

## BRITISH MOTOR CLUB of UTAH

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### ACTIVITY FOR JANUARY

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We have a TECH SESSION schduled at PARTS MASTER for January 21st at 2PM after Bruce closes. We will have Roy Beale, a factory trained MG mechanic with 25 years experience, show us how to rebuild a ZENITH carb. My MGB will be the tech car. We need at least 15 People to sign up. No where else will you get such good training so cheap - FREE. Phone Kees Versteeg at 268-2450 or Rich Holder at 250-4928 for reservations. Never will you get such a chance again!!!

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### ACTIVITIES PAST

#### THE FUN-KANA

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The Fun-Kana was rescheduled for APRil at the last minute. Something about risk and insurance and money. Read all about it in Bill Van Moorhem's article in this months Paper.

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### FLYER TO FIND MORE FRIENDS WITH BRITISH CARS

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Mike Johnson and Steve Huessle are working on a new flyer to hand out to other British Car owners. However, Bill VanMoorhem made up the enclosed one. Untill Mike and Steve's is ready, make use of this one.

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## CLUB PATCH

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Duff's Club Patch has been given to Jan to see what can be done. When the Fun-Kana didn't start, we met over at the Village Pancake House. Several of us eventually got there. Duff's design got rave reviews. By the way - Duff, How about a Poster design we could use to attract attention?

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## NEXT YEARS SCHEDULE? SO SOON?

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January 21st - Tech Session at Parts Master at 2PM. The ladies meet there also to go on a shopping spree.

February 11th - Valentine Pot Luck Dinner. This is Valentine's Day according to the LUCAS Calendar.

March 18th - We are in the St Patrick's Day Parade. More on this later.

April 9th - Finally, the FUN-KANA.

May 13th - The POKER RUN

June 11th - Fun Run over the Alpine Loop to Sundance for a Picnic.

July 15th - Fun Run through the East Canyon Area. Picnic Luncheon.

THIS IS AS FAR AS WE GOT.

## Gymkana, Funkana or ?

As all of you likely know, we planned to have a funkana December 4, but were forced to cancel due to the arrival of winter and not having all the necessary ingredients. This event appears to me to be an excellent one for the club but will require considerable planning. Let me give a short description of funkanas and gymkanas so we can all have a better understanding of these events and what is required.

Both gymkanas and funkanas are timed events where you attempt to drive through a course in the minimum time, with time added for penalties such as going out of bounds. Gymkanas, however, are a true test of the capability of the driver and automobile. It is really an all out race over an obstacle course, normally involving high acceleration if not high speed, rapid turning and hard braking. Funkanas, on the other hand, use a similar course, but generally occur at low speed and acceleration and normally require another person who may have to shoot baskets, direct the driver or whatever. The spirit of the two events are very different, but in the heat of competition and with a little experience it is easy for a funkana to tend toward a gymkana.

To run either safely requires a open area such as a medium sized parking lot (capable of holding, say, 25 or more cars) a gymkana clearly will require a larger area than a funkana. We would need to have control of this lot so that there are no stray cars, kids or dogs wandering around. Also the owner needs to be aware of the event as there is a possibility of some liability involved. As a club we need to take all reasonable steps to ensure safety. Also needed are 50 or more traffic control cones. These form the boundary of the course and eliminate disputes, if you knock over a cone you are clearly out of bounds. These cones are expensive to rent, 50 cents a cone per day and the rental company will only count the weekend as two days if you pick them up late and return them early. For a club with no dues and budget this is a significant problem. Other car clubs use plastic milk bottles or mailing tubes in place of cones.

Thus the problem. Do you know of a parking lot we can use (Kees may have a solution to this part of the problem but another lot may be useful too)? Do you know of a source of cones or something similar, even a small number will help? We have discussed trying again, when its warmer too, so pass any ideas or hints to me 582-9223(home) or 581-7687(work) or at the next events.

Bill Van Moorhem

# British Motor Club of Utah

Own a British car?

Enjoy driving it?

Want to meet some people who do the same?

**The British Motor Club of Utah is a loosely organized group that meets monthly (during the season) for driving related activities, tours, rallies, etc. that are intended as fun and are not highly competitive. We publish a monthly newsletter listing our upcoming events and describing past activities. If you would like to join us please send the following information to British Motor Club, c/o Rich Holder, 3722 South 8235 West, Magna, Utah, 84044.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Regular Co-Driver's Name (Spouse, friend) \_\_\_\_\_

Car(s) (Make, Model, Year) \_\_\_\_\_