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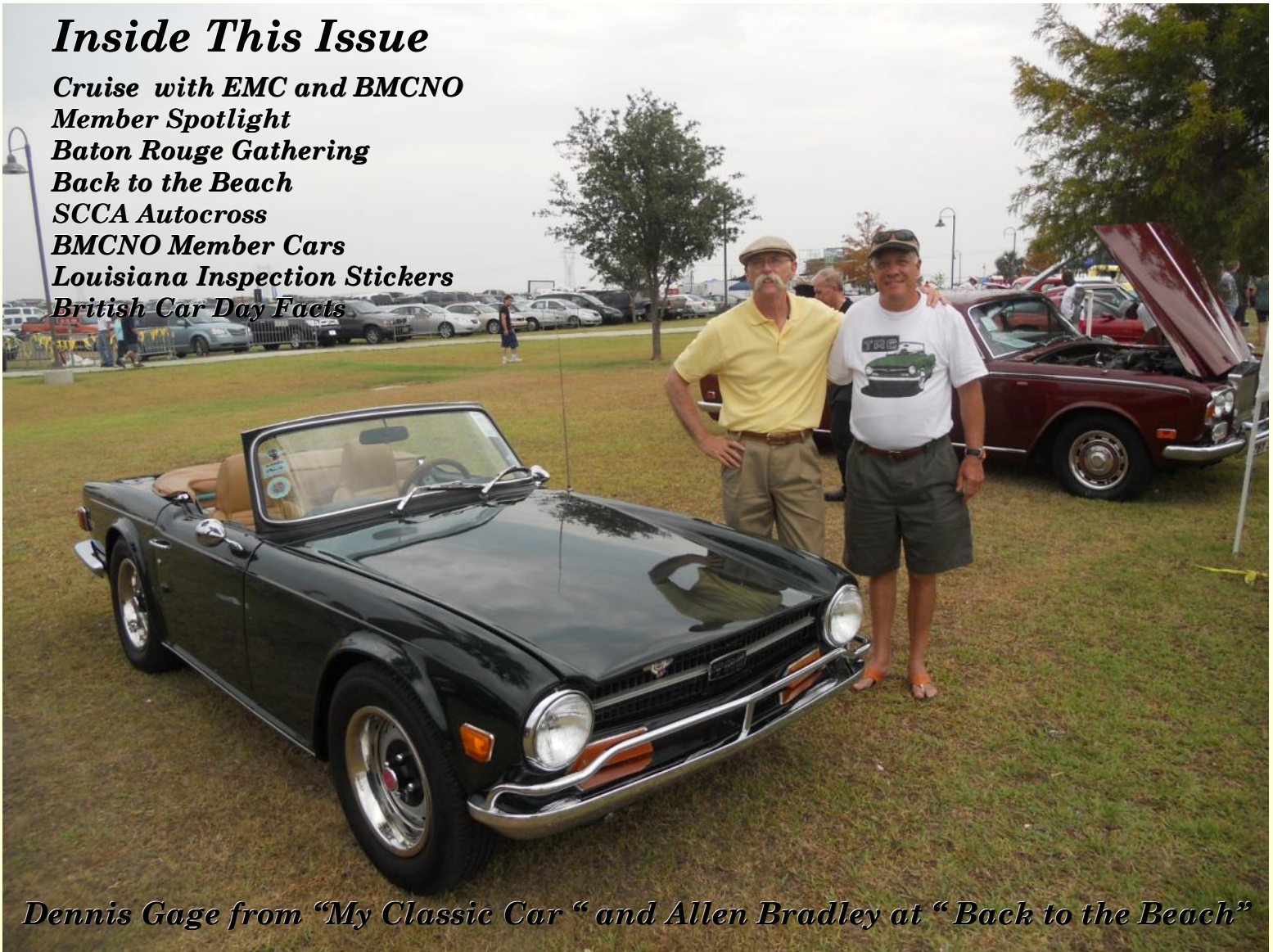
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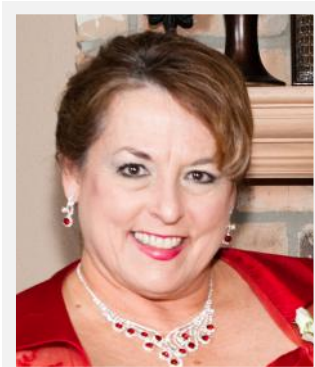
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At the June 28th general meeting will have a "Show & Tell" contest. Bring something car related and try to stump the members. We will be giving 3 door prizes for the hardest to identify entries. See you there!!!!!!



President's Message



It's hard to believe that half of 2011 is already history. We have had many fun and exciting events this year BUT we have much more in store.

I would like to thank Gene Johnson, English Motoring Club of Mississippi for

organizing such a fun event on June 11th. Eighteen (18) members from BMCNO and 18 from EMC met up for a fun and educational day in Mississippi. I do hope that this will be repeated next year and that we will be the host for EMC.

Thanks also to Eric Monarch, Classic Chevy Club, for inviting BMCNO to attend a Civil War reenactment at Port Hudson. The more our British cars are on the road the more visible our club becomes.

It's that time of year for your dues renewal. Ronald and I have presented at the Baton Rouge and North Shore gatherings on the updates of our web site. Mainly showing all of the new links and additions that have been added this year. Check out the links on the website.

This month we are hosting our 2nd "Dinner & a Movie" on July 9th. The movie is "BULLITT" and hot dogs, popcorn, and drinks will be provided. If you would like to bring anything else please feel free to. What better thing to do on a hot July day than watch car movies with friends. Everyone is welcome and remember to bring a folding chair. Thanks to Kieth Vezina and Robert Phillips for donating the movie location.

On July 23rd we will be visiting "Cars of Yesterday". Thanks to Don Post for organizing this wonderful event for our club. This is a chance to view a private collection of over 100 antique restored cars. It is not open to the public so try and make every effort to attend.

I would be remiss without thanking the BMCNO Board of Directors for all of their hard work this year. Every member has taken on a task for the club and done an excellent job of completing them. This is one of the hardest working boards that I have ever had the privilege of working with. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

We are currently working hard on planning our annual UnCar Show in August. Many more awards will be presented in "good fun". The hosting restaurant is Abita Brew Pub that serves outstanding food.

August we will also be mailing out the current membership books. This mailing will include: membership cards, BMCNO business cards, and BMCNO brochures. We hope that you share the business cards and brochures with other British car owners who are potential members. This month also opens up nominations for club elections in October.

September we are working with Dave Hayden for a Funkanna sponsored by the Acadiana group. More news on that later.

We are looking at another out of town trip in October to Vicksburg as requested by the ladies. This month is also Board of Directors elections.

November will be the E.E. Reynolds event. This year the board has decided to take over the planning of this event. It will take place in all 3 locations and end up at Middendorf's for lunch. Look for future details.

AND....December will be our Christmas Party. What's in store for this year????????????????

Check the calendar at a glance for confirmed dates. I HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU AT THE ABOVE EVENTS.



July 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Happy 235th Birthday America						
3	4 	5	6	7	8	9 Dinner and a Movie 6:00PM
10	11	12 Board Meeting (Chad Wicker)	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Baton Rouge Area Gathering	20	21 Northshore Area Gathering	22	23 Cars of Yesteryear 10:45AM
24	25	26 Membership mtg. 7:00 p.m. Italian Pie	27	28	29	30 BMCNO - Acadiana
31	Please check current newsletter, email announcements and with event coordinator for accurate and updated information regarding all events.					

Tuesday, June 29 - 7:00 p.m. GENERAL MEETING - Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy. Show and Tell night. See page 14 for more information.

Dinner and a Movie - July 9th 6:00 p.m. 546 Hickory Ave., Harahan, LA. Food provided. Bring something to share. This month's movie is Bullitt(1968), starring Steve McQueen. An all guts, no glory San Francisco cop becomes determined to find the underworld kingpin that killed the witness in his protection. Voted best car chase movie of all time.

Tuesday, July 12th - 6:00 p.m. Board Meeting - Location Chad Wicker's House

Tuesday, July 19th - Baton Rouge Area Gathering - dinner 6:00 p.m., meeting 7:00 p.m. - Cafe Americain, 7521 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge

Thursday, July 21st - 7:00 p.m. - Northshore Area Gathering - Abita Brew Pub

Cars of Yesteryear - July 23rd, 10:45 a.m. 4633 Fairfield St., Metairie, La. 70006 Over 100 restored antique cars to see. Lunch following at Martin's Wine Cellar.

Tuesday, July 26th - 7:00 p.m. GENERAL MEETING Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan (504) 734-3333

Saturday, July 30th - Acadiana Area Gathering - Contact Dave Hayden for more information. Dandmhayden@cox.net



May 2011 Meeting Minutes by Chad Wicker, BMCNO Secretary



The members meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Karen Murray. She reported on the status of Ronnie Palmisano. Ronnie is working in Weatherford, TX due to recent hailstorms there. He is staying at a newly built Super 8 and Karen just flew back from a visit with him. He has been working 7 days a week, and 12 hour days.

She commented that all the auto dealers, both new and used, keep their cars under canopies' as the area is referred to as Hailstorm Alley.

Floyd Friloux discussed the Crawfish Boil event. Driving to the event over the Bonnie Carrie spillway, you could see the water flowing though it due to the recent opening of the spillway. The crawfish were very good, location great, and a good drive for all in the club.

Roger Nagy discussed the Madisonville Car Show. 200 cars were in the event, 4 of which are British. Johnson Buquet, Allen Bradley, Roger Nagy, and a Non-Member from Hammond were the British contingent.

Allen Bradley discussed the Back to the Beach Car Show, on Sunday, June 5th at Kenner Laketown. It is from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

O.J. Williams discussed the St. Rita 3rd Annual Car Show, being held on July 30th. Only first 120 cars will be allowed to enter this event put on by the Knights of Columbus. For more information contact Tommy Flick at (504) 628-1992 or email tflick@hotmail.com.

Roger Nagy discussed the Final Friday Columbia Street Block Party in historic downtown Covington. The last Friday of every month in the Summer is called "Final Friday". Antique cars, they must be there by 5:30 p.m. to park on the closed street. The event is from 6:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m., free live music, shopping, and dining are all available.

Peter Brauen mentioned a similar event in the Bay St Louis area called "Second Saturday". The club is

looking into information for this event.

Allen Bradley discussed his recent trip to the Indy 500. It was the 100th anniversary of the race. He had great seats at turn one. He also visited the Museum there. He also discussed a driving trip to Hot Springs, Arkansas. He will be leaving June 22nd and a expected return on June 26th, Contact Allen if interested in joining him.

Club Secretary, Chad Wicker, presented that there was 22 members and spouses in attendance at the meeting and the club has 141 members in the club. Also presented was a highlighting of recent changes to the membership form. Club Treasurer, Don Marpe, presented the Treasurers' report of the Club and Car Show.

Club Vice President, Rick Huber, discussed the upcoming events, including the Classic Chevy Club invitation to Port Hudson, the cruise with the EMC, Autocross, Dinner and a Movie, Cars of Yesteryear, and the UnCar Show.

At that point, Club President Karen requested that we each take a moment to introduce ourselves, our cars and any projects we were working on. After this was done, she handed out four "Special" brown bags for the best stories.

Keith Vezina relayed that Robert Phillips is selling his '87 Jaguar XJ6 for \$5,500, it needs exterior work.

Floyd Friloux also discussed a Early Jaguar XK8 for sale, previously owned by George Rodrigue.

Club Member at Large, Bob Post, discussed recent resource library additions of TR6 manuals and a MG Parts catalog CD.

An offer by John Baldwin to talk to the club about buying new cars was relayed to the club.

The 50/50 drawing of \$16 was won by Chad Wicker. O.J. Williams won Indy 500 memorabilia donated by Allen Bradley. Rick Huber and Keith Vezina won boxes of leather wipes. Dan Melesurgo won hand cleaner. Roger Nagy won some 2 part compound. O.J. Williams also won a fender brush.

The E. E. Reynolds Memorial Rallye was discussed. The Meeting was closed at 8:29 pm.



2011 New Orleans British Car Day Facts

Based on the entries to the Car Show:

We had entries from 7 States, including our own.

Alabama	11
Florida	3
Georgia	1
Louisiana	95
Mississippi	10
Tennessee	4
Texas	12

Of the 144 entries, 69 received awards.

Alabama	7
Florida	1
Georgia	1
Louisiana	47
Mississippi	6
Tennessee	1
Texas	6

Of those entries, based on Zip Code, a total of 17,402 estimated miles were driven to the show, an average of 128 miles per person.

Average Age of Car 1970

Newest Car 2011 Mini Cooper S Clubman

Oldest Car 1930 Austin Seven Chummy

Cars present at the show:

Austin-Healeys	8
Jaguars	15
MGs	56
Morgans	7
Triumphs	30
Other (14 Marques)	27

Cars We Have by Chad Wicker

The following is a list of cars belonging to BMCNO Members. We have 253 cars listed for approximately 1.8 cars per member. This doesn't include the cars members have hidden away that their wives don't know about.

Aston Martin	2	Morgan	1
Austin	8		
Austin Healey	21		
Bentley	2	Morris	4
BSA Motorcycle	2	Rolls Royce	1
Daimler	1	Sunbeam Alpine	1
DeLorean	1	Triumph Motorcycle	2
Elva	1	Triumph GT6/Spitfire	10
Ginetta	1	Triumph TR2	1
Innocenti	1	Triumph TR250	1
Jaguar Pre-1990	17	Triumph TR3/TR3A	5
Jaguar 1990+	22	Triumph TR4/TR4A	6
Jensen	2	Triumph TR6	27
Land Rover	3	Triumph TR7/TR8	5
Lotus	4		
MG A	15		
MG B	50		
MG BGT	8		
MG Other	15		
MG Midget	9		
Mini Cooper	4		



It's that time again!

Your dues fund the Club, it funds the events, it's the lifeblood of the club. Without it, there would be no club. We are not in the business of making money, and all club proceeds are spent on you!

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Louisiana Inspection Stickers by Peter Brauen



La recently amended its inspection sticker requirements to exempt cars 25 years and older; the old standard was 40 years old. That means anyone who qualifies for the antique

plate no longer has to get a brake tag. Just thought you'd like to know. The amendment is the second link below. Cheers!---Peter

Here is the old inspection rule. Under the exemptions portion it states 40+ years is the age for not requiring a brake tag.

[http://dpsweb.dps.louisiana.gov/omv1.nsf/58c968bd569b099986256cdc000806eb/9c443f83a630625586256bff005c2c5f?](http://dpsweb.dps.louisiana.gov/omv1.nsf/58c968bd569b099986256cdc000806eb/9c443f83a630625586256bff005c2c5f?OpenDocument)

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Recently, that was changed to 25 years, but requires that you must have an antique

plate. Someone at the OMV told me to print this and carry it in the car in case anyone gives me trouble. Since it was a "new" rule not many people know about it. Look at part B.

<http://www.legis.state.la.us/lss/lss.asp?doc=88058>



Baton Rouge Gathering by Rick Huber, BMCNO Vice President



Twelve of us, including Karen Murray and Ronnie Palmisano got together on the evening of June 21st to talk about car stuff. Lots of people have lots of projects going on with our Little British Cars. Tom Miller has a MGB GT parts car and an engine and transmission he's happy to move to a good home after he and Randy Kassed found a better body for Randy's V8 conversion. Rick Huber is finally putting his black MGB back together after painting and the SCCA Autocross on Sunday. Reg D has the brakes working on his TD. Danny Varando is making progress with the TR6 he bought at the car show. Jim Bowers has been ill and

missed meetings and events the last few months, but he's back and feeling well again and hopes to join us on upcoming events. The A/C in Rick's Healey is working great and Mary Lynne loves it. Danny Varnado's MGA was the lone British car in the parking lot tonight, undaunted by the afternoon thundershowers. There were no new members and Rick passed out membership renewal forms. For past events, Tom Miller talked about the Port Vincent Run, Danny Varando talked about the Dinner Bell Cruise, and Rick Huber talked about the SCCA Autocross event. We talked about the upcoming club events in July, a big offering for a summer month with Dinner and a Movie, Cars of Yesteryear, and the Syngenta show in St. Gabriel. Ronnie brought the computer and projector and showed us the new features on the web site. Everyone enjoyed and appreciated the time and effort it has taken to input old newsletters and set up on-line membership directory.

Back to the Beach Festival by Allen & Susan Bradley



The 9th Annual Back to the Beach Car Show was held on Sunday, June 5, 2011, at the Back to the Beach Festival. It showcased street rods, custom cars, racecars, classics, junior dragsters, trailer cars and antiques at the Festival site. Awards were given to the Top 100, along with 25 specialty awards and the coveted "Best of Show" trophy.

Pictured on the left is Allen Bradley, a BMCNO member, with his 1971 TR6 and Dennis Gage with My Classic Car.

Allen enjoyed his visit to Back to the Beach and especially his meeting and talking cars with Dennis Gage.

There were 475 cars at this "Save Our Lake Fund-raiser". Including 3 British cars: one 1969 XKE Jaguar, one 72 Rolls Royce, and Allen's 1971 TR6. The Best of British Car Trophy was the 69 XKE.

It is usually pretty warm at this event, but a brief rain shower cooled things off.

Susan Bradley and her "red" 1970 MGB did not make the show this year.

The taping of the back to the beach car Show will air in February 2012 On my classic cars with Dennis Gage



Rick Huber - Member Spotlight - Mr. Good Spanner 2009



Rick and Mary Lynne Huber joining the BMCNO club was announced in April 1998. At the time, he owned a British Racing Green '68 MGB and was restoring and converting a '75 MGB to a V8, and had just bought a '66 MGB.

They moved to New Jersey for work in July 1999 with the '66 and the '75 MGBs, but moved back to Baton Rouge and re-joined in early 2003. At that time, another '66 MGB had joined the family.

Rick detailed the process of this conversion in his article series "MGB-V8 Conversion" appearing in MG Driver, and Morris Gazette 2003, July, August, September, October and December Editions. Rick has entered this car many times at various event locations, (Pensacola, Fairhope, Vidalia, New Orleans) and has received many 1st-3rd place awards (only one 1st!!).

Rick has several restoration projects under his belt and has restored a '66 MGB "Della", purchased as a rolling body and two parts cars in Delaware, hence the name. Della was sold to his brother to make room at home for an Austin Healey. The '66 MGB from 1998 is waiting patiently to be restored.

Rick's restoration of an Austin Healey 3000 at Peter Brauen's shop has been well documented in the series of Morris Gazette articles detailing their work. The car is simply a work of art and was awarded the "Rolling Sculpture" award in the Pensacola Show.

His "Barn Find" Austin-Healey 100 turned out to be an experience on the bad side of car purchasing.

In June of 2007, he accepted the position of Coordinator for the Baton Rouge Area. Starting off

with 11 area members, it has grown to over 30 area members. In December of 2008, Rick began holding area meetings, further solidifying the Baton Rouge group. In 2009, he was awarded the Mr. Good Spanner Award for his services to the Club in Baton Rouge. He held the Board position of Member-at-large for 2010.

After Rick retired in July 2009, a consulting assignment took him and Mary Lynne to China in 2009-2010, and when finished, they kept flying west, completing an around-the-world adventure.

Rick continues to be a valuable asset to the club, performing the duties of Vice-President for the 2011 BOD, coordinating events as well as continuing the area coordinator duty for Baton Rouge. He also is the author of many Morris Gazette articles in relation to these duties.

Articles Published in the Morris Gazette:

MGB-V8 Conversion 1-5

July, Aug., Sept., Oct. and Dec. 2003

A few lines about my 66 B project May 2007

A British Motor Nut's Alternative Winter Vacation Jan. 2007

Nuts Aug. 2007

British Cars Seen in the Baton Rouge Area Feb. 2008

A BJ8 destined to be mine Mar. 2008

Stirrings of the Baton Rouge Group April 2008

BJ8 Pictures at Bob's May 2008

Baton Rouge Area Gathering Jan. 2009—Present

Austin Healey 3000 Project Update Jan., Sept. 2009 Nov. 2010, Jan. 2011

Chinese Driving Mar. 2010

Driving Experiences in China Mar. 2010

Eunice Liberty Cruise Nov. 2010

A Barn Find That Wasn't Nov., Dec. 2010 Apr. 2011

Several articles in 2011 in relation to activities as Vice-President.



SCCA Autocross by Rick Huber



Whooo hoooo, what a hoot, autocrossing is more fun than we ought to be allowed to have in our Little British Cars.

What a better time to drive your Little British Car in an autocross than right after it's been painted and it's

only been put back together enough to make it street legal. No convertible top, no vent windows, nothing in or on the doors, pretty much just lights, windshield and seats. Heck, even the spare tire and the jack were missing. As light as the car ever will be. After meaning to drive in one of the autocross events for years, with all four kids out of town for Father's Day, and with Super B ready for racing, the time was right.

CENLA had just switched its monthly autocross event to Cabela's parking lot in Gonzales, so the course was new to everybody. 44 of us registered to compare machine and driving skill to the clock and to each other. Registration was \$35, and I borrowed a helmet. Cars had to pass a tech inspection meaning nothing looked like it was going to fall off the car, battery had to be firmly held in place, no conspicuous fluid leaks, at least 40 psi in the tires, and nothing loose in the boot or the cockpit that could fly around on the course. With that done, I was ready for the driver's briefing and the "new guy" course walk. I was all ears, and as the briefings went on, most of my questions were answered.

I was put into the Street Modified Class since I have the V8 engine in my MGB. There were a ton of classes, seems like way more than they needed, 23 in total, so several classes with just one car. Not sure why they have so many, maybe everybody wants to win. Four cars in my class including a big engined, beautifully restored 1968

Camaro, a 1993 BMW 525i, and a 2002 Toyota Celica – not sure what the modifications were for the BMW and Celica, but what an eclectic class! The Camaro was the oldest car in the field, and Super B was next. Mine was the only British Car, although there was a Lotus 7 look-a-like, a 2009 Westfield Megabusa kit car. The other cars in the field were Corvettes, Mustangs, Subarus, Hondas, Toyotas, VWs, Nissans, Accuras, a Saturn Sky, and a little tiny Formula SAE Kart.

I was assigned to work one of the corners with two other guys while Group 1 took to the track. We were there to replace pylons that got knocked down, wave the red flag if something looked dangerous, and report when cars knocked down pylons (2 second penalty) or deviated from the intended path (Did Not Finish - DNF). The first heat was three runs for each of the 20 or so cars in Group 1. The track was set up in a parking lot, started out with a left turn, a hard right through a three cone slalom, two hard lefts to another slalom, an arcing left to a straight away, another arcing left to another straight away, a mild left before braking hard for a hard left and out through the timing chute.

I was amazed how many people on so many runs got a DNF because they didn't follow the course. We had a chance to walk the course before racing started, but once you're in the car with the engine and your heart racing, I guess it's very difficult to keep track of the course. After watching 60 or so runs with probably a dozen DNFs, I decided I was going to pay attention and drive the course correctly each time.

My turn finally came, and I was the first car ready in Group 2. The announcer mentioned I had a V8 engine in my little MGB, and that I was the President of the local MG club – at least he

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Dinner Bell / Drive through History - by Danny Varando



For those of you that didn't make the Dinner Bell / Drive through History, you missed a great time with lots of adventure and interesting surprises about the

history of the area.

18 from the BMCNO left Amite La. for a scenic drive north on country roads to the Dinner Bell in McComb MS. After missing a couple of turns, backtracking a bit and doing several "loop d loops" in Magnolia MS. We arrived at the Dinner Bell right on time.

There we met up with 19 members of the English Motoring Club of Mississippi. After a wonderful meal we traveled over to visit the McComb Rail

Road Museum. Mr. Bobby Bellipanni provided a full staff to show everyone thru the museum including opening the caboose for everyone's inspection. We also learned a little about McComb's history and that the town was a very important rail town from the 1870s through the 1980s.

We then headed over to the town of Liberty for a brief stop to toast one of the great "cross state" personalities from the 1800's, Dr. Tichenor of Dr. Tichenor's Mouthwash fame.

Dr. Tichenor was a true southern gentleman with many great accomplishments. After reading a bit about his life, my wife and I were very surprised that we had never learned about him in school.

The convoy of LBC's continued west arriving at The Camp Van Dorn Museum in Centerville for a stop. The history of the WWII camp and German POW camp was brought to *(Continued on page 11)*



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life by the resident keeper of the museum, Patricia, who narrated the history of the camp and the development of the museum. The museum was another surprise in that I have traveled through Centerville many times and never knew that the WWII camp existed.

As we continued our trail west towards Woodville, we noticed a few dark clouds starting to build up. Undeterred, we pressed on to Rosemont Plantation, the childhood home of Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederate States of America. Ginny welcomed us onto the property and invited us to park around back near the home. We were provided with cool refreshments and a tour of the home and cooking building. Ginny's knowledge of the property and heritage is superb and really gave everyone a sense of the history associated to it. Everyone had a great visit. Under the cover of the wide porches of Rosemont those darker clouds

that we'd been watching off to the west turned heavy and loud. Under the porches we were able to enjoy the downpour and listen to the fireworks.

After the weather had cleared a bit a few of us headed off toward home while a few continued thru Woodville and on up for the overnight stay in Natchez.

It was a fun trip enjoyed by all!





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got the car information right. I sped off intent on following the course. Once I got in second gear, there I stayed –offering me plenty of flexibility for accelerating to the top speed of roughly 50 mph. I was careful because I’ve just about used up all the tread on my rear tires. I had planned to change them in February just before going into the Delgado restoration class, but I had a flat tire/bent rim and couldn’t. The back end got loose on the final turn on the first run, but I recovered quickly to post a 39.6 time. That was 6 or 7 seconds slower than some of the fastest cars I had seen during the first group, but I had used that run just to learn my way around the course and make sure I didn’t miss any pylons. The drive still happens very fast!

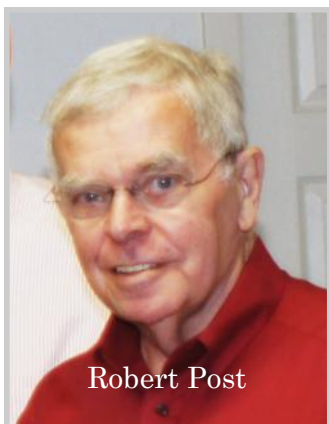
After ten or fifteen minutes in the staging area, I got the call to head back to the track, and, determined to improve, I pushed it much faster. I was late braking on the last turn, and this time the back end went all the way around and the engine died. By the time I got it started again and navigated my way back on the course and through the timing chute, the 68 Camaro was bearing down on me, and I heard the announcer yelling “Red Flag”.

The guy in the Camaro didn’t hear or see it, but I sure did, and it got me moving off the course.

What an exhilarating ride! Not too embarrassing, there were plenty of other spins. Another ten minutes and I was ready for run three. This time I pushed it hard and fast like in the second run but made sure I got on the brakes early before the last turn, and knocked a second and a half off my first time at 38.1. Still not competitive with the many 33’s and 34’s posted during the day, the 32.7 winning time in my class by the Camaro, and the 30.5 fastest time of the day by a Corvette Z06 with racing tires. But hey, it was my first time, and it sure was a heck of a lot of fun.

I called it a day at the lunch break, too much sun and heat by that time. I did see Bill Avery and Tom Miller from the club there as spectators, but hey, here’s a challenge to the rest of the club. Let’s get some more Little British Cars out to these events. They’ll make a class for us if we have 2 or 3 cars. Hope to see more of you out there in the future (like maybe fall when it’s a little cooler). Watch the BMCNO calendar for upcoming Autocross events.

“Cars of Yesteryears” by Bob Post



Robert Post

Don't miss our July club event! Wherever you live' it is worth the trip to take a journey back in time to Henry Shane's "Cars of Yesteryears" private museum. Featured are a huge collection of perfectly restored vintage automobiles of many models...U.S., British,

German, you name it. There are also many other items he has collected that are sure to bring back memories of bygone days. The collection is not

normally open to the public , so this will be a special experience. Our private visit is planned for Saturday, July 23 from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.. The museum is located at 4625 Fairfield street in Metairie....just off Clearview and West Esplanade.

Following our tour, we will have lunch at martin's wine cellar at the corner of Veteran's boulevard and Elmeer in Metairie. They have an excellent deli with a large sandwich and salad menu as well as a choice of several plate lunch specials , soup, quiche and dessert all of which are reasonably priced.

All in all, a perfect way for everyone to spend a Saturday July afternoon. We hope to see you there.

Port Hudson Run by Rick Huber



It was a hot June day, but a few BMCNO members met some folks from the Classic Chevy Club, the Model T Club, and the Mustang Club for a monthly Civil War firepower demonstration and classic car display at Port Hudson on the 5th. Eric Monarch, the President of the Classic Chevy club in Baton Rouge invited our club to join them for the event. We put it on our BMCNO calendar and advertised it, but as we could have guessed, likely the heat kept most people away. The thermometer registered 98 both in Baton Rouge and St. Francisville that afternoon, and you could tell on the un-shaded blacktop parking lot where the cars were lined up. Still it was a fun day, and another good chance to get the Little British Cars out with some other car people, see some historic weaponry in action, and look at some other types of beautiful cars.

The Chevy club planned a cruise from Baton Rouge to the Rosedown plantation for a tour, then to St. Francisville for lunch, and then back to Port Hudson for the display and firepower demonstration starting at 1 pm. Wayne Pangburn in his 63 TR4 joined the Chevy club at Rosedown and for lunch, but Tom Miller and Rick Huber gave Rick's Healey its first air conditioning test and just drove up to Port Hudson for lunch. Bob Davis in his 79 TR7 joined us for the display. There were about 30 cars on display, all the way from a 1915

Model T that drove into the park to several late model Mustangs and Corvettes, and with the mix of clubs, quite a mix of cars and people.

The firepower display was impressive, with a double small cannon shot first, followed by four muskets fired as a single volley then in rapid succession, and finally the large cannon, which normally fires a 32 pound ball. The small cannons fire a 12 pound ball. Normally the 32 lb cannon uses a 10 lb gunpowder charge to fire the ball. For the demo, without the ball, the gunpowder charge was only 2 lbs. The Civil War outfitted cannon team asked people with cars in the parking lot with alarms to turn them on for the big cannon shoot. Sure enough, the concussion from just the 2 lb charge shook the ground, probably damaged any unprotected hearing, and set off many of the alarms. It was quite an experience. Besides the firepower display, we spent time in the museum and watched the film about Port Hudson holding off the Union Troops until Vicksburg fell, quite an interesting Civil War historical site right here in our back yard.

Eric and Rick exchanged numbers, and we're hoping to get together with his and/or other clubs again in the future.

If you want to put some pictures with the article, I've posted pictures of the event at

<https://picasaweb.google.com/mlandrick/PortHudsonCruise6511>



**BMCNO 2011 Calendar of Events**

Month	Event	Dates	Time	Meeting Place	Point Person/ number
June	BMCNO General Meeting	Tue 28 th	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Italian Pie	BMCNO Board
July	Dinner & a Movie "Bullet"	Sat 9 th	6:00 PM	546 Hickory Ave, Harahan	Keith Vezina
	Board Meeting at Chad Wicker's House	Tue 12 th	6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Chad Wicker's	Chad Wicker
	BMCNO - Baton Rouge	Tue 19 th	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Café Americaia	Rick Huber
	BMCNO - North Shore	Thurs 21 st	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Abita Brew Pub	Cliff Hughes
	Cars of Yesteryear	Sat 23 rd	10:45 a.m.	4633 Fairfield St., Metairie, La. 70006	Bob Post
	BMCNO General Meeting	Tue 26 th	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Italian Pie	BMCNO Board
	BMCNO - Acadiana –Contact Dave Hayden for more information.	Sat 30 th	dandmhayden@cox.net		David Hayden
August	Un-Car Show	Sun 14 th	4:00 p.m.	Abita Brew Pub	Cliff Hughes
	Board Meeting / Family Barbeque	Sat 20 th	12:00 Noon	Karen and Ronnie's	Karen and Ronnie
	BMCNO - Baton Rouge	Tue 21 st	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Café Americaia	Rick Huber
	BMCNO - North Shore	Thurs 23 rd	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Abita Brew Pub	Cliff Hughes
	BMCNO General Meeting	Tue 28 th	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Italian Pie	BMCNO Board
	BMCNO - Acadiana –Contact Dave Hayden for more information.	Sat 27 th	dandmhayden@cox.net		David Hayden
September	Board Meeting	Tue 13 th	6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	TDB	TBD
	BMCNO - Baton Rouge	Tue 20 th	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Café Americaia	Rick Huber
	BMCNO - North Shore	Thurs 22 nd	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Abita Brew Pub	Cliff Hughes
	Brits by the River - Vidalia LA	Fri 23 rd - Sat 24 th	TBD	Check Newsletter	TBD
	Memphis Euro Auto Fest memphis-britishcars.org	Fri 30 th - Sat 1 st	TBD	TBD	Rick Huber
	BMCNO General Meeting	Tue 27 th	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Italian Pie	BMCNO Board
	BMCNO - Acadiana –Contact Dave Hayden for more information.	Sat 24 th	dandmhayden@cox.net		David Hayden

Please check current newsletter, email announcements and with event coordinator for accurate and updated information regarding all events.



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BMCNO Membership Application

Print & Mail this form to submit your application.

Name: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail: _____ Occupation: _____

Where did you learn of BMCNO? _____

To what other car clubs do you belong? _____

- Include information in the Online Web Directory
- Please list me as ICE, (In Case of Emergency) willing to render assistance to members who break down in my area.

BRITISH CAR INFORMATION (if more than 3 cars, please write it on back)

<i>1st CAR</i>	<i>2nd CAR</i>	<i>3rd CAR</i>
Make: _____	Make: _____	Make: _____
Model: _____	Model: _____	Model: _____
Year: _____	Year: _____	Year: _____
Body Style: _____	Body Style: _____	Body Style: _____
Color: _____	Color: _____	Color: _____

Membership - \$24 per year, July 1 to June 30 (pro-rated the first year at \$2 per month until June 30).

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June-\$24	July-\$22	August-\$20	September-\$18	October-\$16	November-\$14
December-\$12	January-\$10	February-\$8	March-\$6	April-\$4	May-\$2

Subsequent years are \$24 due in June.

Enclose your check payable to "British Motoring Club New Orleans (BMCNO)" and return to:
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"I agree to abide by the rules and regulations as set forth by the Club Officers under The British Motoring Club New Orleans, Inc. Charter and By-Laws."

Signature _____ Date: _____



BMCNO Regalia



<p>A. Earrings</p> <p>Made by a club member, these earrings feature the club logo, dangling from a earwire. More</p>	<p>\$ 5.00 pair</p>	<p>F. License Plate Cover</p> <p>No Club Car is complete without a License Plate Cover or two.</p>	<p>\$ 3.00</p>
<p>B. Tote Bag</p> <p>Made of canvas, wonderful for carrying your stuff around town</p>	<p>\$15.00</p>	<p>G. Holliday Ornament</p> <p>Limited Edition. Once they are gone, there gone. Made by a club</p>	<p>\$ 5.00</p>
<p>C. T-Shirts</p> <p>Missed out at the Car Show? Need a replacement? While sup-</p>	<p>\$ 6.00</p>	<p>H. Chef Apron</p> <p>They don't call us the Big Meal Club of New Orleans for noth-</p>	<p>\$18.00</p>
<p>D. Wine Glass</p> <p>Club Logo etched onto a wine glass. Etching done by a Louisi-</p>	<p>\$10.00</p>	<p>I. Travel Mug</p> <p>Travel mug with top to prevent spillage in your British Car.</p>	<p>\$ 6.00</p>
<p>E. Windshield Stickers</p> <p>No Club Car is complete without</p>	<p>\$ 1.00</p>		

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