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President's Message

On Friday, September 28th, we are heading up to Vidalia, LA for the "Brits by the River" car show. This show is always a lot of fun with lots of activities planned.

The show is on Saturday so we will do a little sightseeing the day before. Wally has lunch reservations for us at the Myrtles Plantation in St. Francisville with a tour of the plantation afterwards.

In Vidalia, our ladies have a tradition of leaving their men at the show so they can go into Natchez to do some "shopping". Shopping is in quotation marks because this particular type of "shopping" involves a stop at Fat Mamma's Restaurant for a "Knock-You-Naked" margarita and trip to Darby's for their world-famous pumpkin fudge.

For Saturday night, Sue Bradley has made dinner reservations for us at the Eola Hotel's Juleps Restaurant. Reservations are for 7:00 p.m. with mint juleps (or any other cocktail) in the courtyard at 6:30 p.m. Dress is very causal (even shorts). If you would like to join us, let me know and I will see if we can add you to the list. Unfortunately, Sue and Allen won't be able to join us this year but we will certainly raise a toast to them at happy hour!

The return trip on Sunday will be a leisurely cruise on the west bank of the Mississippi. We will stop for lunch at Satterfield's Restaurant in New Roads. Satterfield's is a casual seafood restaurant with a wonderful view of the False River. There are also several antique shops next door that I'm sure the wives will drag us into. Who knows, there may be some 19th century spanners waiting to be added to my tool collection.

On Friday, the south shore convoy will leave from the Kenner Visitor's Center (I-10 @ Loyola) at 10:00 a.m. and the north shore convoy will leave the parking lot across from Beau Chene at 10:00 a.m. Both convoys meet up at the Starbucks at 3009 College Dr. (one block south of I-10) in Baton Rouge and we will leave from there at about 11:20.

We all hope to see you there!

Keith

This proposed amendment to the By-Laws has been withdrawn.

Section 3(a) "Full Members: Full membership shall be open to all persons who own or regularly drive a British motor vehicle." *<add the following> The spouse of a Full Member in good standing shall, at no additional cost, be extended all the rights and privileges of a Full Membership.*

October 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Memphis British Car Show
7	8 Columbus Day	9	10	11	12	13 Nashville British Car Show
14	15	16 B.O.D. Mtg. 7:00pm	17	18	19	20 Houston British Car Show
21	22	23	24	25	26 Final Friday 5-10 p.m. Downtown Covington	27 SABCC British Car Show Fairhope, AL Cruise Night Clearview Mall
28 <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i>	29	30 Membership Mtg. 7:00pm @ The Italian Pie	31 <i>Halloween</i>			

Tuesday, September 25 - 7:00 p.m. GENERAL MEETING - Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS! We'll meet for Coffee & beignets at Morning Call after the meeting.

Friday, September 28 - Brits by the River - 10:00 AM Southshore leaves Kenner Visitor's Center (I-10 @ Loyola), 10:00 AM Northshore leaves parking lot across from Beau Chene. Both convoys meet up at the Starbucks, 3009 College Dr., Baton Rouge, LA (one block south of I-10) @ 11:15 AM, lunch and a tour of Myrtles Plantation in St. Francisville.

Saturday, September 29 - Brits by the River - Vidalia, LA.

Tuesday, October 16 - 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting - Roger Nagy, 209 Nottoway Dr, Mandeville, LA (985) 845-806.
Car pool leaves Lakeside parking lot at 6:15 p.m.

Friday, October 26 -Convoy to SABCC Fairhope Show - More Info Soon

Saturday October 28 - South Alabama British Car Festival - Fairhope, AL. Registration 9am till noon. Awards 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 30 - 7:00 p.m. GENERAL MEETING Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy.

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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

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August Meeting Minutes by Cathy Greensfelder

Scott Altenloh attended and rejoined after several years of absence. He has a 61 Triumph TR3A.

Past Events: Cathy Greensfelder reported on the Un-Car Show. (See article last month) Unfortunately the restaurant was unable to get a cook for the event. Robert Rougelot arranged for sandwiches and chicken and we fed everyone who came rather than just the drivers of the entered cars.

Frazer Rice reported on the NAMGAR national event. (See article last month)

Future Events: The Funkana is coming up. The Bradley's and Greensfelder's are going over in the Saturday convoy on Sept 15. Keith Vezina is leading the Sunday convoy on Sept 16. Around 8 members said they were going. The Funkana is a fun event and the Hayden's always do a fabulous job.

Don Rodriguez conveyed a formal invitation from the Gulf South Motoring Club (a Mini Cooper club) for us to participate in one of their cruises on the third Saturday of each month. He promised they would take into consideration our much older cars. (Obviously he's never tried to follow Keith Vezina!!) GSMC is a very informal club with 100+ members spread from Houston to Pensacola.

The Friday, September 28th convoy to the Vidalia Show will be driving via St Francisville with a stop at the Myrtles Plantation home. Susan Bradley is making arrangements for dinner on Saturday, September 29 after the show at the Eola Hotel in Natchez. Anyone wanting to participate should contact Keith.

Club business: Last month, we elected Michele Rose to finish out the year as Member at Large. Unfortunately, she now has a class on Tuesday nights and will be unable to serve. Robert Phillips indicated that he would accept a nomination so Cliff Hughes nominated Robert for the office. Ronnie Palmisano seconded the nomination and Robert was elected.

Mini Mania has donated 50 10% discount cards to the club. Keith Vezina will distribute them when they arrive.

Member Projects: Robert Philips has his Land Rover down to the chassis. The body is being shipped to Atlanta for restoration. Robert attended the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance. Robert highly recommends this show in Carmel-by-the-Sea. It is 70 degrees there in August and the British stole the show this year with Jaguars, MGAs & MGTs.

Floyd Friloux reported that he got Anne's Triumph Bonneville motorcycle back from Chuck House Motorsports on South Claiborne. On his way there, it was backfiring every time he slowed to idle. Unfortunately, he was going down Jefferson Hwy at the same time as a Jefferson Parish police officer's funeral. He kept expecting return fire. Chuck fixed the ignition and adjusted the clutch and transmission. On the way home, Floyd couldn't find neutral on the adjusted gear shift. By the time he got it home, his hand was cramping from holding in the clutch.

Rick Huber reported that he and Peter Brauen recently spent two days reassembling Rick's MGB "Della" and it started!! (He acquired it in Delaware, hence the name.) It was purchased as a rolling body and three parts cars.

Stuart McKendrick won \$20 in the 50/50 drawing and Harold O'Reilly, Don Marpe and Wally Friloux won t-shirts. §

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Funkana by by Cathy Greensfelder

If you missed the Funkana, you missed a fun event.

On Saturday September 15th, Allen & Susan Bradley drove their MGB to New Iberia with Mark & Cathy Greensfelder. (Cathy's MGB has transmission mount problems so they came in their Ford.) Lunch was at Duffy's Diner (50's theme, burgers & milkshakes and they serve kiddie meals in boxes shaped like 50's era cars). After lunch, the Bradley's & Greensfelder's toured the Rip Van Winkle Gardens and House. Dave & Menda Hayden laid out a nice 2 hour cruise around the area for later in the afternoon. They found every twisty little road they could. Nine British cars participated, including a couple of Lafayette area enthusiasts that are not (yet!) members of BMCNO. The cruise ended at Menda's favorite Mexican restaurant. Mexican in the heart of Acadiana? It was different but the food was great!

On Sunday morning, September 16th, the group gathered at Arrow Aviation, the helicopter repair shop where Dave works. Dave greeted everyone and explained the shop rules. No smoking in the building and we could look at the helicopters but not touch. "You break it, you bought it," he warned, pointing out one helicopter that was worth 12 million dollars and other worth 9 million!! (Keith Vezina wanted to take home the black one that said "POLICE"!) Everyone seemed to be taking great care to keep the area clean and not touch anything in the shop, hoping we will be welcome back next year.

Fourteen cars ran the course including 2 non-club British cars from the Lafayette area, a Nissan Z car and a Ford Taurus. All the usual parts were back: The blind slalom, circle slalom picking up flags, the "ring around the rosie" (circle a bucket while the navigator holds a rope attached to a pole in the bucket, penalties for pulling the pole out of the bucket or letting the rope touch the ground.) and the ever popular teeter-totter. Dave added a Lucas electrics circuit "quiz" this year. (It was performed by the driver and navigator, not the car!!) Dave's son Ian had a fun time riding as Tommy Boudreaux's navigator – there was no passenger seat in Tommy's Spitfire! Ian sat on the floorboards and was exempted from buckling his seat belt since he didn't have a seat.

The course was laid out circling the building. Menda had been concerned that it would be bad for spectators but she needn't have worried. People just followed the cars from place to place, helping to pick up cones and tennis balls along the way.

Next year we will be planning more for the Saturday before the Funkana and we hope to see a bigger New Orleans and Baton Rouge group coming over and staying the night.



BMCNO New Orleans Area	
Allen & Sue Bradley	1970 MGB
Mark & Cathy Greensfelder	(no British car)
Keith & Karen Vezina	1976 MGB
Ronnie Palmisano	1976 TR6
BMCNO Lafayette Area	
Dave & Menda Hayden & family & friends	1994 Jaguar XJS, TR8, 240Z
Michael & Linda Baker	1987 XJ6 Jaguar
Tommy Boudreaux	1978 Spitfire
Joe & Yvone D'Aquila	1971 TR6
Bill & Elaine Karam	1973 TR6
BMCNO Baton Rouge Area	
Rick Huber	1975 MGB-V8
John & Ginny Pearson	1978 MGB



Winning results:

Mike Blaney Driver and Jeff George Navigator	1st place	5:36:84
Allen Bradley Driver and Charlie Faulk Navigator	2nd place	6:34:50
Joe D'Aquila Driver and Ian Ballard Navigator	3rd place	7:25:12



Classic Motorsports published this article and photograph covering our 2007 Car Day in their September issue.

This internationally published journal will give the British Motoring Club - New Orleans nationwide exposure and great publicity. Of three or four Classic Car Publications that we approached, Classic Motorsports magazine was the only one that offered to publish an article, although other magazines and organizations supported us in other ways.



Vintage Brits, New Orleans Style

By Wally Friloux
Photography by Sean Friloux

It was gratifying to see how the 17th Annual New Orleans British Car Day paralleled the resurgence of the city after Hurricane Katrina. This year, more than 100 classic British vehicles were on hand, with even more car owners and enthusiasts sharing their passion for all things British.

Entrants drove from as far away as Michigan and Illinois to attend this year's March 24 event at the Delgado Community College. They were greeted by the beautiful Louisiana springtime weather, a particularly nice change for those who braved the wintery northern highways to reach New Orleans.

Chosen from a field of 28 classes of British cars, the Best of Show trophy was awarded to Bill Silhan's 1951 Daimler Empress. Other winners included Pat Cashman's 1950 Armstrong Siddeley Station Coupe, Mike Lewis's 1950 MG Y-series and Brent Bordelon's lovely white 1937 SS Jaguar 1.5-liter saloon. The Tourist Trophy Garage award for the most unmolested vehicle was awarded to a 1967 Jaguar 240 Saloon.

Following the judging, class trophies were given out at an official Awards Banquet. Attendees filled up on a fantastic New Orleans meal, which included typical Louisiana fare such as andouille gumbo, stuffed chicken with shrimp dressing and New Orleans style bread pudding. For more information on the British Motoring Club - New Orleans, please visit bmcno.org.



The gleaming chromed noses of a row of MGs sniff for gumbo in Louisiana.

We'll continue to solicit more journals to promote the club next year.

I'm sure we can all agree that this kind of publicity attracts more members to participate in Club events and generates increased interest from potential sponsors.

Wally Friloux

MG 2007 by Bill Harris

MG 2007 is now history. The show was held at the Doubletree hotel on the edge of Napa valley, about an hour's drive north of San Francisco. The show this year was to be on the second day after the start of the convention so that the participants did not have to worry about the condition of their cars for two days. Those two days were filled with driving tours, some guided by the locals and others designed by the locals with maps and detailed instructions given.

Monday, the first day was arrival for most people attending the show. Nothing was scheduled except hospitality, and there was plenty of that. It was great seeing and socializing with friends that we have met at the other NAMGBR conventions.

Tuesday was the day of the car show followed by a driving tour that afternoon through vineyards and redwood forests to an artist community at Occidental, California to eat at the Union Hotel. This trip was made by over 150 attendees. It was amazing to see that many MGs on the road at one time and how they overwhelmed the town of Occidental.

Wednesday was a day of several guided tours, one through the wine country and another was the Mille de Mendocino which was the cornerstone of activity. The Mille was designed to resemble some of the long distance vintage tours that are held in Europe each year. Special license plates were given to the participants. The tour took approximately 8 to 9 hours with numerous stops to sight see and shop. It started by heading out to the coast and to the town of Bodega (remember Hitchcock's "The Birds"), up the Pacific Coast Highway, through Gualala (a great whale and seal watching stop) and then to Mendocino with a two hour stop for shopping. The town of Mendocino was originally an instrumental source of wood products for San Francisco and now serves as a major tourist stop with bed and breakfasts, marine and agricultural economy, and surrounding vineyards. From Mendocino, the tour went through the redwood forests on its way back to the hotel.

We elected to pass on this tour after the long drive that we already undertook and instead decided to spend the day in San Francisco. We saw most of the main tourist places; Fisherman's Wharf, Pier 39, Chinatown. (We had a great lunch and shopped there.) Lombard Street (the crookedest street in the world and actually had to try it twice) Haight-Ashbury (visited several shops and toured the neighborhood on its 40th Anniversary of the "Summer of Love), and the Golden Gate Bridge and Park.

Thursday was filled with more local tours in which we participated in a great tour of the Napa valley wine country which included a stop for lunch and a tour of a local winery with tastings.

The Awards Banquet was held later in the evening right after a silent auction of which I watched like a hawk for an item that I just had to have. I got it!

Friday was the day of goodbyes for us but several stayed over the extra day to make the guided tour to San Francisco.

Each day the hospitality suite was open with refreshments, in the morning with juices, coffee and sweet rolls, and at night with snacks, soft drinks, British beer and of course, Napa wine.

John Twist of University Motors, and who is NAMGBR's technical advisor, gave tech sessions every day. Many cars formed in long lines to have their problems diagnosed, with some being repaired. Some were referred to local shops here where serious things could be repaired before their return trip home. There were bad water pumps, universal joints, burnt valves, clutches going bad, failed shocks, carburetors too rich, et. Al.

This year we decided not to bring either of our MGs and I ended up being one of six judges of the Concours. I think that I had the hardest job, at least it took the longest (over two hours), by having to judge the cars on originality. The hardest part was judging all entrants equally, so I decided not to add up my points on the scoring sheets as the cars were judged. This must have worked for me because after it was all over I couldn't tell who had won the Concours; I had to wait until the Awards Banquet like everyone else.

As planned, the return trip was extremely busy. We made stops at 7 National Parks on the way home. We toured Yosemite, Sequoia, Kings Canyon, Death Valley (temperature of 115 degrees with no other cars visible for 7 miles in either direction), Grand Canyon, Petrified Forest and the Painted Desert. We also included a stop in Las Vegas to experience the country's best gaming and tourist spots (daytime temperature 102 degrees) and finally in Roswell, NM to the Alien museum on its 50th anniversary. On the way, we traveled old Route 66 to see the sights of a bygone era. We arrived back home after being gone for two weeks and traveling over 5600 miles.

We are already making plans to attend MG 2008 in Valley Forge, PA on June 26-29, 2008, and MG 2009 in Breckenridge, CO on June 23-27, 2009. Both shows have websites (MG2008.com, and MG2009.com) and promise to be great shows with plenty of activities and MGs.

Pictures of our trip with a slide show can be viewed at

<http://community.webshots.com/album/560062366VoHMWH?vhost=community>

More from Bill next month in The "Other Side"

Classifieds

Cars For Sale



1966 MG ?? midget/sprite project car. Good body in primer, rust in floorboards. Will run with radiator. Fiberglass hardtop new soft top but no rails. Many extra parts. Wire wheels. Have title. must sell, need the garage space. \$500. Kent 504-621-7549 (7/07)

1998 XJ8 Royal Blue (86,000 miles) Excellent condition Price: \$9,200.00 Call 504-236-1099 (8/07)

1980 MGB project car. Call Peggy for details 985-785-2951 \$300.00 (8/07)

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A FUNKANA THANK-YOU

Dave and I want to say thank you to all the FUNSTERS that came to play with us in Acadiana for the weekend. What a time we had!!!! The drive on Saturday afternoon was great. Do you have any idea how cool it is to be the lead and look behind you and see all those beautiful cars following you?

Manuel and Rosa the owners of Azul Tequila run the restaurant with a "My Casa is your Casa" attitude, and I think everyone felt that. And they proved us right, the food was wonderful and the margaritas were fabulous.

We woke up Sunday so excited about Funkana Day. Knowing that we had so many new people coming was such a thrill. We were nervous about the location, I mean come on how can we top Tangier Mall. We were so tickled when everyone was fascinated with Arrow Aviation. Who knew Sue Bradley would turn out to be such a helicopter enthusiast?? Thanks Sue.

The games began and the smiles on all the faces when they finished made our hearts sing. It was absolutely wonderful to see everyone at the event pitch in to help man the stations. We could not have pulled it off without that.

The only problem we felt was the timing and we appreciate your patience with that. We learned a lot with the new location and are working on it. It will be solved by next time.

A special thanks to our local friends who showed up for support.

Dave and I take the job of Lafayette co-coordinators very seriously and hope to bring you all back to our area often. That being said how about joining up for the Omelet Festival in Abbeville the weekend of November 3rd. Go to www.giantomelette.org for more information on the fun. Give us a holler if you can come and we'll throw together a good time.

Thanks again and we hope to see you soon,

Menda and Dave Hayden

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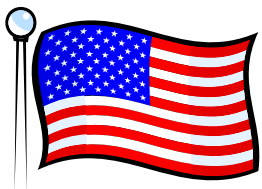
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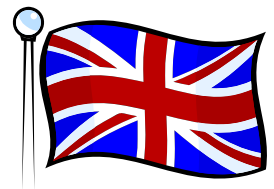


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