

ABINGDON MOTOR CLUB OF MICHIGAN

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It's Hot in July!

Twelve cars met at South Towne Mall for the Second Annual Alpine Loop run including Kees in a "new" '51 MG-TD, "TC Annie" in the '46 MG-TC and Neil with a brand new paint job on the Midget. After the usual swapping of stories (see below for Ann's), parts and what-not we headed off to the south. Kees lead the group down State Street where we passed a fellow in a E-type Jag who couldn't miss twelve English cars in a row all headed in the opposite direction. As we worked our way down toward I-80 somebody in a domestic car (dare I say the "C" word) stopped and began to take pictures but ran out of film. He then chased us down to Alpine where we stopped to fill and refill and took some more. Neil talked to him but I never got the story. Then on to the hills and curves. The Alpine loop is one of the best sports car roads in the area, beautiful, hilly and full of curves. The entire group made it up to the top with only minor problems and major fears as the temperature gauges in the MG's climbed faster then the cars. The TR people claimed they ran cool. On the way down to Sundance we passed an MGB heading the other way again producing much waving and shouting to join us. As we were parking in the Sundance lot, in pulled the "B," with Mike Scott, who had to find out what was going on, to join us for lunch.

Rich reminded us that the club was founded on the first Alpine run in July, '88 at Sundance and that four of the original five members were still there. After lunch Duff showed the club patch and asked for opinions on some variations. These should be available soon. He also had a great knit shirt with the patch design embroidered on it, call Duff (487-5192) for info on where and how to get one. The next events are the Eureka parade August 19 and a fun rally in Salt Lake in September. Anybody got an idea for October??

After lunch and talk the group decided they hadn't had enough and attacked the Alpine Loop again, returning to Salt Lake by going back over it.

Attending were: Neal, Marilyn, Anne, Norma, Duff, Alan, Bill, Dave, Peter, Lil, Brent, Rich, Dell, Donni, Steve, Jan, Kees, Margie, Ken, Nancy, Mike, Julie and I.

Bill Van Moorhem

Answer to the MG question last month:

0251 was the telephone number of the MG works in Abingdon.

ONLY A BRITISH CAR . . .

The Alpine Loop gave me a bunch of thrills - as I'm sure it did my friend Norma! Negotiating some of those turns was the hard but rewarding work that makes driving a TC a fun challenge. And then, forgive me for showing off, but I had to see how much soup she had and what she could do on the freeway. I don't know how accurate the speedometer is, but it registered 75 mph and it felt good. Norma got a little white knuckles, so we pulled off at 72nd and went to see her son & family and cool off. Did Morris Garage forget insulation between the engine and people's feet? We got toasted!!

Now, let me fill you in on the day before and the fact that I didn't even get the car until 11:00 P. M.

Preparing for the Alpine Loop is a story that only my modified TC can tell as a solution to the "will-I-ever-get-home-from-Park-City" mystery. The day before the Alpine Loop run, Roy (Beale) gave me my first lesson on the art of adjusting floats and I left his garage with complete confidence that my grand old girl would perform admirably. She did - all the way up to 60th South, where she sputtered to an ignoble stop. My friend Norma had followed me and so went off to call Triple A for a tow truck.

A highway Patrolman, several young men, a lovely young woman and a neighbor all stopped to ask if they could help. A young man from a business beside the freeway brought me a coke. After THREE hours of getting parboiled, I flagged down a Salt Lake Policeman who radioed for help. Another highway Patrolman came, called Triple A and Roy Beale, who said he'd wait for the tow truck. He actually sounded excited about my break down because now, he could finally get to the source of the trouble. Three hours later, he did.

Whoever modified the boot and placed the gas tank under the storage box did some creative engineering with the gas line and looped it over one of the exhaust pipes. Whatever the insulating material was, was finally turning into gooey, sticky gunk and allowing the gas line to fry and vaporize the gas and build up a plug in the line. When the exhaust and gas line cooled off, then I could drive again but only in short bursts.

Roy cut the gas line, welded together a new one and rerouted it. He stayed in his shop 'till 9:00, missed his dinner and a wedding he was supposed to attend, so he gets the

HERO award of the month and will be my guest for the Eureka Parade rally.

Bill Van Moorhem summed up the situation succinctly; "Only a British car could have such a mysterious Problem."

TC Annie

AUGUST FUN RUN and PARADE

Scott Gilmore was out of town, but based upon his previous letter I was able to contact June McNulty, our host last year at the museum in Eureka. The details of the Parade are as follows:

Meet at the South Towne Mall at 8:00 A. M., 19 August 1989.

Drive to Eureka by Highway 68, the route we took last year.

We are to form up at 10:00 A. M. for the Parade. We will form up in front of the high school on the East Side of town.

We are invited to a picnic afterwards. There will be various other events to see while we are there, including stalls with goodies and crafts. This promises to be quite fun. PLEASE COME.

Need a TEMPORARY Publisher

Folks, I've been putting out this news letter for a while. I'd like to continue. However, it looks like my job could take me out of town for a few months. I will be gone most of September for sure. Does anyone want to take it over while I'm gone? Or? Please Phone me at 250-4928 if you can help. Rich

Extra Activities

On the 12th, some of us went to the Cruise Night at Eat A Burger on 27th East, 32 South. Then on Saturday some went to the Austin Healy Day at Alta High. This was a SCCA sanctioned event. Bill went to both. He'll fill us in next news letter.

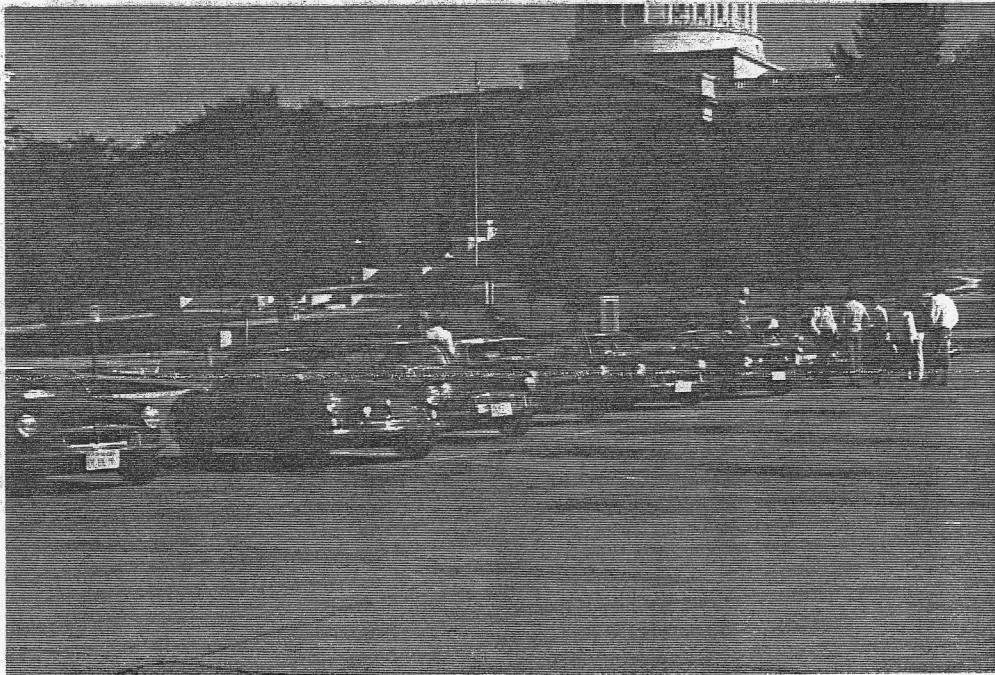
September's Activity?

Anyone have any ideas for September. The Funkana can't be put together yet. How about a Picnic, tech session, car show - or a Get-To-Gether to view Pete's Video he shot on the Coalville Run? Contact Bill Van Moorhem or me. For David Mintner - Please give me a call on the use of the parking lot at Goodyear for a Funkana. We really need to get the Funkana going, and we need your help. Rich.

Want Ads

Stewart Nichols is looking for a Parts car for a Sunbeam Alpine. Phone 355-8413.

1962 Orange MG Midget For Sale. It runs well. Has one small fender dent. Asking \$900.00. Phone Steve Saxey, 969-3286.



Line up for the Poker Run.

The Lucas Calender

(It may or may not be correct)

31-Aug 4 1 - CB 4 - KRSP	5	6	2-6 3 - CB	7 KRSP	8 Autocross-Hill
7-11	12	13	9-13	14	15
14-18	19 Eureka Parade	20 Autocross- Hill A.F.B.	16-20	21	22
21-25 25 - KRSP	26	27 Autocross-Hill	23-27	28	29
3-Sept 1	2 Sept. 2-4 Vintage Sports car racing at Steamboat Spring, CO.	3	30-Nov 3	4	5
4-8 5 - CB	9	10	6-10 7-CB??	11	12
11-15 15 - KRSP	16	17	13-17	18	19
18-22	23 Road Racing Ely to Los Vegas	24	Items in BOLD type are club events CB - Crown Burger Cruise Night, 2684 S 3200 W KRSP - KRSP Cruise Night at Eat-a-Burger, call or listen to KRSP for location.		
25-29	30	Oct 1 Autocross-Hill			