

Old Business

March

No Meeting & Cruise Night Rained Out

April

April 2, 2011 – BEMA Cruise Night

With the beautiful weather came the beautiful cars and cars and more cars. We were at capacity about 150 cars by 6 pm, so if you were not there early you were turned away. The 50/50 was another astounding amount, \$1,772.00 with \$886.00 going to the winner.

Income	Money In	Expenses	Money Out
50/50	\$886.00		
March Bar Sales	\$65.00		
	\$ 951.00		

Thanks Dave & Al for directing parking and thanks to Jeff for arranging for a band to

play for the night. In addition, a big  to Scott Cedor & Al Berthelot for selling 50/50 tickets and to Ronnie, Julie, Denise, & Pam for tearing them.

April 5, 2011 – General Meeting

The general meeting of the Big Easy Mopar Association (BEMA) was called to order at 7:00 PM on February 1, 2011 in Metairie by Paul Reynolds III.

1. Happy Easter to all the kids
2. Condolences:
 - a. Al Berthelot for the passing of his mom
 - b. Kent Denapolis for the passing of this brother
3. Thanks to George Muller for donating a ton of door prizes
4. Current officers were re-nominated, voted in, & re-elected
 - a. Paul Reynolds – President
 - b. Ron Keller – Vice President
 - c. Stephanie Frisella – Secretary/Treasurer
5. Executive Committee
 - a. Tommy Rodriguez (Big Taco)
 - b. Jack Collins
 - c. Scott Cedor
 - d. Julie Bertucci
 - e. Ronnie Chaisson
 - f. Joe Seoane

Income	Money In	Expenses	Money Out
50/50	\$195.00		
Total	\$ 195.00		



Members who came to the meeting:

Paul Reynolds III	Scott Cedor	Al Berthelot
Ronald Chaisson	Pam & Mike LeBlanc	Jimmie Watts
Tony Spiehler	Joe Seane	Ricky Bailey & Bailey Crew
Cliff Dunn	Howard Reed	Angelique & Chris Russo
Dennis Dunkin	Tommy Rodriguez	Capt Frank & Toy Graffagnini
Merlyn & Chrissy Huguet	Dennis & Cindy Rinck	Michael Robinette
Warren Breaux & Nellie	Jack Collins	Al & Kruzin Connie Adams
Michael & Tania Sander	Kurt Grunwald	Tommy & Roxanne Ashwell
George Muller	Bob & Lisa Williams	Brian Long
Jim & Barbara Boyle	Armand Cox	Dave Gauthier & Brenda Gross
Greg Roberts	Crell Sikorsky	Ron Keller

Door Prizes:

B E M A - \$100.00 Split =

Ron K = \$40.00

Joe = \$20.00

Roxanne = \$20.00

Connie = \$20.00



The ladies gift was a \$50.00 gift card to won by Lisa Williams by guessing how much does Paul weigh

May

May 7, 2011 – Mopars on the Lake

WOW! *What a day.* The day started with registration @ 8 am and ended with the last cars pulling out about 5 pm. In between we had 121 cars registered & 130 total cars in the lot, in the club pavilion we sold a bunch of 50/50 tickets, t-shirts, re-up'd several members, signed a couple new members and had a great time. Out side of the pavilion there was a rockin band; "The Americano's" playing their rock-a-billy covers of all the favorites you grew up with. We are really hoping to be able to get them again next year, but I hear they are recording their first CD, so we'll have to wait and see. Our special guests were outstanding.

We had: **Herb McCandles & his wife Marie.** Herb turned out to be the best 1st time crawfish eater I have ever seen and well Marie really enjoyed her salad. Maybe next



year she will be ready to try a mudbug. We had a tent set up just for Herb to sit and talk and answer questions with his wealth of history and knowledge, but he spent about a total of 10 minutes in the tent. Instead he could be found walking around mingling and having a great time with all of the car owners. Everyone quickly found out that he is a super laid back guy who will share any and all information he has with anyone who asks the question.

Terry Winkler

The 64 is owned by Doctor Terry Winkler



Bill Maverick

Bill "Maverick" Golden's Stock Eliminator victory over "Dyno Don" Nicholson's factory-backed 409 Chevrolet at the 1962 AHRA Winternationals caused the Chrysler racing brass to take a fresh look at the feisty ex-Marine, and it proved to be the turning point in the young drag racer's career. Given a "parts deal" in 1960 to help support his '60 Dodge Phoenix, Maverick had done quite well in Southern California A/Stock competition. Powered by a 330-horse 383 sporting two Carter AFB 4-barrel carbs on a cross-ram intake manifold, the big black Dodge ran the quarter mile in 13.7 seconds at 103 mph. To show their appreciation for his efforts on their behalf, Chrysler representatives arranged for Maverick to try one of the factory's brand-new S/SA'62 Dodges with the more powerful 413 cubic inch Max Wedge V8 rated at 420 hp. It was in this car that Golden won the AHRA Winternationals at Fontana Drag City, the only Chrysler powered racecar to do so.

To read more on Bill Maverick go to: <http://www.allpar.com/racing/maverick.html>

Mr. Norm came back for the 2nd year in a row. You may know him from Mr. Norm's garage. Mr. Norm's Grand Spaulding Dodge was founded in 1963. The company initially sold new Dodge's, limited edition performance vehicles and sold a comprehensive array


of parts and accessories. Mr. Norm's Garage continues Mr. Norm's legacy of performance. Mr. Norm is a great guy and we have enjoyed having him with us for the last 2 years.

May 7, 2011 - Monthly Cruise @ The Pit Stop

Our May Cruise was another perfect evening with great weather and over 150 Cars. The 50/50 was the pretty good with the winner going home with \$453.00

Income	Money In	Expenses	Money Out
50/50	453.00		
May bar	55.00		
Total	\$ 508.00		



Thanks Dave & Al for directing parking. A huge  to all the members who volunteered to come out and work after being at Mopars on the Lake all day.

Here are the members who came out:

Paul Reynolds III	Stephanie & Darrin Frisella	Eric Keller
Tommy & Roxanne Ashwell	Mike & Pam LeBlanc	John Damonte & Rita
Kent Denapolis	John Londier "blacksheep"	Steve Gardner
Julie Bertucci	Lisa & Rob Goodwyne	Tony & Pam Spiehler
Scott Cedor	Rob & Shelly Clapp	Kevin Cedor
Brian & Denise Long	Von Mueller	Kruzin Connie & Al Adams
Jack Collins	Tania & Michael Sander	Ron Keller
Dave Gauthier		

May 29, 2011 – Crawfish Boil

We had our annual year end crawfish boil at Kenner Centuy Park. There were about 45 people who came out and enjoyed 250 pounds of crawfish, 100 strips of chicken, 6 gallon of mango daiquiri's, and lots & lots of sides. Paul gave out his year end pick awards for the year and they are:

Best Dancer – Dennis Rinck

Best Dresser – Danny Perkins

Best Mango Daiquiri's – Tony Spiehler

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Up Coming BEMA Events

July 2, 2011 BEMA Open Cruise – 4117 Jefferson Hwy, McGuire's Pit Stop, 6-9 pm
August 2, 2011 Membership Meeting – 2222 Clearview Pkwy, 7-9 pm, Piccadilly
August 6, 2011 BEMA Open Cruise – 4117 Jefferson Hwy, McGuire's Pit Stop, 6-9 pm

Things You Should Know

If there is anything you want included in the newsletter such as car show results or who attended what event or any pictures you want added to web site, email them to me bigeasymopar@gmail.com. We will have a sign in sheet at any sponsored club event so don't forget to sign.

Other Up Coming Events

Recurring Events

1st Friday of the month

Elks Lodge #30 Cruise @ 2215 Cleary Ave in Metairie. From 6 pm -10 pm., \$2 at the door. Contact Pat 382-6707. From May - November.

River Ridge Hot Rods Open Cruise @ the Camp on Hickory Ave. in River Ridge,
6 pm -10 pm. Contact Dave or Nancy 737-9333.

1st Saturday of the month

BEMA Open Cruise @ the Pit Stop, 4117 Jefferson Hwy, 6 pm -10 pm. Food, drinks, 50/50, & door prizes. Contact Paul 415-5731 or Ron 452-3695. www.bigeasymopar.org

Coastal Cruisers Cruise @ Midtown Square Mall parking lot on Gause Blvd in Slidell, from 6 pm – 9 pm.
Pre-1975 vehicles. Contact Terri 985-863-9256

50'60s Oldies Car Club Cruise Night @ Wendy's on Terry Parkway in Marrero, 6 pm -10 pm. Contact Al 504-367-1707

2nd Friday of each month

Slidell Antique Association Olde Towne, A live block party located at First & Erlanger
Streets, 6 pm - 9 pm.

2nd Saturday of each month

Old Skool Hot Rods @ The Saints Diner on Williams from 6-10, as usual we'll have great door prizes, and a great D.J

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Louisiana Custom Cruisers Cruise Night @ Sailfish Food & Spirits @ 12287 Hwy 90 in Luling www.lacustomcruisers.com

Open Car Show @ 3001 Ormond Blvd (At Airline Hwy) in Destrehan, 5 pm - 9 pm. For more details, contact Billy 468-6032 or Billy R. 985-758-2767.

Golden Oldies Motor Club at Hobby Lobby in Hammond. Contact Jerry 985-774-6341.

3rd Friday of each month

Crescent City Cruisers Cruise @ Williams Blvd and the Lake, 6:30 pm - 10 pm. For details contact, Walter 481-3156. April-October

3rd Saturday of each month

Camaro/Firebird Cruise Night, @ The Saints Diner on Williams from 6-10, as usual we'll have great door prizes, and a great D.J

Northshore Mustang Club Open Cruise at Hwy 21, Pelican Landing Shopping Center, Mandeville from 5 pm - 9 pm., 50/50, music. For details contact Jerry 985-774-6341 or 382-9176.

Old Gretna Cruise Night at 300 block of Huey P. Long Ave. by the Farmers Market in Gretna, 6 pm - 9:30 pm. Open to pre-1980 vehicles only. For details call JT 250-4505.

Weekends Cruisers Classic Cruise at 1218 St. Charles St in Houma from, 5 pm - 9 pm. For details contact Robert 985-879-2985.

Old Jefferson Cruise Night sponsored by Custom Built Garages & Harahan Collectables, at 4117 Jefferson Hwy (The Pit Stop) 6pm till. Details: Jimmie 456-6312.

St. Bernard Antique Auto Club Cruise Night @ 8751 Judge Perez Dr., Chalmette, 6 pm - 9 pm. For details contact Johnny 279-5311.

Gulf South Firebird & Camaro Club @ the Saints Diner, 2554 Williams Blvd, Kenner from 6 pm - 10 pm, Adult & kids games, 50/50, & door prizes.

3rd Sunday of each month

Pink Ladies Car Club Cruise @ Chevy's, 1201 Manhattan Blvd, in Harvey, 6 pm - 9 pm. For details contact Tess 340-5929 or Camille 340-9082.

4th Friday of each month

Olde Town of Covington block party, N. Columbia St. Need to arrive before 6 pm, street closes from 6 pm - 9:30 pm.

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4th Saturday of each month

West Bank Cruisers Oldies Cruise Night @ 2781 Belle Chasse Hwy in Gretna, 6 pm - 10 pm. For details contact Bobby 393-7825.

4th Sunday of each month

Wax Alley Sunday @ Crazy Johnnie's Steak House, 3520 18th St, Metairie, from 2 pm - 6 pm. No entry fee, no judging, door prizes, 50/50, & a DJ out on the front on deck. Hot dogs for participants, bar opens 2 pm, Restaurant opens 4 pm.

Most of the above info is from last year, if you know of any changes please let me know so I can correct it.