

# British Motoring Club—New Orleans Morris Gazette

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## President's Message

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members to join the  
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**“Mark your calen-  
dars now for the  
DBE Pub Night at  
the Palm Court on  
Saturday November  
14. More details  
next month.”**

When was the last time you drove your LBC (little British car) blind-folded through a slalom or tried to balance it on a teeter-totter? Well, the opportunity to do these and a lot of other fun challenges is coming soon. Dave and Menda Hayden will be hosting the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Shaun Hayden Memorial Funkana on Sunday, September 13th.

It will again be held at Arrow Aviation in Broussard, LA. Not only will there be shade, clean restrooms and A/C, but you will have the opportunity to see several commercial helicopters in various stages of restoration.

The fun (and Funkana) starts at noon and Dave and Menda will be serving jambalaya for lunch.

The convoy from New Orleans will depart from Kenner Visitor's Center (I-10 @ Loyola) at 9:00 a.m. and will travel down U.S. 90. The Northshore convoy will leave from behind the Texaco Station (I-12 @ Hwy. 21) at 9:00 a.m. and will meet up with Baton Rouge group at the Lobdell exit (2nd exit after crossing the river in Baton Rouge) @ McDonald's parking lot at 10:30 a.m.

The Vidalia show is September 19th; that's just four weeks away. If you haven't made motel reservations yet, you'd better hurry. Last I heard there were only one or two rooms left under The English Motoring Club's block of rooms.

As usual, there is a regional show EVERY WEEKEND in the month of October. First is the Memphis show on October 3, then Nashville on October 10, followed by the Houston show on October 17, the Fairhope show on October 24 and the Chattanooga show on October 31. If you are considering going to any of these shows, it's not too early to make motel reservations. It's a lot easier to cancel than to make reservations a week before an event.

# September 2009

| Sun   | Mon                   | Tue   | Wed | Thu  | Fri   | Sat                       |
|---|-----------------------|---|-----|--|---|---------------------------|
|   |                       | 1   | 2   | 3  | 4   | 5                         |
| 6   | 7<br><i>Labor Day</i> | 8<br><b>Baton Rouge Area<br/>Gathering 7:00pm</b>         | 9   | 10   | 11  | 12                        |
| 13<br><b>Funkana<br/>Broussard, LA<br/>12:00 pm</b> | 14                    | 15<br><b>B.O.D. Mtg.<br/>7:00pm</b>                       | 16  | 17   | 18  | 19<br><b>Vidalia Show</b> |
| 20  | 21                    | 22  | 23  | 24<br><b>Northshore Area<br/>Gathering<br/>7:00 p.m.</b> | 25<br><b>Columbia St.<br/>Block Party<br/>5-10pm. Covington</b> | 26                        |
| 27  | 28                    | 29<br><b>Membership Mtg.<br/>7:00pm @ The Italian Pie</b> | 30  |  |   |                           |

**Tuesday, August 25 - 7:00 p.m. GENERAL MEETING - Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy. *NOMINATION OF OFFICERS!* Also "dessert run" after the meeting. Creole Creamery, 4924 Prytania, New Orleans.**

**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.**

**Tuesday, September 8 - Baton Rouge Area Gathering - dinner 6:00 p.m., meeting 7:00 p.m. - Cafe Americain, 7521 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge**

**Sunday, September 13 - 12:00 p.m. - Shaun Hayden Memorial Funkana - Arrow Aviation in Broussard, LA. - Southshore convoy leaves Kenner Visitor's Center (I-10 @ Loyola) at 9:00 a.m. and will travel down U.S. 90. Northshore convoy leaves from behind the Texaco Station (I-12 @ Hwy. 21) at 9:00 a.m. and meets up with Baton Rouge group at the Lobdell exit (2nd exit after crossing the river in Baton Rouge) @ McDonald's parking lot at 10:30 a.m.**

**Tuesday, September 15 - 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting - Keith Vezina 3221 Maine Ave, Kenner (504) 443-5056**

**Friday, September 18 - 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 Cock Of The Walk in Natchez.**

**Saturday, September 19 - Brits by the River - Vidalia, LA Brits by the River Thursday, September 24 - 7:00 p.m. - Northshore Area Gathering - Abita Brew Pub**

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## 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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## July General Meeting Minutes

The General Membership Meeting began after dinner at the Italian Pie on Jefferson Hwy in Harahan. Keith Vezina chaired the meeting, with 24 members present.

**Past Events** 10 people attended the Baton Rouge gathering on 7/14. Rick Huber talked about the meeting and 3 options they are considering for an upcoming Baton Rouge event:

Board meeting was held in July at Ronnie Palmisano & Karen Murray's home. Board members and spouses assembled the membership directories and enjoyed the pool, food, and rum and cokes. Join the board and take advantage of the perks!

Nine people attended the North shore meeting coordinated by Cliff Hughes on July . Three British cars were there. There are about 40 members on the North shore.

On Sunday July 25 we all meet at Taste of Bavaria in Ponchatoula. It was a nice place, not like the real Bavaria though. The Bavarian sandwiches were excellent, and the Bavarian breakfast was also very good. It's a

good spot for a weekend outing with antiquing close by in Ponchatoula.

### Future events

There will be a notice about buying grille badges in upcoming newsletters. Sign up early as there will only be one production run.

Plans for the Richard Wolf Un-Car Show on Sunday 8/16 were discussed. (See article on page 5).

Dave Hayden will be hosting the Funkana at Arrow Aviation in New Iberia in September. See calendar for details. This will probably be Dave's final Funkana. It has been a lot of fun but it's also a huge amount of work for Dave and his extended family. Dave will be serving jambalaya so there is no need to worry about stopping for lunch on the way there.

The "Brits by the River" show in Vidalia/Natchez will be September 18 & 19. Check the calendar for Friday convoy information. If you plan to attend, make your hotel reservations soon.

A car show is scheduled for every weekend in October. Check the calendar for details.

Frazier Rice reported on the NAMGAR National Event. There was a small turnout, about 80 cars. The event was held on July 13. The host hotel was a 1920s hotel in downtown Hot Springs, AR. The show itself was held on the Hot Springs National Park grounds.

Member Projects: Alan Bradley has a 1976 Triumph Stag to a good home. It comes with a hard and soft top, in nice condition.

Rick Huber has repaired all but one fender of his Healey and has started painting the insides.

Keith Vezina's MGB engine rebuild is progressing nicely. He got the distributor rebuilt for \$89. The flywheel has been shipped off and is being lightened this month. He will begin reassembly at Peter's.

### 50-50

Keith Vezina won \$15.00. Roger Nagy won a New Orleans cookbook. BMCNO T-shirts went to Robert Rougelot, Beverly Rice., and Karen Vezina.

After the meeting the group went to Droopy's for snowballs.

## 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Richard Wolf UnCar Show by Cathy Greensfelder

After a morning of rain, we ended up with pretty decent weather for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Richard Wolf Un-Car Show on August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Thirty BMCNO members met at the Columbia Street Tap Room and Grill in Covington to “honor” nine of the “not ready for prime time” cars in the club.

There were some difficult decisions to be made because all in all, the cars present (with one notable exception) were in very good shape. Allen Bradley’s MGB took the “Body Shop Award” for biggest dent. When his name was called, his wife stood up and exclaimed “What dent?!” It’s a small dent near the door hinge, but it was the best one there. Ronnie Palimsano’s TR6, a former Goodwill winner, has slowly but steadily improved over the years as Ronnie finds time to work on it. This year all it qualified for was the Interior Award. Robert Rougelot’s Mini took home the “Spider web Award” for most spectacular windshield crack again. It’s the same crack as before but it’s a little bigger this year.

Ham Ramsey took home the “Primer Award” for worst paint. He drove his Avanti which is not technically (or actually) British but it’s not your everyday GM or Toyota. Its paint is in excellent shape except for this one spot. The white primer doesn’t really show much against the white paint, but come on now, it’s been there for years!!

“Das Boot” went home with Cort A (Junior) Musgrave. Das Boot is awarded to the member most likely to walk home from the event but Cort’s British car didn’t even make it there. It overheated on the way so Cort limped it back to the garage and came to Covington in a more reliable (non-British) vehicle.

Cort M. (Senior) Musgrave’s Land Rover won the “Dustbin Award” for dirtiest car. Very appropriate - Land Rovers are supposed to get dirty!! Cort

also went home with the “Undo”, a battered wire-wheel knock off for the worst wheels. While the Rover’s wheels were not rusty, they did have the most impressive collection of brake dust the judges had seen in ages.

A special award, the “Scofflaw Award” for longest expired brake tag, was created for Cliff Hughes’ 60 MGA. The brake tag expired in May of 1974.

Jim Jones’ Morris Minor was given a Participation Award for “surviving August weather, speeding SUVs and Lucas electrics to arrive at the event!” There wasn’t anything else it qualified for – the car was in perfect condition.

The grand prize, the “Goodwill Trophy” (no it really wasn’t found at Goodwill – they would not have accepted it as a donation!) went to Charlie Ake’s newest MGB. This is a true project car – no engine, no interior, no wheels, pretty much just a shell. We have every confidence that eventually it will be a perfectly good MGB. Probably not any time soon, but someday!



# Pictures from the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Richard Wolf UnCar




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## Baton Rouge Gathering By Rick Huber

There were 20 of us at our BR gathering this month. Thanks to Bill Avery shaking the trees to have a few of his friends from some other car clubs drop in to spend the evening with us.

Enthusiasm for cars and driving is shared across many marques and models, and we had a good time tonight.

Paul Hornsby talked about his trip to the NAMGAR meet in Arkansas where he went with his MGA. Tom Miller said the Syngenta show on Aug 1 brought out 103 cars, but Wayne Pangburn and his TR4 was the only British car there. The charity event raised \$11,500 to fight cancer. Tom also visited the Rural Life Museum, the Bluebonnet Swamp, and Magnolia Mound and talked about his impressions for a potential BR group event early next year.

Milton Franklin and Danny Varnado talked about the things to see and do around Jackson, LA, which would also make a good event. Finally, Rick Huber talked about a driving outing from Sorrento over to Springfield and then back to Port Vincent for a

meal at Berthelot's. Another idea was hatched to combine a drive from Sorrento through some back roads and into Baton Rouge for the Rural Life museum, and then of course somewhere to eat. Still some decisions to be made.

Our guest speaker was Louis Altazan, owner of AGCO Automotive in Baton Rouge, and he talked to us about getting the best value for our transportation dollars with our daily drivers. He repeated some of the typical things like buying mid-priced cars about 3 years old to avoid the roughly 60 % depreciation, then driving the car for 10 years, but also shared his wisdom about service - changing timing belts, coolant, brake fluid, cabin filters, and using the right kind of parts to keep that car on the road for the 10 years you want to drive it. He recommends OEM parts to avoid problems and having a shop you trust take a look at your car every 12 - 15,000 miles. The key tip for the evening is how to decide when to change your coolant - when the pH gets to 7 from it's original 8 - 8.5. Never would have thought of that.

## Healey project By Rick Huber

The two words to describe this part of the Healey project are sanding and painting, as in me sanding and Peter painting. We've sanded and primed the inside and outside of all the steel body panels except the boot lid. There is still some work to do on the two shrouds by an aluminum welder Peter is trying to schedule. Now that I'm retired, there will be more than 2 restoration days per month, so the project should pick up speed.



## Karen's Triumph TR6 Restoration Part One by Ronnie Palmisano

In January 2006 I received a call from Allen Bradley. Allen said that he located a *great looking* 1975 TR6 and the owner was willing to give away for free. The only stipulation was that it had to be removed that same day.

I immediately drove over to meet Allen and the owner while thinking about restoring the car and giving it to my wife.

When I arrived there was a yard full of cars. They were buried under the tree debris from the recent hurricanes. It wasn't a pretty sight, but I have seen worse.



There was a complete white TR6 (no floors and sad interior) and a partial red TR6. I knew if I brought both of these home that I would be in trouble. I only brought the white one home and I still ended up in trouble. I explained to my wife Karen that this would someday be her new shiny red sports car. She asked if it was on drugs because only a miracle could make this car look good and function as a car. She did consider using it as a planter for her flowers.

I then completely disassembled this little gem. I removed all mechanical items, took off all body panels and then separated the body from the frame.

It then sat for some time. The longer it stayed in its current condition the more trouble I was in.

I attempted to sandblast the frame here at home, but my compressor didn't have the capacity to do the job. Someone suggested that I take it to Stuart McKendrick's garage on Oak Street. Stuart had a large shop compressor for use with the sandblaster.

I managed to get the frame and body tub to the Oak Street garage with help from Keith Vezina. Unfortunately I didn't have time to work on it there. It sat there for a long time. During this time rust managed to do damage to the frame and body tub.

It's now August 2009 and I must get this car restored.

I contacted Peter Brauen at BMC Restorations. I mentioned to Peter that:

- The body tub needed both floors replaced.
- The metal below the battery was missing.
- It needed a new boot (trunk) floor.
- There was a section rusted through on the chassis.
- It has rust holes on both outer sills.

Peter said ***"No Problem. Bring it over"***

With the help of Keith Vevina, Cliff Hughes and Stuart McKendrick we picked up the chassis and body tub and placed it on Cliff's trailer. I then drove it to Peter for him to get started on the repairs. Peter will repair the chassis and body tub.



(Continued in 6-60 months)



## 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)

**1960 Morris Minor 1000** for sale. 2 door sedan, numerous upgrades. Contact Cliff Hughes for details. 985-966-0492. (06/09/)

**Hard top for TR-7** Never been mounted on the car but is getting worn & damaged from a combination of excessive handling while being stored and being moved around. Originally worth \$1200, but I just want to find a home for it before its too late. I anyone is interested, they can come see it & make an offer of what its worth to them. Ron & Sandy Williams 504-831-7385 - 2908 Ridgeway Dr, Metairie, LA, 70002

**1974 JENSEN HEALEY FOR SALE** Good condition with many upgrades including hard top, new air cond. system, new custom aluminum radiator. spares including extra engine. \$7,000 reason for selling I bought a JAGUAR XJS. call 985 542-1991. ALSO JAGUAR SS 100 REPLICA BY CLASSIC ROADSTERS. ALL FORD MECHANICALS.

**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](mailto:hubrick@gmail.com).



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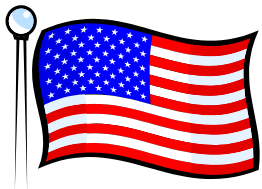
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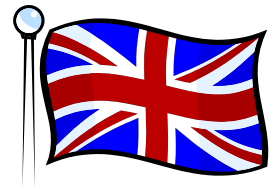


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