

New Orleans Hosts Early Event

The British Motoring Club of New Orleans has found the perfect niche for their annual British Car Day, sandwiched between the chill drizzle of the Big Easy winter and the oppressive heat of summer, between the hedonistic excess of Mardi Gras and the sublime musicality of Jazz Fest. On March 22, the show was blessed with cloudless skies, light breezes and crisp air that New Orleans can offer in spring if she wants to. Lafrenier Park, with its air-conditioned pavilion, tree-lined walking paths, and decorative ponds, was a fitting venue for the 137 British cars on display. This show is definitely a comer in the deepest South, taking its place among the established meets in Florida and Texas.



Joe Huffman's 1934 MG-PA Four-Place Tourer, one of only six in America took a silver trophy in points judging.



The cars more than rose to the occasion. Several museum-quality rarities graced the show. The flashiest group at the show had to be the Mardi Gras Ts of New Orleans, celebrating the fiftieth birthday of Catherine Von Dullen's 1947 MG-TC. The club's long string of vintage MGs took many awards, including Best in Show to Chesney deBlanc's 1952 MG-TD.

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Mike Lewis's gorgeous 1950 MG-Y, one of the "Mardi Gras Ts" MGs, took first prize in small sedans.

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