years ago. The car is partially disassembled. Have some new parts for it. I also have some parts which will fit the rubber bumper cars. Thomas Force 318-446-0316—318-640-2355 (2/07)

**1986 Jaguar XJ-SC (Cabriolet).** Extremely rare 3.6 liter dohc six cylinder with 5 speed trans. The Cabriolet features removable targa tops, a soft top and hard top (have all). Car is original, rust free, reliable and runs strong. Good leather, carpet and wood. There are few Cabriolets in the states, and almost all are 12 cylinder/auto trans models. A 6 cylinder/5 speed Cabriolet is extremely rare. Asking \$8,500. If interested, ring me at 504-391-3227 (home) or 504-728-4812 (office). Dan Melesurgo (2/07)

**1977 Midget** which would probably only be good for parts. Thomas Force 318-446-0316—318-640-2355 (2/07)

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

### Not so British by Susan Bradley

The Custom Cruisers Night is always the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in the month. It is in the Clearview Mall Parking lot behind Sears. Last month there were more than 200 cars present. Allen and I have gone several times in the past few years. We would like to have a few more British cars join us. It is a casual evening and people are really interested when they see the LBC's. We usually have dinner in the mall and then just walk around looking at the cars and listening to the music.

Entry fee is \$1.00. It is from 6 – 10 PM, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month. This continues through October with the finale being the Sheriff's Office Benefit Car Show.

The car show will not be held this month (June). The next show will be July 28.

Anyone interested can call Allen or Susan Bradley at 504-888-6887

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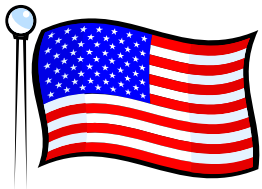
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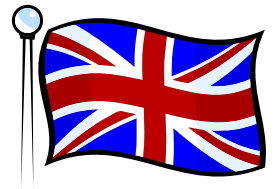


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## July 2007



**Saturday, July 28 - Jazz'n the Vines**