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‘A gentleman does not motor about after dark.’ —Joseph Lucas April 2024

BMCNO Festival 2024

by Gene Johnston

On March 22nd, I was unable to get my GT, “Pearl,” up for the task of the drive to Covington, La., for the 32nd Annual British Motoring Festival hosted by the British Motoring Club New Orleans. I received one waywardly assembled clutch slave cylinder that I couldn’t replace in time for the drive down and back, and although I did have a couple of rebuild kits they were of undetermined age. Not wanting to have to repeat the slave cylinder procedure twice, I just resorted to taking “Ole Red” down. That turned out to be a great decision as the weather was perfect going down and returning. This was the BMCNO’s first year visiting Covington, and the committee that located and organized the show did an excellent job. I have always enjoyed visits to Covington and the show was one to be remembered. The downtown area was an excellent spot for the show. I’ve heard car counts between 160 and 170, so I was not alone looking forward to the new venue. There was a Friday night reception at the Firehouse Event Center near the Tammany-Trace Covington Trailhead in old downtown Covington. The area was also the site of the show the next day, March 23rd. With the number of cars that appeared for the show there were plenty of tires to kick and there was a vendor area and lots of friends to visit with. The downtown area had shops and many excellent restaurants to visit, as well as an old general store and museum.



Morris Minors in Covington. Bond Bug added a touch of whimsy. MG TDs line up on the street.
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