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President's Message

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If you missed the Baton Rouge Cruise you missed a good time. Some of our Baton Rouge members spent a lot of time and effort planning the event and it paid off in a well attended and successful cruise. The long line of LBCs, with a few non-British followers in tow, made a beautiful sight on the winding back roads between Sorrento and Baton Rouge. The Louisiana Rural Life museum and it's large grounds was most interesting and we spent a long time there.

After the museum we went a short way to a restaurant where we were able meet and talk with everyone. I got to meet some newer members that I had never seen before. It was good to have members from different areas sharing a good time.

Please make an effort to attend the meeting on June 27th. We will be discussing the new BMCNO resource lending library. We already have some videos and books, and plan to add specialty tools and other items for the use by BMCNO members.

Although elections are still a way off, its not too early to think about running for an office in your club. A few new bodies are needed each year to avoid burnout.

Harold O'Reilly

Mark your calendar!

Movie Night

at the

**BMCNO June 29th General Meeting
Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy**

Have you ever wanted to detail your car and don't know how! If so, then you must come to the June 29th BMCNO meeting. Keith Vezina will be showing a blockbuster video entitled "DETAILING FOR ENTHUSIASTS".

Also

Saturday, July 10

**Welding Tech Session at Delgado @ City Park Campus
9:00 am to noon**

Followed by lunch @ 1:00 pm

Charlie's Seafood, 8311 Jefferson Hwy, Harahan.

July 2010

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

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

Saturday, July 10 Delgado Tech Session – 9 am to noon – Welding. Followed by lunch 1pm, Charlie's Seafood, 8311 Jefferson Hwy, Harahan.

Tuesday, July 13 - 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting – Bob Post -73 Chateau Mouton Dr. , Kenner (504) 467-2106

Tuesday, July 20 - Baton Rouge Area Gathering - dinner 6:00 p.m., meeting 7:00 p.m. - Cafe Americain, 7521 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge

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

Saturday, July 24 - Lafayette Area Cruise - For more information, contact Dave Hayden at dandmhayden@cox.net

Tuesday, July 27 - 7:00 p.m. GENERAL MEETING - Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy.

Friday, July 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.

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

Publication - All newsletters published beginning January 2002 are always available online at <http://bmcno.org/newsletters.htm> for your review.

Besides being available online and beginning with the August 2010 issue, a pdf copy of the newsletter will be emailed to each member as soon as it is published. Please make sure we have your current email address.

Minutes - May 25, 2010

New members present included Steve Thompson, member of the LA National Guard. Steve has a white 74 MGB. Johnson Buquet has a 74 TR6 and has a TR6 engine and tranny for sale.

Past Events: The crawfish boil had only 27 people attending. A number of people who prepaid did not attend, probably because of the bad weather. The Northshore meeting had 10 members attending and four British cars. No one from the Baton Rouge area was in attendance to report on their meeting. Cliff Hughes was presented with his engraved 2010 Car Day "Best in Show" trophy.

Future Events: Plans for the Baton Rouge Cruise on June 5th were discussed. Plans for "Back to the Beach" show were discussed. The board is setting up a tech session at Delgado in July.

Club Business: Don Marpe gave a treasurer's report. There are still a couple of bills outstanding but it looks like we will have enough for five or six scholarships.

The club has bought educational three videos: "Car Painting 101", "MIG Welding" and "Detailing for Enthusiasts". The detailing video is highly recommended. They demonstrate polish and color sanding among other things. We plan to have several movie nights and screen some of them after meetings. They are all available for club members to check out.

Member Projects: Ronnie Palmisano is pulling his TR6's clutch – it fell apart. Keith Vezina said Ronnie will need 3/8 dowel pins to

adjust the clutch and he should to go to Fastenal. There are several stores in the GNO area. Fastenal has a great selection of stainless steel fine thread fasteners. You can go to their web site, <http://www.fastenal.com>, order something then pick it up at the store, saving the shipping. The only bad thing is that you have to buy by the bag. Keith and Allen Bradley bought several bags and split them.

Roger Nagy reported that bearings are "protected" parts. If you order anything from Great Britain containing bearings, you should expect the shipment to be delayed in customs. Customs wanted Roger to break out the price of the bearings in an assembly he purchased. Several people recommended American Bearing on Jefferson Highway (near the hub cap place) for replacement bearings. You should bring the old bearing with you – they usually can identify them and find replacements. Roger also reported on the progress the Louisiana team is making on the Global Automotive X-Prize completion. The objective is a street legal automobile that gets 100+ mpg.

Keith Vezina found his Tandy/Heath kit engine gas analyzer for carbureted engines. You clip it on the battery, clip the sample tube on the tail pipe and take a reading. All club members are welcome to borrow it.

50/50 – New members Johnson Buquet won \$13. Keith Vezina won a hat. Roger Nagy won a licence plate frame. Ronnie Palmisano won a travel alarm clock. Don Marpe won a \$10 gift card. Harold O'Reilly, Steve Thompson and Wally Friloux won t-shirts.

Baton Rouge Group June 5th Outing by Danny Varnado

The BCCNO Baton Rouge group would like to thank all of those brave souls that participated in our cruise on Saturday June 5!

For those of you who were scared off by the weather (the heat or the rain), you missed a fun day of British motoring.

No less than ten LBCs, a big Jag and a couple of support vehicles, showed up for the event. We started at 8:30 with coffee and beignets at Cajun Village at the Sorrento exit of I-10, with six cars from Baton Rouge, six cars from the South Shore, and one from the North Shore. Our departure from the Cajun Village was heralded by a flyover of five F-15s. They made a banking turn directly above us creating some awesome contrails! It took a little doing to get our President to cut loose his fighter escort for our cruise. He said that he didn't want any more problems with the British so he did it. Can't guarantee that we'll have them next time, but we'll try.

The stretch of Highway 22 along the Old Amite River was quite exciting with several tight curves, one of the curviest roads in the area. Another exciting aspect of the cruise was the anticipation of getting wet. We were tempted to pull over and put the tops up several times as we were approaching dark clouds and a few rain drops hit the windshields. Being the bold and adventurous group that we are, we laughed in the face of the rain and pushed on. As good event planning would have it, some might say "just plain dumb luck", we made turns into clear skies each time. We were able to make the whole drive without turning on the wipers. A very light shower showed up while we were touring the Rural Life Museum but faded away as we left.

The drive with an 11 car convoy worked very well along the country roads through Sorrento, Head of Island, Maurepas, Killian, and Port Vincent, but when we got back close to Baton Rouge and into

city traffic, we ended up a bit scattered. At one point there were three different groups of us travelling various different routes. Thank God for cell phones! All but one car ended up making it to the museum. At this writing we still have search parties out looking for him.

The Rural Life Museum was a surprisingly splendid attraction right here in the middle of Baton Rouge, and I think all 20 of us enjoyed the indoor and outdoor displays of 1800's life in southern Louisiana.

Good food, drink and comradery followed at Superior Grill after which everyone departed for points unknown. As it turns out we didn't finish lunch until about 3 pm and there wasn't enough time to go to the Louisiana State Museum. That means we can put it on the event list for the next Baton Rouge Cruise.

We all enjoyed a great day of British motoring fun and food. If you missed it fear not, we'll be planning a similar event in the future so you'll get another chance!



Happy Motoring,

BCCNO BR Group

Danny Varnado

From the Treasurer

British Motoring Club New Orleans

Printed Newsletter Analysis

If you are reading this article, you are seeing the results of the analysis that the Board of Directors has been doing on the monthly newsletters. The result of the analysis is that the newsletter will no longer be mailed out in hard copy form. The hard copy mailing of the newsletter was costing almost as much as the member dues, but more importantly, it was limiting the amount of information that could be sent to the members in the newsletter. The hard copy of the newsletter could only be done in black and white, so any pictures of club activities or other information would not be the best quality. The mailing requirements limited the size of the newsletter to 12 pages which on occasion prevented showing all the information that the editor thought was of value to the club.

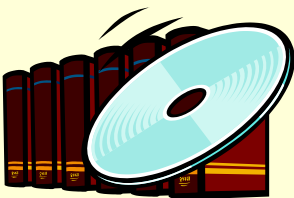
Some facts about the newsletter. Of the 124 members in 2009 – 2010, only 39 had requested the hard copy of the newsletter be sent to them. Although the 2010- 2011 membership forms are not all in, it appears there will be even less people requesting the mailed newsletter this year. In 2009, the total cost of the printing and postage was \$1.92 for each newsletter sent out and that did not include the time spent by the editor doing

the printing, folding, stamping, and mailing. And by not sending the hard copies of the newsletter out, there are two trees in the forest that will be able to enjoy the sunshine for the next five years.

This newsletter is the first of the all electronic version of the monthly BMCNO Newsletter. It is available on the web page and when the 2010 - 2011 membership forms are all submitted, it will be emailed to the members personal email address. Although this version is not much different than the past newsletter, the editor, with the help of others have big plans for including more information that the club membership will find useful and entertaining.

One other benefit of discontinuing the mailing of the newsletter is that it frees up some money for the club to do other things that can benefit the members. The first of these items is the setting up of the British Motoring Club Resource Library. This library will contain information specific to British Car ownership. Three videos have already been purchased (for the cost of less than one month's mailing cost) that will be previewed at club meetings and will then be available to the members to check out. The details of the Resource Library are still being worked out so keep reading future newsletters to find out more.

British Motoring Club Resource Library



Details of the new BMCNO Resource Library are not yet finalized.

How will we lend?

How long?

What?

New acquisitions?

We want the Club Resource Library to be a success, so please send your suggestions to editor@bmcno.org!

We currently have the following videos:

- Spray Painting by Len Stuart
- Welcome to the World of MIG Welding by HTP America.
- Detailing for Enthusiasts by Bob White
- 50 Years of British Cars Racing in America by British Car Films
- Guide to MGB Maintenance by Trinity Motor Productions.

June Baton Rouge Chapter Gathering by Rick Huber

NOTE FROM EDITOR

Wow! It's impossible to get members to send articles. This month we have two great articles on the same event. Thanks Danny and Rick!

Wow, what a turnout! We had 18 people at the Baton Rouge chapter gathering on Tuesday June 22 including two new members of the club attending their first meeting. After enjoying dinner and talking about little British car stuff, Rick went through a brief agenda. We welcomed first time attendees Dana Varnado, Danny's wife, Gale Linster, a BR businessman with a 2001 Jaguar XK8 referred to us by Reg Dunbar, and Jim Bowers, an LSU law professor and the proud owner of a 1951 MG TD that he just drove home from St. Louis, referred to us by Jeff Cobb.

Danny Varnado then talked about the Baton Rouge cruise for those of us who hadn't participated. It was a great event, with 11 little British cars touring around the winding two-lane roads in the Maurepas swamp, and something we're planning to do more of in the Baton Rouge area, perhaps on a quarterly schedule. Rick went over upcoming events – the Columbia St. Block Party, the Lafayette cruise, and the membership meeting in the next week, and then the Delgado Tech Session and the Uncar show in the next couple of months. Tom Miller mentioned the Syngenta show in July, and he'll send us information about it soon.

Then Rick introduced Chris Medine, owner-operator of Medine Collision Center in Baton Rouge, who talked to us about getting body work done after a fender bender. Chris focused on the rights we have as customers of insurance companies to make sure we get OEM parts and correct work done on our cars. He suggested that we not allow our insurance company to "push" us into going to one of their Direct Repair Program shops

since those shops have been contracted by the insurance company, and in many cases take shortcuts and use after-market parts that are not in the best interest of the vehicle owner. He also mentioned a list of what he considers preferred insurance companies that he believes do things right by the owner and the repair facility. Those are State Farm, Allstate, Safeco, Farm Bureau, and USAA. Thanks to Chris, those of us in attendance now know quite a bit more about the process of getting our vehicles repaired should that happen to us.

Project Update – 1964 Austin Healey 3000

Rick Huber trailered his Austin Healey back to Peter's shop at the end of May after having the exterior painted by Stephen Klein of Klein's Automotive in Kenner. Stephen owned the disassembled car since 1993, and stored it in pieces, first in his shop first in Baton Rouge where Rick first saw it, and then later in Kenner. Club member Maury Drummond bought it from him in 2005, who then sold it to Peter Brauen in 2006, who then sold it to Rick in 2007 without ever moving it out of Stephen's shop. So after Peter and Rick moved it to Peter's shop in 2008 and spent 20 months (2 or 3 days per month) doing frame, chassis, and body work, it was fitting that the Austin Healey made its way back to Stephen's shop for final prep and painting. Now that the car is finished in a beautiful, two-tone, Ivory White over Healey Blue, Rick is eager to put it back together and get it on the road. He and Peter are reassembling the Healey in Peter's shop, and if all goes well, Rick hopes to be driving it by the end of the year.

Here's a link to the pictures I took.

<http://picasaweb.google.com/hubrick/BatonRougeCruise2010#>

Cheers,

Rick

Baton Rouge Cruise Pictures

Here are just a couple of pictures of the recent Baton Rouge Cruise. You can go to <http://picasaweb.google.com/hubrick/BatonRougeCruise2010#> to see Rick Huber's pictures.

I was riding with Allen Bradley in his award winning TR6. See the picture of his dash below. Was Allen really driving 125 MPH on those winding roads? Ronnie Palmisano



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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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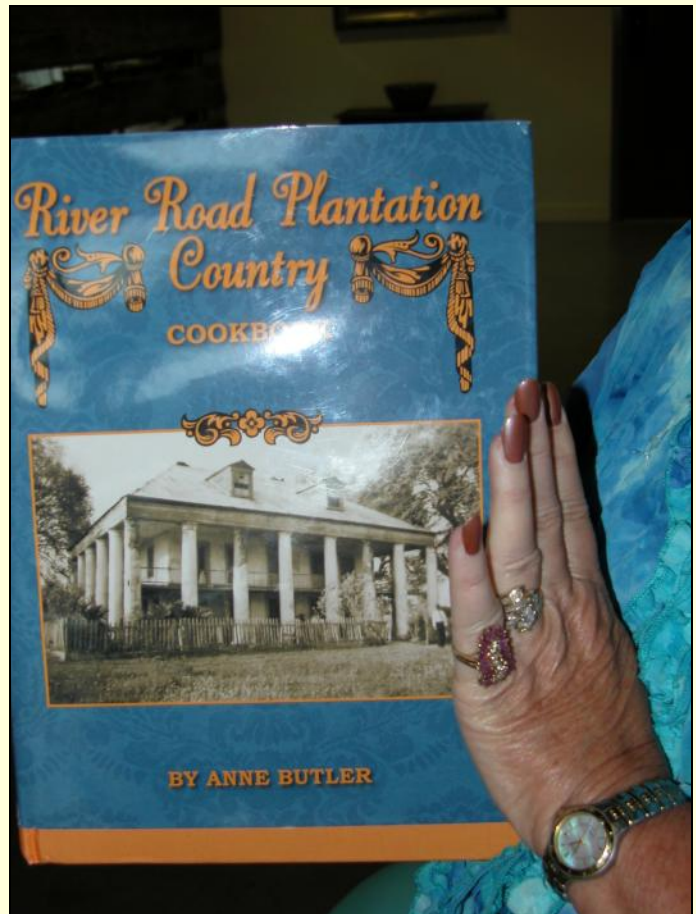
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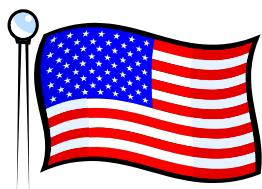
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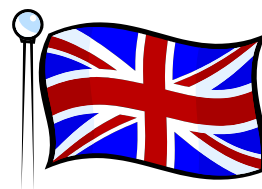


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