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President's Message

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What a treat the weather has been; I cannot recall a milder April and May! I guess the sales of all those hybrid cars has done the trick and reversed global warming. None too soon, because I don't think my MGB will be very happy running on sugar cane.

Now that our politicians have fixed this problem, maybe they can work on getting fuel prices back to a reasonable level. On second thought, who cares what the gasoline prices are when you can get so many smiles per gallon in a little British car?

I am an incurable rag-top man and I look for ANY opportunity to drive with the hood (and bonnet) down. Neither the convoluted array of latches, snaps, hooks and lift-the-dots nor the required origami folding skills can deter me when it's springtime in New Orleans. Sure, it takes five minutes to lower the hood on the old B but once down and running at highway speed, the labor is soon forgotten.

Yes, it's true that a GT is a much stiffer platform for negotiating the "twisties". I will concede that there is certainly more protection from the elements with a hardtop when the monsoons come. However, when the blue birds are singing, a fixed-head coupe is just a gilded cage to me.

So you roadster owners take heed – summer will soon be here. The heat, humidity, rain and sweat are just around the corner; drop those tops while you can.

If you don't have a roadster, call a friendly club member or yours truly. I'll provide the gas if you buy the Sonic Drive-In slushy.

Keith

"British Car Week"

May 26 – June 3

DRIVE YOUR BRITISH CAR EVERYWHERE THIS WEEK

See page 10 for more information.

June 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Back to the Beach Festival Kenner, LA 8:00 a.m.	2	3	4	5	6	7
British Car Week May 26th - June 3rd						
8 Roberts' Run 2:00pm (SS) 3:00pm (NS)	9	10 B.O.D. Mtg. 7:00pm	11	12	13	14 <i>Flag Day</i>
15 <i>Father's Day</i>	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Membership Mtg. 7:00pm @ The Ital- ian Pie	25	26	27 Final Friday 5-10 p.m. Downtown Coving- ton	28 BMCNO Breakfast 10:00am <i>Lafayette Area Cruise</i>
29	30					

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

Sunday, June 1 - "Back to the Beach Festival" & Car Show - Williams Blvd. at the Lake in Kenner. **We will meet at the show (Allen & Sue will get there early and hold spots as long as possible).** Bring your sunscreen, chairs and shade umbrella—the club's bringing the canopy.

Food & drink available for purchase.

8:00 am Car Show Registration

11:45 am - 1:10 pm Bobby Cure & the Summertime Blues

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm The Wiseguys

3:00 pm Car Show Awards

3:25 pm - 4:55 pm News Flash...The Huey Lewis Experience

5:20 pm - 6:50 pm Bucktown All-Stars

7:15 pm - 8:45 pm The Topcats

Sunday, June 8 - Roberts' Run - Cruise on the Northshore, ending at *Friends on The Tchefunctha Restaurant* for dinner. Southshore convoy leaves from the Causeway Bridge Toll Plaza parking lot at 2:00pm and meets up with our Northshore friends at Badeaux's Drive-In in Madisonville at 3:00pm.

Tuesday, June 10 - 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting - Wally Friloux. 313 Jade Ct, Madisonville. 985-845-8216. Southshore Car pool leaves back of Lakeside Mall at 6:15p.m.

Tuesday, June 24 - 7:00 p.m. GENERAL MEETING - Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy.

Friday, June 27 - 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, June 28 - 10:00 am - BMCNO Breakfast - Elizabeth's Restaurant, 601 Gallier St, New Orleans, LA 70117 (504)944-9272

Saturday, June 28 - Lafayette Area Cruise - For more information, contact Dave Hayden at dandmhayden@cox.net

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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, April 2008

Twenty-four members and guests were in attendance. Guests included Bill Weber, brother of new member Pete Weber. (Bill joined during the meeting.) Bill learned to drive on a LBC and has had a soft spot for them in his heart (and wallet!) ever since. He does not currently own an LBC but is looking for one. Member Harold Hunt introduced his new wife Norma Jean.

Past Events: The biggest past event was our car show. Despite some bad weather, it was a good show. For the Friday night reception we had more desserts than we needed but could have used some more “main dish” food. There was a good turnout for Bill Nix’s continental breakfast on the day of the show. Dave Morgan did a bang-up job of selling 50/50 tickets. The lucky winner of the 50/50 drawing won \$350.

The Daughters of the British Empire (DBE) British tea was well attended by the BMCNO ladies. They had tea, scones and little fancy sandwiches and several of them took the tour of Longue Vue Gardens and Home.

The car show appreciation brunch was attended by 24 people. Unfortunately, the restaurant’s management forgot to tell the staff we were coming and the service was very slow. The Pensacola “Brits on the Bay” show was well attended. (see article pages 5-6) Final Friday was attended by the Bradleys, W. Friloux and C. Hughes. Our scholarship recipients’ and Keith Vezina’s picture was in the Times-Picayune Metairie edition on April 17th.

Karen Murray discussed the possibility of publishing a BMCNO cookbook. A 100 page book with 60 black & white photos (and one color photo on the front) could be printed for a minimum order of 50 books. The price goes down as the number of books ordered increases.

Future events: The monthly brunch, “Roberts’

Run” and the crawfish boil were discussed.

The club will need nominees for Treasure and Secretary in August. Please consider running. Without members willing to serve as officers, the Cub can’t continue.

Member Projects: Allen Bradley’s TR6 is almost done. He and Peter Brauen pulled the engine and rebuilt it: bored, pistons & rings, painted the block & engine bay. The car still needs wiring and under-the-bonnet paint. Allen hopes it will be done by June.

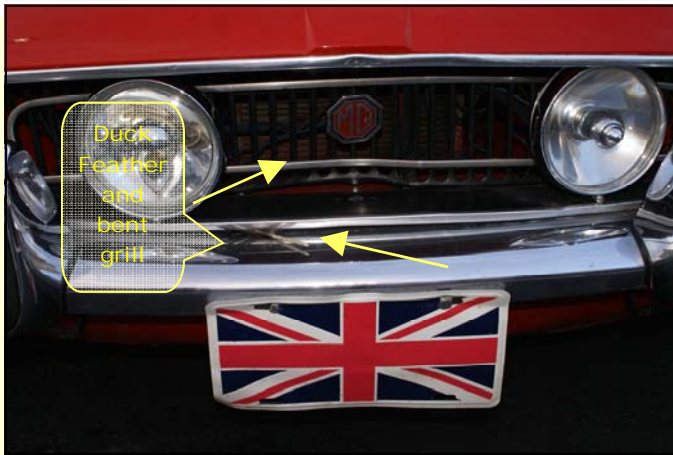
A friend of Dan Melsurgo’s is looking for someone who can make formed Lexan for a drag car’s windshield. Pete Weber got his TR6’s title and finally brought it home. It’s supposed to be yellow but you can’t tell! Margaret & Wally Friloux are taking a trip to England. Wally hopes to tour the Jaguar factory in Castle Bromwich and the Morgan factory outside of London. Margaret thinks one factory tour would fit better with a full schedule of visiting family, sightseeing and touring Paris via the Eurostar train from London, through the Chunnel, to Paris.

Karen Murray won \$15 in the 50/50 drawing. Her grandson drew her ticket!! Tom Doughty, Bob Post, Wally Friloux and Sue Bradley won t-shirts. Pete Webber and Rick Huber won car show goodie bags.



Waiting for a table at the Fish Shack in Pensacola

BMCNO members at "Brit's on the Bay" in Pensacola



Panhandle British Car Association's 2008 "Brit's on the Bay" car show BMCNO participation.

Busted Crank Award (Duck in the Grill) Allen & Susan Bradley 1970 MGB



- 1st Tommy Boudreaux 1978 Triumph Spitfire
- 1st Cathy & Mark Greensfelder 1979 MGB
- 1st Cliff & Linda Hughes 1958 Austin Healey 100-6
- 1st Stuart McKendrick 2003 Mini Cooper S
- 1st Keith & Karen Vezina 1976 MGB
- 2nd Rick & Mary Lynne Huber 1975 MGB V-8
- 2nd Blake & Cathy Sonnier 1972 MGB
- 3rd Allen & Susan Bradley 1970 MGB
- 3rd Sally & Bill Breithoff 1977 MGB



Also entered:
Ronnie Palmisano & Karen Murray, 1976 Triumph TR6

During the show, the ladies walked five or six blocks to Dharma Blue's restaurant for a lunch of pasta, grilled portabella mushroom sandwiches and salads. The guys went to What-A-Burger for burgers & fries. Everyone was happy!

BMCNO members at "Brit's on the Bay" in Pensacola



"The special for tonight will be grilled duck."

On the way to Pensacola - "A collision most fowl" by Susan Bradley

Our convoy was traveling about 35 miles an hour on the way to Pensacola from Foley, AL on Hwy 98, after having lunch at the Gift Horse and shopping at the Tanger Outlet Mall. Keith and Karen were in the lead, then followed Cliff and Linda, Mark and Cathy, with me and Allen last. I just told Allen how much I liked the old road better than the interstate when from my right side, a big, white and black, red billed duck started flapping its wings and flew into the front of the MG. It was cool and rain was predicted, so we had the top up. I also had my window rolled up. It made a loud, thumping sound. We kept on going and did not call anyone or stop. All of a sudden Allen and I became silent...just surprised, shocked, and wondering what happened to the front of the car. We got to a stop light on 98 and Allen hopped out and he told me everything was OK. We were still kind of quiet all the way to Pensacola Beach. I did not see the front of the car until we stopped at the hotel. The grill had a large dent and also the chrome strip around the grill. The chrome strip on the hood had a small dent also. Yes, there were feathers. Well, I guess you all can imagine....the duck jokes started immediately. It was very sad for the duck. It could have been a lot worse if it had hit the windshield. We were lucky and very grateful for our safety.

The duck jokes and stories went on endlessly. We all laughed and had fun with it all. At the car show, Allen found a few more large feathers under the hood. Well, we did win the hard luck trophy and there was some competition but the Pensacola car club said the duck and our MG was the most deserving. Even their car club members chimed in with duck jokes at the car show!! It was all in fun. Allen was able to buy a used grill at the car show. We still have the dent in the hood chrome strip. Allen worked very hard 2 days (in and out of the rain) repainting and polishing the new grill. It looks great.

Allen's favorite part of the weekend was the Friday night social, where we always hang out on the patio drinking Amaretto. The duck jokes got better and funnier all night.

My favorite part was at the restaurant...The Fish

House. It was full moon and we had tables outside. Well, the waitress was at the car show during the day and she had seen the feathers on the MG. Of course, Allen and I did not know this. She was young and we enjoyed her working our tables (17 of us). Of course, we were set up....she finally came to our table to tell us what the special of the night was....yes....she said....someone brought a big duck in!!!!!!! Fresh and "grilled" to order! I screamed out loud....thank goodness we were outside. Anyway, the food was delicious and we all laughed and had a fun evening.

Susan

Other people's comments on the duck issue:

It was a collision most fowl.

Who got the bill?

This quacks me up

He needs to feather the edges of the repair

First time an MG driver got wings for bad taxi maneuvers

Fix the dent with a rubber mallard

Or as the Brits would say, "that bloody duck"

Like an MG rolls off a duck's back

Our Peking Duck contain no M_G or preservatives

Good thing it was a chrome bumper B else it would have been a wubber ducky

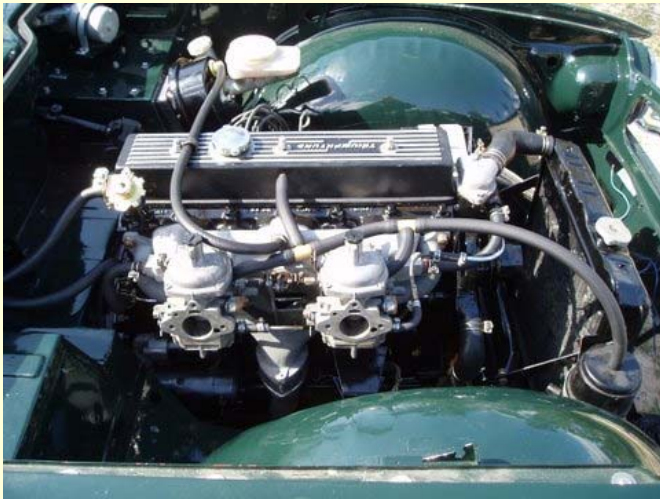


He quacked his gwill.

TR6 by Allen Bradley

My 1971 TR6 has been undergoing a major engine rebuilding at Peter Brauen's Shop in Kiln, MS.

I needed to repaint the engine compartment to match the outside of the car., British Racing Green. I removed the engine, windshield wiper motor, master cylinder, brake booster, clutch master cylinder, battery, horns, and accelerator cable and rod. I also pulled the wiring harness from the engine to inside the car.

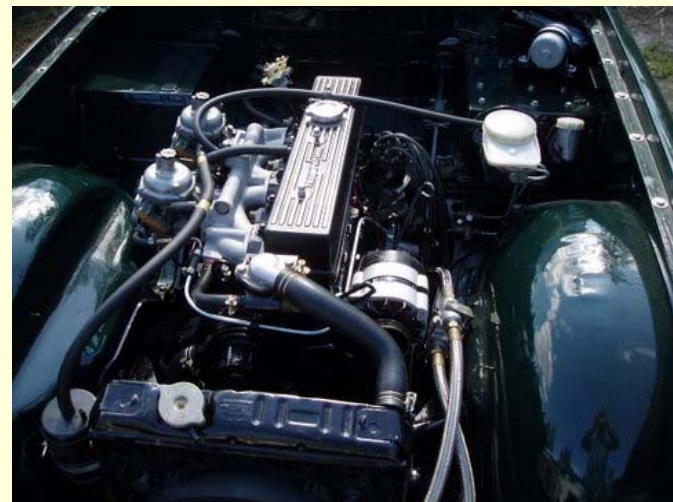
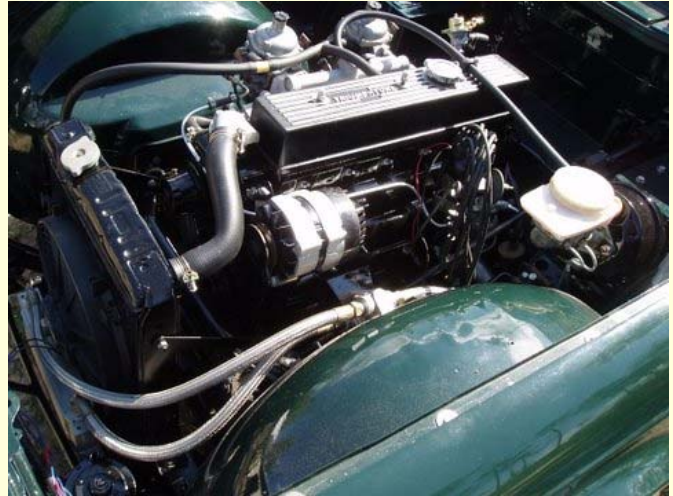


Next, Peter fabricated and welded in a new battery holder. Then we sanded and prepped the engine compartment. Now, it was time for spray painting, which Peter did. I repainted the brake booster and windshield motor. Then we dismantled the engine and found some mechanical problems: broken piston rings on two cylinders. Peter sent the engine block to a machine shop in Gulfport to bore cylinders to 20 over. We replaced the lifters, cam bearings, 6 pistons, and rings to match the new bore of the cylinders.

We reassembled the engine which Peter painted and then installed into the car. Next we reinstalled all the other components in the engine compartment. Then we discovered another problem: both rear axles had to be rebuilt. We replaced the seals, bearings, and universal joints.

The next to last step toward completion of this project is to paint the underside of the hood.

Now for the last step: pull the wiring harness back into the engine compartment, hook up, and drive home!! The TR6 will make its appearance at the Back to the Beach Show in Kenner in June.



Allen and Susan Bradley

CHEF'S CORNER by Karen Murray

This is one of our most requested board meeting dinners. Ladies, don't we all wish that our husbands would cook such a delicious dinner for us and company???????

Kudo's to Mark Greensfelder for this mouthwatering meal.

Next month Allen and Sue Bradley will share their recipe for MG Style Grilled Duck, or Duck under MG. Enjoy!!!

Mark's Pot Roast.

Prep time: 30 minutes

Cook time: 4-5 hours

- 3-5 lb beef chuck roast
- 1/2 tablespoon or so of salt
- 1 tablespoon or so of pepper
- flour (about a half cup flour)
- 1 can beef broth
- 1 envelope Lipton Onion soup
- 2-5 cloves garlic, peeled
- 2 onions quartered
- Cooking oil - enough to cover bottom of pan about 1/8-1/4 inch deep
- 4-5 medium Potatoes, quartered
- 1-2 cups baby carrots (or normal carrots, peeled & cut to size of baby carrots)
- 1-2 cups frozen peas

Deep pan big enough to hold the roast and vegetable, with tight fitting lid.

Mix salt, pepper & flour. Roll beef in seasoned flour to coat all sides.

On stove top, heat oil on high until almost smoking.

Brown beef on all sides. Add more oil as needed.

Reduce heat to medium.

Mix soup mix with beef broth. Pour over beef.

Continue to heat until broth just begins to boil.

Add garlic and onions.

Cover and place in oven at 275 for 3 to 4 hours.

Add potatoes & carrots. Cook covered 45 minutes. Add frozen peas. Cook covered 15 minutes.

For a thicker gravy:

Remove meat and vegetables to serving platter.

Place pan with liquid on stove top on medium high heat.

In small bowl, mix heaping tablespoon cornstarch with about a quarter cup of COLD water.

Slowly pour cornstarch mix into beef broth, stirring continuously.

(You may not need all the cornstarch or might need a 2nd batch, depending.) Bring to light boil for a couple of minutes to finish thickening.



Chef Mark

More pictures from "Brit's on the Bay" in Pensacola



Putting a top up the British way!



Allen's Low Flying Duck had Lucas Radar.



Staying cool under Keith's Umbrella!

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. Healy project forces sale. Reduced to \$2000. Call Rick at 225-926-6946

Car storage space in new metal garage on Freret St., New Orleans. Private and locked. \$ 150.00 per month. Call Martin Strayka, (504) 866-5131 4/07

Wanted To Purchase- Low cost radar unit for MGB. Must detect **LOW FLYING DUCKS**.
Allen Bradley

"British Car Week" May 26 – June 3

British Car Week is an annual British car driving awareness week for promoting British cars on a world-wide basis. Participants don't need to travel very far for this event, because it takes place in their own community. This is a calling for all owners of classic British cars to get together with other car owners in their own communities and kick tires, tell stories, answer questions, and have a good time.

Best of all, you'll have the chance to show your car off to the general public who rarely, or in many cases never have the opportunity to get a real life close up glimpse of these extremely interesting automobiles of days gone by.

British Car Week is all about providing opportunities for potential enthusiasts to become aware of older model British marques, and hopefully generate interest and enthusiasm among the next generation who can enjoy and main-

tain them for many years to come.

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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 or BMCNO WEB events list for accurate and updated info regarding all events.** The object of this is to help you plan future commitments. **NOTE: Items in bold are club sponsored events.**

May	May 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 7:00 pm
	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	Monthly Club Breakfast—Location TBA. See BMCNO event information on web for update.
June	1	Back to the Beach Festival & Car Show Laketown - End of Williams Blvd. in Kenner SaveOurLake.org 8:00 am
	6– 7	British Bash - British Sports Car Club of Louisville, Kentucky
	8	Robert's Run - Cruise on the Northshore, ending at <i>Friends on The Tchefunctha Restaurant</i> for dinner. Southshore convoy leaves from the Causeway Bridge Toll Plaza parking lot at 2:00pm and meets up with our Northshore friends at Badeaux's Drive-In in Madisonville at 3:00pm.
	10	Board of directors Meeting - Wally Friloux, host
	24	Membership Mtg. 7:00pm @ The Italian Pie
	26 – 29	North American MGB Register Convention - Valley Forge, Pa.
	27	Final Friday - Covington
	28	Monthly Club Breakfast - Elizabeth's Restaurant, 601 Gallier St, New Orleans, LA 70117 (504)944-9272
July	20	Board BBQ— Ronald & Karen, hosts. Noon
	25	Final Friday - Covington
	29	Membership Mtg. 7:00pm @ The Italian Pie
Aug	2	Monthly Club Breakfast
	10	Un-Car Show, Covington, LA
	12	Board of Directors Meeting
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Sept	12-13	Brits in the Ozarks Car Show—Arkansas
	19 – 21	Southeastern Regional British Car Festival Peachtree MG Registry Dillard House—Dillard, Ga.
	16	Board of Directors Meeting, Harold O'Reilly
	TBA	Funkana (???) overnight trip to Lafayette
	19-21	Southeast British Car Festival 2008 , Dillard, Georgia WWW.PEACHTREEMG.COM
	27	English Motoring Club " Brits By The River" - Vidalia, LA
	30	Membership Mtg. 7:00pm @ The Italian Pie
Oct	4	Monthly Club Breakfast - Location TBA. See BMCNO event information on web for update.
	3– 5	EuroFest – European Cars & Motorcycles, Memphis, TN.
		Board of Directors Meeting
	11	Nashville British Car Club Show Percy Warner Park – Hwy. 100 and Vaughn's Gap Road in Nashville
	25	Fairhope Car Show - Fairhope, Alabama www.sabcc.org
	28	Membership meeting - Election of Board Members – Guest speaker
	31– Nov. 1	Southern British Car Club show - Chattanooga, TN www.southernbritishcarclub.net

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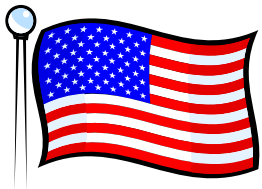
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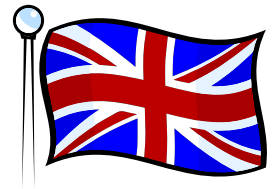


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