

British Motoring Club—New Orleans Morris Gazette

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President's Message

The 18th Annual New Orleans British Car Day is now behind us. We had 111 vehicles from 10 different states attend this year. The Longest Distance Driven Award (in their British Car) went to Willie Wittkopf, who drove his 1978 MGB 1,352 miles to attend our show. Last year's winners of this award, Chuck and Janel Demick, also made a return visit this year.

I want to thank all of the volunteers, donors and guests that made this show a success. It took a lot of hard work from many people to make this happen and I want you to know that we are grateful for your efforts. Please take a look at the list of vendors and donors and consider patronizing their businesses when possible.

We are always looking for ways to make our show better and with your help it will be.

Because of an early Easter this year, the show was a week later than usual. It would have been great to have the weather of Easter weekend, temperatures in the low 70's and clear skies. Instead we were saddled with temperatures in the 80's, high humidity, and a 15-minute afternoon shower. Rest assured that the Chairman of the Weather Committee has been thoroughly flogged and he has promised that it will not happen again.

You can all help me verify that promise at the 19th Annual New Orleans British Car Day on March 21, 2009.

Keith Vezina

John Mack Roper, a 20 year resident of Covington, LA and formerly of New Orleans, passed away suddenly on Thursday, April 3, 2008 at 4:30 PM.

John was a member of BMCNO since June, 1988.

John was the loving husband of Susan Armand Roper, the best father on earth to John Howell Roper and his wife Jennifer O'Brien Roper, Abigail Elizabeth Roper, and Christyl Angelle Elizabeth Roper, and grandfather to Spencer Allen Nicholas and Madeline McClendon Roper.

John is also survived by a sister, Sandra Roper Hardy, and other loving family in Florida and Georgia.

Relatives and friends of the family attended a memorial service on Saturday, April 5, 2008 at 3:00 PM at the First Baptist Church of Covington, 16333 Highway 1085, Covington, LA.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorials be sent to the Covington Rotary Foundation Feeding the Needy Program, a charity John loved working with at Christmas time.

The family would also like to thank the doctors, nurses and staff of St. Tammany Parish Hospital for their care and compassion.

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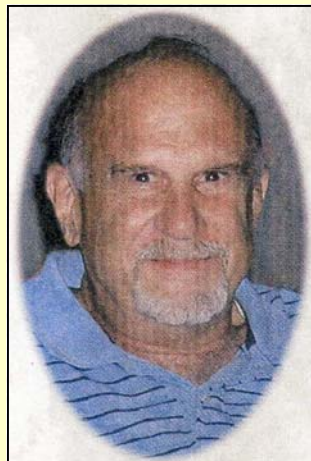
North American MGB Register (NAMGBR) and Vintage Triumph Register (VTR)

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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John Mack Roper

May 2008

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 BMCNO Break- fast 10:00am
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 <i>Mother's Day</i>	12	13 B.O.D. Mtg. 7:00pm	14	15	16	17
18 Crawfish Boil	19	20	21	22	23	24 Lafayette Area Cruise
25	26 <i>Memorial Day</i>	27 Membership Mtg. 7:00pm @ The Italian Pie	28	29	30 Final Friday 5-10 p.m. Downtown Cov- ington	31

Friday, April 25 - 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

Saturday, April 26 - Lafayette Area Cruise - For more information, contact Dave Hayden at dandmhayden@cox.net
Tuesday, April 29 - General Meeting 7:00 p.m. Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy.

Saturday, May 3 - 10:00 am - BMCNO Breakfast - A new monthly event! Join us for a breakfast each month at a new location. This month is the Hummingbird Grill 5708 Citrus Blvd., Harahan, LA

Tuesday, May 13 - 7:00 pm Board Meeting - Robert Rougelot, 610 W. 23rd Ave, Covington. Car pool leaves Lakeside parking lot at 6:15 p.m.

Sunday, May 18 - Crawfish Boil, Bogue Falaya Park Southshore convoy leaves south Causeway toll plaza at 11:00 a.m..
 Start serving at noon. \$7.50 / 5lb. **YOU MUST PAY AT MEETING Tues. 4/29!!!**

Saturday, May 24 - Lafayette Area Cruise - For more information, contact Dave Hayden at dandmhayden@cox.net

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

Friday, May 30 - 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

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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

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General Meeting Minutes, March 25, 2008

Guests included Mitzi Anthony, wife of new member Jim Anthony. Jim couldn't make the meeting and sent Mitzi in his place. She had a great time and will be back with Jim. Marc Gilbert and David Jones joined at the meeting. Marc has a 69 AH Sprite that belonged to his dad. It isn't running and he's looking for some help with it. David has a 72 MGB-GT he bought in Canada, and a 62 TR3B. The car has the chassis of a TR4 with a TR3 body. They only made 3,300 of them. David is hoping it will displace video games in his 10 year-old son's interests.

George Torlage, the paint and body instructor at Delgado, spoke at the meeting. (see article)

Past Events: About a dozen people attended the Goodie Bag Party. The goodie bags and registration packets were successfully assembled. This year, we had BBQ for dinner instead of the traditional pizza.

Future Events: The DBE British Tea will be on April 5th. A number of the club ladies plan to attend. The Car Show Appreciation party will be on April 12 with the club paying \$7 towards the break-

fast of all show volunteers. The South shore convoy to the Pensacola show will be leaving on Friday, April 18th from the former Plaza Mall at 9:30 a.m. They will meet the North shore members at the Mississippi Welcome Center on I-10 at 10:30 a.m..

The club crawfish boil will be Sunday May 18 at noon at Bogue Falaya Park in Covington. You must pay at the April 29th General Meeting. The price is \$7.50 per 5 lb serving. Alcohol is NOT PERMITTED at the event unless we hire a police officer. The park checks for compliance so, sorry, no beer.

Car Show: Plans for the car show were discussed.

Member Projects: Dave Dupre is converting his TR4 to overdrive. John Wells is putting A/C in into is Jenson Healey. Robert Phillip's reported on his trip to the Amelia Island Show and auction.

Harold O'Reilly won \$25 in the 50/50 drawing. Marc Gilbert, Stuart McKendrick and Patrick Hoppe won t-shirts. §

Guest Speaker, George Torlage

George Torlage spoke at the March 25th meeting. George is the paint and body instructor at Delgado – City Park Campus. He said he felt like he was in class – several of our members were former students from his evening paint class. George kidded that those old retired guys kept him up all night working on their cars. But at least they all knew how to work together. Everyone teamed up to get each car pushed through, making it go faster than if they each tried to just do their own car.

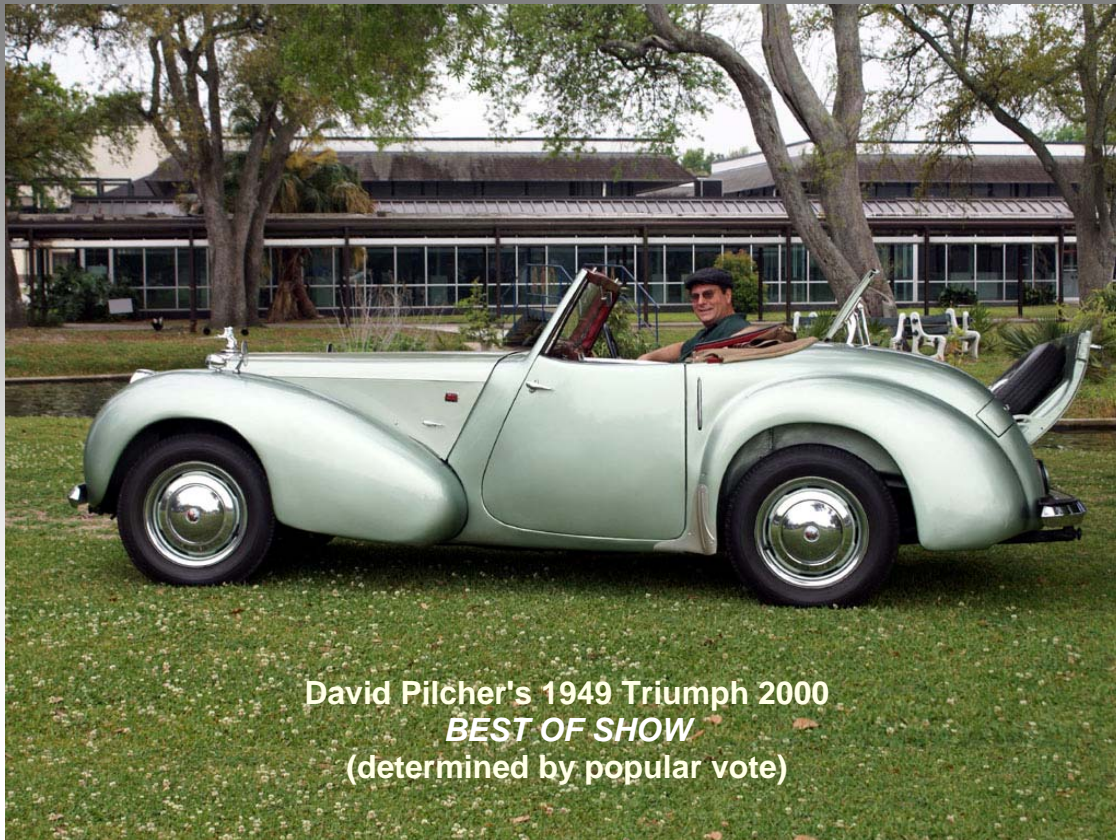
Those members who took the course four years ago wouldn't recognize the shop. The automotive department took over the adjacent machine shop's area and has completely rebuilt the combined space into a modern paint and body shop. They now have a computerized frame machine and a vacuum system to remove the dust from the shop. They are in the process of building a new paint booth with a fresh air system – no more wearing respirator masks while painting.

The shop is bigger and better but class is still limited to twelve students – that's all George can keep up with. (Every time he turned his back on our guys, Someone was messing up!!) George planned to have several students at our car show giving tours of the shop, maybe doing some demonstrations.

Jim Anthony asked if Delgado could work with stainless steel - George answered no. (Jim has a DeLorean.) They *are*, however, working on getting the equipment to work on aluminum. A lot of the new Jaguars have aluminum panels. George worked on Cobra's a little. The guys in England used the original Cobra molds and hand-tapped out the aluminum body panels, doing one per day. George also worked with lead a little – you heat the lead then spread it out with wooden paddles like Bondo. It's a lost art and dangerous since lead is poisonous. Delgado teaches "maintenance" – working on modern vehicles. That's very different from "restoration". For example doing restoration on an MG-TC requires wood working!!

The fall class schedule had not been announced yet but the paint class will be two nights a week, either Monday-Wednesday or Tuesday-Thursday, and George asked anyone interested to contact him. He pointed out that students over 60 years of age pay only fees and materials, no tuition. Allen Bradley said he'll wait a couple of years and take the class for "free"!!

2008 Special Award Winners



David Pilcher's 1949 Triumph 2000
BEST OF SHOW
(determined by popular vote)



Wes Stewart's 1967 Riley Elf
BRITISH HERITAGE AWARD WINNER
Selected by Peter Brauen of BMC Restorations to the
Car/Driver with best overall display.

2008 British Car Day Class Winners

Congratulations to all the winners of the 18th Annual British Car Day and a big thank you to each and every one of you who brought a car out to the show. There were 111 cars registered. Another big thank you goes to our show sponsors. Each sponsored class is followed by the name of the sponsor in parenthesis. The prize winners are listed first, followed by all other entries in alphabetical order by owner's name.

Cathy Greensfelder, Registrar

MG TC and other Pre-war (Mardi Gras T's)

- 1 Gene Gillam 1949 MG-TC
- 2 Ben White 1948 MG-TC
- 3 Frank Daniel 1947 MG-TC

MG TD (Mardi Gras T's)

- 1 David Loeb 1952 MG-TD
- 2 Mike Lewis 1952 MG-TD
- 3 Marvin Dupre 1952 MG-TD
- 3 Seth Silverstein 1952 MG-TD

MG TF (Mardi Gras T's)

- 1 John C. Hooper 1954 MG-TF
- 2 Mike Zobrist 1955 MG-TF

MGA Roadster & Coupe (Taylor Foundation)

- 1 Paul Hornsby 1960 MGA 1600
- 2 Cliff Hughes 1960 MGA
- 3 Ronnie Fairchild 1957 MGA

MGB Chrome Bumper (62-69)

(Little British Car Co)

- 1 Chuck Demick 1966 MGB
- 2 Skip Laughlin 1967 MGB Rover V8
- 3 Jack Reynolds 1967 MGB

MGB Chrome Bumper (70-74) (Taylor Foundation)

- 1 Blake Sonnier 1972 MGB
- 2 Susan Bradley 1970 MGB
- 3 Gene Johnston 1971 MGB

MGB Rubber Bumper, Early (1974 1/2-76) (Two Oaks Acoustics)

- 1 T. Keith Vezina 1976 MGB
- 2 Rick Huber 1975 MGB-V8
- 3 Jim Enzman 1976 MGB

MGB Rubber Bumper, Late (77-80) (Two Oaks Acoustics)

- 1 Abby Nix 1977 MGB
- 2 Willie Wittkopf 1978 MGB
- 3 Jim Duke 1977 MGB
- 3 Stuart Waddington 1977 MGB

MGB/GT & MGC/GT (Taylor Foundation)

- 1 Tom Schmitz 1972 MGB/GT
- 2 Kevin Stiede 1973 MGB/GT
- 3 Paul Brouillette 1973 MGB/GT

Triumph TR2 , 3, 3A&B, 4, 4A, 250 (Taylor Foundation)

- 1 Wayne Pangburn 1963 Triumph TR4
- 2 Don Woodward 1959 Triumph TR3A
- 3 Dave Dupre 1966 Triumph TR4

Triumph TR6 (Taylor Foundation)

- 1 Joe D'Aquila 1972 Triumph TR6
- 2 Stuart McKendrick 1973 Triumph TR6
- 3 Milton Franklin 1973 Triumph TR6

Triumph Spitfire, GT6 (Taylor Foundation)

- 1 Thomas Boudreaux 1978 Triumph Spitfire
- 2 Mike Japp 1977 Triumph Spitfire 1500
- 3 Richard Baker 1979 Triumph Spitfire

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Motorcycle (Taylor Foundation)

- 1 Pepe Merrick 1975 Norton Commando
- 2 Elmon F. Randolph 1907 Triumph Bonneville

Jaguar Vintage & Classic Sports (pre 74) (Paretti Imports)

- 1 Terry Richardson 1969 Jaguar XKE
- 2 Sy Brown 1973 Jaguar XKE
- 3 Bob McAnelly 1954 Jaguar XK120

Jaguar Modern Sports (1975+) (Paretti Imports)

- 1 Wally Friloux 2001 Jaguar XK8
- 2 Seth Silverstein 2006 Jaguar XKR
- 3 Bill Gross 1995 Jaguar XJS

Small Sedans (Morris Minor, MG Y Type,...) (British Marque-Car Club News)

- 1 Tim Hayes 1956 Austin A30
- 2 Mike Lewis 1950 MG Y-Type
- 3 Shannon Reed 1980 Triumph Dolomite Sprint

Jaguar Sedans (Paretti Imports)

- 1 John Hans 1967 Jaguar MK II
- 2 Mike Darby 1967 Jaguar 240
- 2 David Loeb 1965 Jaguar 3.8 S

Empire Sports (Taylor Foundation)

- 1 Bill Silhan 1967 Marcos 1600GT
- 2 Robert Phillips 1956 Austin Healey 100M

- 3 Mike Carmena 1967 Sunbeam Tiger

Lotus (Paretti Imports)

- 1 Michael Glore 1904 Lotus Esprit V8
- 2 Dean Duplantier 1905 Lotus Elise
- 2 Tomas Mulleady 1987 Lotus Espit

Mini Cooper, Modern (2002+) (Taylor Foundation)

- 1 Stuart McKendrick 1903 Mini Cooper S
- 2 Rodney McDonald 1907 Mini Cooper

Mini Cooper, Classic (1959-2000) (Taylor Foundation)

- 1 Skip Laughlin 1970 Morris Mini Countryman
- 2 Jim Davidson 1966 Morris Cooper S
- 3 Craig Burchsted 1965 Wolseley Hornet/Crayford DHC

Best of Show

Sponsored by: Ramelli Group

David Pilcher 1949 Triumph 2000

Longest Distance Driven

Willie Wittkopf 1978 MGB

British Heritage Trophy

Sponsored by: BMC Restorations, Peter Brauen

Wes Stewart 1967 Riley Elf

Hard Luck

Cathy Sonnier 1977 MGB



2008 British Car Day Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who worked the show. Having lots of people to help makes something like this so much easier. This is a list of everyone we had written down and everyone we could remember.

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Karen Murray

If we have missed listing anyone, please let us know - and accept our humble apologies for the oversight.

The following sponsors have generously supported this year's car show. When you get the opportunity, we hope you will return the favor and support their businesses and let them know how much we appreciate their support.

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CHEF'S CORNER by Karen Murray

Successful Friday Night Welcome Reception Recipe.

Mix the following ingredients together:

- 75 out of town guests and club members
- Delicious "New Orleans" food
- Relaxing company and old friends
- Scrumptious desserts (including a chocolate and white chocolate machine)
- PowerPoint presentation of all club events to watch on a screen
- Comfortable location with plenty of space for food and participants

Mix everything together to create a wonderful and memorable Friday night car show reception.

This month's Chef's Corner is dedicated to the BMCNO members that worked so hard on the Friday night car

show reception. The reception committee included: Margaret Friloux our one woman "Welcome Committee", Wally Friloux the "Supervisor and funny man", Allen Bradley our "Chocolate Fountain Man", Sue Bradley the "Mistress of Buffets", Ronald Palmisano the "Slide Show Performer", Opie Lee Anderson our "Go to Person", Don Marpe or "Mr. Clean", Cathy Greensfelder the "Decorations Guru", Charlie Ake the "Cold Drink Man", Karen Vezina our "Alice from the Brady Bunch" and last but certainly not least Keith Vezina our "Mr. Glue Man" who holds everything together. I also have to give kudos to Roger Nagy our "Cookie Expert", and Cliff and Linda Hughes "Strawberry King and Queen" all of whom sent their food even though they could not make the event.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to everyone who sent such delicious dishes and to those for helping make this a memorable and successful event. We will be remembered from Canada to Wisconsin and Florida to Texas.

BJ8 Pictures at Bob's by Rick Huber

A week after our car show, Todd Borque and I visited Bob Gullick on Saturday afternoon. The objective was to take pictures of his 1965 Austin-Healey 3000 to help each of us with our restora-



tions. Todd has collected three big Healey's over many years, and has launched off into restoring one of them. You know the story about mine already.

The most interesting thing about Bob's car is that he is the original owner, so in addition to taking pictures we were able to hear about some of the car's life story too. The Healey was Bob's third British sports car after an MG TD and an MGA. He really liked the look of the big Healey and wanted to upgrade to the six-cylinder engine. So he took the plunge in 1965, buying it new from a local dealer in Baton Rouge for \$3800.

The Healey was his primary car, driving it everywhere for 10 years, including long trips to the east and west coasts with his wife, and 100 + MPH trips to New Orleans and other southeast US destinations. He remembered one particular trip to New Orleans when

the car received its only dent, a small one on the left overrider on the back bumper. He was traveling along one night at 100 MPH or so when a land yacht Ford LTD ran into him from behind. After recovering control of the car, he pulled over to assess the damage, found the small dent and nothing else, and hopped back in intent to catch up with the errant driver, get the license plate number, and turn it in to the police. And that's what he did, running well above 100 MPH to catch up with the LTD.

But I digress. Todd took a hundred or so pictures of Bob's car. My camera was still in Mary Lynne's purse after the car show weekend and she wasn't home when Todd picked me up, so he had the only camera. Todd snapped pictures of every significant detail, primarily in the engine compartment and the interior, I talked with Bob about this and his other cars. His Healey now has roughly 90,000 miles on it and has never had any major work done to it.

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Classifieds

1965 MGB Wire Wheels. 4 synchro O/D. Running, driving prior to body work in 2007. Compression 150 to 153. Original engine. Straight car. New floors, rockers, lower fenders. Outstanding work by local club member. Primed, exterior ready to paint. New turn signals, misc. tune up and brake parts. Powder coated top frame. Healey project forces sale. Reduced to \$2000. Call Rick at 225-926-6946

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BJ8 Pictures at Bob's continued from page 10

It's been very reliable, but after 10 years he bought other cars to be his daily driver and his long trip vehicles, and the Healey began to be driven less and less. The interior is still original but the convertible top has been replaced once and the car has been repainted. It was originally all Healey blue but he liked the blue over white color combination better so, as you can see in the picture, when it was repainted he had it done that way.

When Todd finished taking pictures, we wandered around Bob's garages looking at his MG TF race car, and looked at and talked about the restoration projects for his completed Austin Healey 100-6, his in progress Katrina recovery MGA, two cars that were pictured in a prior newsletter article. Before we left, Bob showed us pictures of his Aston Martin restoration project and

the Jamaican kit car project that he had done in the 1970s on an Austin-Healey 3000 chassis with a V-8 engine,

All in all, it was a very satisfying Saturday afternoon. Todd and I have pictures of an original BJ8 to guide us with our restorations.



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BMNCO Calendar at a Glance - Karen Murray

Calendar at a glance will be included every month to help book dates in your calendar for future events. This calendar in no way should be used to take the place of the monthly published calendar in the newsletter. Please check newsletters for accurate and updated info regarding all events. The object of this is to help you plan future commitments.

April	29	Membership meeting – guest speaker TBA	Crawfish Payment Due!
May	3	Monthly Club Breakfast 10:00 am	Hummingbird Grill 5708 Citrus Blvd Harahan, LA 70123 (504) 305-1980
	4	All British & European Car Day	Dallas, Tx.
	9-11	Springtime in the Smokies 21 st Annual British Car Gathering	Townsend, TN.
	10	EURO Show at National Museum of Naval Aviation, NAS Pensacola.	Pensacola British Car Club
	10	Jazz'n the Vines www.pontchartrainvineyards.com	Pontchartrain Vineyards
	13	Board of Directors meeting	Robert Rouglet, host
	17	Atlanta British Motorcar Day at Berry College British Car Gathering (replaces Chateau Elan event)	Atlanta, Georgia
	17	Jazz'n the Vines www.pontchartrainvineyards.com	Pontchartrain Vineyards
	18	Crawfish Boil – 11:00 a.m. \$7.50 per 5 lb. serving	Bogue Falaya Park, Covington
	26 – June 3	" British Car Week " - DRIVE YOUR BRITISH CAR EVERYWHERE THIS WEEK to draw attention to the British hobby	http://www.britishcarweek.org/
	27	Membership Meeting	
	30	Final Friday - Covington	
	30 – June 1	EuroBrit Auto & Bike Expo 2008, Madison Alabama (near Huntsville). Also North American Spitfire Squadron (NASS) "Southern Spit-Together 8".	North Alabama British Motoring Society ". http://www.nabms.org/
	31	Jazz'n the Vines www.pontchartrainvineyards.com	Jazz'n the Vines
June	1	Back to the Beach Festival & Car Show SaveOurLake.org	Laketown - End of Williams Blvd. in Kenner
	6– 7	British Bash	British Sports Car Club of Louisville, Kentucky
	8	Robert's Run	Robert Rouglet and Robert Phillips
	10	Board of directors Meeting	Wally Friloux, host
	14	Jazz'n the Vines www.pontchartrainvineyards.com	Pontchartrain Vineyards
	24	Membership meeting	
	26 – 29	North American MGB Register Convention	Valley Forge, Pa.
	27	Final Friday - Covington	
	28	Monthly Club Breakfast	

Items in bold are club sponsored events.



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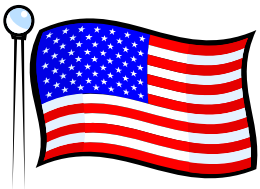
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Saturday, May 3 - 10:00 am - BMCNO Breakfast
Sunday, May 18 - Crawfish Boil