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members to join the
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marque!



By the time you read this, you should have already received a copy of the 2009/2010 BMCNO Membership Directory and your 2009/2010 membership card. Your Board did a great job (again). Our club Secretary, Pete Weber, managed the database and did the printing. Cathy Greensfelder guided him through the maze otherwise known as Microsoft Access and helped, along with the rest of the Board, with folding, stapling and labeling.

If you have not received your directory and membership card, contact Pete and he will

investigate the situation. Obviously, you must have paid your membership dues to be on the mailing list. If you were omitted from the initial mailing because we haven't received your dues, don't worry. We will send out your directory and card when you do renew your membership.

If you find any errors or omissions in your personal data, please send an email to Pete at pgweber@rtconline.com so that he can keep the club database current.

In keeping with our tradition during the summer months, the July meeting will be another short one so that we can go and get something cold for dessert; Allen Bradley will lead us to Droopy's Sno-Ball Shop. I am told that they have indoor seating and a cold A/C!

The nomination of Club officers is coming up soon. We will open the floor for nominations at our August and September meetings with the election at our October meeting. There will be quite a few positions open this year due to term limits.

Your Board is not paid --- not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless. For some, it is the gratitude of the membership that is their reward; for others it is the knowledge that they are working to make the Club one of the best in the country. Whatever your motivation, we need your help.

It's time to ask yourself, "what have *I* done for the Club lately?"

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August 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9	10	11 B.O.D. Mtg. 7:00pm & Baton Rouge Area Gathering 7:00pm	12	13	14	15
16 Richard Wolf "UnCar Show" 4:00 pm	17	18	19	20 Northshore Area Gathering 7:00 p.m.	21	22 Lafayette Area Cruise
23	24	25 Membership Mtg. 7:00pm @ The Ital- ian Pie	26	27	28 Columbia St. Block Party 5-10pm. Coving- ton	29
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Tuesday, August 11 - 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting - Harold O'Reilly @ Karen Murray's. 1900 Colony, Metairie.

Tuesday, August 11 - Baton Rouge Area Gathering - dinner 6:00 p.m., meeting 7:00 p.m. - Cafe Americain, 7521 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge

Sunday, August 16 - UnCar Show, The Columbia St. Tap Room & Grill, 434 N. Columbia St., Covington. 4:00-7:00 p.m. Prizes awarded in an assortment of categories from oil leaks to bad paint. Stop waxing and relax. The club buys dinner for the driver of each car entry, so drive (or push) your "not show quality" British car and enjoy the food, conversation and A/C in the restaurant. Southshore convoy leaves south Causeway toll plaza at 3 pm.

Thursday, August 20 - 7:00 p.m. - Northshore Area Gathering - Abita Brew Pub

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

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

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS!

Friday, August 28 - 5-10 p.m. - Columbia St. Block Party, 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 for info.

Club Officers – 2009

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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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June General Meeting Minutes

The General Membership Meeting began at 7:10 after dinner at the Italian Pie on Jefferson Hwy in Harahan. Keith Vezina chaired the meeting with 25 members present.

Guests

Several new or seldom-seen faces showed up to cast their vote regarding the by-law change.

Past Events

Columbia Street Block parties: Two have been held since the last General Membership Meeting. Cliff and Wally attended.

The Back to the Beach party was Sunday, May 31. Sue Bradley won Best British Car with the red MG. Dave Dupre drove his TR4, and had a bit of trouble with a balky transmission. Allen ranked in the top 100 in his TR6, and there were over 500 cars there.

The Honey Island shoot was cancelled due to lack of attendance.

The Baton Rouge gathering was chaired by Rick Huber on Tuesday, June 9: Bill Avery continued the series of talks on tuning up our British cars. Fifteen people attended, and Tom Miller spoke about the SCCA. Tom is president of the Baton Rouge region. At the next meeting they will decide what type of event to host in the Baton Rouge area. Wayne is working on getting grille badges made, and is finalizing the artwork and pricing. Price will be about \$30.00. Several club members showed interest.

A tech session was held at Delgado on June 13, featuring front end alignments.

Cliff chaired the North Shore Gathering at the Abita Brewpub, with over 25 attendees. The group went over past events, and Lee DeRamus went into detail about salvaged titles and how to get a correct title for a vehicle. One of

the attendees talked about a project to build an environmentally friendly hybrid as part of a worldwide competition.

Future events

Tues, July 14, Baton Rouge gathering, at Café Americain on Jefferson Highway.

The next board meeting/family barbecue/directory-folding party will be held at Karen and Ronnie's Sunday, July 19.

Thursday, July 23, 7:00 North shore gathering, note the date has been moved to the Thursday before general meetings per request of the board of directors. This was done to make sure the satellite groups have the opportunity to cast ballots before the general membership meeting.

On Saturday, July 25, there will be a tech session at the 546 Hickory shop in Harahan, featuring headlamp adjustment. Come enjoy the A/C, adjust your headlamps, have a cup of coffee, and maybe even go to lunch afterward.

Sunday, July 26, first North Shore event! We'll meet at: Taste of Bavaria Bakery 14476 Highway 22, Ponchatoula, LA Tel: (985) 386-3634 at 10:30. Convoys will be planned. Great pastries, Belgian waffles, pancakes, omelets.

General membership meeting is Tue, July 28

The next Columbia St Block Party will be Friday, July 31st from 5:00PM-10:00PM. Contact Cliff Hughes if you're interested.

The Richard Wolf memorial un-car show is Sunday, August 16 from 4-7 pm. The club will provide a meal for the driver, and the bar will be open. Those who have won rotating trophies, such as "Das Boot", the spinner, etc, need to bring these along to be awarded to the next participant.

Dave Hayden will put on the 10th annual Funkana at Arrow Aviation on Sunday, September 12th at Noon. EMC Brits by the river car show will be held on Saturday, September 19 in Vidalia, Louisiana.

Stuart spoke to the coordinator of the Oak Street Merchants' Association. Plans are in the initial stages for a block party style event on Oak Street and they are looking for something to attract folks to the event. An impromptu Sunday car show in October was discussed.

July 12th Allen and Sue Bradley, Cliff and Linda Hughes, Frazier and Beverly Rice, and Ham Ramsey are going to Hot Springs for the National MGA event.

Announcements

Charlie Ake and Kimberly are getting married, and the group put on a shower including gag gifts and a uniquely shaped (i.e. busty) cake.

Karen and Ronnie will celebrate their 9th wedding anniversary on July 1.

Rick, Allen, Ronnie and others talked about various scams to watch out for related to the sale of classic cars.

By-laws

Harold O'Reily led a committee which reviewed and updated the bylaws. The new proposed bylaws were distributed and voted on. The updated by-laws were accepted by a vote of 41 for, and 2 against.

50-50

Cliff Hughes won \$25

Mike Anderson, Jack Kennedy, and Roger Nagy won T-shirts.

Harold O'Reily won a set of driving lamp covers.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Road trip to Taste of Bavaria for brunch.

On Sunday, July 26 sixteen club members met at the Taste Of Bavaria Restaurant & Bakery for brunch.

It was a diverse group from the south and north shore, and from Baton Rouge. The food was delicious, service top notch, and accommodations beautiful. Everyone really enjoyed talking cars

while the ladies discussed grandchildren. Some took turns riding in other members' cars after brunch.

This event was a great way to show off our British "darlings" and enjoy catching up on the latest repair techniques involving their up keep.



Baton Rouge Gathering By Rick Huber

We met again on July 14; only 10 of us this month. An upcoming event is the Syngenta all model car show for charity in Saint Gabriel on August 1st. Only one Austin Healey 3000 was there last year as the lone British car. If anyone is interested,

email Tom Miller for more information at tlmclm@aol.com. The topic of discussion for the evening was what we would like to organize as a Baton Rouge area club event for us to sponsor in January or February. Several ideas will be investigated - the

museum and a train ride in Jackson, the Rural Life Museum and Magnolia Mound tours, and a swamp ride through Maurepas, Head of Island, Springfield, and Port Vincent. We'll investigate the options and talk about it more in August.

Charlie and Kimberly "The Shower"

The members put on a wedding shower for Charlie and Kimberly at the July general meeting. They both received gag gifts and a uniquely shaped (i.e. busty) cake.

Congratulations Charlie and Kimberly!



Charlie and Kimberly "The Wedding"

We first met in the summer of 1975 in Oslo Norway. Both of our fathers were Navy. Kim's father was assigned to the Embassy and my father was nearby at NATO (AFNE). We spent the next 2 years going to a U.S. DoD run boarding school in High Wycombe England "London Central High School" (Why London Central was in High Wycombe and

not London is another story). After Graduation we went our own way. Jump forward to 2007. Through the school alumni web site Kim was able to contact me and over the next year and a half we traded emails. In August of last year we started seeing each other and on Valentines weekend we became engaged.



Board Meeting & Family BBQ / Pool Party

The BMCNO annual Board Meeting & Family BBQ / Pool Party was held again for the third year at the home of Karen and Ronnie on Sunday, July 19 .

Someone once said that a picture is worth one thousand words.

So read on!



Nominations for Board at August meeting!

Good Time in New Orleans Reprint

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GOOD TIMES IN NEW ORLEANS

By Wally Friloux
Photography by Ronnie Palmisano

The 19th Annual New Orleans British Car Day returned to the Delgado Community College Campus, and Louisiana's fantastic springtime weather lured more than 130 classic British vehicles and their owners to relax under the campus's stately oak trees.

A reception and early registration set the upbeat mood the evening before the show. Heaping helpings of great Louisiana food at the reception gave credence to the club's nickname, The Big Meal Club of New Orleans. Food is a key part of New Orleans culture, after all.

This year's Best of Show trophy was awarded to the 1949 Austin Dorset driven by Jim Jones of nearby Covington. Jones has a reputation for always helping others with their cars, but his own Austin has come along beautifully as well. The BMC Restorations British Heritage Trophy went to Pat Cashman, who spent the day in a vintage Beatles wig and blue John Lennon sunglasses—his wife, Barbara, sported a classic British frock made of white linen and lace, crocheted gloves and a lace-trimmed parasol.

New this year was the John Roper Memorial Award, an acknowledgement of contributions to the sport of British motoring. George Torlage, who teaches auto painting at the Delgado campus and had the late John Roper as a student this past spring, was the first recipient. For more information on the British Motoring Club—New Orleans, please visit bmcno.org.



ABOVE: A harbor sunset in New Orleans helps all your troubles melt away. **BELOW:** A gaggle of square-rigged MGs bid for some shade on the grounds at Louisiana's Delgado Community College.



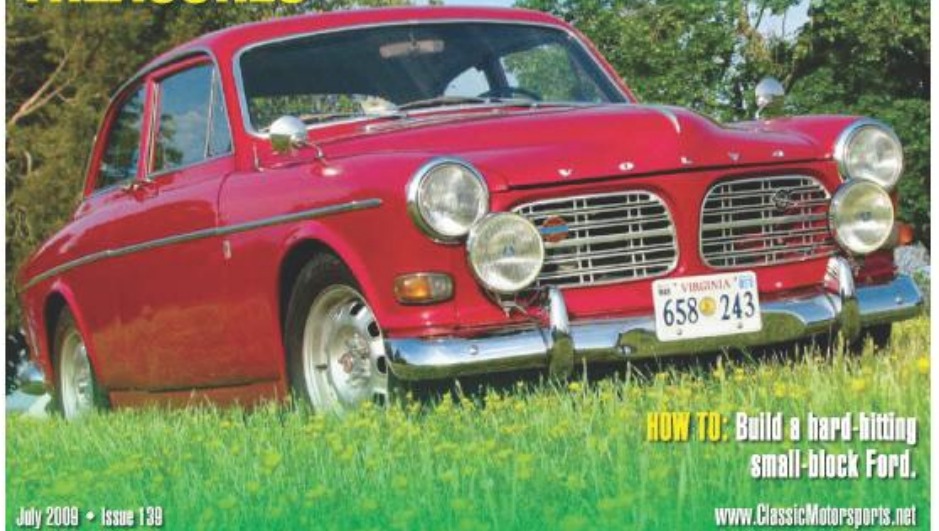
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Stolen/missing Austin Healey 100 Disappeared from Baton Rouge LA residence between 5/28 and 6/7. Registered as 55 BN1 by engine number B221968M but is actually a 56 BN2 car number BN2L230430. LA license plate 4A503 w/1992 registration. Light blue with spots of red primer. Any information please call 225-926 6946 or hubrick@gmail.com.



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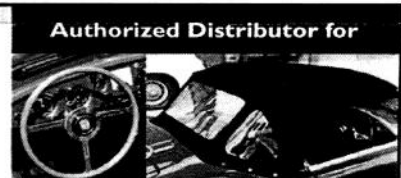
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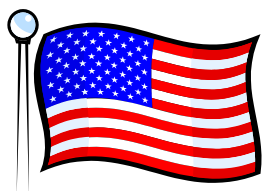
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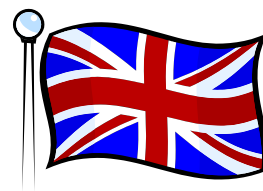


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