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President's Message

By the time you read this, you may be like me and suffering from near lethal doses of tryptophan. After oven baked turkey, turkey sandwiches, turkey hash, turkey salad, et al, I have spent several hours in my recliner for what I call my "therapeutic recovery sessions". That's not snoring my wife, Karen, is hearing; that's the sound of healing. Karen believes that the sure cure is an all-day trip to the mall on Black Friday but I'm just too weak to participate. I'll be able to go next year - honest.

With the weather outside at 70 degrees, it's hard to believe that the Christmas season is already upon us. If you plan on making a list of British car parts to mail to Santa or Mrs. Clause, you had better hurry. (Hint: my letters always include the Moss part numbers.)

I'm fairly certain that, like me, most of our Club members are checking their calendars, marking those family get-togethers, company luncheons, and holiday parties, and making plans for the rest of the holiday season. Now is time to remind everyone that, due to the holidays, there will not be a December general meeting. Our regular monthly meetings will resume on January 29th at our regular meeting place, The Italian Pie on Jefferson Highway.

Also, the BMCNO Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 9th, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and it will be hosted again by Wally and Margaret Friloux. As usual, the Club will provide a fried turkey and soft drinks; please bring your favorite dish or dessert to round out the fare. This Club event has proven to be one of the highlights of our year. I hope you will plan to join us for a wonderful evening spent with good friends doing what we do best – sharing project car stories, celebrating the latest LSU game, and eating delicious food! We will also take a few minutes to introduce the newly elected Board of Directors.

Although the Board is currently working on finalizing several future events, we always welcome your input and encourage you to help us come up with new and interesting places to visit, things to see, and people to meet. If you have any ideas, please contact Vice President Elect Karen Murray and share them with her.

Feliz Navidad!

Keith

December 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 BMCNO Christmas Party 6:30-9:30 p.m.	10	11 B.O.D. Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 <i>Christmas</i>	26	27	28	29
30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>					

Tuesday, November 27 - 7:00 p.m. GENERAL MEETING - Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy.

Sunday, December 9 - 6:30-9:30 p.m. BMCNO Christmas Party - Wally Friloux. 313 Jade Ct, Madisonville.
985-845-8216. The club buys the fried turkey & sodas. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Southshore convoy leaves South Causeway toll plaza at 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 11 - 7:00 p.m. B.O.D./Car Show Committee Chair Meeting - Wally Friloux. 313 Jade Ct, Madisonville. 985-845-8216. Southshore Car pool leaves back of Lakeside Mall at 6:15p.m.

No December Meeting! Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, Season's Greetings!

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

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Meeting Minutes by Cathy Greensfelder

Guests included Chris Scott and Trey Sundmaker. Chris is in construction and has a 72 Land Rover Series III and a 68 MGB. Trey lives Uptown and has 73 Land Rover Series III. (His brother is also a Rover nut!!) Mark and Carol Benson, friends of Wally and Margaret Friloux from England, also attended. They have a “fully restored” 71 MGB which still needs some work!!

Club Business: The following people had been nominated for office: Members at Large: Robert Phillips, Wally Friloux, Harold O'Reilly and Robert Rougelot; Secretary: Cathy Greensfelder; Treasurer: Allen Bradley; Vice President: Karen Murray; President: Keith Vezina. As there were no contested offices, Keith Vezina moved we accept the ballot as is. Rick Huber seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Past Events: Cathy Greensfelder reported on the Vidalia show. Her car provided the “mechanical entertainment” by breaking down on the way there. (See article last month.) Keith Vezina congratulated the Mississippi club for another beautiful show.

Ronnie Palmisano attended the Houston show at Trader's Village. The show had around 80 cars. Roger Nagy attended the 20th annual Wooden Boat Festival car show in Madisonville. It is a two day exhibition with a \$20 entry fee and no prizes. However, the car show entry includes 2 tickets for each day and reserved parking, making the show an excellent value!! Harold O'Reilly attended the Treasure Chest Antique Car Show. Only 110 cars were entered, down from 300 in previous years.

Cliff Hughes reported on the Fairhope show and his Austin Healey provided the mechanical entertainment. (See article.)

Future Events: Everyone was reminded that the club Christmas party will be on December 9th at Wally Friloux's home in Madisonville. The convoy will be leaving the south shore end of the Causeway at 5pm.

Car Show: We still need chairmen for the following committees: Raffle and Regalia sales, Site preparation, Signs, Parking and Traffic, Score sheet tabulation and Trophy preparation.

Member Projects: David Morgan is looking for parts for his Bugeye and having fun working on it! Keith Vezina and Robert Rougelot picked up a car from Kevin Gambino on Friday. By 11 a.m. Sunday it was stripped and cut in half. Robert got the engine and Keith is keeping the back half to build a trailer. Monday, they stuck a couple of 2x4's in the frame to turn the front half into an MGB wheelbarrow which they used to drag the remains to the dump.

Jeannine Richardson won \$21 in the 50/50 drawing. Mark and Carol Benson donated a pair of British key fobs to be raffled off. Susan Bradley won the MG Owner's Club key fob and then drew her own ticket for the “21st Regency Run MG Owner's Club” rally key fob. (The Regency Run draws 300 cars every year.) Susan gave back the MG Owner's fob and Mark Warren won it on the next draw. §

Newsletter Submissions

Electronic submissions are greatly preferred. Email to editor@bmco.org or bring to meeting. Bring written articles to meeting or mail to P.O. Box 73213, Metairie, LA 70033

BMCNO members at the SOUTH ALABAMA BRITISH CAR CLUB “A DAY AT THE BAY” , FAIRHOPE, AL OCTOBER 27, 2007



T. Keith Vezina 1st Place
1976 MGB



Tommy Boudreaux 1st Place
1978 Triumph Spitfire



Cliff Hughes 1st Place
1958 Austin Healey 100-6



Susan Bradley 2nd Place
1970 MGB



Rick Huber 2nd Place
1975 MGB V8



Roger Nagy 2nd Place
1961 Austin Seven



Dan Melesurgo 3rd Place
2003 XJ Sport



Wally Friloux 2nd Place
2001 Jaguar XK8



THE PRINCE OF DARKNESS STRIKES AGAIN by Wally Friloux

Six Classic British Cars from the club, along with twelve members and spouses, made the drive to Fairhope, AL for the South Alabama British Car Festival this year. The trip to Fairhope was rather eventful, courtesy of Cliff & Linda Hughes's 1958 Austin Healey.

The first clue that this was not going to be an uneventful trip came along I-10 "somewhere in Mississippi" when the Healey resisted and indicated to Cliff that pulling off the highway may be a good idea.

After signaling to everyone in the convoy that they needed to heed the Healey, we all pulled over to check out what was causing it to run poorly. We safely pulled off the highway and into a parking lot, not too far from fellow club member Peter Brauen's home.

Knowing it probably would be wise to reach out to the "expert", Cliff quickly consulted Peter by cell phone who agreed with several "experts" in the parking lot that the problem was most likely another strike from the "Prince of Darkness – Lucas electrics". After a few minutes of adjusting the Healey's distributor, it fired up again and everything looked "good to go", so we all climbed in our British Classics and off we went toward Fairhope.



As most know, the Prince of Darkness often strikes more than just once, so you won't be surprised to learn the Healey coughed and sputtered off the highway to yet another parking lot. This time we were near Ocean Springs, MS.

As you can see from the photos, a simple solution to the distributor's ailment wasn't in the cards, so significant adjustments to everything screwed down in the distributor were made while everyone consulted with Cliff on the concrete parking lot and in the Mississippi morning air.

During the process of fixing the Healey, we became the center of attention for quite a few members of a local Corvette Club. They just happened to be gathering in this same parking lot on their way to a rally along the Gulf Coast. Now the collection of "experts" really grew.

Of course, needed parts were not readily lying on the concrete parking lot, so after a trip to a local parts store, the distributor was finally put together again with the help of, what seemed to be at this time, 30 or 40 experts.....(just kidding).

The moment of truth came when Cliff climbed in the Healey and again fired it up successfully. We all crossed our fingers.....(just kidding Cliff) and then several of us stated that it was well past lunch time, so we all crossed our fingers again and convoyed to "Aunt Jenny's" restaurant, down the road from the parking lot.

After one of the best lunches of the trip, we all climbed back in our cars and rounded up everyone for what turned out to be a rather uneventful but pleasant convoy to our original destination of Fairhope, Alabama. We all arrived hours later but in plenty of time for the Friday evening reception. The adjustments to the Healey's distributor and the Car Show in Fairhope were blessed with perfect weather, and the BMCNO made quite an impressive showing earning several trophies.



30th Annual E. E. Reynolds Rallye by Roger Nagy



1st Place –Fred & Dave



2nd Place -Robert Rouglet



3rd Place - Pepe & Claudia Merrick

On Sunday, November 4th, ten brave contestants showed up at C.C.'s Coffee in Mandeville for the start of the "Picture Perfect Rally". Each team was presented with a set of general instruction, a set of route instructions and three pages of photographs of scenes of interest which may or may not occur along the route. The object of the rally was to follow the instructions and record the mileage to the nearest 1/100th mile at which each photograph was taken.

In order to minimize the anxiety, an odometer calibration zone was provided and then official mileages were given at each instruction. Rally teams consisted of.... The rally covered just under 70 miles. It was a beautiful day and everyone enjoyed a lovely drive on some of Louisiana's best sports car roads. One team, which shall remain nameless, took a scenic detour to Bogalusa. The end point of the Rally was the Abita Brew Pub in scenic downtown Abita Springs, where trophies were presented and post-rally food and drink were enjoyed by all.

Scores were calculated by assigning one point for each hundredth mile error. In spite of this daunting challenge the winning team's total score was only 157. Congratulations to Dave and Fred for an outstanding win along with the opportunity to present next year's rally. Second place went to Robert Rougelot competing alone. (That was a sneaky way to get two trophies!) Third place went to Pepe and Claudia Merrick.

Mark your calendars for next November in Abbeville. Dave Hayden came with the intention of winning so he could present the 2008 rally. It should be good!

Thanks to all who attended. Donna and I enjoyed preparing and presenting this rally.



Chef's Corner by Karen Murray

SWEET TORTE By Mary Lynne Huber

Use a cool whip container or Ziploc container that is rounded. Small or large depending on what size you desire and line with plastic wrap to help with the unmolding process. Soak approx. ¼ cup chopped nuts in 2 TBSP of a liqueur and line the bottom of the container with these. Ex: Chopped pecans soaked with amaretto. Next cover the nuts with a nice layer of chopped dried fruit. Ex dried cherries

Then cream 1 pkg cream cheese (8 oz) with a small pkg feta cheese. Add ¼ to ½ cup powdered sugar to taste. I use the food processor for this step. Layer the cream cheese mixture on top of the dried fruit. Look at the side of the container – it should be about ¾ inch deep. Or whatever looks right to you.

The next layer is preserve. Ex: Apricot preserves. Final layer is more of the cream cheese mixture. Cover over with the plastic wrap. Refrigerate or freeze, when completely chilled, you can unmold and serve with your choice of crackers.

Combinations: Pecans, Amaretto, Dried Cherries, Apricot Preserves

Walnuts, Grand Marnier, Dried Apricots, Fig Preserves

Pecans, Kaluha, Dried Papaya, Raspberry Preserves

Walnuts, Amaretto, Dried Cranberries, Pineapple Preserves



SABCC Club Cookies (recipe "stolen" from Barbara Wood):

Ritz crackers, Jiff extra crunchy peanut butter, Almond bark for dipping

Spread peanut butter on one Ritz cracker and place another cracker on top. Melt the almond bark according to package directions and dip the cookie, making sure it is completely covered. Place on waxed paper to set.

British Visitors

Max and Carol Benson from Liverpool, England, visited our monthly club meeting. Max brought two key fobs to be raffled off. One was a leather MG key fob from the MG Owners' Club in Swavesey Cambridge and the other was "21st Annual Regency Run ... 80 Years of MG" key fob dated 1924-2004. The first was won by Susan Bradley. Then Susan drew her own ticket for the Regency Run key fob. 2004 was special to the Bradley's because that was the year of their first visit to London. Susan took the Regency Run key fob and drew again for the MG Owners' club fob. It was won by Mark Warren. The club gave both Max and Carol a club T-Shirt to thank them for attending.

Antique Car Show returns to New Orleans by Harold O'Reilly

On Saturday, October 20th the New Orleans Antique Car Show returned to the Treasure Chest Casino for the first time since Katrina. It was a beautiful sunny day with mild temperatures and a breeze.

The organizing clubs had no idea what attendance would be. About 110 cars and trucks showed up compared to over 300 in years past, but the quality of the cars was very high.

The "British and Foreign class" had three entries, my Spitfire, Mike Lewis' MG-Y, and a newly restored and beautiful MGA. Although cars are parked in class groupings, each car is judged individually, leading to many First and Second place trophies based on points. Cars must be 25 years or older to enter.



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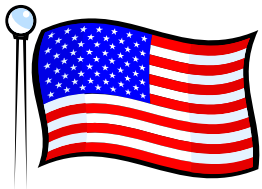
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BMCNO Christmas Party, Sunday, December 9 - 6:30-9:30 p.m.