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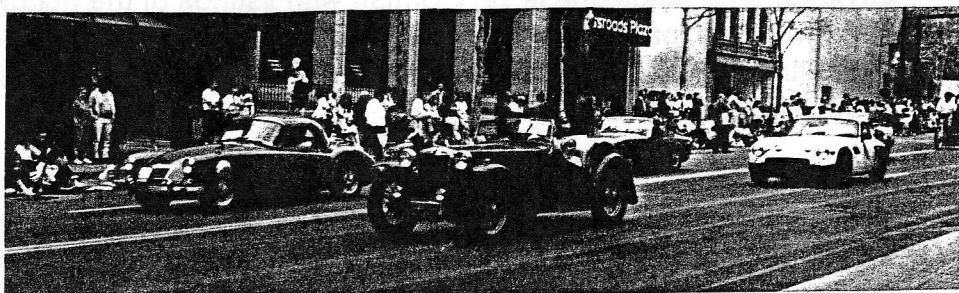
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JUNE MOTOR TOUR AND PICNIC

OUR SECOND ANNUAL MOTOR
RUN TO IMMIGRATION CANYON
AND COALVILLE

We will meet at 1 PM on SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 1989 at the K-MART PARKING LOT at 2705 Parley's Way. This will be a joint run with the AUSTIN HEALEY club. So please come along. Don't forget to bring a picnic lunch.

club cars
in
St. Pat's
Day
Parade.



Newsletter Mailing List

The current newsletter mailing list now exceeds 50 names. Since each copy of the newsletter costs about 50¢ to print and mail, an issue costs about \$25., a rather large expense for a group with no dues or budget. This expense has been covered by donations from an active core of members and to a large part by the newsletter editor, Rich Holder, but it is getting out of hand. Thus enclosed with this copy of the newsletter is a postcard which you will need to fill out and return to Rich if you want to continue receiving the newsletter. Also in order to keep the newsletter viable a donation of \$10 either at an event or sent to Rich (Rich Holder, 3722 South 8235 West, Magna, UT 84044) would be greatly appreciated. Your donation is vital but is not required to remain on the mailing list. It appears that the group will need to start collecting dues in order to finance the newsletter but we will be discussing this at the upcoming events and will make a decision in the future. We also are planning to produce a membership list from the postcard data to be sent out with a future copy of the newsletter. This list will be organized both by name and type of car. If you prefer that your work or home phone numbers or any other data not be included please indicate such on the postcard.

Some British Car Magazines

At the April get-together the question of what British car magazines I read came up. I have put together a list of those that I buy that are not specific to a particular make of car (Being an MG fan I don't know much about what is available for TR's, Morgan's, etc. May be we should try to find this out for a later article later.)

British Car: An American magazine including both current and classic British cars. Somewhat superficial articles, but interesting. Not too much in the way of technical or maintenance articles, but they seem to be trying to increase these articles. Fairly readily available on newstands. It recently changed its name from *British Car and Bike*.

Restoring Classic Cars: A British magazine aimed at the classic car restorer. I am a bit disappointed based on the title, but am still buying it. A typical copy contains several articles on restoration techniques but these seem to lack telling you anything beyond the obvious. The magazine is very British with listings of the upcoming autojumbles (what we would call flea markets) and other "local" news. This magazine requires a bit of searching to find. It appeared in the last year at about the same time as the next seemed to disappear.

Practical Classics: A British magazine clearly directed to the do-it-yourself group. I really enjoyed this one. Every issue had an article on their current restoration project, which continued for a year or so with lots of photos (although often of rather poor quality) and lots of useful information on how to carry out a particular job. The articles on several of their restoration projects have been compiled into books, MGB, Midget / Sprite. Hard to find but I felt it was worth it. Does it still exist?

Thoroughbred & Classic Cars and *Classic and Sports Car*. Two clone-like British magazines. These are very difficult to tell apart unless you look at the cover. They generally have history-type stories on makes, models or people. Some maintenance - technical articles, but this does not seem to be their strong point. Fairly easy to find.

Victory Lane: An American magazine concerned with vintage racing. While not limited to British cars this magazine has occasional technical articles that are excellent. Also some general interest stories on makes and people of the "vintage" era, pre-1970. I have never seen this magazine at newstands.

A source of all of these, except *Victory Lane*, is the Magazine Store between 2nd and 3rd South on State. Most Walden's and B. Dalton's bookstores carry *British Car*, *Thoroughbred & Classic Cars* and *Classic and Sports Car*. What are your favorites?

Bill Van Moorhem

Where's The Can?

Ten MGs and one TR along with their drivers and passengers gathered near the capital for one of Neil Wheeler's excellent Poker Runs on May 20. This was perhaps the largest group we have ever had. But where are all the T-Type MGs, and the Bugeye Sprite and all the TRs??? After the usual socializing, discussions of club business and whatnot we started off. Before we met, Neil had hid coffee cans containing sealed envelopes at four locations around the city. Each envelope contains a playing card and has the general location of the next can written on the outside. After driving around the city and climbing through the bushes and lawn sprinklers we all ended up at Sugarhouse Park to collect the fifth envelope. When everybody arrived we opened the envelopes to see who had collected the best poker hand. Mike won with a great two of a kind and became the holder of the traveling Poker Run Trophy. Three cheers for Mike and for Neil who did a great job of organizing this event! This is a good event for people who don't want to venture too far from a phone and a tow. We may have another in the Fall.

Discussions of club business included patches, dues and the newsletter and upcoming events. Steve and Jan have found a source for club patches and have gotten one hand-made. It looks great. We have funded the master so that it can be reproduced for about \$5. each. You will be able to be order them at upcoming events. Dues seem unpopular and the general sense of the group is to actively continue collecting donations at events to support the newsletter. More about this in this newsletter. The June event will be the East Canyon Run, perhaps with the Healey club. In July, the Alpine Loop and for August, the Eureka parade. If you would like to take part in the Eureka parade, August 19, but are concerned about the distance and hills, we can probably arrange a few trailers and tow vehicles. You do NOT need a concours quality car to take part in this parade, or any event, but you do need a desire to have fun, that's what this group is about. Current plans also call for us to leave EARLY in the morning to take advantage of cooler temperatures. We have been specially invited to take part in this parade, so lets get a good group to turn out. It'll be a blast!

Following the poker run several of us went down to a "KRSP Cruise Night" at Eat-A-Burger. There we found one of the missing TRs and two Morgans. How about joining us for East Canyon, folks? These "Cruise Nights" collect mainly domestic cars and rods but the English contingent is making a significant showing and Don Boyle (of the missing TD) normally reserves a corner for us. Call or listen to KRSP for information.

1965 TR 4-A for sale

87,000 actual miles, no rust/dents. new paint. Asking \$3600.
Robert Benzley. Phone 350-5256 Days or 292-1665 after 6PM.