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GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, November 30th - 7:00 p.m.

Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy.

Delgado College Auto Restoration Class starts in January.



November 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7 Taste of Bavaria <i>End Daylight Savings</i>	8	9 B.O.D. Mtg. 7:00pm	10	11 Veteran's Day	12	13
14	15	16 Baton Rouge Area Gathering 7:00pm MAP	17	18 Northshore Area Gathering 7:00 p.m.	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving	26	27 Lafayette Area Cruise
28	29	30 Membership Mtg. 7:00pm @ The Italian Pie MAP	Please check current newsletter, email announcements and with event coordinator for accurate and updated information regarding all events.			

Tuesday, November 9 - 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting - Harold O'Riley

Tuesday, November 16 - Baton Rouge Area Gathering - dinner 6:00 p.m., meeting 7:00 p.m. - Cafe Americain, 7521 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge

Thursday, November 18 - 7:00 p.m. - Northshore Area Gathering - Abita Brew Pub

Saturday, November 27 - Lafayette Area Cruise - For more information, contact Dave Hayden at dandmhayden@cox.net

Tuesday, November 30 - 7:00 p.m. GENERAL MEETING Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy.



MERRY CHRISTMAS (a little early)

The British Motoring Club of New Orleans (a.k.a. Big Meal Club)

Cordially invites it's members to the

Annual BMCNO Christmas Party

Saturday, December 4, 2010

5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Bocce Club of GNO

2340 Severn Ave.

Metairie, Louisiana

RSVP: Harold O'Reilly, President at president@bmcno.org

or

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Please join us for GREAT food, good friends, lively conversations, and plenty of surprises for everyone. This year we plan on having more surprises than last and a surprise visitor.

Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish. The club will provide the turkey, ham, gumbo, and all drinks. Please bring those delicious holiday dishes that everyone enjoys so much.

Note: The party was moved to a Saturday night to hopefully allow more out of town members to attend. Please make every effort to join in this fun filled night.

Donate food items for Second Harvesters Food Bank at the Christmas Party. With the declining economy more people are in need of assistance this holiday season. You will receive a raffle ticket for every food item contributed. The board has collected very nice door prizes to be won at this party. So.....let's contribute.



President's Message

This has been a very busy month. We started out with the Eunice – Liberty Theater Cruise with good participation including members from South and North shores, as well as Baton Rouge area. The trip was a great success, thanks to detailed planning by Keith Vezina.

Some members followed that up with a trip to Cruisin the Coast the next weekend.

I'm writing this message just after returning from a weekend in Fairhope AL attending the SABCC British Car Show. We had an excellent showing from our club resulting in us winning the trophy for most Club Participation. We were represented by members from throughout south Louisiana and many won trophies in their classes. Thanks to all that attended. Our participation in other shows encourages the other clubs to attend our show.

To close out the month, please attend the monthly meeting and election on Tuesday, November 30. Also I hope to see all of you at this year's Christmas party.

Harold O'Reilly

September 28th, 2010 Minutes

Member News....

President Harold O'Reilly welcomed everyone to the September meeting. There were no new members to introduce. The passing of Johnny Roberts was announced.

Past Events.....

Mississippi Car Show - Karen Murray talked about the Vadalala Car Show in September. There were 19 members with 16 British cars that attended. The ladies did their annual tour of Natchez on Saturday with a wonderful educational carriage tour of the city, a visit to the Presbyterian Church Exhibit Hall to view pictures from 1860-1930's, lunch at a local restaurant and then Darby's for our peanut butter fudge and shopping. The ladies always enjoy visiting Natchez and spending time with each other. Included in the newsletter is an article with the results of the car show.

Tech Session at Delgado Community College was attended by 11 members with 5 from Baton Rouge. This session dealt with prepping and painting cars. Members requested another paint session on detailing cars. George, Delgado Community College paint instructor, was very accommodating. The session was scheduled from 9:00 – 12:00 but actually ended at 1:15. Everyone then had lunch at Café Navarre for delicious po-boy sandwiches.

Baton Rouge Gathering - Rick Huber reported that 13 members attend the Baton Rouge gathering. The agenda included discussion on the following items: Un-car show from Danny Varando, Delgado Tech Session, nomination of board members (Rick Huber was nominated for Vice President and Danny Varando for Member at Large).

Danny Varando is working to organize a road trip to McComb, Mississippi with lunch at the Dinner Bell. More info will be forthcoming.

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General Membership Meeting Minutes continued.

Rick proudly announced that he received the first \$100 of restitution for the British Car that he purchased but never received.

Future Events...

Eunice Road Trip - Keith Vezina reviewed the agenda for the trip. Allen Bradley requested an extra stop at Billy Bobs Boudin.

So. Alabama Car Show was discussed and members were reminder to reserve rooms in advance. The convey times and places will be listed in the newsletter.

Taste of Bavaria was discussed for our November activity.

Topics were agreed on for future **Delgado Community College tech sessions**. The topics are: painting cars with detailing and another welding session.

21st Annual Car Show – Harold O’ Reilly talked about what has been done and confirmed for the car show.

Rick Huber (Vice –President Nominee) – went over the list of chairman needed: donations, vendors, and raffle and regalia.

Nominations for the 2011 Board of Directors are:

President Karen Murray

Vice President Rick Huber

Secretary Chad Wicker

Treasurer Don Marpe

Members at Large: Harold O’Reilly, Wally Friloux, Don Post, Danny Varando

Newsletter Editor Ronald Palmisano

Keith Vezina moved for nomination to close and Harold O’Reilly seconded. Voting will be Tuesday, October 26, 2010 at the general membership meeting or in the satellite gatherings.

Wally Friloux expressed his opinion of the wonderful job that Ronald Palmisano is doing with the Morris Gazette. He said how much he enjoys the newsletter online with the beautiful colorful pictures. He also likes that the newsletter has expanded online. You can always find the newsletter for back references which is so much better than trying to locate lost mail.

Chad Wicker is looking for 7 steel rims for a Spitfire MK III, and another member needs an engine for a 1974 TR6.

Don Marpe, Treasure, gave the monthly report.

And the Winners are.....

\$15.00 from the 50 /50 was won by Allen Bradley. Other prizes won were: Petrocom hats (donated by Chad Wicker) won by Ronnie Palmisano and Bob Post; Pete Weber- BMCNO license plate, Karen Murray and Roger Nagy won Scentsy items donated by Kim Ake, and Cliff Hughes won a club T-Shirt.

The meeting was adjourned with members looking forward to upcoming events.



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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 your submissions 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.**

Affiliations - BMCNO is affiliated with the North American MGB Register (NAMGBR) and Vintage Triumph Register (VTR). If you are member of these or any other national club or register, please let us know. We strongly encourage all members to join the registry for their marque!



There's just something about Natchez / Vidalia *by Menda Hayden*



That makes me hate to leave and can't wait to go back. I love the place, the show, and most of all the people. The group of women who go year after year are some of my favorite women in the world. For years I've talked about an all girl weekend at the Comfort Suites. Well, 2011 is the year. Claire Nell from the hotel and I have been talking and we are gonna do this. January 21st and 22nd is the weekend. SO, PUT YOUR BIG GURL PANTIES ON, AND COME PARTY LIKE YA USED TO!!!

We will have a Friday night opener party, using an indoor conference room. We will have access to the Bar right next door, or you can bring your own drinks. We will have catered sandwiches from Pig Out. Love those little fancy sands. We can bring our own chips and favorite dips and desserts. Also bring your bokinis as the pool is indoor and heated, and has a Jacuzzi.

Saturday morning before breakfast Claire is going to arrange for the Yoga teacher from the spa to come do stretching on the River. Then of course we can enjoy the breakfast buffet. The afternoon is for shopping till you drop OR 10% off any of the spa treatments next door. See what is available on line at www.RiverFrontSpa.com. Saturday evening dinner reservations can be made where ever you would like to eat. And suggested time is 5:30. We want to be back at the hotel for the Martini Therapy Pajama Party. This will be held in the conference room. Lot's of fun things planned for that night.

Sunday morning will be breakfast and long sad good-byes.

The rooms she is saving for us with the double beds and river view will be \$99.99 a night. The parking lot view rooms will be 89.99. We can team up making this a \$50.00 a night deal.

Please contact me if you are interested in joining us. Menda Hayden @ 337-937-4929 or email me @ dandmhadyen@cox.net

Boys this would be a wonderful Christmas Gift for your favorite girl. I know it's what I'm getting for Christmas and I am so happy!!!! Can't wait to see you there.

Thanks again,

Menda



Brits on the River Show, September 25, 2010 by Cathy Greensfelder

It was beautiful weather for the Natchez show: it was maybe a touch too warm, but the skies were blue with a few fluffy white clouds and a nice breeze. The Bradleys, Greensfelders and Vezinas left the Kenner Welcome Center. At the Baton Rouge home of Mary Lynne and Rick Huber, they met up with the Frilouxs, Hubers and Palmisano/Murray. The twelve of them had coffee and pastries at the Huber's house before leaving. Meanwhile, Paul Hornsby was leaving Denham Springs, planning to wait at the side of the road in Saint Francisville for the group coming up from Baton Rouge. By sheer luck, he pulled up to the intersection just as the convoy came over the hill. He pulled right into line without having to stop the engine!!

The group stopped at Mammy's Cupboard, about 8 miles outside Natchez for lunch. The building looks like "Aunt Jemima" and the restaurant is housed in her wide pink skirts. The sandwiches and soup were good and the deserts were great! From Mammy's, they drove through Natchez to the Natchez City Cemetery. The cemetery is north of town and overlooks the Mississippi River and covers roughly 100 acres. It was established in 1822 but has markers showing death dates from the late 1700s indicating that those remains were moved to the cemetery from earlier, private burial sites. They walked through some of the cemetery admiring the iron fences and mausoleum doors and the beautifully carved marble tombstones and monuments. Because our LBCs were so small, the caretaker gave us permission to drive down one of the grass carriage ways through the cemetery on our way out. (Ronnie's SUV had to go around on the road.) It was a shame it was 85 degrees. If it had been a little cooler, we could have spent several hours there.

The rest of the BMCNO participants joined the group at the host hotel in Vidalia bringing the group up to 30 members, spouses and guests and 15 British cars. After the EMC –MS club's reception, members split up and went to several area restaurants for dinner.

The next morning, after a continental breakfast in the hotel and a session of car washing, most of the group headed off to the site of the Jim Bowie BBQ Competition for the show. Again the tantalizing aroma of the best barbeque in three states teased the car show participants. Only the judges got to taste it!! Around 45 cars were entered. (See below for BMCNO participants.)

Six of the ladies headed for downtown Natchez where they enjoyed a carriage ride through the historic area. The tour guide pointed out an exhibit hundreds of historic pictures at First Presbyterian Church's Stratton Chapel Gallery at 405 State St, which the ladies later toured. The photographs include professional portraits and images of everyday life in Natchez from the Civil War through the mid-20th century. Thousands of original glass plate negatives taken by three Natchez professional photographers and lost for decades, were "found" on the porch of a local couple. Those that were salvageable were developed and the cream of the crop is on exhibit in the chapel while many more were sent to LSU. The ladies spent over an hour in the gallery and didn't begin to see them all.

On Saturday evening, a large group went to Monmouth Plantation for dinner. After cocktails (mint juleps!) and "amuse bouches" in the Quitman Lounge, they enjoyed a five course "Chef's Table" dinner in the mansion. (An "amuse-bouche" is a single, bite-sized ***hors d'œuvre***. (continued on page 9)

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Amuse-bouche differ from appetizers in that they are not ordered from a menu, but are served according to the chef's selection.) Another group went to the Kings Tavern for smoked prime rib and their choice of ghosts!

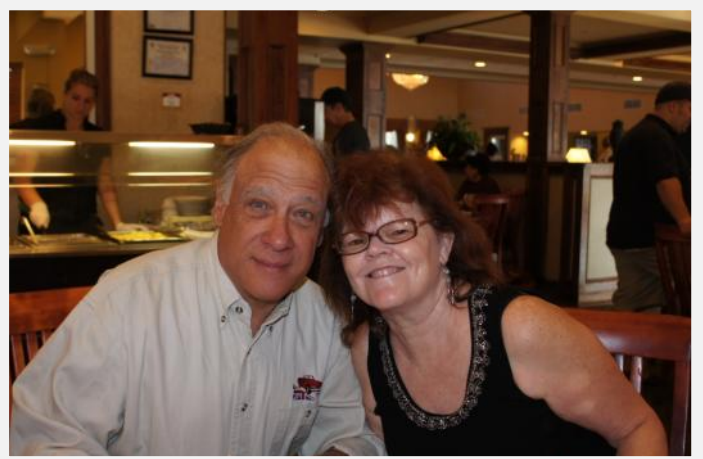
<i>Member</i>	<i>Car</i>	<i>Prize</i>
Susan & Alan Bradley	1971 Triumph TR6	1st
Deryl Brown	1980 MGB	--
Margaret & Wally Friloux	2001 Jaguar XJ8	2nd
Mark & Cathy Greensfelder	1979 MGB	--
Dave & Menda Hayden	1994 Jaguar XJS	3rd
Paul Hornsby	1960 MGA	1st
Mary Lynne & Rick Huber	1975 MGB-V8	3rd
Cliff & Linda Hughes	1957 MG Magnette	1st
Wayne Pangburn	1963 Triumph TR4	1st
Blake Sonnier	1972 MGB	2nd
Kathy Sonnier	1977 MGB	2nd
Danny Varnado	1958 MGA	2nd
Karen & Keith Vezina	1976 MGB	1st
John & Dot Wells	1995 Jaguar XJS	3rd

Peter & Melissa Braun, Jeannine & Roy Richardson, Harold O'Reilly, Ronnie Palmisano & Karen Murray and Fred & Mavis Mayer all attended the show but did not enter a car.

See page ten and eleven for more pictures taken at the Natchez event. Additional pictures from the Natchez show are available on the Gallery at BMCNO.ORG.









Eunice Liberty Cruise by Rick Huber

Wow, what a great trip we all had on the Eunice Liberty Cruise the first weekend in October. It all started with fabulous planning by Keith Vezina. He came up with the idea for the cruise to Eunice, his birth place, planned the whole weekend, and put together a 60 page guidebook including a detailed schedule of events, descriptions of all the places of interests and restaurants, including menus, and numerous AAA trip tik maps of the entire route, including the Cajun back-roads between Eunice and Scott on Sunday morning. Keith has set the bar about as high as it can be set for event planning, and the weekend turned out just about as well as it was planned.

The weather was exceptional for early October, the cool and dry that we would have enjoyed in Vidalia, but started the day after that show, and continued right through the Eunice weekend. The turnout was great, bringing together people from three regional areas of the club driving 8 British Cars and 3 larger, newer, and air conditioned vehicles. Here's the list

From the South Shore were Karen & Keith Vezina in their 76 MGB, Sally & Bill Breithoff in their Jaguar XJS, Sue & Alan Bradley in their 71 TR6, Cathy & Mark Greensfelder in their 79 MGB, Jeannine & Roy Richardson in their Lincoln along with Harold O'Reilly, and Karen Murray & Ronnie Palmisano in their "Designated Japanese Chase Car".

From the North Shore were Margaret & Wally Friloux in their Jaguar XK8, and Kim & Charlie Ake in their late model SUV.

Joining the two groups driving in from South and East were Mary Lynne & Rick Huber in their 75 MGB-V8, Chris & Tom Miller in Rick's 66 MGB, and new members Lucy & Jim Bowers in their 52 MG TD.

We met at the landmark Frostop in downtown Baton Rouge, a fitting historic drive-in serving legendary homemade root beer since the 50's when our little cars enjoyed their hey-days. Keith led us out of Baton Rouge on US-190 across the old Mississippi River Bridge toward Opelousas and Eunice.

Our first stop was an unplanned visit to Billy's Boudin & Cracklins in Krotz Springs where Alan wanted to stop and buy some Cajun goodies. After a short pause the fun began with Jim & Lucy's TD which had been having charging system problems when it wouldn't start. In classic Little British Car owner fashion, Jim had brought the hand crank, and

Rick couldn't resist the temptation, and got it started again.

We set off for our next stop, the Cajun Village in Opelousas where we toured the site and learned much about southwest Louisiana history. Did you know Opelousas was the capital of Louisiana for a year during the Civil War when Union troops occupied Baton Rouge? Ever heard of the Orphan Train? One of its stops was Opelousas, and a museum was included in the village. During the visit Jim and several of our intrepid LBC mechanics tried to diagnose the TD's charging problem. While diagnosing, a significant fuel leak was found, so Keith and (continued on page 13





Eunice Liberty Cruise continued

Jim stayed behind to run to the Auto Zone and get a hose and clamps to fix it while the rest of us ran on to Back in Time for lunch.

What a quaint little sidewalk café Back in Time turned out to be. The owner apologized for not being capable of serving us all at one time, but after a little while when Keith, Karen, Jim, and Lucy arrived, we had almost completely filled the restaurant with our 25 person group, including one table for four on the sidewalk. Lunch was delicious, and the restaurant was decorated with antique furniture, decorations, and things for sale. The experience was yet another trip Back in Time.

The group split in two at that point, one group to the Antique Market a few miles away in Eunice, and the rest on to the Best Western in Eunice, where we all met again after check-in and a few minutes to rest and relax before lining up for the evening activities.

While getting ready to go, it was time to crank start the TD again. By this time Keith had taken over as crank-start champion, with just the right technique to pull up on the crank rapidly with one half turn to get the engine to fire.

The next event was a visit to the Prairie Acadian Culture Center in the center of Eunice for a Cajun cooking demonstration. We were a few minutes late, but the park ranger that had prepared for us came back and told us about how boudin is made, and provided samples for everyone who wanted some. It was delicious! After boudin tastin', we had time to spend in the culture museum to learn about Cajun history and lifestyles. The culture center is manned by national park rangers and it is

a first class museum that we enjoyed.

On to the Liberty Theater next door for the live Cajun music radio and TV show. A sign on the door said "Welcome British Motor Club of Louisiana". It turns out that after hearing about the Eunice cruise the previous weekend at Vidalia, one of our new members, Deryl Brown, who happens to be from Eunice told city hall we were coming. They were happy to have us visit, and let the theater know to welcome us. Similarly, during the radio/TV show, the MC, a local radio show host, mentioned our club a few times during the show/broadcast.



In a weekend of highlights, the Cajun music show took top billing. The show was great, with a live band playing Cajun music, the MC speaking French much of the night for his radio/TV audience, and plenty of Cajun dancing. We had a special

guest for the evening, Keith's 93 year old grandmother, who Keith got out on the dance floor to get the club going. It took most of us awhile to get up our nerve, especially being on TV and all, but then one of the locals stood up and said, "Come on ya'll, get up and dance, that's what you're here for", and so we did. The Cajun waltz was something most of us could do, and a few more of us learned to do, but we left the two-steppin' to the locals. Maybe next year.

After the show, we headed back to the hotel to park cars, and then walked over to DC's Steakhouse next door. Another sumptuous feast was consumed by the multitude of Big Meal Club members, and then it was back to the hotel for the Amaretto party. Unfortunately, the pool was closed, so the party migrated to Karen (continued on page 14)

Eunice Liberty Cruise continued

& Ronnie's room which had a big hot tub. If the day hadn't been so long and everybody so tired, that hot tub might have been used, but not this time.

Up for breakfast in the lobby the next morning, we found out that one of the "local" couples doing most of the rug cutting the night before was actually from Houston, and they just enjoyed Cajun dancing, and come over to Eunice occasionally to partake in the live music show. Go figure. Getting cars ready, many of us lined up to give the TD a crank, but for some reason, it wasn't cooperating even with Keith on the crank, so we had to push start it for the morning cruise.

And what a cruise it was. Keith had meticulously mapped out a two hour, winding and turning two lane back roads through the country, over the river and through the woods (you get the idea) drive from Eunice to Scott that was Little British Car motoring at its finest. Every section of the trip and every turn was mapped out in the cruise manual Keith had prepared in case anybody got separated from the group, but none did. 11 cars snaking our way through the highways and byways of Cajun country must have been a sight to behold for the locals.

The destination for the drive was Don's Specialty Meats right off of I-10 in Scott. We had planned to stop to buy a delicious assortment of Cajun specialties, but we didn't get there until lunch time, and decided to stay to eat. Everybody that wanted to fill the refrigerator and freezer with Cajun food ahead of Thanksgiving and Christmas did, and we enjoyed a great lunch too.

The last stop on the weekend trip was the Port Allen SugarFest, an annual event celebrating the sugar cane harvest and displaying the implements and methods that have been used for hundreds of

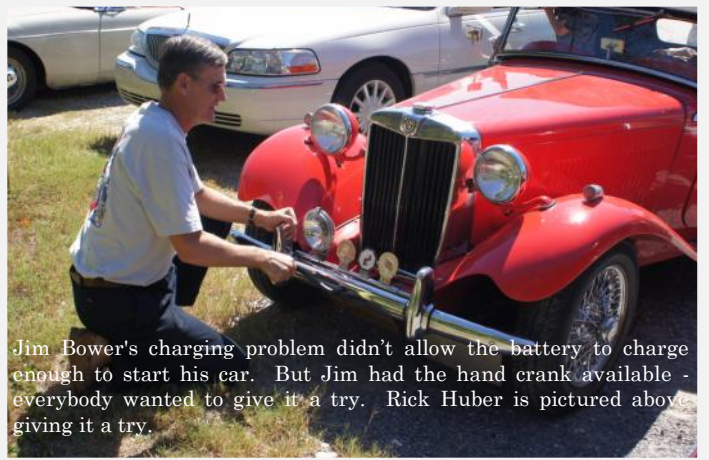
years to grow, harvest, and process sugar in the local area.

This was one memorable weekend with our cars and our friends and seeing and learning about the Southwest Louisiana culture and history. Thanks to Keith for planning and leading such a great event!

See pages 15-18 for pictures from this event. Additional pictures are available on the Gallery at BMCNO.ORG.



This BMCNO WELCOME TO EUNICE was posted on the front door of the Liberty Center.



Jim Bower's charging problem didn't allow the battery to charge enough to start his car. But Jim had the hand crank available - everybody wanted to give it a try. Rick Huber is pictured above giving it a try.





Keith Vezina learning how to dance from his 92 year old grandmother.





Miller's driving Huber's 66 grey MGB.







Baton Rouge Gathering by Rick Huber

There were 14 of us for the Baton Rouge chapter gathering on Tuesday, October 19, including a new potential member who had seen the new meeting notice in the Cruisin' section of the Morning Advocate. After another great Café Americain dinner, Rick welcomed Book Hopkins and we heard about his history with Jaguars and his current 2001 XKR.

We had plenty to talk about with past events. Paul Hornsby told us about the Vidalia show. Many of us from the Baton Rouge area attended, and we all enjoyed the event. Of course many of the comments were about the meals, as usual, which were great. Tom Miller and Jim Bowers talked about the Eunice cruise and how much fun we had on that outing. Tom brought Keith's cruise guide book, which really sets the bar high for future cruises. A great weekend with great planning and organization. Plenty of fun too. Jim told the story about his '51 TD with its charging and overheating problem, and how great it was to be on a cruise with all of us LBC mechanics. Keith provided the most help repairing a fuel leak, and many of us took turns using the hand-crank to start his car.

Many of us had been to Cruisin' the Coast, and we all told our individual stories and what cars we saw while there. At the end Rick told the story of Bobby Deangelo, who had just bought the "like-new" '76 Midget in July. On the way back, the car caught on fire, and it burned up along the side of I-12 just short of Hammond. Bobby and his wife were OK, but the car was a total loss. We all talked about keeping a fire extinguisher in the car, but in Bobby's case, he didn't have time to open the bonnet and use it, the fire was so bad. Several of us have speculated what caused the fire. The car had a new Weber carburetor and exhaust header installed by the previous (deceased)

owner, and maybe the fuel lines weren't tight, or they split, or maybe it wasn't the fuel lines at all. Tom Miller talked about a great fire extinguisher that he uses for SCCA races called Fire Ade. They're safe for automotive use and won't damage paint and electrical equipment under the hood. Google the name and go to the web site. If you need to be convinced to carry a fire extinguisher in your car, look at the picture.



Then we talked about upcoming events, who was planning to go, and where and when to meet. The Baton Rouge convoy will leave the Bass Pro parking lot at 8:30 this Friday, October 22 for the Fairhope show, and then at the same time on November 7 for A Taste of Bavaria.

Almost all of us talked about the projects we're doing with our cars, it seems like everybody is doing something to improve, upgrade, maintain, or restore a car, which is good to talk about and hear how everybody is doing. Rick talked about his experience with B&C Electric, a shop on our Little British Car service list, and how happy he was with the work they did rebuilding his '64 Healey starter.



Hurricanes and Your British Car by Chad Wicker

As a new British Car owner and new club member, I am faced with the contemplation of what would/has occurred with the devastating effects of hurricanes and our cars. Though I'm primarily referencing Katrina, I would also include Rita, Ivan, and pretty much any other hurricane. I would like to hear stories of cars lost/damaged in the storms and what has happened to them after the fact. This publication, and it's presentation on the web stands as an enduring resource for others on the web, even far removed from our area.

A quick search of the web brings surprisingly little on this facet of car ownership. Hagerty, a Classic Car insurer, in a vague quote from the Russo and Steele's Arizona Auction, implies that it's damages from Katrina was over \$3 Million. Another article references 500 to 600 classic cars in that one, again referencing Hagerty's involvement. Add to the fact that they are not the only classic car insurer around give some idea to the magnitude of this event.

Panhandle British Car Association (PBCA) had a few quick details in their newsletter of some of the members and their vague situations, common for the time of uncertainty and a lack of communication. Further digging brings references to other clubs sending donations to BMCNO. MGOC (MG Owners Club) sent in money to be used for food at a supporting event, eventually used to sponsor several classes at the next car show.

WE ARE STILL ON!

The 16th Annual British Car Show on March 25th, 2006 was appreciated by those that attended. Central Coast British Car Club reported that "The BMCNO or British Motoring Club of New Orleans were able to stage and have a beautiful, well organized, and extremely well attended" event. "Those beautiful people from the city of New Orleans and their friends really put one heck of a fine show. You have to admire their gumption, class and resiliency." Best of show was a beautiful 1937 SS Jaguar 1 1/2 Litre Saloon, by Brent Bordelon.



A comment on the 2008 show, there is mention of "The class winner was that green B that was destroyed in Katrina then rotisserie restored by a 17-year old girl." I see this as being a reference to the 1977 MGB by Abby Nix. Surely there is a story there waiting to be told.



Enough digging found a wonderful interview, by the MC Club of St. Louis, with Sally Breithoff on her pink 1977 MGB and it's experiences in the Katrina Event. (<http://www.stlouismgclub.com/files/~News07/junprint.pdf>)



I believe that there are other stories that should be told and I hope that you would tell your story, or stories that you know about for the newsletter. It's been 5 years, if we don't get them down in print, they will eventually fade into obscurity.

Rick Huber's Project Update – 1964 Austin Healey 3000

Rick Huber and Peter Brauen continue to make good progress on Rick's 1964 Austin-Healey 3000. The engine/transmission/rear end, the suspension, braking system, air conditioning system, electrical system and all lights, instruments installed in the new dashboard, intake manifold/heat shield/carbs, exhaust manifold and exhaust system have all been installed. At this point we're waiting for the interior kit with carpets, door panels, vinyl for covering the center console, leather seat kits, and the convertible top and top cover to arrive from Sports & Classics in Connecticut. We ordered and paid for the whole kit in June, and have been trying to get them to complete and deliver it for the last month or more. Moral to that story that we've all heard before – don't pay the whole amount until it's delivered. Another long delay has been for the wire wheels, Dayton's, which were also ordered in June. The Dayton factory has apparently been swamped with orders; either that or they don't make too many wheels any more. Needless to say, they've been delayed for months, but in this case, the seller has an incentive to deliver since only a deposit was paid in June. They were shipped last week, so in the next week or two, the tires will be mounted, and then the wheels can be put on the car. Once the interior kit arrives, it shouldn't be too many more trips to Kiln

before Rick's Healey is ready to take its first drive since the early 1990's when it was disassembled, and wow, will Rick be a happy Healey owner/driver.



A Barn Find That Wasn't – Part I, The Hunt by Rick Huber

Throughout all of our Little British Car lives we've heard of the amazing barn finds that people resurrect and put back on the road, many times with very little effort. A year and a half ago, I thought I had found the barn find of my life, a 1956 Austin Healey 100. Instead it has turned into many months of disappointment

and misery that I could have done without. Here's part one of my three part story, which I'll call The Hunt.

It all started when a friend and Healey owner here in Baton Rouge, Todd Bourque, drove me by an old, decrepit house here in Baton Rouge, just a few miles from (Continued on page 22)

A Barn Find That Wasn't continued .

my own, the day after Thanksgiving, 2008 to see a big Healey in the carport, only partially visible from the street. The house was unoccupied, and the roof covered with blue tarpaulins after hurricane Gustav blew through that fall. Although the car was very hard to see, covered with a large piece of paneling, behind a boat, and with corrugated roofing material leaning against it, sure enough it was an early big Healey. It looked like it had been out in the elements for many years, and was pretty rough for what we could see. The car was Iris Blue with many patches of red colored primer, and a red primer bonnet. We couldn't see much, but it looked like it would take quite a bit of work to get it going again. Todd said he had seen the



car there for years but had never tried to make contact with the owner. I decided to give it a shot. I took several pictures of the house and the car.

With the address, I worked through the Parish records offices to find out the owner of the house. I found out the house belonged to Debra Lockhart, who had inherited the house from her father R.P. Lockhart after he passed away in 2007. I tried to identify the owner of the car through DMV by using the 1992 registration

and license plate number, but their electronic records didn't go back that far, so they couldn't help me. Alternatively, I figured there couldn't be too many Austin-Healeys registered in Louisiana, and I asked a friend to get me a list of them. Sure enough, the records showed a 1956 Austin-Healey 100 registered to R. P. Lockhart. I looked up the VIN number in my Original Austin-Healey book, the number showed that it was actually a 1955 BN1 model, although by looking at the car, it was a BN2 model that started production 9 months after this car (or engine) was made.

OK, so I had the information. I was dealing with a lady whose father had owned the car and passed away. I tried to get a phone number, but none was available. I talked to neighbors, but they said they didn't know where I could find Debra. I mailed a letter telling her that I was interested in buying the car and left the same letter on the door of the house. After about a month of searching and digging up information and trying to contact the owner, I finally decided I had done all that I could do, and it was time to be patient and wait.

To be continued next month.





Upcoming Events

November

Sunday, November 7 - 10:30 a.m. Taste of Bavaria brunch - Ponchatoula. Southshore convoy leaves the Kenner Welcome Center (I-10 & Loyola) at 9:30 a.m., Northshore convoy leaves the Texaco Station (I-12 @ Hwy. 21) at 9:30 a.m.

December

BMCNO Christmas Party.

Saturday, December 4 - 5:00-9:00 p.m. BMCNO Christmas Party - at The Bocce Italia Club, 2340 Severn Dr. Metairie, LA (covered dish)

Donate food items for Second Harvesters Food Bank at the Christmas Party. With the declining economy more people are in need of assistance this holi-

day season. You will receive a raffle ticket for every food item contributed. The board has collected very nice door prizes to be won at this party. So.....let's contribute.

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Make: _____

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