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Don't forget:

Dinner after Show - 5:30 p.m. - until

Dutch treat. Sign-up sheet at the registration desk on show day.

Where:

Landry's Seafood Restaurant

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This economic downturn has affected more than our pocketbooks; it has affected our attitudes. It's hard to relax and have fun when there is a daily barrage of negative news stories. Well, I don't care if there is a recession; I choose not to participate in it and I urge you to do the same. To paraphrase an old hippy adage, "What if they had a depression and nobody came?"

Declare your independence from Doom and Gloom peddlers in D.C. on Saturday, March 21st at the 19th Annual New Orleans British Car Day. There will plenty of bright, shiny cars and faces to lift your spirits. Conversations on paint jobs, chrome shops and leather upholstery will trump any talk of 401K's.

Here is a little bit of British inspiration I found on the internet. Chin up!

Keep A Stiff Upper Lip

If hard luck your spirit is riling,
Just face the old world all a-smiling
Keep a stiff upper lip.

If your pocket is empty don't blow it,
If your feelings are wounded don't show it.

If gloomy let nobody know it--
Keep a stiff upper lip.

If tears come pull out your bandanna,
As you dry them just sing a hosanna
Keep a stiff upper lip.

If your sky is all clouded with sorrow,
There comes soon a brighter tomorrow,
Just lend all your troubles, don't borrow
Keep a stiff upper lip.

If your clothing is tattered and torn,
'Tis a worse thing to look all forlorn
Keep a stiff upper lip.

Let your spirits be happy and free,
Then the people who meet you won't see.
The old hat or the patch on your knee
Keep a stiff upper lip.

If at a swift gait you've been running
To escape from a fellow that's dunning.
Keep a stiff upper lip.

Let me tell you 'tis better to chase him,

And coming up boldly to face him,
Than cross o'er the street and thus pass
him
Keep a stiff upper lip.

If you have been pacing the floor
O'er your debts till your feet are all
Keep a stiff upper lip.
Lot the other man pace it awhile,
Until he is ready to smile,
And give you another fair trial
Keep a stiff upper lip.

It times become harder and harder,
And there's only a crust in the larder
Keep a stiff upper lip.
Tho the sheriff grabs hold of your collar,
And threatens to take your last dollar.
Don't whine like a baby and "holler"--
Keep a stiff upper lip.

If you're honest and faithful and true,
Your friends will be faithful to you--
Keep a stiff upper lip.
Don't cheat, don't be tricky, don't lie,
And never, no, never say die,
Keep heaven and hope in your eye--
Keep a stiff upper lip.

J. M. Cavaness

April 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Northshore Area Gathering 7:00 p.m.	3	4 Honey Island Shoot 9:30 a.m.
5	6	7	8	9	10 <i>Good Friday</i>	11
12 <i>Easter</i>	13	14 B.O.D. Mtg. 7:00pm & Baton Rouge Area Gathering 7:00pm	15	16	17	18 Pensacola Car Show?
19	20	21	22 <i>Secretary's Day</i>	23	24	25 Lafayette Area Cruise
26 Car Show Appreciation Party	27	28 Membership Mtg. 7:00pm @ The Italian Pie	29	30		

Saturday, March 14 - 4:00p.m. Car Show Goodie Bag Prep Party - 546 Hickory Ave, Harahan, LA. Come help us stuff the Lagnaibe Bags and registration packets for the show. Dinner provided for workers.

Tuesday, March 17 - 7:00 p.m. GENERAL MEETING Note change of date!! Meeting is a week early for car show. Sign up sheet for show volunteers and for dishes for Friday reception.

Friday, March 20 - 6:00-9:00 p.m. 19th Annual British Car Day Reception @ Hampton Inn - Elmwood. Please come and help us welcome our out-of-town guests! Food and soft drinks provided by BMCNO and it's members.

Saturday, March 21 - 19th Annual British Car Day! Delgado Comm. College, New Orleans. Registration 9 am – noon, Judging (popular choice) 12:30 – 2:00 p.m., Awards 4:00 p.m.

Dinner after Show - 5:30 p.m. - until * (Dutch treat. Sign-up sheet at the registration desk on show day) Landry's Seafood Restaurant, 8000 Lakeshore Dr., New Orleans, LA 70124, 504- 283-4733

Thursday, April 2 - 7:00 p.m. - Northshore Area Gathering - Abita Brew Pub

Saturday, April 4 - 9:30 a.m. Honey Island Shoot - More Info Soon

Tuesday, April 14 - 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, April 14 - Baton Rouge Area Gathering - dinner 6:00 p.m., meeting 7:00 p.m. - Cafe Americain, 7521 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge

Saturday, April 25 - Lafayette Area Cruise - For more information, contact Dave Hayden at dandmhayden@cox.net

Sunday, April 26 - Car Day Appreciation Party - More Info Soon

Tuesday, April 28 - General Meeting 7:00 p.m. Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy.

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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 - February 17, 2009

The General Membership Meeting began at 7:00 after dinner at the Italian Pie on Jefferson Hwy in Harahan. Keith Vezina chaired the meeting, with 16 members present.

Past events

The North shore gathering was held at the Abita Brewpub on Feb 5th. Eight members attended. Next month members will be called and invited to the meeting.

On Friday Feb 6, the Krewe of Brid rolled with 24 members, all ladies. The members were driven in Five cars, including Keith in his MG, Allen in his MG and Ronnie, who drove Allen's TR6. There was also a Jaguar XK8 and a new Mustang driven by others. Keith was scheduled to drive the Grand Marshall, but she was sick, so Karen rode up front with Keith. Allen's passenger was Phyllis Montana Leblanc. She was in Spike Lee's Katrina film, and has written a book about Katrina. The parade started at the corner of Harrison and Argonne, went down Harrison toward West End Blvd, turned at Milne and came back. The parade lasted about an hour, and was a lot of fun. The hardest part was driving at a walking pace!

Saturday, Feb 7, St Francisville cruise, had 7-8 cars, including 3 British cars. Started out at Rick Huber's house for king cake, then drove to Oakley plantation. The group was greeted by Gus, the tame turkey, who posed for pictures, let you pet him, and followed everyone around like a puppy. He was probably hand-raised. The visit started with a movie about the history of the plantation, followed by a nice tour of the plantation. Afterward the group went to the Myrtles for lunch, one of the most famous

haunted houses in the U.S. Allen's two brothers and their wives came on the trip and complemented the comraderie in the club and enjoyed the cars. This was the highlight of their trip from Portland, Oregon. The weather was beautiful. John Audubon spent a summer there tutoring the plantation owner's daughter, and did about 35 paintings while he was there. These paintings are now valued about a million dollars.

Ronnie and Karen attended the Baton Rouge gathering on February 10. 21 members were present, and the food at Café American was great. Rick went through the calendar. The group talked about who did work on their cars, and they will write a master list of who does what. Good ideas came up for painting cars inexpensively in and around the Baton Rouge area. It was a good meeting with active participation.

Future events

Board meeting Tue Mar 3 at Cathy Greensfelder's home.

The North Shore area Gathering will be held on March 5.

Car show goodie bag prep will be Saturday, March 14th at 4:00 P.M. at the garage at 546 Hickory. Pizza will be provided. Contributions to the goodie bags are needed! Have 3 sponsors so far. 5 vendors have signed up for the car show: Daughters of the British Empire, The Little British Car Company, Transportation Revolution Triumph motorcycle dealership, Paretti will provide a new Jaguar and Land Rover, Brian Harris Mini from Baton Rouge will bring a new Mini. Have a total of 14 donors so far.

The next general meeting is Tuesday, March 17th

The Honey Island Shooting Range trip is coming up on Saturday, April 4. South Shore group will meet at the Morning Call restaurant and depart from there.

The Pensacola car show will be on Saturday, April 18. More info about the convoy and departure time is to come.

Sunday, April 26 is the car show workers' appreciation party.

The crawfish boil is scheduled for Sunday, May 17. Please bring your payment to the April general meeting.

Possible future event, AMTRAK offers a trip from Hammond to Memphis for \$84 round trip.

Treasurer's report.

No Treasurer's report. Harold was out of town.

50/50

Roger Nagy won \$13.00, T-Shirt winners were Bob Post, Madison Weber, Mark Warren

Projects:

Keith painted his and Allen's steering wheel using an epoxy primer and a silver DuPont catalyzed urethane top coat. He also used a carbide-tipped router bit to cut Aluminum diamond plate with very good results. He also bought 2 gas tank straps for a good price at Pull-A-Part on Peters Road, and had a good experience working with them.

Cliff is working on installing the windshield in his Magnette using wire instead of rope. The back window is next.

The meeting ended at 8:20

Saint Francisville Tour - February 7, 21009

What to do on a beautiful day in February when the sky is crystal clear, weather not cold or hot, and no humidity? We join our British car lovers for a motor tour of historic St. Francisville, Louisiana of course!!!! Our convoy included 8 British Cars and 19 people. Allan Bradley's two brothers and wives also joined in this tour.

Or north shore and south shore convey meet at the Huber's house in Baton Rouge for delicious king cake (what else during Mardi Gras season), coffee, and juice. After quenching our thirst and meeting new members from the Baton Rouge area it was off for a 45 minute drive to one of the oldest settlements in Louisiana. The earliest settlement in St. Francisville started in 1773 before the United States was independent of England.

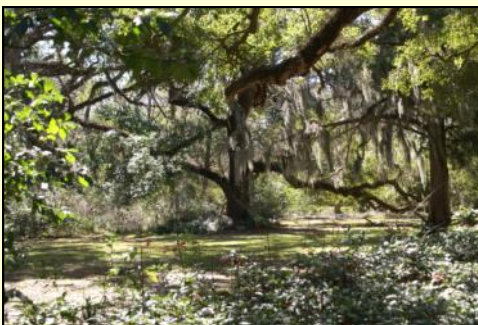
Our convoy's first stop was Oakley Plantation which construction began in 1700. In 1821 John James Audubon arrived to tutor their young daughter. While there he painted 32 of his famous bird pictures which later became known as *Birds of America*. We were met by our gracious 'host' Gus. Gus is a beautiful wild turkey that meets and tours with all guests. He also loves to pose for pictures and allows everyone to pet him. He will then walk you to

the different buildings but does have separation anxiety when not allowed in the buildings with the guests.

In the museum of Oakley Plantation is the largest collection of first editions from John James Audubon. Those of you who like Wild Turkey will know that is also a John James Audubon print. The grounds included the main house, kitchen and servants houses, barn, and hen houses.

Our next stop through the winding, moss covered streets was Myrtles Plantation for lunch at the Carriage House Restaurant. The restaurant provides casual dining in a fine old plantation with great food. Their seafood and steaks compliment a wide variety of specials utilizing local ingredients and old time traditions. The restaurant is located in the back of one of the most famous haunted houses in America - Myrtles Plantation. The scenery couldn't have been more beautiful with the moss laden oaks, impeccable grounds, and inviting patio.

After a mouthwatering lunch some people decided to return home and some drove to Rose-down Plantation to visit the gift shop. Rosedown was established in the 1830s by Daniel and Martha Barrow Turnbull, and remained in the hands of their



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Saint Francisville Tour continued

descendants until the 1950s. The plantation is famous for its beautiful gardens and has a great gift shop.

Those not tired from the long day stopped in town for last minute browsing at the local shops. Everyone had a great time and hope to include this event again next year with different plantations to visit.

Karen



REMINDER - British Heritage Award

The British Heritage award will be given to the most interesting overall display at the **British Motoring Club New Orleans's 19th Annual British Car Day**.

What does that mean?

Well, that is sort of up to the participant:

- While not mandatory, period dress would surely be appropriate. (Come on, we know you have a Kilt or a Morris dancer's outfit somewhere.)
- A full set of tools, brochures, posters, period accessories, fitted luggage, English maps, etc. would be a plus.
- How about an afternoon picnic? (The ladies of the DBE will even have authentic food to go with that.)
- An interesting display of the car's history, or historical significance could be a winner.
- Ever played 'dress-up' with the car itself?

That could work too.

- A lot of attention can be garnered with a well placed stuffed animal, or better yet, ten.
- Do you have scale models of your car in more scales than anyone thought existed?

The possibilities are only limited by your imagination, and the criteria are not set.

The intention is to give this award to the display that makes one visitor turn to another and say, **"Did you see that car over there?"**

There has always been one; now we are giving it some recognition.

Peter Brauen

BMC Restorations

CHEF'S CORNER by Karen Murray

The applications are flying in, Delgado is ready, trophies are ordered, and bags are stuffed. Everyone is anxious in anticipation of the 19th Annual British Car Show. The only thing left to confirm is the tasty food that will be supplied by our wonderful southern cooks for the Friday night Welcome Reception. We want our guest to walk away knowing that better food could not be bought in local restaurants.

A sign up sheet will be distributed at the March meeting or you can email me at Karen.murray@cox.net.

Remember the reception officially opens at 6:00 p.m.

Don't forget that we need you to bring your mouth-watering appetizers, casseroles, main dishes, and of course the deserts to the Friday Night Reception!!!!!!!

Dinner after Show - 5:30 p.m. – until (Dutch treat. Sign-up sheet at the registration desk on show day) Landry's Seafood Restaurant, 8000 Lakeshore Dr., New Orleans, LA 70124, 504- 283-4733

Thanks and good eating.

Karen

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Baton Rouge Area Gathering by Rick Huber

February was a good month for the Baton Rouge area contingent of the club. After Middendorf's in January and the St. Francisville tour on February 7, both mentioned in the last newsletter, we still had 18 members/guests for our monthly gathering at Cafe Americain on Jefferson on Tuesday, the 10th. Karen & Ronnie joined us too. When we got to the part of the agenda for people to introduce themselves and their Little British Car history, Ronnie told us his TR6 stories. Karen gave us a run down on all the club activities for the rest of the year and encouraged more of us to attend.

A few new faces told their Little British Car stories, and we talked about the upcoming events, particularly the show in March. We'll finalize plans for caravan's from BR to the show both on Friday and Saturday at our next meeting on March 10.

The key topic of the meeting was to talk about and make a list of service providers for our cars in the Baton Rouge area, and we finished with about 20 places that collectively we all had used and could recommend. I've put that list on XL and distributed it out to everybody.

A couple of people have just bought cars - Bill Tompley bought a TR6 in Dallas to restore, and I've invited Bob Bayham, who bought the TR6 that Peter and I were selling, to join the club and our group.

Members continue to let other potential members know about our get togethers in Baton Rouge, so it looks like our group is continuing to grow. We're looking forward to being well represented with our cars at the show on March 21.

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

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1998 Morgan +8 -British Racing Green -Two door, manual, leather seats, air conditioning, dual air bags, convertible, walnut dash, great sound system. Looks like new! Won 2nd in Class at the Annual New Orleans British Car Day, 2005. Has about 8,000 miles. This is a beauty of a car! Runs like a top! HAS TO GO! SITTING IN MY GARAGE!! REDUCED - WAS \$60,000 now \$56,000! Call Celeste for more details -985-845-8983.

1968 Triumph TR4A—Independent Rear Suspension, 4 Speed with Electronic Overdrive, White with Black Interior ,Recent Restoration, Excellent Condition \$29,500 OBO, Robert Phillips 504-270-5292

1960 MGA 1600 roadster for sale. 300 miles on engine and bumper to bumper rebuild. Too many new parts

to list. \$15,000. Also 1500 engine disassembled, misc MGB parts. cleaning out shop. John Wells 985-542-1991.

1980 Triumph Dolomite Sprint -Asking \$9500—One of about 12 in the USA. Imported from England about 4 years ago. Right-hand drive, but totally legal in the USA (with exemption for cars over 25 yrs old). Fully rebuilt . Call Shannon. Please leave a message at 225-252-3470 and I'll return your call ASAP.

1964 Sprite restorable -little rust, several spare parts, like four extra doors, windshield, two new tires, and an extra bumper. Also another Sprite with a 1275. Would be a good parts car .800.00 for all. Tom Miller, 225-229-3819 (cell), 225-751-3819 (home)

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official entry form

19th Annual New Orleans British Car Day

Saturday, March 21st, 2009 New Orleans, Louisiana

Please print

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

Cars entered		\$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

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

Field opens at 9:00 am Saturday, March 21st, 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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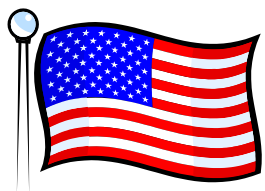
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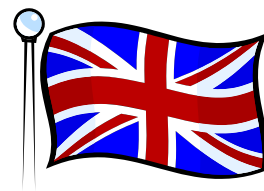


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