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President's Message

By the time you read this, you should have already received a copy of the 2007/2008 BMCNO Membership Directory and your 2007/2008 membership card. Our club Secretary, Cathy, did a wonderful job on this; she managed the database, composed the layouts and coordinated the printing, collation and mailings. Thanks, Cathy!

If you have not received your directory and membership card, contact Cathy and she will investigate the situation. Obviously, you must have paid your membership dues to be on the mailing list. If you were omitted from the initial mailing because we haven't received your dues, don't worry. We will send out your directory and card when you do renew your membership.

If you find any errors or omissions in your personal data, please send an e-mail to Cathy at secretary@bmcno.org so that she can keep the club database current.

The July meeting will be another short one so that we can have dessert at The Creole Creamery. If you like the unusual, you will love this place! They change their menu often but here is a list of the flavors available today:

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| VANILLA | CREOLE CREAM CHEESE |
| CHOCOLATE | LEMON ICEBOX PIE |
| STRAWBERRY | MOROCCAN COFFEE |
| MINT CHOCOLATE CHIP | SWEET POTATO SASSAFRAS PRALINE |
| COOKIES & CREAM | MEXICAN HOT CHOCOLATE |
| CAFE au LAIT | CHOCOLATE AMARETTO CHEESECAKE |
| COTTON CANDY | WHITE CHOCOLATE KEY LIME PIE |
| LAVENDER - HONEY | I SCREAM FUDGE! |
| PEPPERMINT | CHOCOLATE MALT CHIP |
| CHRISTMAS MORNING | CHOCOLATE CHERRY PIE |
| HONEY ALMOND EGGNOG | A CHOCWORK ORANGE |
| GINGERBREAD CHEESECAKE | TRIPLE - SHOT MOCHACCINO |
| CRUNCH | OLIVE OIL & SEA SALT GELATO |
| SPANISH GRAPEFRUIT | MANGO MARGARITA ICE |
| RED VELVET | BLACK CHERRY SHERBET |
| BIRTHDAY CAKE | BLACKBERRY MOJITO SORBET |
| COOKIE MONSTER | SUGAR-FREE VANILLA |
| CAKE BATTER | SUGAR-FREE BUTTER PECAN |
| BUTTERSCOTCH VANILLA | |
| MANDARIN GREEN TEA | |
| CHOCOLATE CHIP | |

I'll need a week to decide on which ones to try! (Now if I can only convince them to serve me a teaspoon of each.)

Keith

August 2007

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|-----|---|-----|-----|--|---|
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 <i>Non-Club Jazz'n the Vines Rites of Swing</i> |
| 12 Richard Wolf "Un-Car Show" | 13 | 14 B.O.D. Mtg. 7:00pm | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 Cruise Night Clearview Mall |
| 26 | 27 | 28 Membership Mtg. 7:00pm @ The Italian Pie | 29 | 30 | 31 Final Friday 5-10 p.m. Downtown Covington | |

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, 4924 Prytania Street, New Orleans!

Sunday, August 12 - UnCar Show, The Columbia St. Tap Room & Grill, 434 N. Columbia St., Covington. 4:00-7:00 p.m. Prizes awarded in an assortment of categories from oil leaks to bad paint. Stop waxing and relax. The club buys dinner for the driver of each car entry, so drive (or push) your "not show quality" British car and enjoy the food, conversation and A/C in the restaurant. Southshore convoy leaves south Causeway toll plaza at 3 pm.

Tuesday, August 14 - 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting - Cathy Greensfelder, 5537 Berkley Drive, NOLA 504-392-9261

Tuesday, August 28 - 7:00 p.m. GENERAL MEETING Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy. Convy to Casey's snow-ball stand after short meeting.

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: \$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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June 26 Meeting Minutes by Cathy Greensfelder

There was a light turnout, only 23 members & guests. Member Jeff Jarosinski was back after a year and a half in Texas.

Pasts Events: The Back to the Beach show was discussed. (See July edition.) Roger Nagy reported on the Madisonville Show: there were several hundred cars, mostly hot rods.

The Taste of Bavaria cruise was fun but the service was extremely slow. Breakfast took several hours, which was spent talking, mostly about cars. Most of the group went antiquing after breakfast. They ran into a man at a fruit stand who got very excited about the little sports cars, asking "Do you all work on cars?!" Allen Bradley replied "NO! We just drive them!"

Future Events: Roger Nagy is going to the Tennessee show near Knoxville in July.

The rules for displaying a car at Final Friday in Covington have changed: Cars must be at least 20 years old. Parking on the street begins at 6:00 pm, saving space for other cars will not be permitted and cars must stay until 9:30 pm. Pets and glass containers are **not** permitted on the street during the event. Alcoholic drinks are permitted on the street **only** between 6:00 pm and 9:30 pm.

Bill Harris is attending the NAMGBR national in Sonoma, CA but he is driving his Jeep, not his MGB. He will be a concours judge!!

Plans for the July 28 Jazz N the Vines cruise and the ice cream cruise planned for after the July 31st meeting were discussed.

Club Business: Since the change in the club by-laws, all club memberships expire on June 30. All members need to pay their dues for the 2007/2008 membership year. At the meeting, 70 members were paid. Everyone else was encouraged to get their check in by June 30. The club directory and membership cards will be printed on July 13 for everyone who has paid their dues.

Dave Hayden is coordinating a Lafayette Chapter of BMCNO. Dave has been hosting events for local sports car enthusiasts in the Lafayette area for several years. He is looking for a place in that area to hold our Funkana. Dave has put on the event at Tanger Outlet mall in Gonzales for several years but Gonzales is a long way from Dave's home in Abbeville. Considering how much time and equipment is involved in setting up the Funkana, it makes more sense to bring our cars to Dave.

Car Show: At the last meeting a member asked if we wanted to continue having a car show. It is a lot of work and we didn't make much money this year. The question was tabled due to the lateness of the hour. The question was recalled for discussion at this meeting. The members present were overwhelmingly in favor of continuing the show.

The awards banquet was discussed. The food for the 2007 banquet was expensive and very disappointing. There was some discussion of moving the banquet to the Hampton Inn. However, trying to have awards engraved for that evening causes the entire day to be rushed. Presenting awards at 4 pm (and mailing the engraved plates the following week) would allow a much more relaxed schedule. It would also encourage our out-of-town guests to spend Friday evening with us at the reception, and then go to one of our area's many famous restaurants on Saturday. The board is regrettably in favor of discontinuing the banquet and many members present agreed.

50/50 Ronnie Palmisano won \$24.50. Harold O'Reilly won a die-cast model Mini Cooper, and Floyd Friloux and Ronnie Palmisano won T-shirts.

The meeting was adjourned to the snow ball stand at Vets and Roosevelt for desert.

THOSE BRITISH WIRING CONNECTORS by Jim Jones

The typical way to tie together two or more wires in a British car's electrical system is through the use of rubber sleeved metal connectors. They are not without their problems. The metal connectors do not hold up well over time. They spilt and can leave a poor mechanical and electrical connection. This problem has been solved. New connectors are made with the metal part twice as thick as the old parts and the rubber sleeves are made out of a superior vinyl material.

Short of replacing the wiring harness in your British car with a new one, changing out the sleeved connectors with new ones is the next best thing you can do for your car's electrical system, and it is inexpensive.

In order to not damage wires when removing the old connectors, do the following. If the bullet at the end of a wire does not pull out easily from the connector, cut the connector's rubber sleeve using a razor knife and remove it. Now you can use of a small screwdriver to pry open the metal connector and safely remove the bullet.

Do not use sandpaper to clean the bullets. This will remove the protective coating on the bullet and cause it to corrode more quickly. If need be, simply wash the bullets off with a liquid solvent.

When installing the bullets into the new connector, the bullets should snap into place. If they do not, they are not properly seated. A special tool is available but a small screwdriver can be utilized to push the bullet in all the way. Be careful not to damage the insulation on the wire as you do so.

The safest way to install new connectors is as follows. Push the metal connector out of its rubber sleeve. Slide the rubber sleeve over the wire or wires to be inserted into one end of the metal connector. Place all the bullets into the metal connector. If they do not seat easily, carefully use a pair of pliers to leverage them into position. Now slide the rubber sleeve into place. The bullets will be seated properly into the new connector and without damage. It takes a little more time to accomplish this but it is well worth it.

A dielectric grease is available at your local auto parts store and I strongly recommend using it when reassembling the connectors. This substance is used on all newer cars to prevent moisture from entering an electrical connector or plug. Follow the direction on the package.

NUTS by Rick Huber

We've heard stories of people getting stranded with a flat tire that the tire shop put on too tight and couldn't be removed. Here's one about what happens when the lug nuts are too loose.

I towed "Della", our Chelsea Grey 66 MGB, to Peter Brauen's place in Kiln, MS on July 5. I hurriedly picked up the U-Haul tow dolly about 4:30 on the 4th, loaded Della, and left for a party, thinking I was ready to set out the next morning.

I stopped after 30 miles to check the straps on the tow dolly, and everything looked fine. I got up to about 10 mph while pulling back onto the interstate, when I glanced in the side mirror and to my utter horror and amazement, I saw a wheel rolling across the interstate behind Della. I pulled back over and got out to find that the left rear wheel had come off and rolled into the median.

I thought about what must have happened - I had been rolling Della around my garage for years, taken the wheels on and off a couple of times, and figuring that I would be rebuilding brakes before rolling it very far, I never did tighten the lug nuts more than finger tight. Of course on the left side the direction of rotation loosens the lug nuts, and somewhere along the interstate they had all fallen off. Thank the Lord for centrifugal force and the gyroscopic effect of rotating objects, or I really would have had a mess had the wheel come off at 60 mph.

I thought for a minute about what to do with no tools and no jack to get under Della. I thought about AAA, thought about calling Mary Lynne to bring me my floor jack and tools, but then I decided to look and see what Volvo offered for jack and lug nut tools. Wouldn't you know it, I adapted the jack to get Della's left rear wheel off the ground and one of the two lug nut wrenches fit the rostyle nuts. I borrowed 2 lug nuts from each of the two front wheels (on the tow dolly) and I was back on the road in about 10 minutes.

My shame for not tightening the lug nuts was replaced with pride in my ingenuity in extricating myself from the mess I had gotten into. In the end, it is a relatively painless example of the trouble with too loose lug nuts.

It could have been much worse. Just imagine what those other drivers must have thought with those lug nuts falling off and bouncing down the highway!!!

CHEF'S CORNER by Karen Murray

Susan Bradley thought you would be interested in this link to "Zea Grits" on the Food Network Web site:

http://www.foodnetwork.com/food/recipes/recipe/0,1977,FOOD_9936_16930,00.html

She cut back on the salt and butter. You can also use your favorite corn.

Serves 4

Enjoy

Zea Grits Recipe courtesy Jeff Blake, Zea Rotisserie and Brewery (The Tastebuds)

Show: Food Network Specials

Episode: Home Food Advantage

2 cups water

2 cups heavy cream

1 cup yellow grits

1/2 pound butter

1 tablespoon salt

1 ear grilled corn, kernels removed

Bring liquids to a boil. Stir in grits. Add butter. Cook at simmer until thickened. At end, stir in corn.



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NEWS FLASH

One of our Members at Large has resigned from the Board of Directors. As required by our By-Laws, we will need to fill the position at the next general membership meeting. If you ever considered volunteering to be on the Board but weren't sure you would like it, here is your opportunity to try it for an abbreviated, 5-month period. If interested, contact me or any of the Board members.

Keith

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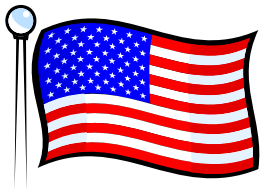
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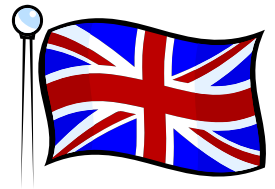


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