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President's Message

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members to join the
registry for their
marque!

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The crayfish were spicy, everyone there had a great time, and I only wish attendance was better. This has always been a popular event with the club subsidizing part of the cost. The Board thought we made a good move in changing the venue and the weather proved us right. If you stayed away for a reason you wish to share, please let a board member hear from you.

Saturday June 5th will be a cruise put on by our Baton Rouge group. I hope we have a big turnout as they have spent a lot of time planning this event. It will have a little bit of everything to please all: driving, eating, and museum visits.

I have also been somewhat disappointed by the small turnouts for our meetings but I guess if you add up the attendance at North Shore, Baton Rouge, and Lafayette we probably have more active members than ever before. With separate meetings, many new members have yet to meet everyone. This makes it more important to have events that attract people from all areas.

Hope to see everyone in Baton Rouge.

Harold O'Reilly



Congratulations to Cathy and Mark Greensfelder and family. Cathy and Mark are grandparents. Kaila Colette Roberts, daughter of Megan (Greensfelder) and Damon Roberts, was born April 30, 2010.

June 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Baton Rouge Historic Cruise
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 <i>Flag Day</i>	15 B.O.D. Mtg. 7:00pm	16	17	18	19
20 <i>Father's Day</i>	21	22 Baton Rouge Area Gather- ing 7:00pm M&P	23	24 Northshore Area Gather- ing 7:00 p.m.	25 Columbia St. Block Party 5-10pm. Cov- ington	26 Lafayette Area Cruise
27	28	29 Membership Mtg. 7:00pm @ The Italian Pie M&P	30			

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

Saturday, June 5 – Baton Rouge Historic Cruise – See article page 5 - South shore convoy leaves Kenner Visitor's Center (I-10 @ Loyola) at 8:00 a.m., North shore convoy leaves from the Texaco station (I-12 @ Rt. 21) at 8:00 a.m. We will meet up at the Cajun Village located at the intersection of Highways 22 and 70, located just south of I-10 at the Sorrento Exit, #182, at 9:15am.

Tuesday, June 15 - 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting - Cathy Greensfelder - 5537 Berkley Drive New Orleans (Algiers)

Tuesday, June 22 - Baton Rouge Area Gathering - dinner 6:00 p.m., meeting 7:00 p.m. - Cafe Americain, 7521 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge

Thursday, June 24 - 7:00 p.m. - Northshore Area Gathering - Abita Brew Pub

Friday, June 25 - 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.

Saturday, June 26 - Lafayette Area Cruise - For more information, contact Dave Hayden at dandmhayden@cox.net

Tuesday, June 29 - 7:00 p.m. GENERAL MEETING - Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy.

Before heading out to any event you should check with the contact listed to ensure the event is still scheduled to take place as planned and confirm details.

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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. Mail renewal checks payable to "BMC-NO" to: Treasurer, PO Box 73213, Metairie, LA 70033

Club Regalia - Contact the Club Treasurer Don Marpe 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 editor@bmcno.org, bring to meeting, or mail to P.O. Box 73213, Metairie, LA 70033



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Minutes - April 27, 2010 General Meeting

New members attending included Chad Wicker who has a 1969 Spitfire (in pieces!!) and returning member Paul Webb. Paul has two Spitfires.

Treasurer Don Marpe gave a report on the car show finances. At that time, the show had approximately a \$3,000 profit. That is allowing for the estimated \$1,000 in expenses still outstanding. The show received approximately \$2,000 in sponsorship money. Don also said that anyone who received a parking ticket from Delgado while preparing the field on Friday before the show should give the ticket to him and he will handle it.

Past Events: Allen Bradley and Keith Vezina reported on the Pensacola show on April 17th. It was a light turn out this year for BMCNO. They stopped at Weitzels in Mobile for oysters on Friday and walked around the historic shopping district before proceeding to the host hotel on Santa Rosa Island. This year the group had Saturday dinner at the Global Grill for tapas. Anyone who didn't attend missed out on a gorgeous weekend.

Cliff Hughes reported that the North shore meeting had 10 members attending. They had a lot of interesting project stories. Cliff also reported that the Covington Final Friday event sponsors have finally started strictly enforcing the age limit on participation. If your car is less than 25 years old, you will be asked to remove it from the blocked off area.

Rick and Mary Lynne Huber are back from their trip to China. Rick reported on the Live Oak Concourse show in Baton Rouge which was on the same weekend as the Pensacola show. Rick is writing an article on his trip and the Live Oak show.

Future Events: Plans for the Crawfish Boil on May 16 in Metairie were discussed. The executive of the Delta region of the Sports Car Club of

America (SCCA) will be speaking at the May general meeting in New Orleans.

Plans for the Baton Rouge Historic cruise (rescheduled to June 5) were discussed. Rick Huber and Danny Vanardo will publish the details after they drive the route one last time to verify the timing.

Member Projects: Dan Melesurgo has had a lot of different cars over the years, getting newer over the last few years and exclusively Jaguars. Dan had a lot of stuff for Triumphs - manuals, tools, parts - which he passed out at the meeting to whoever wanted them.

Bob McAnelly reported that he knows someone selling a pristine MG Midget, single owner, 36K miles, Webber carb, fancy exhaust system. The car is perfect - even the undercoating is clean! Asking \$9,950.

Rick Huber's car was schedule to go to the Steve Kline for painting within a few days of the New Orleans meeting. Steve painted Jim Hoppe's TR6 and Butch Frutos' car.

Cliff Hughes reported on his trials and tribulation getting a title for his Magnette.

Mike Anderson's niece's ex-husband is looking for the differential / rear end for a 1969 MGB. The rear end locked up on the highway causing the car to do a full 180. The pin dropped out, locking up the spider gear. Seven teeth were broken off the pinion.

Rick Huber related more of the continuing saga of the Healey he bought and paid for that the seller then "lost" and would not deliver.

Kim Ake won \$19 in the 50/50. Ronnie Palmisano, Dan Melesurgo, Harold O'Reily, Mary Lynn Huber, Keith *and* Karen Vezina, Paul Webb and Chad Wicker all won shirts. Robert Rougelot won a license plate frame.

TR6 Brake Servo by Ronnie Palmisano



I was driving my 1976 TR6 approaching an intersection on Veterans Blvd. in Metairie. You know, the intersection with the traffic cameras.

The light turned amber as I approached and I pressed down on the brake pedal. Nothing happened. I pressed harder and pulled up on the parking brake lever and the car came to a stop. It took lots of leg effort to make the car stop.

After getting my crippled car home I discovered that the vacuum servo (brake booster) diaphragm had failed. I already knew that the rebuilding kits that were available didn't have the necessary diaphragm, so rebuilding was not an option.

The Buckeye Triumphs Technical website (buckeyetriumphs.org/technical/technical.htm) has an excellent article on Overhauling the Brake Servo, however without a replacement diaphragm this didn't help.

The article did mention the name of a company that rebuilds brake servos. I contacted them and then no longer rebuilt brake servos.

After searching the web for someone that does this rebuild I found another company.

While in the process of locating another company, Pete Weber, another club member, mentioned that he had his brake servo rebuilt by the same company that I located. Pete said that they did an excellent job.

They are Brake Materials and Parts, 800 Sherman Blvd, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46808 260-426-3331

I talked to Scott and he said that he cleans, blasts and paints the units and replaces all soft parts including the seals, valves and diaphragm. The rebuild cost me \$95 plus \$10.00 shipping.

Scott can arrange to have the shells powder coated at an additional cost.

I sent mine off to Scott and in ten days I had it back. The outer shell looks really great considering the amount of rust that was on it.

Until recently new units were no longer available. British parts Northwest now has a reproduction servo available for only \$211.00. Other suppliers may also have them.

So the choice is yours, Rebuild for \$110.00 or purchase a new one for \$210.00 plus about \$14.19 shipping. Sometimes these cannot be rebuilt due to rust.

No I didn't receive a ticket in the mail.

June 5th BMCNO Outing by Danny Varnado

Put the top down and come join the Baton Rouge group for a fun day of driving, history and of course eating.

We will be leaving the Cajun Village located at the intersection of Highways 22 and 70, located just south of I-10 at the Sorrento Exit, #182, at 9:15am.

Come early if you want to have coffee and beignets or other breakfast choices.

I'm planning on arriving about 8:30 so that I'll have plenty of time to enjoy breakfast and the country atmosphere.

After departing the Cajun Village, we will head North East on Highway 22 through the towns of Sorrento and Maurepas to the town of Killian. We will meet up with the North Shore group at or

about **9:50 am** at the intersection of Highways 22 and 444.

From here, we will travel on country roads through the village of Port Vincent and then on to the Rural Life Museum on Essen Lane in Baton Rouge.

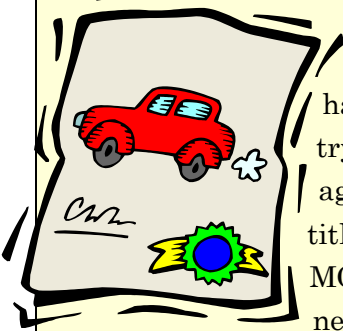
We should arrive at the Rural Life Museum a little before **11:00**. \$7.00 Entry Fee.

We'll depart the Museum around 12:30 and head over to the Superior Grill on Government Street. We should arrive there by **12:45**.

After lunch, for those who still want more adventure, we're planning on visiting the Louisiana State Museum across from the State Capitol Building. No Entry Fee

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Title Dilemma



Cliff Hughes has been trying for ages to get a title for his MG Magnette.

In Louisiana, you need a bill of sale and a previous title. Cliff had neither.

He'd finally gotten a bill of sale from the guy in Oregon he bought the car from. So he called the Oregon Motor Vehi-

cles department. He gave them the license number and the VIN over the phone. They called back the next day!! They had the title in their files! However they can't release the original owner's name. Rats!

You used to be able to get a title easily in Alabama but not anymore. Same with Mississippi and Nevada.

Cliff found a company of the Internet that claimed to be able to title a car for \$425. What they do is call and check in

EACH of the 50 states to see if the car is reported stolen. If it's stolen, you're out of luck. Otherwise they will get you a Texas title. Then you can transfer the title to your state of residence. They are currently working on it.

During all this, Cliff received notification from J. C. Taylor that they were dropping his insurance because the car was not yet registered in Louisiana. Cliff has called them and gotten an extension.

2010 Annual Crawfish Boil by Karen Murray



On Sunday, May 16th twenty-seven (27) BMCNO members met at the Bocce Club to enjoy a typical Louisiana lunch. The Annual Crawfish boil included delicious crawfish, potatoes, corn, and sausage. Everyone sucked heads and pinched tails until another bite could not be taken. After lunch dessert of various ice creams followed all of the spicy seafood.

Life couldn't be any better than a Sunday lunch with friends, out of the pouring rain, Bocce for everyone to play AND the best food our community has to offer. A great time was had by everyone!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

(More pictures on page 9)



Lucas Replacement Smoke Kit As seen on ebay... Thanks Court Musgrave

NOS Lucas Replacement Wiring Harness Smoke Kit

As seen on Ebay...

Have you inadvertently let the smoke out of the wires on your classic British car? This, then, is the solution to your problem!

Here is presented for your perusal one Lucas Replacement Wiring Harness Smoke kit, P/N 530433, along with the very rare Churchill Tool 18G548BS adapter tube and metering valve. These kits were supplied surreptitiously to Lucas factory technicians as a trouble-shooting and repair aid for the rectification of chronic electrical problems on a plethora of British cars. The



smoke is metered, through the fuse box, into the circuit which has released it's original smoke until the leak is located and repaired. The affected circuit is then rectified and the replacement smoke re-introduced. An advantage over the cheap repro smoke kits currently available is the exceptionally rare Churchill metering valve and fuse box adapter. It enables the intrepid and highly skilled British Car Technician to meter the precise amount of genuine Lucas smoke required by the circuit.

Unlike the cheap, far-eastern replacement DIYsmoke offered by the "usual suppliers", this kit includes a filter to ensure that all the smoke is of consistent size, It has been our experience in our shop that the reproduction Taiwanese smoke is often "lumpy", which will cause excessive resistance in our finely-engineered British harnesses and components. This is often the cause of failure in the repro electrical parts currently available, causing much consternation and misplaced cursing of the big three suppliers.

These kits have long been the secret weapon of the "Ultimate Authorities" in the trade, and this may be the last one available. Be forewarned, though, that it is not applicable to any British vehicle built after the discontinuing of bullet connectors, so you Range Rover types are still on your own...

This Genuine Factory Authorized kit contains enough smoke to recharge the entire window circuit on a 420 Jaguar, and my dear friend and advisor George Wolf of British Auto Specialty assures me that he can replace ALL the smoke in a W&F Barrett All-Weather Invalid Car(147 CC) with enough left over to test a whole box of Wind-Tone horns for escaped smoke. How much more of an endorsement do you need?

More, you say? Well, I once let the smoke out of the overdrive wiring on my friend Roger Hankey's TR3B, and was able to drive over 200 miles home from The Roadster Factory Summer Party by carefully introducing smoke into the failed circuit WITHOUT even properly repairing the leak. Another friend, Richard Stephenson, was able to repair the cooling fan circuit of his Series 1 E-type by merely replacing a fuse and injecting a small quantity of smoke back into the wires. So there!

So, if you're troubled by lost smoke, bid early and bid often! Thanks for looking!

Thanks Court Musgrave for bringing this important information to out attention!

June 5th BMCNO Outing by Danny Varnado continued from page 5

Cajun Village to Rural Life Museum, 4600 Essen Lane

Route: Highway 22 north. **Left Turn** onto Highway 444. **Left Right** onto Highway 16, **Left Turn** onto Highway 42 at Port Vincent. **Right Turn** onto Highway 73, Jefferson Highway. **Left turn** onto Jefferson / Tiger Bend to Airline Highway. **Right Turn** onto Airline. **Left Turn** from left lane onto Jefferson crossover back to Jefferson Highway. **Left Turn** onto Essen Lane. **Right Turn** into Rural Life after passing under I-10.

Superior Grill 5435 Government St. 927-2022

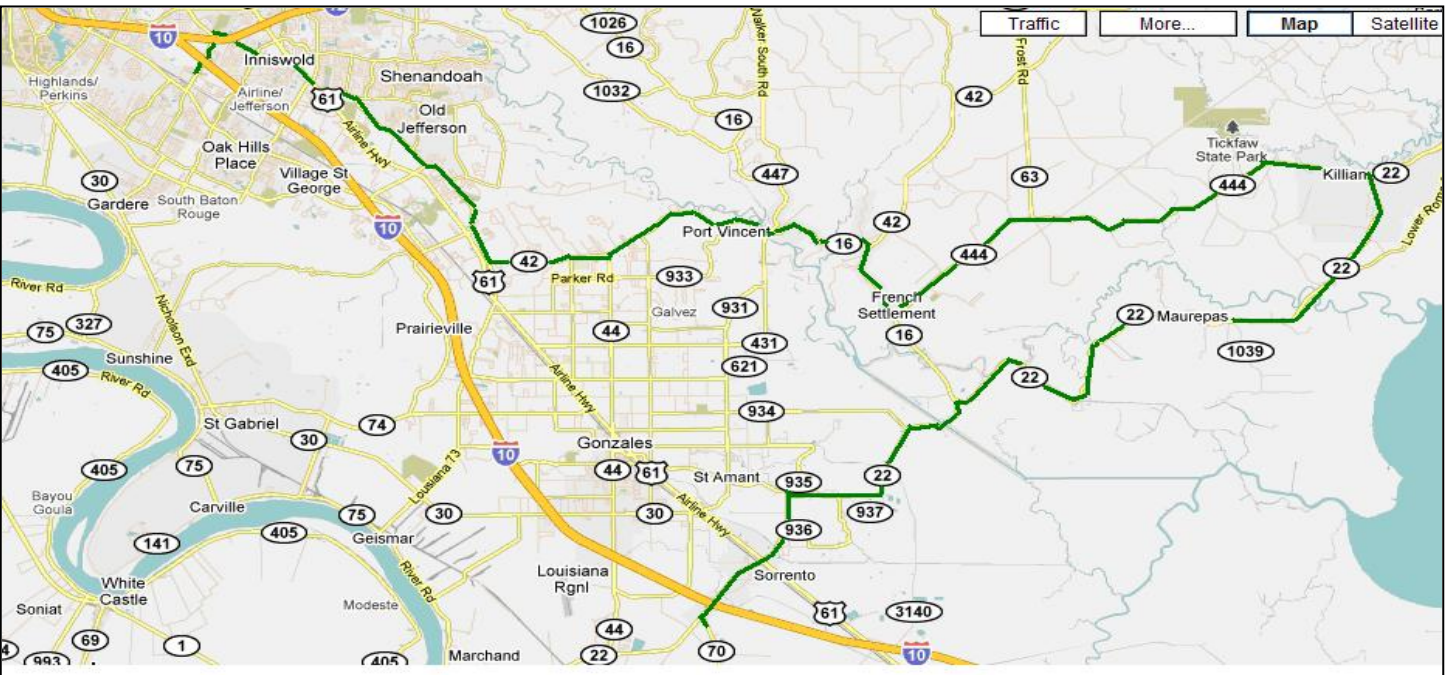
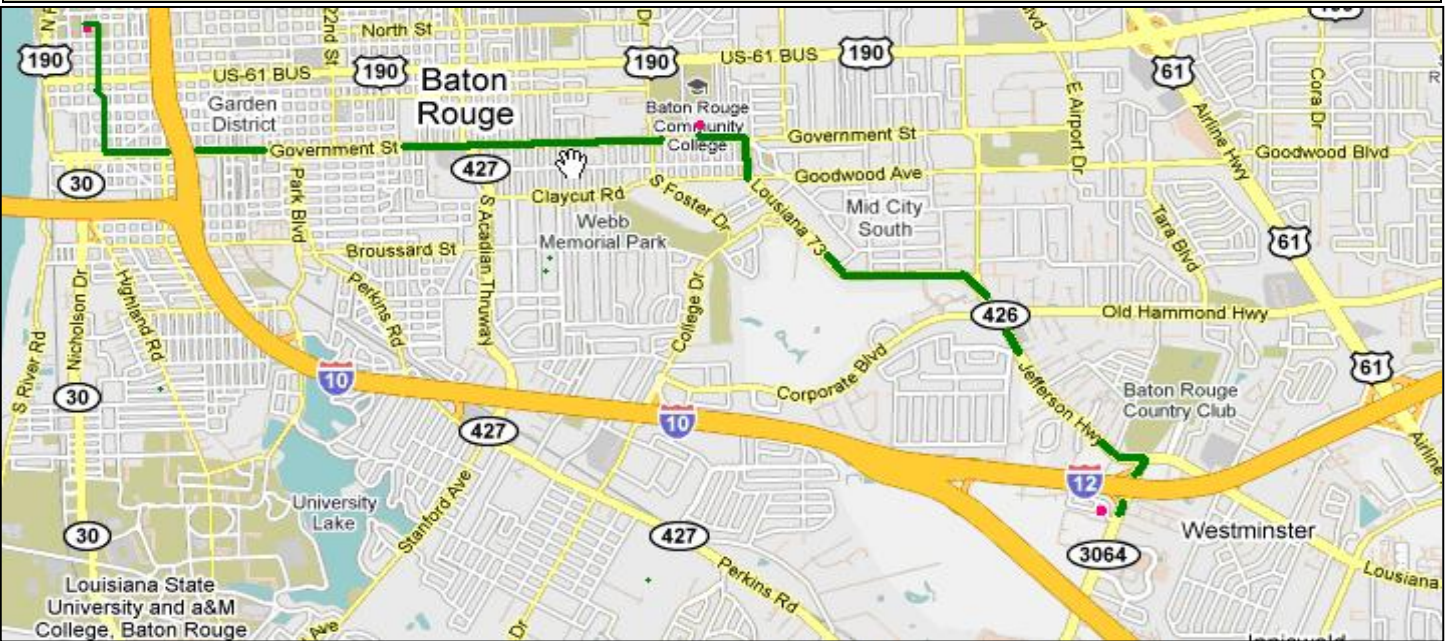
Route: **Left Turn** out of Rural Life onto Essen Lane. **Left turn** onto Jefferson Hiway. **Left Turn** onto Government St.

Right Turn into Superior Grill.

Louisiana State Museum Route: **Right Turn** Government. **Right Turn** onto St. Charles St. **Left Turn** onto University Walk.

Park along road.

Cell Phones: Danny Varnado 225-572-4104



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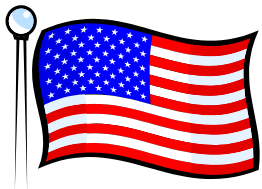
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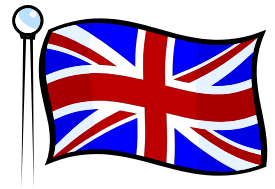


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Saturday, June 5 – Baton Rouge Historic Cruise