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## President's Message

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What a summer! We have cancelled more events in one season than I have seen in my entire fifteen years of club membership!

In May, we had to cancel the annual crawfish boil because of flooding. The Bogue Falaya River overflowed its banks just two days before our scheduled event at the Bogue Falaya Park. The park was so close to the river (hence the same name) that the City of Covington felt it was necessary to close the park for safety's sake.

July saw our second cancelled event at Delgado Community College's Automotive Department. We were going to have a great tech session there. Joe Cruthird's group was going to give us a tutorial on front-end alignments and teach us to use their alignment machine on our own cars. A few days before the session, the hard drive crashed on the machine's computer and there was no way to get a factory tech out in time to repair it.

So now we are in the heart of hurricane season. Labor Day weekend was marked with Gustav leaving a wide path of destruction in south Louisiana. Thanks to our dear friends Richard and Donna Cunningham, we had a safe harbor at their home in Daphnie, AL. They took in Karen and I, our daughter, my mother-in-law and two cats! They graciously endured this managerie for four days.

With all of Gustav's damage, we had to cancel the Annual Sean Hayden Memorial Funkana the following weekend.

Just one week later hurricane Ike destroyed east Texas and southwest Louisiana, but this area was not untouched. The strong southerly winds brought a tidal surge to Slidell and the Northshore as bad or worse than Gustav. One of our favorite restaurants, Middendorf's in Manchac, LA, was flooded by the surge from Ike. They got four feet of water in the restaurant and it is unclear when (or if) they will re-open.

There are still lots of people in need of help in Texas and Louisiana. If you can, please make a generous donation to your favorite relief charity.

What a summer.; I'm glad it's finally over!

Keith

## October 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Mandeville Area Meeting 7:30 p.m.	3	4 Nashville Show
5 Cruisin the Coast	6 Cruisin the Coast	7 Cruisin the Coast	8 Cruisin the Coast	9 Cruisin the Coast	10 Cruisin the Coast	11 Cruisin the Coast
12 Cruisin the Coast	13	14 B.O.D. Mtg. 7:00pm	15	16	17	18 Houston Show
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Fairhope Show
26	27	28 Membership Mtg. 7:00pm @ The Ital- ian Pie	29	30	31 <i>Halloween</i>	

**Friday, September 26 - 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

**Friday, September 26 - Brits by the River** - *Southshore leaves Kenner Visitor's Center (I-10 @ Loyola) at 8:00 a.m., Northshore leaves from the Texaco station (I-12 @ Rt. 21) at 8:00 a.m. Both convoys meet up at Rick & Mary Lynne Huber's home at 746 Saint Landry St. in Baton Rouge at 9:30 a.m. (225) 926-6946. We'll have lunch at the Carriage House in Natchez.*

**Saturday, September 27 - Brits by the River - Vidalia, LA.**

**Saturday, September 27 - Lafayette Area Cruise** - For more information, contact Dave Hayden at [dandmhayden@cox.net](mailto:dandmhayden@cox.net)

**Thursday, October 2 - 7:30 p.m. - Mandeville Area Membership Meeting** - Abita Springs at the Abita Brew Pub @ 7:30pm

**Tuesday, October 14 - 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting** - Cathy Greensfelder, 5537 Berkley Drive, New Orleans (504) 392-9261

**Friday, October 24 - Fairhope convoy** - Contact Cathy Greensfelder for information.

**Saturday, October 25 - Brits on the Bay Show** - Fairhope, AL

**Saturday, October 25 - Lafayette Area Cruise** - For more information, contact Dave Hayden at [dandmhaden@cox.net](mailto:dandmhaden@cox.net)

**Tuesday, October 28 - 7:30 p.m. GENERAL MEETING** - Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy.

***ELECTION OF OFFICERS!***

## Club Officers – 2008

### Board of Directors

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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 ronniep@cox.net, bring to meeting, or mail to P.O. Box 73213, Metairie, LA 70033



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## August Meeting Minutes

The meeting started with a "Happy Birthday" song to Amelia Phillips (3) and Ronald Palmisano (59). Guest included Jack Kennedy a founding member of the club 30 years ago.

**Past Events:** Discussion centered on the Un Car Show. (See article) Karen Murray did thank everyone for NOT awarding Ronald Palmisano the worst in show trophy.

**Future Events:** If you haven't had the opportunity to participate in a final Friday the last on is on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Acadian Cruise on September 6 – south shore members are going to leave from the Kenner Welcome Center at 8:00 a.m. driving down Highway 90.

September 6<sup>th</sup> is also a Charity Car Show in Slidell with the proceeds designated for the young boy who lost his arm to the alligator. The event is at the Harbor Center in Slidell and the Corvette Club will also participate.

The Vidalia Car Show details were discussed with the south shore meeting at the Kenner Welcome Center for 8:00 a.m. Everyone will meet at Rick and Mary Lynne's home in Baton Rouge for breakfast. Lunch has been booked on Friday for the Carriage House on the grounds of Stanton Hall plantation. Saturday the ladies will participate in the Natchez Fall Pilgrimage while the men are at the car show. Saturday night dinner is booked at Bruad's on Main Street. Sunday the group leaves for a tour on the west bank river road and lunch at Satterfields. Anyone interested please contact Keith or Karen.

Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> will be a North shore meeting with the location TBA.

October 4<sup>th</sup> is the Nashville Car

Show

Sunday, October 5 – Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> is Cruisin the Coast

Tuesday, October 7 – the Beatles Show on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. If anyone is interested Allen and Sue Bradley will be attending.

October 18<sup>th</sup> – Houston Car Show

October 25<sup>th</sup> – Fairhope, Alabama Car Show

Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> – E.E. Reynolds which is sponsored by Dave Hayden and will start in Houma. (tentative because of Gustav)

Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> – "30<sup>th</sup>" Anniversary / Christmas Party for BMCNO

Anyone attending these out of town shows please take our car show flyers to distribute.

**Board Member reports:** Allen Bradley, Treasurer, gave an updated club financial report.

Karen Murray, Vice President, reported on the following: The Delgado Scholarships will be collected on October 15<sup>th</sup> and awarded at the November club meeting. The newspaper has confirmed that they will again submit an article and take pictures. Delgado has also suggested the May club meeting be hosted in their automotive department. Discussion was favorable for that month. The Tech Session has not been rescheduled because the machine is still not fixed.

Delgado will offer tours of their automotive center during our annual car show. Joe Cruthirds, Automotive Department Head, felt the tours were very successful and would like expand on the presentation this year.

Cookbooks were discussed. Menda has only 35 recipes and she needs 100. Come on club members lets send those delicious dishes.

Delgado has been booked for BMCNO Annual British Car Show on March 21, 2009.

Discussion began on the "30" Anniversary / Christmas Party on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Money from the rained out crawfish boil will be used to cater the Anniversary Party. Members please mark your calendars. If anyone has contacts with former members please contact them for participation.

Nominations - Keith opened the floor for nominations to the 2009 Board of Directors. Nominations will again be open at the September meeting. The following members accepted nominations:

President	Keith Vezina
Vice President	Karen Murray
Secretary	Pete Weber
Treasurer	Harold O'Reilly
Editor	Ronnie Palmisano
Members at large:	
	Robert Rouglet
	Robert Phillips
	Wally Friloux
	Cathy Greensfelder

**Member discussion:** Jack Kennedy told how the club started with only 5 members as a family club. The president owned an MG. There was a lot of eating at all club events. SOUND FAMILIAR!!!!!!! The first meetings were at pizza parlors. The club did have rallies and two camping trips per year. Most of their car shows consisted of pulling off the side of the road as a group. Nothing was planned and organized, just spontaneous. Thank you for sharing this wonderful history with everyone. Jack did rejoin the club at this meeting. Welcome back!!!!

## What to do on the last weekend in September? Karen Murray

To begin this story remember that August and September are really our ACTIVE hurricane months for Louisiana. This year, unfortunately, did not prove to be the exception. After being slammed with Gustoff and Ike, the BMCNO members needed a much deserved break. It was given to us on the last weekend of September starting on that Friday. The weather was a record breaking cool day with little or no humidity. Four families, the Vezina's, Palmisano's, Bradley's, and Greensfelder's meet at the Kenner welcome center at 8:00 a.m. It was off to Baton Rouge for a delicious breakfast at the home of Rick and Mary Lynne Huber where the Friloux's and Hughes were waiting to join the party. From there we took a COOL relaxing drive to Natchez, Mississippi for their annual car show. We did stop at the Mammy Restaurant for pictures outside of the building. It is extremely unique and the food looked delicious.

Friday lunch was at the Carriage House on the grounds of Stanton Plantation. The delicious home cooked southern cuisine couldn't have been any better and the surroundings were magnificent. After filling our tummies it was then off to the ladies favorite pastime – SHOPPING. What would be a trip to Natchez without a visit to Darby's for pumpkin fudge? The men stood on the sidewalk while the ladies shopped in the wonderful, unique stores of Main Street. Pockets empty and dessert in a bag, the next stop was at the hotel for check in and a much deserved nap.

We attended the wonderful and hospitality welcome reception that night and then it was off to King's Tavern for dinner. The building was built in the late 1700's and came with the best food and a full time ghost. Life couldn't have been any better for us. Whenever we meet other British owners our friendships pick up like we saw them only

yesterday. Peter Brauen and his family joined us for dinner and his daughter Emily (10 years old) was a wealth of information on the history of the house. She was entertaining and enjoyable relating the history and visiting the third floor room with its ghost.

Saturday the ladies broke from a traditional car show weekend and purchased tickets for the Natchez Pilgrimage. All seven of us filled Cathy Greensfelder's SUV for our visit to the past. The first stop was Brandon Hall, built in 1856 by Gerard Brandon III whose father was the first native born Mississippi governor. It is now owned by a New Orleans couple. The second stop was Selma House, built in 1811 as an indigo plantation. This property is owned by a retired Houston couple that greeted us at the front door. The third house was Stone House, originally built as a separate billiard room to the Elms plantation. The property was later expanded and the Stone family purchased it in 1877. We were entertained by the current owner who is a classical pianist. He was gracious enough to play a Chopin piece for us on a 1903 perfectly tuned grand piano.

Who could think about hurricanes, car shows, or the stock market sitting in an 1811 house listening to Chopin being played for you??? Lunch was at Pearl Street Pasta and words could not describe how delicious the food was. Not one plate had anything left. The last plantation was Longwood, started in 1860 but never completed due to the Civil War.

The men had a wonderful time at the car show without the ladies.

See the list on page 6 to see which BMCNO members placed in their division.

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Our Lunch at Satterfield's Restaurant

BMCNO Member Name	Entry	Place
Tommy Boudreaux	1978 Triumph Spitfire	1 <sup>st</sup>
Allen and Sue Bradley	1971 Triumph TR6	1 <sup>st</sup>
Margaret & Wally Friloux	2001 Jaguar XK8	1 <sup>st</sup>
Mike Glore	2004 Lotus Esprit	1 <sup>st</sup>
Menda & David Hayden	1980 Triumph TR8 1967 Triumph TR4A	1 <sup>st</sup>
Mary Lynn & Rick Huber	1975 MGB-V8	1 <sup>st</sup>
Linda & Cliff Hughes	195 Austin Healy	1 <sup>st</sup>
Blake Sonnier	1956 MGA	1 <sup>st</sup>
Cathy Sonnier	1972 MGB	1 <sup>st</sup>
Ronnie Palmisano & Karen Murray	1976 Triumph TR6	2 <sup>nd</sup> (Tie)
Karen & Keith Vezina	1976 MGB	1 <sup>st</sup>



The BMCNO club was also represented by Mark and Cathy Greensfelder and Roger and Donna Nagy, and Peter and Melissa Brauen. Saturday night dinner was at a new restaurant in Natchez named Braud's. The young owner is a transplant from Reserve, Louisiana and we all decided to support his business. We ate on the patio with beautiful weather, lights, and great entertainment by our members. The food was also good New Orleans cuisine. The restaurant turned into a private party with our club members with Ronald Palmisano second lining out of front door.

The return trip on Sunday followed the west bank of the Mississippi River along miles of shaded, remote, winding roads with no policemen.

We stopped for lunch in New Roads at Satterfield's Restaurant, a family style place overlooking the False River. Again the food, company, and environment were the best.

All in all this was a well deserved weekend from the stress of our lives. For those who did not attend I would highly recommend putting this on your "To Do" list for next year. With or without your British car it is a weekend well worth attending. Great friends, beautiful scenery, good food, and yes fun cars.

WHAT COULD BE BETTER????????????????????

# Pictures from Brits By the River in Vidalia, LA



Cliff Hughes 1St Place



Cathy Sonnier 1St Place



David Hayden 1St Place



Tommy Boudreaux 1St Place



Ronnie Palmisano 2nd Place



Wally Friloux 1St Place



Allen Bradley 1st Place



Keith Vezina 1St Place



Rick Huber 1St Place



Dave Haden 1st Place



No pictures are available for the following winning cars : Blake Sonnier- 1956 MGA -1st, & Mike Glore- 2004 Lotus Esprit -1st

## BMCNO 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & Christmas Party



In 1977, the British Motoring Club-New Orleans was founded by a handful of dedicated British car enthusiasts. On December 7<sup>th</sup>., between 5:30 and 9:30pm, the Club will celebrate its 30<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary at the Bocce Club of GNO on 2340 Severn Ave. in Metairie. Together with this celebration, we plan to hold the club's annual Christmas party.

This will be a catered party, but if you have a favorite dessert you would like to share, by all means bring it to the party. This (BYOL) celebration is open to both current and former Club members and their spouses. Dress, as at past Christ-

mas parties, is business casual. During the party, we will have lots of good food, interesting conversation and a slide show of Club activities from over the past 30 years. We will also distribute 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Plaques to each club member. A photo of the plaque is included with this article.

Most of you may have already received an e-mailed request for historical information and photos of the past that you may like to share with us. The more historical information and photos of club activities you can scan into an e-mail, the more interesting this party will be. We would also like to include your photos in the slide show at the party, so if you're able to e-mail the scanned photos to the e-mail address below, we will include them with the photos we currently have on file. We also plan to expand on this article with additional historical information and photos in our next month's newsletter.

Wally Friloux

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## More pictures from Natchez and Vidalia





**August Meeting Minutes continued from page 4**

Bill Harris shared photos and gave a discussion on his out of town car competitions. This was extremely interesting for those members who do not compete in concourse car shows. Thank you to Bill for sharing your experiences with us. Please keep up the good work and keep us in touch with your adventures.

**Projects:** Keith Vezina got a front end alignment with the help of his brother-in-law and a

tape measure. He is going to build a device to adjust toe in.

Roger Nagy bought new carpets for his MG but found out they were on back order.

Cliff Hughes found out the hard way not to tighten the drain plug of the transmission. He was 4 quarts low and couldn't open the drain plug. Always remove the fill plug first was his advice to everyone.

Keith Vezina is looking for someone to build a fiberglass box to replace his ice chest on the back of his MGB. Good luck!!!!!!!

Ronald Palmisano won \$15.00 at the 50-50. Pete Weber and Wally

Friloux won t-shirts.

The meeting was adjourned and some members left for snowballs.

Submitted by Karen Murray in the absence of Cathy Greensfelder.

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**Proposed Amendment to the By-Laws by Keith Vezina**

I would like to propose the following amendment to the BMCNO by-laws:

Section 10, paragraph 2—"A general membership meeting shall be deemed held when 20% of the

members are present. Any corporate action or resolution, other than the amendment of the Articles of Incorporation or the amendment of the By-Laws, may be taken or passed by affirmative vote of a majority of the members present."

I propose changing "20%" to "10%"

T.Keith Vezina  
President & Webmaster  
British Motoring Club - New Orleans

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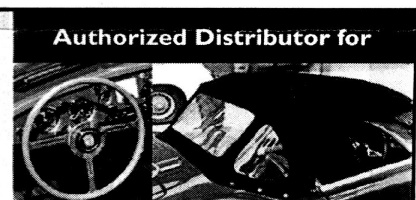
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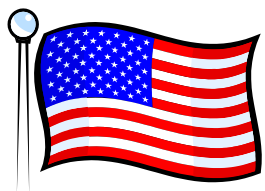
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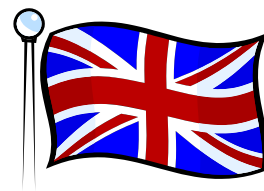


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## October 2008



**Saturday, October 25 - Brits on the Bay Show - Fairhope, AL**

**Tuesday, October 28 - *ELECTION OF OFFICERS!***