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It has been a hectic weekend. My friend, Mike, flew in from Singapore Friday at 1:00 a.m. At 6:30 a.m., we were blocking off parking spots in front of Stuart's Car Palace on Oak Street so that Robert Phillips would have a place to park his diesel truck and car trailer.

After 36 hours of travel and five hours of sleep, Mike was doing his share of heavy lifting. The three of us loaded the trailer with the 80-gallon air compressor, sandblasting cabinet, the drive train from an Austin-Healey, my trailer project and lots of other junk that I had accumulated over my three-year stay at Oak Street.

Robert's air conditioned garage is at 546 Hickory in Harahan and he has great plans for it. He will be marking off parking spots and will have lockers for each spot. The major equipment will soon be functional. The four-post lift has been installed and is awaiting electrical hook-up. We will also be hooking up the 5 HP air compressor and a refrigerated air dryer. Robert wants to run an air header around the perimeter of the shop with lots of taps so that everyone has easy access to clean, dry compressed air. Contact Robert at (504) 896-2304 or e-mail him at rp826union@aol.com if you are interested in renting space.

Stuart has decided to stay at Oak Street for a while longer. Since a few of us have moved out, he now has some space available. You can contact Stuart at (504) 251-3509 or e-mail him at sales@mapneworleans.com.

Keith

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 amend-

ment 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

November 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>Chattanooga Show</i>
2 EE Reynolds Rallye <i>End Daylight Savings Time</i>						
		11 B.O.D. Mtg. 7:00pm				
						22 Lafayette Area Cruise
		25 Membership Mtg. 7:00pm @ The Italian Pie		27 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>		
30	 <div style="text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;"> December 7th - 30th Anniversary & Christmas Party </div>					

Sunday, November 2 - EE Reynolds Rallye - 1:00 p.m. start in Houma - Hwy 90 exit 202, south 1/2 mile to McDonalds (on the right). Southshore convoy leaves Kenner Visitor Center at 11:30 a.m.

NOTE - END OF DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME!

Tuesday, November 11 - 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting - Robert Phillips, 546 Joseph St., New Orleans, (504) 896-2304

Saturday, November 22 - Lafayette Area Cruise - For more information, contact Dave Hayden at dandmhayden@cox.net

Tuesday, November 25 - 7:00 p.m. GENERAL MEETING Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy.

December 7th -30th Anniversary & Christmas Party

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

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Minutes September 30

Guests included Phillip Wood and his son Mark, from West Yorkshire, England. Phillip lives in Covington and has 1990 and 1983 Minis, a racing Mini and a Citron.

Past Events: The English Motoring Club of Mississippi's show (held in Vidalia, LA!!) was lots of fun. Thirteen cars from BMCNO were entered. (See article last month.) The Acadiana Cruise scheduled for September 6th was cancelled because of Hurricane's Gustav & Ike. Dave Hayden is looking to reschedule the event.

Future Events: Cruisin' the Coast was discussed. The Bradley's planned to go. The final "Final Friday" for the year will be on Halloween – it should be a big turnout. Plans for the Christmas Party / 30th Anniversary Party were discussed.

Car Show: Committee chairs and members are needed for all areas of the car show. Check the web site for the volunteer sheet.

Club Business: Menda Hayden has only received 30 recipes for a BMCNO cookbook, which is not enough. We are opening the project to the Daughters of the British Empire.

Allen Bradley gave a treasurer's report. Contact Allen for details. The club will be awarding four \$500 scholarships to Delgado automotive students.

Keith Vezina called for nominations for club officers but a quorum of members wasn't present so no nominations could be accepted.

Nominations from the August meeting are:

President:	Keith Vezina
Vice President::	Karen Murray
Treasurer:	Harold O'Reilly
Secretary:	Pete Weber
Editor:	Ronnie Palmisano
Members at Large:	Robert Rougelot
Members at Large:	Robert Phillips
Members at Large:	Cathy Greensfelder
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The 50/50 drawing was for \$15. Pete Weber won on a ticket drawn by his ten year-old niece Madison Weber. (Madison received a \$5 kickback!!) T-shirts were won by Mark and Phillip Wood and Roger Nagy.

Austin Healey SE Classic XXII by Robert Phillips

On the weekend of September 18-21 2008, the Middle Tennessee Austin Healey Club hosted SE Classic XXII in Lynchburg, Tennessee, the home of Jack Daniels Distillery.

The weekend started on Thursday morning in Atlanta, GA when I met up with 7 other Healey's and two Jensen Healey's. We managed to turn a 3 hour drive into a 6 hour road rally, and not one mile was on the interstate! We drove from Duluth, GA through Cartersville and Rome, GA; onto Mentone and Stevenson, Alabama, and stopped for lunch in Sewanee, TN. Sewanee is the home of my Alma Mater, The University of the South, Sewanee.

Following lunch at a local dive, we took a brief tour of campus, driving to four of the scenic overlooks on the university domain. It was a sight to see 9 Healey's driving through a campus that was designed to look like Oxford, England.

After the tour, we headed down Hwy 64/41 to Winchester, past Tims Ford Lake, to Lynchburg. Thursday evening was all about the hospitality room where we always host Margaritaville.

Friday morning, the car show was on the grounds of the Motlow house, next to the distillery and lunch was at Miss Mary Bobo's Boarding House. This is the house where Gentleman Jack himself lived until he died. I guess he took part of too much local product! If you go to Miss Mary Bobo's, don't eat for three days prior; the food is outstanding and there is plenty of it!

Following lunch we embarked on the 81.6 mile road rally, consuming every bit of winding asphalt in the tri-county area. The beauty of

the Cumberland Plateau and the valley below is a wonderful backdrop for British cars. We finished the rally in just over 2 hours, making no wrong turns, but missing a few of the answers to the rally quiz.

Twenty-five of us went to dinner at Pearl's Restaurant in Monteagle, TN and had a wonderful time. Pearl's is where we would take our dates before fraternity formals, just to make the night a little more special!

Saturday was the Gymkhana and the Funkhana. Each driver was allowed 3 turns on the Gymkhana, which was hosted by the local SCCA club. My best time was 1.00 flat, and the winning time was John Plankey in his Bugeye Sprite with a time of 52.1 seconds. Those Bugeye's can eat up the short track. John has won the Gymkhana at SE Classic for the last 4 years in his Bugeye.

The Funkhana was a short course, but the driver was blindfolded and the navigator gave the directions. If you don't communicate well with your spouse, this was not the event for your marriage! My navigator, John Homonek, and I came in third place while I was the blind driver. I guess I drive better blindfolded!

Saturday night was the awards banquet at the Jack Daniels BBQ Hill, which was absolutely stunning. The view was magnificent and the food and flowing Lynchburg Lemonade topped off the night. Not to worry, Jack Daniels provided mandatory shuttle buses for parties on the hill. No cars or drivers were injured during this event.

On Sunday, we had a quick breakfast and headed back to Atlanta, via the interstate, making it a 3

hour ride home. I then hopped in my truck, and headed for New Orleans, hauling my trailer, sans Healey. (That is another article for another Gazette)

The final tally was 85 Austin Healey's, 4 Jensen Healey's, 9 Bugeye Sprites, and 2 Square Body Sprites. Next year's SE Classic will be hosted by the Smokey Mountain Healey Club in Townsend, Tennessee.



Ready to Race



Robert in the Gymkhana



Kodak Moment



Nice fins!

Allen and Susan Cruising



Allen and I started our 4th Cruising the Coast on Tuesday. We stayed at the Hard Rock Hotel in Biloxi. We were able to park the TR6 in the front along with other vintage cars.

We attended the British Invasion concert at Pass Christian until the rain started. The Return (Beatles' band) was really talented and we enjoyed hearing the Beatles' songs. There was parking along the road for the cars.

There was lots of road construction and one lane highways between the coast towns. We knew this would be a problem for the weekend cruisers.

Wednesday we left Biloxi, stopped in Ocean Springs driving Hwy. 90 until Pascagoula and then onto the interstate. We could not pass up Fairhope. We checked in at Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach, AL. for 3 nights. It had a beautiful gulf view.

We walked the beach every morning for an hour. Then in the evening we watched the sun set before



dinner. We also had a fox run across the highway on the way to dinner. We just seem to attract animals with our little British cars. Did not hit this one....the fox ran very fast to cross the road.

On Orange Beach, we found great restaurants. Some of these were Johnny Rockets, Geno's, and Cosmo's. (named after the owner's dog) We also visited the Wharf which has a Ferris Wheel along with restaurants and shops. Orange Beach has pretty marinas with big, beautiful fishing boats. The locals told us about the Shrimp Festival going on in Gulf Shores which we visited....lots of food, vendors, and two stages for music.



We drove into Pensacola for the day and I took Allen to lunch at Dharma Blue Café. where the ladies have gone for lunch during the Pensacola car show. We shopped, visited museums and art galleries that afternoon. On this day, we saw gas drop to \$2.95 (in FL). We cheered.

We left our Gulf view on Saturday to return to cruising the coast in Biloxi. We went to Mary Mahoney's for lunch, and then on to a hot afternoon crowded drive.

The temperature of the TR6 was climbing on the one lane construction highway through Biloxi, along



with the traffic lights. So Allen took the I 10 to Gulfport. We did see a few British cars on the road. This was the last part of our cruising until we returned to I 10 for home and the LSU game. Oh well!!

Well, as many of you know, the (red) MG is my favorite. But Allen loves driving the TR6, so I have to compromise some. The TR6 is smaller and narrower than the MG. We have less room for our small luggage....kind of a drawback. We did enjoy our driving which was usually on the back roads on the beautiful Gulf Coast. We would love to have some of you join us next time.

PS....the TR6 is now torn apart once again. Allen heard a noise while we were on the road. So, today, he pulled the drive shaft out and the universal joint is worn and needs to be replaced. Also, he finally pulled the speedometer cable out and it is broken!! Never-ending story with old cars!!

Susan Bradley



First year History of the Louisiana M.G. Car Club, now BMCNO

The Club was started in April of 1977 by Eldridge E. Reynolds and his wife Diana. Eldridge was an MG "Fanatic". He would chase MG's to find out more about the car and it's owner. He had an MGA - fully restored but no one in the club ever saw it. He kept it stored at his mother's house in North Louisiana. Diana did drive a white 1965 MGB. At the time the club was formed Eldridge and Diana were living in the Vineyards apts. and the club held its first few meetings there. Eldridge and Diana moved to North Louisiana in October or November of 1977 and soon after the club began meeting at Pepperoni's Pizza Parlor. (After Eldridge left Jack Kennedy took his place as " MG chaser"). In the summer of 1977 Eldridge approached John about joining the club and Jack Kennedy came to our door in the pouring rain to see if we would be interested in joining. Without this kind of enthusiasm I wonder if we would still be in existence today.

The first year of the club was spent trying to "chase" new members and get organized. Not many events were held, except for meetings. Eldridge did set up a rallye which was held in Nov. after he moved. The Rallye ended at Fort Pike on the lake.

Of the **six** cars entered only one was an MG and the Rallye was won by a motorcycle. This rallye has since been repeated with better MG participation. The newsletter during the first year was sporadic with no official newsletter editor.

The first year's Christmas Party was held at "Lucky Pierre's" in Fat City. It took the place of the meeting and the election of officers was held at that time.

Of the 13 founding members, two are still members. These are Snubbs Bienvenu and Jack Kennedy. Roger Talley was active until about 18 months ago.

The second year in November of 1978 the founder of the club, Eldridge Reynolds, died in an automobile accident in North Louisiana. It was decided at that time to begin a Memorial Rallye in his honor, a tradition we hold every year.

History provided by former club historian and founding member, John Winter.

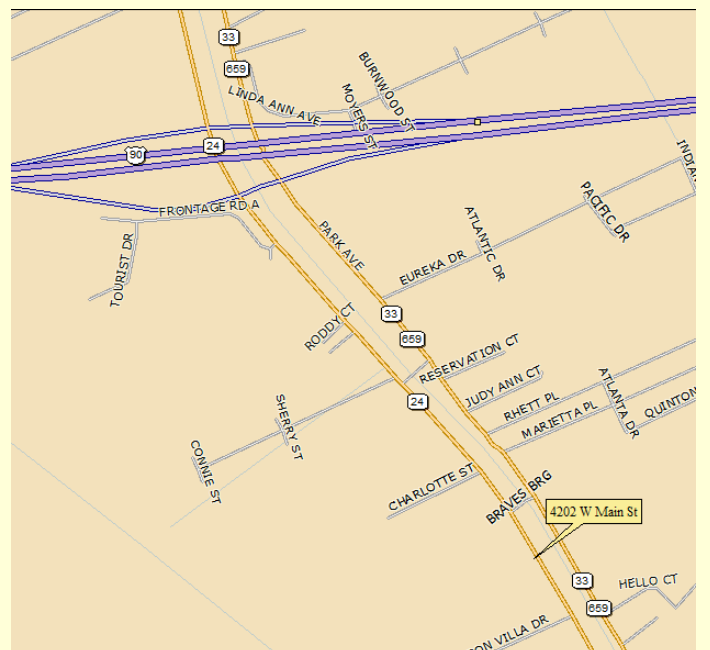
31st EE Reynolds Rallye

This year is the 31st Anniversary of the E.E. Reynolds Rallye and it will be held on Sunday, November 2nd.

The Rallye will start in Houma, LA at 1:00 p.m. - Hwy 90 exit 202, south 1/2 mile to McDonalds (on the right).

The Southshore convoy leaves Kenner Visitor Center at 11:30 a.m.

Let's have a very big turnout. You don't have to drive your British car to participate, just participate. It's great fun even if you don't finish. It always ends with Great food!



“30th Anniversary” / Christmas Party



To all current and former Club Members:

*You are cordially invited to attend the
British Motoring Club – New Orleans
“30th Anniversary” / Christmas Party*

celebration on

Sunday, December 7, 2008

from

5:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

at the

Bacce Club of GNC

2340 Severn Ave.

Metairie, Louisiana

RSVP: Keith Vezina, President at president@bmcno.org 504-443-5056

or

Karen Murray, Vice President at karenmurray@cox.net 504-454-3461

Bring your oldest BMCNO t-shirt

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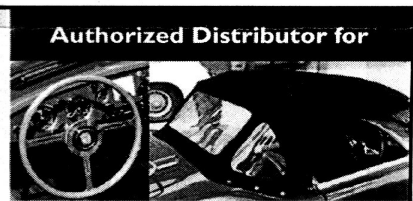
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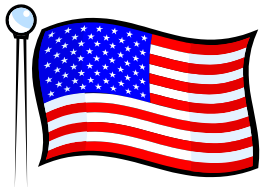
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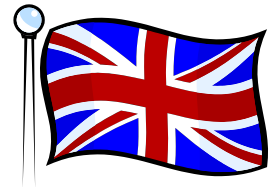


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