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President's Message

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We strongly encourage all members to join the registry for their marque!

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It's dues time again! You should have already received your notice for membership renewal. Please review the form carefully, update your personal data and return it with your dues payment. This will be the only notice we send out, so please take some time now to write a check and mail it in.

We will be compiling, printing and mailing the membership directory and 2008-2009 membership cards in the next few weeks. As you probably already know, the directory is a very handy reference of our club members' contact information and the cards can be used as proof of car club membership. This proof is required by some classic car insurance carriers and by the State of Louisiana for obtaining antique license plates. We won't be mailing directories and cards to those who let their dues lapse - so don't delay!

The June General Membership meeting will be a short one; we will adjourn early so that we can convoy to *The Queen of the Ball* sno-ball stand on Oak Street and then take a little tour of the Car Palace.

Independence Day (commonly known as **the Fourth of July**) is a federal holiday commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, declaring independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain. On that day, we Yanks celebrate our rugged individualism and revel in our hard-fought freedoms. But who, exactly, did we declare independence from? This quote from Wikipedia.org offers a little perspective.

"The **British Empire** was the largest empire in history and, for over a century, was the foremost global power. By 1921, the British Empire held sway over a population of about 458 million people, approximately one-quarter of the world's population. It covered about 14.2 million square miles, about a quarter of Earth's total land area. As a result, its legacy is widespread, in legal and governmental systems, economic practice, militarily, educational systems, sports, and in the global spread of the English language. At the peak of its power, it was often said that "the sun never sets on the British Empire" because its span across the globe ensured that the sun was always shining on at least one of its numerous colonies or subject nations."

So from the greatest empire the world has ever seen, rises the world's greatest democracy. It is little wonder that we share a lot of traits and values with the Brits, who have come to be our staunchest allies in this dangerous world. This Country may have had a painful birth 232 years ago, but there is still that undeniable lineage to the Queen. I see nothing wrong with flying the Union Jack alongside the Stars and Stripes on the 4th of July.

God Bless America and Long Live the Queen.

Keith Vezina

July 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2		4 <i>Independence Day</i>	5
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Delgado Tech Session 9:00 am
	14		16	17	18	19
13		15				
20 B.O.D. Mtg. & Family BBQ 12:00 pm	21	22	23	24	25 Final Friday 5-10 p.m. Downtown Covington	26 Lafayette Area Cruise
27	28	29 Membership Mtg. 7:00pm @ The Italian Pie	30	31		

Saturday, July 12 - 9:00 a.m. - Delgado Tech Session - Meet at Delgado City Park Campus Auto Department for a tech session on front end alignments and tire balancing. If time permits, we may be able to do alignments on everyone's car. Lunch at N.O. Food and Spirits afterwards.

Sunday, July 20 - 12:00 p.m. Board Meeting & Family BBQ / Pool Party - Ronnie Palmisano & Karen Murray, 1900 Colony Road, Metairie, (504) 454-3461

Friday, July 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, July 26 - Lafayette Area Cruise - For more information, contact Dave Hayden at dandmhayden@cox.net

Tuesday, July 29 - 7:00 p.m. GENERAL MEETING - Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy.

Club Officers – 2008

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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

Newsletter Submissions - Electronic article submissions are greatly preferred. Email to editor@bmcno.org; bring to meeting, or mail to P.O. Box 73213, Metairie, LA 70033



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General Meeting Minutes, May 2008

Vice president Karen Murray conducted the meeting. President Keith Vezina was out of town. Seventeen members and guests were present. To open the meeting, Karen had everyone introduce themselves, telling what British cars they had and something about themselves. Most of the stories went "(I / my friend / my relative) (had / wanted) a (name of British car) years ago. It got (sold / wrecked / still have it) and I've (wanted / had) one ever since."

Foy Bilnoski, a friend since childhood of Cliff Hughes spoke to the group. (See article page 6) Foy is a retired salesman and sold cars. He spoke on tactics for getting a good deal on a new car.

Club Business: Nomination of officers for 2009 comes up in August. BMCNO will need a treasurer, secretary and member at large. Term limits prevent Treasurer Allen Bradley and Secretary Cathy Greensfelder from serving again. Allen and Cathy spoke about their offices.

The treasurer's job entails handling the club's money and conducting the 50/50 raffle at each meeting. Traditionally, the treasurer also handles the club P.O. Box in Metairie since most of our incoming mail is checks for membership or the car show. The secretary is responsible for maintaining the membership records, taking meeting minutes and handling proxy ballots in the event of a contested election. (We have not had a contested election since sometime in the nineties.) It was explained that the members at large come to the board meetings, help get things done, and almost always chair a committee for the car show.

Past Events: Five people attended the club breakfast on May 2nd at the Hummingbird Grill in Harahan. The food was terrible which was odd since Karen Murray & Ronnie Palmisano had

eaten there twice before and had great food. The next breakfast will be at Elizabeth's in Bywater. Cathy Greensfelder said she has eaten there since the storm and they are very good.

Future Events: Plans were discussed for the Back to the Beach show and the up-coming "Roberts' Run" Northshore cruise.

Member Projects: Wally Friloux spoke about his and Margaret's recent trip to England. (see article next month in August Gazette.) He was adamant that you do NOT want to drive in London. Traffic is terrible and the drivers' were insane. (During introductions, Mark Warren announced that his car was back from the painters and he had driven it to the meeting.)



BMCNO Vice President Karen Murray took over the May Meeting in the absence of President Keith Vezina.

Great Job Karen!

BMCNO at "Back to the Beach"

2008 Back to the Beach was HOT!! Yes, the weather and 478 beautiful cars and bikes!! We were represented by 7 club members with British cars. Mike Lewis brought his MGTD vintage racer, which he just raced in Virginia. There were 2 other Jags and a modified (orange) Mini Cooper at the car show also. Our cars there:

Susan and Allen Bradley 1970 MGB (TOP 100)

Harold O'Reilly 1977 Spitfire (TOP 100)

Anne and Floyd Friloux 1972 Triumph GT 6 (TOP 100)

Kober Seippel 1950 MGTD (BEST FOREIGN)

Wally Friloux 2001 Jaguar XK8

Mike Lewis 1952 MGTD Vintage Racing Car

Seth and Sharon Silverstein 1952 MGTD

Michael Delacerda and family came out to visit with us during the day. Also, Jimmy Bruno and his daughter, who entered her classic Mustang in the car show, were there for the day. New club member C.R. Dunbar drove in from Baton Rouge to check out the cars. He came to the meeting last Tuesday.) Thank you to Keith Vezina for bringing the club tent out for our shade. This helped us through the sunny, hot day. We did enjoy everyone's company and all the beautiful cars. We were represented very well. People are very interested in the little British cars. The Back to the Beach committee has come a long way in recognizing our British Cars. The first Back to the Beach we did in 2003, there was only one BMCNO member that received an award. Each year there after, we have received several awards.

All day long local bands provided great music.

There were also food and craft booths, and of course, sno-balls. This event is a huge fund raiser for the Save our Lake Foundation. It is for a worthy cause.



Guest Speaker— How to purchase a new car?

Cliff Hughes' long time friend Foy Bilnoski spoke to the group on how to get a good deal on buying a new car. Foy is a retired salesman and sold cars at one time. He said he learned a lot selling cars, mostly that if a car salesman's lips are moving, he's lying about something!!

Foy's first piece of advice was to wait until the end of the model year, when rebates come out. Early in the model year there are far fewer incentives. Late in the year, the car will have already depreciated but the deal will be much better.

There is a *tremendous* amount of profit in the sticker price on a new car. The harder you bargain, the better deal you will get. First, do your homework on a car's value. Talk them into showing you the invoice. Look for any "2x" plan or "employee" deals. Also, don't let them know you want a particular car - walk out if need be. All told, you can save 20% - 40% off sticker if you really work at it. A dealership makes lots of money on maintenance and warranty work so they can afford to deal on the sale if you push them.

He explained that the car advertised in the paper for \$15,000 doesn't exist. Or if it does, it's what the salesmen call a "fire sale" car - if you sell it, you're fired. They want it to sit there and lure customers onto the lot so they can switch them to something

else.

His advice concerning financing was "don't". If you can do it, pay cash. If you must finance, only finance a new car. There is too much profit in dealership used cars to bother. If prime rate is 8%, they will offer you 12%. If you push hard enough you can get 6%.

He also recommended you buy the 100,000 mile warranty. He felt you will save money on labor in the long haul.

Foy appreciated our passion for our cars. His passion is fishing but whatever it is, you need passion. It makes life worth living.



My first Triumph by Ronnie Palmisano

It was a cold winter day way back when in November 1974 as I boarded a Delta flight to Indiana to pick up my new 1974 1/2 triumph TR6.

I had been trying to purchase a TR6 here locally, but none with overdrive were available. I had a friend who worked on the dock and I went every week and watched as MGs, Jaguars, and Triumphs were unloaded from the ships. Lots of these cars had overdrive.

I found an ad in a Road and Track magazine for a company called Butler Imports in Indiana. I called them and asked if they had any TR6's with overdrive. The answer was "pick your color", and away I went.

This was the beginning a long lasting love/hate relationship. I loved the car and hated the many problems such as alternator, overdrive, transmission, clutch, rear end and other.

Four years later with a second child on the way we decided to sell it and buy a car that can carry two children.

Twenty five years later I purchased a 1976 TR6.

I have a wonderful wife, eight awesome grandchildren, and a TR6. What more could anyone ask for.



CHEF'S CORNER by Menda Hayden**British Motoring Club – New Orleans COOKBOOK**

We tease and say we are PROUD members of the Big Meal Club of New Orleans. At the Car Show welcome party I found myself yummin over the spread of food. I started talking to the other wives about how good everything was and our true love of food and a GREAT IDEA was born. WE NEED A COOKBOOK!!!!!!

I found a great company that prints these books for fundraisers and we are off and running. We can collect 100 recipes and can have 70 pictures in our book. We need your help with this so send us your favorite recipes and pictures.

Please let us know how many books you are interested in buying. This will let us know about how many to order. We will have a firm price soon. The number you give us will not be your order, we just want an idea. Remember these will make wonderful gift ideas for family and friends.

How to submit: RECIPE COLLECTION SHEET: (one recipe per sheet please)

Contributors name:

Recipe Title:

Ingredients to be listed in the order used in the recipe:

Directions on how to make it:

The recipes will go into the following categories please note which one you wish yours to go into.

- Appetizers & Beverages
- Soups & Salads
- Vegetables & Side Dishes
- Casseroles & Main Dishes
- Breads & Rolls
- Desserts
- Cookies & Confections
- Grilling or Outdoor Cooking

Notes or History about the Recipe: (please include something on this part of the sheet, so many of our favorite foods come with a great story behind them and its part of the fun. You can put what you need to on this part and know that it may be edited to fit, but we do want the stories.)

To submit a picture you need to send it to me in the form of jpeg. You can also mail me a printed copy of any picture.

Your entries can be e-mailed to me at dandmhayden@cox.net, or sent to me at:

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PLEASE SEND ALL INFORMATION NO LATER THAN JULY 31, 2008

Thanks for your help with this idea. I am so happy to be able to head up this project and know it will be a great fundraiser for the club. When I think about the recipes we can collect from this group my mouth waters real bad!!!!!! I can't wait to get my copy and start cookin.

Menda Hayden

Classifieds

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"Robert's Run" Event



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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.

June	26 – 29	North American MGB Register Convention	Valley Forge, Pa.
	27	Final Friday - Covington	
	28	Monthly Club Breakfast	10:00 a.m. Elizabeth's Restaurant 601 Gallier St. New Orleans, 944-9272
July	12	Delgado Tech Session 9:00 a.m.	Delgado City Park Campus Front End Alignment
	20	Board BBQ	Ronald & Karen, hosts
	25	Final Friday - Covington	Call Cliff Hughes (985) 845-8709
	26	Lafayette Area Cruise	For more information, contact Dave Hayden at dandmhayden@cox.net
	29	Membership meeting -7:00 p.m.	Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy.
Aug.	2	Monthly Club Breakfast	Location TBA
	10	Un- Car Show - 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Covington	Columbia St. Tap Room & Grill, 434 N. Columbia St
	12	Board of Directors Meeting	Allen Bradley
	23	Lafayette Area Cruise	Dave Hayden at dandmhayden@cox.net
	26	Membership Meeting -7:00 p.m.	Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy.
	29	Final Friday - Covington	Call Cliff Hughes (985) 845-8709
	30	Monthly Club Breakfast	Location TBA
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
		Funkana (???) overnight trip to Lafayette	TBA
	19-21	Southeast British Car Festival 2008	Dillard Georgia www.peachtreemg.com
	26	Final Friday Covington, LA 5:00 p.m.-10 p.m	Call Cliff Hughes (985) 845-8709
	27	"Brits on the River:" Vidalia Car Show	Vidalia, Louisiana
	30	Membership Meeting -7:00 p.m.	Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy.
Oct.	4	Monthly Club Breakfast	TBA
	3– 5	EuroFest – European Cars & Motorcycles	Memphis, TN.
		Board of Directors Meeting	Cathy Greensfelder
	11	Nashville British Car Club Show	Percy Warner Park – Hwy. 100 and Vaughn's Gap Road in Nashville
	18	Houston Car Show	Houston, Texas
	28	Membership meeting - Election of Board Members –7:00 p.m.	Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy.
	25	Fairhope Car Show	Fairhope, Alabama
31– Nov. 1	Southern British Car Club show	Chattanooga, TN www.southernbritishcarclub.net	

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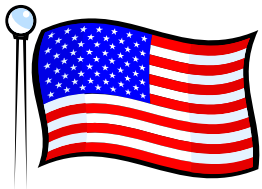
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