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Pub Night at the Palm Court
Mark your calendars for
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER
14th - 6:30 p.m. for
PUB NIGHT.
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Court Jazz Cafe at 1201
Decatur Street in the French
Quarter.
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for information.

Project Creep, what a nasty, insidious affliction. If you have ever worked on your own car, you have probably been infected with it. You've seen it; you start out fixing a small rust spot on the fender and the next thing you know you are stripping the car down for a full paint job. You start out replacing a turn signal flasher and by the end of the day, you are installing a new wiring harness. If you catch yourself saying "while I'm at it, I might as well..." beware, you are on the verge of a full-blown attack. And, just like labor pains, the closer these statements are from each other, the more acute the case.

Well, I was stricken with a near-terminal case of it this summer. It started out with very mild symptoms. The gauge lights on my MGB were so dim that I could only tell they were on while driving a lonely country highway on a moonless night. I started out installing halogen bulbs and before long, I had all of the gauges out of the dash and disassembled for a refurbishing. The gauge internals were cleaned, lenses re-gasketed and reflective surfaces painted white. That one hour job ballooned into a full weekend.

Before I even had the chance to do a night-time test of the new lights, I burnt the #4 exhaust valve. I pulled the head and was on the verge of just replacing that one bad valve when I started to feel weak. Before I knew it, I was hauling the engine to Peter Brauen's for a complete rebuild. All new valves, valve springs, pistons, rings, camshaft, lifters, pushrods and extensive machine work were ordered. The flywheel was also sent to ACME Speed Shop in South Carolina for lightening; "while I'm at it I might as well..."

Still delusional from the "engine rebuild flu" and the six-week treatment going on at the machine shop, I caught another strain of the bug. The driver's seat cover had a tear and needed to be replaced. Since the seat was out, "I might as well" remove the other seat, carpet and center console to install sound deadening RAAM Mat and "I might as well" wire up that new stereo amplifier in the trunk.

The fever finally broke Labor Day weekend. I finished up the interior that Friday just as the lightened flywheel was delivered by UPS. Allen Bradley came over Saturday to help me re-install the engine. On Sunday evening, I was running in the camshaft and on Monday, Karen and I were driving the MGB up Airline Highway.

I'm in remission now; the engine is running strong, the cabin is quieter and cooler, the stereo sounds great and the gauges are bright.

But there is no cure. I need to tighten the alternator belt and while I'm at it, I ought to replace the old plastic cooling fan and the radiator really needs to be repainted.

Heaven help me!

Keith

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11 <i>Cruisin the Coast</i>	12 <i>Columbus Day</i>	13 B.O.D. Mtg. 7:00pm & Baton Rouge Area Gathering 7:00pm MAP	14	15	16	17 Houston Show
18	19	20	21	22 Northshore Area Gathering 7:00 p.m.	23 Fairhope Show convoy	24 Fairhope Show MORE INFO
25	26	27 Membership Mtg. 7:00pm @ The Ital- ian Pie MAP	28	29	30 Columbia St. Block Party 5-10pm. Coving- ton	31 <i>Halloween</i>

Tuesday, September 29 - 7:00 p.m. GENERAL MEETING - Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy.
NOMINATION OF OFFICERS!

Tuesday, October 13 - 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting - Bill Weber, 24 Bocage Dr, Destrahan (985) 725-1155

Tuesday, October 13 - Baton Rouge Area Gathering - dinner 6:00 p.m., meeting 7:00 p.m. - Cafe Americain, 7521 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge

Thursday, October 22 - 7:00 p.m. - Northshore Area Gathering - Abita Brew Pub

Friday, October 23 - Brits on the Bay Show - Fairhope, AL - Friday convoy leaves N.O. East Lowes parking lot (Read Blvd. @ I-10) at 9:00 a.m. and meets up with our Northshore friends at the MS. Visitor's Center (Stennis exit) at 10:00.am

Saturday, October 24 - Brits on the Bay Show - Fairhope, AL

Tuesday, October 27 - 7:00 p.m. GENERAL MEETING - Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy.
ELECTION OF OFFICERS!

Friday, October 30 - 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.

Cruzin' the Coast - Some members of BMCNO will be Cruzin to this event on October 10. See web calendar for updates.

Saturday, November 14th - 6:30 p.m. - Pub Night at the Palm Court. DBE will be at the Palm Court Jazz Cafe at 1201 Decatur Street in the French Quarter. Call 504-367-4116 for information.

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

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August 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 27 members present.

Guests

Mike and Marissa Drenski, originally from Ohio, own a 1975 Triumph Spitfire. Mike found the car in a field and bought it for \$300, then restored it 1996. Mike was 17 when he bought the car. He rebuilt the engine, and then the car was put into storage in 2001. When they moved to N.O. in May they had it hauled down here and got it running. The car is painted metallic royal blue.

Past Events

20 people attended the Baton Rouge Gathering on August 11. Bill Avery invited some enthusiasts owning 'Vettes, etc. The speaker was Louis Altazan, the owner of Agco Auto. The topic was "Taking care of late model daily drivers". They discussed the need for specialty formulated coolants, etc., and even the special needs of oil filters. You can't just use the old Fram anymore. Hybrids with their particular quirks were also discussed.

The Richard Wolfe UN-CAR Show was Sunday August 16. 9 cars and 30 people showed up. See the article in last month's newsletter. The beer was cold and the food was great!

The North Shore Gathering was Thursday August 20. Wally ran the meeting with 21 members present. The food was great. John Baldwin, who owns Baldwin Motors told the group that he had been to Monterey, CA to an auto auction. John buys and sells, and almost bought a Mini Cooper.

Future Events

We discussed options for a club event in the Baton Rouge area:

Jackson, LA, with a visit to the museum, prison/asylum, about 50 miles North of B.R. We'd visit the Rural life museum in Baton Rouge, followed by lunch and a trip to Magnolia Mound. The drive would be to the Southeast around the swamp exiting hwy 22 at Sorrento and driving on to Springfield on the two-lane road. We'd meet at Sorrento, then drive to Rural Life Museum in Baton Rouge.

The Baton Rouge Gathering will be Tuesday, Sept 8, at the Café Americain at the usual time.

Sunday Sept 13, the 10th annual Sean Hayden memorial Funkana will be held at Arrow Aviation in Broussard LA. Arrow repairs commercial helicopters, so there are lots of interesting things to see. The event begins at Noon. Convoys: South Shore leaves the Kenner Visitors Center on Loyola at 9:00. The North Shore group will leave from behind the Texaco station at Hwy 12 and 21 at 9:00 also, and will meet the Baton Rouge group at the McDonalds at the Lobdell exit. See web site for details. Dave and Minda will be serving jambalaya.

The Board Meeting is Sept 15, at Keith's house.

We will convoy to the EMC Brits by the River car show in Vidalia, LA on Friday, September 18th. The convoy will leave from the Kenner visitor at 8 AM. The North Shore group will leave from behind the Texaco station, and everyone will meet at Rick and Mary Lynn Huber's home in Baton Rouge for coffee and pastries. We will depart for Vidalia at 9:30-10:00. On Saturday night the group will go to dinner at the Castle at Dunleith. Dress is casual. Sue Bradley is coordinating dinner for 7:30 PM. There is nothing coordinated yet for Friday lunch, and suggestions are welcome.

Thursday, Sept 24 North Shore

gathering. Cliff to chair.

Monthly Columbia St Block party will be Fri 25th 5:00 to 10:00. Contact Cliff Hughes if you're interested.

The next General Membership Meeting is Tuesday Sept 29th. This will be the final opportunity for nomination of officers.

No event is scheduled for October because of regional car shows every weekend. Cruising the coast is also in October from the 4th to the 12th.

The Fairhope car show is Saturday, Oct 24th.

March 20, 2010 will be the date for the 20th annual British Car Day. Committee chair staffing was discussed. See the Volunteer Schedule on our web site for the names of volunteers..

Nomination of officers:

The following were nominated:

President: Harold O'Reilly

Vice President: Karen Murray

Editor: Ronnie Palmisano

Secretary: Cathy Greensfelder

Treasurer: Don Marpe

Members-at-large, one for every 30 members, so need 4 members at large: Rick Huber, Bill Weber, Bob Post, Charlie Ake

50-50

Allen Bradley won \$20.00.

Mike Anderson won a Swiss army knife which was donated by Bob.

T-shirts were won by Pete Weber and Robyn Will who won twice!

The meeting was adjourned and the group went to the Creole Creamery for ice cream.

Brits by the River by Cathy Greensfelder

A number of us drove up to Natchez on Friday. Most of the group met at Rick and Mary Lynn Huber's Baton Rouge home for coffee and pastries before leaving for Natchez. They convoyed to the "Cock on the Walk" restaurant and met the rest of the gang for lunch in Natchez. The building is a former train station with a railcar on either end of the building. The fried catfish was very good and very reasonably priced.

The English Motoring Club of Mississippi put on a great reception by the pool at the RV park where the show is held. Turns out we had two "birthday boys" there: Allen Bradley from our club and Tom Warren of the Birmingham club. Susan Bradley put candles in a pair of chocolate covered cream puffs and we all sang "Happy Birthday".

On Saturday we arrived for the show on the grass next to the Jim Bowie BBQ Festival. As before, the smell of world class BBQ was tantalizing. Everyone wished mightily some of it was available for lunch but it was only for the BBQ contest.

Twelve cars from BMCNO were entered. Cathy & Mark Greensfelder and Roy & Jeannine Richardson drove up in their non-British cars.

BMCNO member	Car	Prize
Blake Sonnier	72 MGB (chrome bumper)	1 st
John Wells	95 Jaguar XJS	1 st
Tomas Boudreaux	78 Spitfire	1 st
Wayne Pangburn	63 TR4	1 st and Best of Show
Cathy Sonnier	77 MGB (rubber bumper)	2 nd
Wally Friloux	01 Jaguar XK8	2 nd
Menda Hayden	94 Jaguar XKS	3 rd
Danny Varnado	MGB modified	Special Award for Modified
Allen Bradley	70 MGB	
Cliff Hughes	60 MGA	
Paul Hornsby	60 MGA	
Rick Huber	66 MGB	



Brits by the River Pictures



Allen's birthday at The Castle at Dunleith.



13th Annual Cruisin' The Coast® by Ronnie Palmisano

The "Cruisin' ..." dates for 2009 are:

October 4 to October 11, 2009

As of August 15, 2009 there are 3382 cars registered.

Take a look at our "Schedule of Events" at

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Cruisin' The Coast® has become a major tourism boom for the Mississippi Gulf Coast and the biggest special event in the state of Mississippi. Car enthusiasts from over 35 states and Canada drive to the Mississippi Gulf Coast once a year to showcase and to cruise a variety of antique, classic and hot rod automobiles at des-

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Some members of BMCNO will be Cruizin to this event on October 10. See web calendar for more information.

2009 Funkana by Menda Hayden

We had indicated that after 14 years of FUN (KANA) this might be the last one. Well, I have decided to continue the tradition a little longer.

We held this year's event at Arrow Aviation again. The weather was forecast to be rainy, and they hit the mark on this one. We set up in the rain. As people started to arrive, it continued to rain. Keith and Karen got into the hanger, and I had no trouble telling who had driven, Keith was wet on the left side and Karen was wet on the right side.

Start time was to be 12:00, so we had our drivers meeting in the light rain. As we prepped for the 1st car out it started raining harder. We decided to eat instead of run the cars. After all the Pork Jambalaya and rolls everyone could eat, we again prepped for 1st car out.

It was still raining lightly as Tommy Boudreaux (Orange Spitfire) and Roger Roseman, his navigator, took to the course with the top down. We (Arrow) have expanded since the last Funkana here. We have more than doubled the concrete. This enabled me to add a high-speed part to the course. This proved to be great fun in the wet, lots of sliding and drifting.

By the end of the second run with Mike Blaney driving and Jeff George navigating in Mike's Porsche 944 the rain had stopped. The rest of the runs were done in the wet, but no rain. Robert Rougelot got to practice parking brake turns in his Mini. Roger Roseman, from our driving group here, showed up in his 50's Ford pickup but went back home and got his 1969 427 Mustang. He drove and I navigated for him. I can say we had more than enough horsepower for the conditions. Paul Briellet, (MGB-GT, MG MIDGET) another member of our driving group, brought his son Evan and his Mother and Father (MGB-GT) to enjoy the games. Paul's Mom, Paula asked if it would be ok to run the course with her son in a Pontiac Vibe. How could I say no. With Paul driving and Paula in the navigator seat they proceeded to rip off a pretty clean run. I later heard her say that was the most fun she ever had, and wants to do it again in a British car next year.

After all the runs were done the results were tabulated: 1st Robert Rougelot driver and Keith Vezina navigator in Robert's Mini. 2nd Tommy Boudreaux driver and

Roger Roseman navigator in Tommy's Spitfire. 3rd Fred Stokes driver and Evan Briellet navigator in Fred's Saturn.

Everyone helped pick up the soaking wet stuff and load it into the Suburban and onto the trailer. After I got it home and unloaded it took 4 days for some of the stuff to dry. As we all packed up to leave the sun came out, but the day had stayed rather cool due to the rain and clouds. All things considered it was a great day. Fastest time of the day: 7:37, slowest: 12:31.

My thanks go out to all who participated, and also to all our workers. Menda, my son Ian, and his friend Brooke, our daughter Cara, Fred Stokes, and Kevin Linder, and Evan Briellet, who begged for a job. Also thanks to Cyril Guidry, owner of Arrow Aviation, for the use of the facility.

P.S. My day started with a phone call from Tommy Boudreaux, he said are we having a Funkana, Rainkana, or Sunkana, I told him we are having all of the above come on. He did just that. My day ended with Robert Rougelot asking if this was the last time we were having this event what were we going to do with the props. I kinda laughed and thought look on e-bay for a teeter tooter for cars. I told him we would keep it all and see what happens. Bless Robert's heart, cause he was close to tears about this being his 1st time and it being over. He almost begged for more. Robert you are the reason the Funkana will come again. Harold O'Reilly thank you so much for showing up in the nasty just to show your support for Dave and me and this event.

Menda



Funkana Pictures



Information from the Baton Rouge Group by Rick Huber

The Baton Rouge area group met on Tuesday, September 8th. Danny Varnado emceed the meeting as Rick was late getting back in town after the holiday weekend. Danny did a masterful job, although the guest speaker, the manager of the local H2O Auto Spa was a no show. Turns out he had left the job in a hurry and didn't let his replacement know he had committed to talk to us at our meeting. We'll try that again next month. There were twelve people at the meeting and we talked about the grill badge that Wayne Pangburn is getting made, past events, upcoming events, and

we're still working on the date and the event that we'll host in January and February. No nominations of club officers to report.

Five members from the Baton Rouge area attended the Vidalia show - the best turnout I can remember for something other than our show in March. Way to go Baton Rouge group!

Cheers,

Rick

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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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

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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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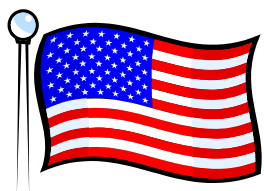
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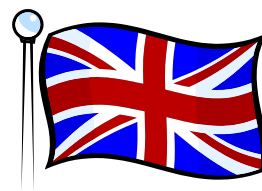


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