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## President's Message

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The holidays are finally behind us. The presents are all opened and the decorations are back in the attic. The traffic has subsided and the crowds have thinned. You can even find a parking space at Lakeside Mall now!

Don't get me wrong, I am no Grinch. I love all of the baked goods, eggnog (spiked, of course), turkey and ham and all of the fixin's. I even like the month of holiday music on the easy listening radio station. They start on Black Friday and don't let up until Christmas night. I've gotten so good at singing "Blue Christmas," I could be an Elvis impersonator! (Karen says I should end that sentence with "NOT!")

Of course, the best part of the holidays is the renewed effort to spend time with family and friends. Most people count that blessing at Thanksgiving but it seems to mean more to me at Christmas and on New Year's Eve. Maybe we should sing "Auld Lang Syne" on Turkey Day!

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However, it is not quite time to start those resolution diets. King cakes are all around and since someone has to help find the baby, it might as well be me. In my mind, it just doesn't make sense to start those New Year's resolutions until Lent. It's only a few more weeks to Ash Wednesday.

It hasn't been all pastries and parties for your Board of Directors; we have been working on the upcoming British Car Day. The date, March 21<sup>st</sup>, is set and Delgado is ready to hold the event. The Hampton Inn is again our host hotel and the site for our Friday night reception. Bill and Violet Nix will be repeating the free continental breakfast at their home the morning of the show. The trophies are designed and vendors, donors and sponsors are being pursued.

With all this progress, I'll bet you are thinking that there really isn't anything for you to do for the show. Don't be silly, we can always find something! Look at our volunteer schedule for individual tasks. Hound your contacts and employers for class sponsorships, door prizes and goody bag stuff. Call your out-of-town friends and remind them to mark their calendars. Promote our show on internet blogs and forums you visit.

Don't Forget Sunday, January 25 - Middendorf's Run - 11:30 AM at Middendorf's restaurant on I-55 in Manchac. **NOTE NEW DEPARTURE TIME!** See page 2 for details.

You get the idea. At the very least, you could send in your paid registration.

Keith

## February 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Super Bowl	2 <i>Groundhog Day</i>	3 B.O.D. Mtg. 7:00pm	4	5 Northshore Area Gathering 7:00 p.m.	6	7 St Francisville tour
8	9	10 Baton Rouge Area Gathering 7:00pm	11	12	13	14 <i>St. Valentine's Day</i>
15	16 <i>President's Day</i>	17 Membership Mtg. 7:00pm @ The Ital- ian Pie	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 <i>Mardi Gras</i>	25 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	26	27	28 Lafayette Area Cruise

**Saturday, January 24 - Lafayette Area Cruise** - For more information, contact Dave Hayden at [dandmhayden@cox.net](mailto:dandmhayden@cox.net)

**Sunday, January 25 - Middendorf's Run** - 11:30 AM at Middendorf's restaurant on I-55 in Manchac. *Southshore leaves Kenner Visitor's Center (I-10 @ Loyola) at 10:30 a.m., Northshore leaves from the Texaco station (I-12 @ Rt. 21) at 10:30 a.m.* There is usually a group going to Ponchatoula for antique shopping after dinner.  
***NOTE NEW DEPARTURE TIME!***

**Tuesday, January 27 - 7:00 p.m GENERAL MEETING** *Sign up for car show committees.*

**Tuesday, February 3 - 7:00 p.m. Board/Car Show Committee Meeting** - Karen Murray, 1900 Colony Road, Metairie, (504) 454-3461

**Thursday, February 5 - 7:00 p.m. - Northshore Area Gathering** - Abita Brew Pub

**Saturday, February 7 - St. Francisville tour** - Southshore leaves Kenner Visitor's Center (I-10 @ Loyola) at 8:30 a.m., Northshore leaves from the Texaco station (I-12 @ Rt. 21) at 8:30 a.m. Both convoys meet up at Rick & Mary Lynne Huber's home at 746 Saint Landry St. in Baton Rouge for coffee at 9:30 a.m. (225) 926-6946. Tour of St. Francisville and "Camilla Festival". This will include Oakley Plantation, Rosedown Plantation, Grace Episcopal Church, lunch, and antiques.

**Tuesday, February 10 - Baton Rouge Area Gathering** - dinner 6:00 p.m., meeting 7:00 p.m. - Cafe American, 7521 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge

**Tuesday, February 17 - 7:00 p.m GENERAL MEETING** Note change of date!! Meeting is a week early because of Mardi Gras. Only one month till the 2004 British Car Day!! **Sign up to help out NOW!** Most jobs require only a hour or two of your time and it will make the show better and the job easier with more people helping.

**Saturday, February 28 - Lafayette Area Cruise** - For more information, contact Dave Hayden at [dandmhayden@cox.net](mailto:dandmhayden@cox.net)

## Club Officers – 2009

### 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

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## General Meeting Minutes

Guests and new members included returning members Ron and Sandy Williams. Sandy bought Gene Graham's TR7 about four or five years ago. The meeting was the TR7's first drive in "forever"! This was Jim Clark's first meeting. Jim bought a TR6 a year ago in Gulfport and has an MGA in pieces. John Lechart was present with his son John Jr. John has a recently purchased 77 MGB.

**Past events:** The Northshore gathering on Thursday Oct 30 had around a dozen members. Wally Friloux reported that there was lots of conversation and socializing. One of the main topics was that most of members present were not willing to drive to the Southshore for the regular meeting.

There are approximately 15 BMCNO members in the Baton Rouge area. Rick Huber is planning a Baton Rouge gathering on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. The first gathering will be December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Robert Rougelot won the E. E. Reynolds Rally, despite stopping for thirty minutes in a bar. Unfortunately, there was a bridge on the route that was CLOSED FOR THE DAY!! Joy!

Three members brought their cars to the Delgado front end alignment seminar on Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Future Events:** Plans for the Christmas party were discussed. Plans for a Middendorf's run on January 25<sup>th</sup> were discussed. (See calendar).

Dave Hayden had been talking about rescheduling the Funkana sometime in February, but it will have to take place later in the year. (It was cancelled because of Hurricanes Gustav.)

**Car Show:** The board has been seriously considering not selling T-shirts this year. T-shirts are a major up-front expense and we have lost money on them before and frequently just break even. Also shirts are a "pain in the neck" to handle. SABCC didn't have shirts for their last show.

**Club Business:** Allen Bradley made a treasurer's report. Copies are available by request.

There was a lot of discussion about the proposed by-laws change to reduce a quorum from the current 20% to 10% of the membership. A group of members were concerned that 10% of 113 members is only 11 people. That's the 9 board members plus two. They wondered why the change was needed. Cathy Greensfelder pointed out that the distribution of the membership has changed. Attendance is down on the general membership meeting because less than 50% of current members live in the Southshore Greater New Orleans (GNO) area. Cathy mentioned the possibility of making members outside the GNO area non-voting members or at least making non-voting status available as an option. There was opposition to that idea from members on both sides of the amendment argument. People were generally against disenfranchising members based on geography. The problem is that it is becoming more and more difficult for the club to transact business under the current bylaws. We had only one member above a quorum for our last election. Technically, we don't even have a "meeting" unless we have 21 members.

Area	Members	%
GNO*	51	45%
Northshore	32	28%
Baton Rouge	16	14%
Lafayette	8	7%
Other**	3	3%
Houma	2	2%
Gulf Coast	1	1%
TOTAL	113	100%

\* includes Westbank

\*\* TX, MI, Canada

**Member Projects:** Allen Bradley has been restoring his Magnette for 4 years. He used truck bed liner and rolled it into the car for sound and heat insulation. (Continued on page 7 )

# HAPPY 30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY TO BMCNO

The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary / Christmas Parties are now history. This year these two events were combined and held at the Bocce' Club on Severn, December 7, 2008. The food was delicious, hall spacious, company enjoyable, and presents very appropriate. We had more than 75 in attendance with members from year one to new members. Jack Kennedy and Snubbs Bienvenue, both

founding members, were on hand to relate how the club was formed and events in the early years. Old t-shirts dating back to the 1980's made appearances (stains and all). Scrapbooks with old newsletters and pictures were on display for everyone to reminisce about. Not only were the cars old in the pictures but also the hair styles and clothes .

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Christmas continued



## Wally Friloux needs your Help!!

As a result of this year's difficult financial times, a few companies and organizations are thinking of cutting back on past sponsorships and donations they once made to worthy causes including classic car club events like our annual British Car Day. Because of this, it is even more important now that we double our efforts in locating individuals and companies who would be able to help our show this year.

We ask that you please contact your employers, business associates, and companies that you normally deal with like auto parts and supply houses, auto insurance companies, etc. and ask them to consider being:

- \* a Sponsor of a Car Class during this year's Car Show.
- \* a Donor of merchandise for "door prizes" or "goodie-bags" or
- \* a Vendor displaying their auto related, merchandise on the show field at Delgado.

All sponsorships and donations will be gratefully accepted and recognized during both the Car Show and on our Club's Web Site.

Please pass along your recruited contacts to our Sponsor, Donor & Vendor Chairman: Wally Friloux at: [twofrilouxs@bellsouth.net](mailto:twofrilouxs@bellsouth.net) or #985-845-8216.

Thank you for your help with this most important project.

Wally

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Several members have used "Dynamat", foil backed insulating material. Allen used "RAAMat" and paid \$311 for 3 rolls. "Fatmat" is even cheaper. Robert Rougelot has used both aluminized roofing felt and Dynamat. Both help a lot with reducing noise and heat.

Ham Ramsey reported that AAA Fiberglass in Harvey does good work for a good price.

There is space to rent at both the Hickory Street and Oak Street garages. Contact Robert Phillips (504) 896-2304 or Stuart McKendrick (504) 865-7481) respectively.

Ronnie Palmisano won \$19 in the 50/50 drawing. Cliff Hughes, Robert Rougelot, Bob Post, Ron Williams and Cathy Greensfelder won t-shirts.

### HAPPY 30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY TO BMCNO continued from page 5.

Some people played Bocce' while others visited and caught up with each other. Children played games while parents enjoyed a delicious meal.

Thanks to the "elves" that helped make this a memorable event for everyone: Susan and Allen Bradley, Harold O'Reilly, and Robert Rouglet.

Thanks to the board members who arrived early and left late to help with set up and break down. Thanks also to everyone who brought old t-shirts to share. They were definitely a sight to see!!! A fun evening was had by all in attendance and it was a great way to end the year.

## BMCNO - Proposed Agenda 2009

Month	Date	Event
January	13 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Directors Meeting
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Middendorf's Run - <b>11:30 a.m.</b> at Middendorf's restaurant on I-55 in Manchac. <i>Southshore leaves Kenner Visitor's Center (I-10 @ Loyola) at 10:30 a.m., Northshore leaves from the Texaco station (I-12 @ Rt. 21) at 10:30 a.m.</i> There is usually a group going to Ponchatoula for antique shopping after dinner. <b>NOTE NEW TIME!</b>
	27 <sup>th</sup>	General membership meeting - 7:00 p.m. Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy. Scholarship presentation
February	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Board of Directors meeting
	5 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m. - Northshore Area Gathering - Abita Brew Pub
	7 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday, February 7 - St. Francisville tour - Southshore leaves Kenner Visitor's Center (I-10 @ Loyola) at 8:30 a.m., Northshore leaves from the Texaco station (I-12 @ Rt. 21) at 8:30 a.m. Both convoys meet up at Rick & Mary Lynne Huber's home at 746 Saint Landry St. in Baton Rouge for coffee at 9:30 a.m. (225) 926-6946. Tour of St. Francisville and "Camilla Festival". This will include Oakley Plantation, Rosedown Plantation, Grace Episcopal Church, lunch, and antiques.
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Baton Rouge Area Gathering - dinner 6:00 p.m., meeting 7:00 p.m. - Cafe Americain, 7521 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge
	17 <sup>th</sup>	General membership meeting - 7:00 p.m. Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy. <b>One week early because of Mardi Gras.</b>
March	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Board of Directors Meeting
	5 <sup>th</sup>	Northshore Area Gathering - Abita Brew Pub - 7:00 pm
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Baton Rouge Area Gathering - dinner 6:00 p.m., meeting 7:00 p.m. - Cafe Americain, 7521 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge
	14 <sup>th</sup>	4:00p.m. Car Show Goodie Bag Prep Party - 546 Hickory Ave, Harahan, LA.
	17 <sup>th</sup>	General membership meeting - 7:00 p.m. Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy. Meeting is a week early because car show.
	20 <sup>th</sup>	19th Annual British Car Day Reception 6:00-9:00 p.m. @ Hampton Inn - Elmwood.
	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Saturday, March 21 - 19th Annual British Car Day!</b>
April	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Northshore Area Gathering - Abita Brew Pub - 7:00 pm
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Tallow Creek Drive and Shoot - More Info Soon
	14 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 p.m. - Wally Friloux
	14 <sup>th</sup>	Baton Rouge Area Gathering - dinner 6:00 p.m., meeting 7:00 p.m. - Cafe Americain, 7521 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge
	18 <sup>th</sup>	17th Annual "Brits on the Bay" Pensacola British Car Show. More info on Friday Convoy coming soon.
	26 <sup>th</sup>	Car Day Appreciation Party - More Info Soon
	28 <sup>th</sup>	General membership meeting - 7:00 p.m. Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy.
May	7 <sup>th</sup>	Northshore Area Gathering - Abita Brew Pub - 7:00 pm
	12 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Directors meeting
	12 <sup>th</sup>	Baton Rouge Area Gathering - dinner 6:00 p.m., meeting 7:00 p.m. - Cafe Americain, 7521 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge
	17 <sup>th</sup>	BMCNO Crawfish Boil - More Info Soon
	26 <sup>th</sup>	General membership meeting - 7:00 p.m. Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy.
June	4 <sup>th</sup>	Northshore Area Gathering - Abita Brew Pub - 7:00 pm
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Board of directors Meeting
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Baton Rouge Area Gathering - dinner 6:00 p.m., meeting 7:00 p.m. - Cafe Americain, 7521 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge
	30 <sup>th</sup>	General membership meeting - 7:00 p.m. Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy.



## From the North Shore by Patrick Park

All is going well on the North Shore. We will be meeting at the Abita Pub at our usual time of 7:00 p.m on February 5<sup>th</sup>. If the weather is good, we will be driving our British Cars.

The meetings are very friendly with lots of jokes and stories about adventures while driving in the area. Speaking of area, we have decided to

meet on Saturday Morning at the Speak Easy for a cup of Joe and who knows where we might drive to from there. Sometimes the best plans are no plans at all.

The one thing I like about this Club is everything is spontaneous. Come join us!

## Baton Rouge Area Gathering by Rick Huber

We've had two meetings of the Baton Rouge area members of the club. The kickoff meeting was attended by 18, and in January, 21 of us. The first gathering was just to meet and talk about what was going on in the club and the upcoming events. In January, each of us got up and talked about our history with British cars. With people like Bill Avery, Dick Prestridge, Bob Gullick, Rick Simmons, Paul Johnston, Walt Wright, Tom Miller, Bob McAnelly, Reg Dunbar, and John Pearson telling stories about their association with British cars back into the 60s, and in some cases back to the 50s, it was quite enter-

taining. Mike Loden talked about when the BMCNO came to be in the early 80s. Paul brought his daughter and grandson, representing two generations that we need to embrace this hobby to keep it alive. Many of us "young" members in our 40s or 50s had stories that "only" went back into the 70s, but we all share this crazy, infectious addiction to these little British cars, and enjoy the camaraderie of sharing our experiences. Thirteen of us signed up for the convoy to Middendorf's on the 25<sup>th</sup>, so the Baton Rouge group sounds like a force to be reckoned with.

## Austin Healey 3000 Project Update by Rick Huber

Peter and I are making good progress on my 1964 BJ8 restoration. The couple of pictures show us replacing the left rear inner fender. At this point, Peter has completed repairing the rust and damage on the chassis/frame, and we're starting to work on the exterior body panels. What a thrill! I'm spending a couple days a month at the shop helping with the work, but Peter is the expert.

I am still trying to collect some missing parts; Robert Phillips has been a big help.



If I can keep up this pace, I'm hopeful to have my Healey on the road by the end of 2010 (am I dreaming?).



## Classified

Storage Space Available: Climate Controlled garage on Hickory Ave. in Harahan. Includes access to four post auto lift, sandblasting booth, and a two stage air compressor. \$175 per month- contact Robert Phillips (504)270-5292 [rp826union@aol.com](mailto:rp826union@aol.com)

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*official entry form*  
**19<sup>th</sup> Annual New Orleans British Car Day**

Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009 New Orleans, Louisiana

Please print

Name		Guest (for name tag)	
Address			
City		State	Zip
Telephone		Email	
Club Affiliations			

<b>Cars entered</b>		\$25.00 early registration	\$30.00 after 3-11-2009
	Year	Make / Model / Type	Entry Fee
1			
<i>Additional cars—\$10</i>			
2			
3			
4			

I plan to attend the Friday night reception with \_\_\_\_\_ total people.

Grand Total
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In consideration of this entry, I waive any and all claims for me and my heirs against the British Motoring Club - New Orleans, Delgado College, their officers and any sponsor of this event for injury or illness which may result directly or indirectly from my participation. I also give my permission for use of my name and / or pictures in any broadcast, telecast or any other account of this event.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: "British Car Day"      Mail to: Car Day, P.O. Box 73213, Metairie, LA 70033

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Field opens at 9:00 am Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009  
 Registration and line up from 9 am to Noon. <- NOTE LATER START TIME!  
 Voting from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm  
 Awards at approximately 4:00 pm

For more information visit our web site: <http://www.bmcno.org>  
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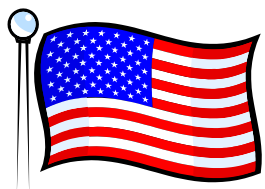
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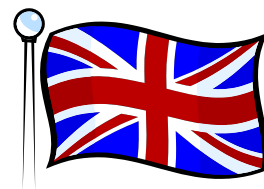


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