

BRITISH MOTOR CLUB OF UTAH

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UPCOMING EVENTS

NOTHING for December. Happy holidays!

The January event will be a technical session on bodywork, painting, and all that with Merlin Berg on January 20. Merlin specializes in restorations and can give you a 100 point concours paint job. He will be showing us his shop and giving some guidance on paints, painting, bodywork, restoration and preservation. Details of this event will be in the January newsletter.

February will be the long-planned Potluck Dinner, business and planning meeting (Boo!) and whatnot. We have had several suggestions for videos, movies and slides and will likely show some of these. Kees has volunteered to host this event.

March 17 will be the St. Patrick's day parade. If there is interest we will take part.

We need an event for April, an in-town or near-town event would be best because of the questionable weather at this time of the year.

A rally has been suggested for May with the Vintage Motor Car Club.

All of this (except the December non-event) is still somewhat tentative. All good and other suggestions will be considered. We need new ideas.

NOVEMBER TECHNICAL SESSION

On November 4 Roy Beal of Mr. British led a technical session on dealing with winter in a British Car. (Wear a heavy coat!) Roy discussed batteries, starting, anti-freeze and oil with the small group that attended. As normally happens with Roy's sessions a lot of useful information was passed around both from Roy and from some of the people attending. Roy again made his central message, you can't really fix anything until you understand how it works. A truly useful message for both the novice and expert mechanic alike.

Attending were Dell, B.J., Mark, Anne, Pete, Kees, Rich, Dave and myself.

LOOKING BACK AND FORWARD

December is a good time to look back over the past year and look forward toward the upcoming year. The group made its second annual Alpine loop run this year, the first one was our first event in the Summer of 1988. In that first tour we had five cars, this year thirteen. This has been the year of thirteen, as that seems to be the number at many of our well attended events, while last year it was eight. Thirteen, but not always the same thirteen. We have seen a lot of new cars and faces this year and that is great. But still we send out 61 newsletters and only get about one fourth of those folks to attend. Where are the rest? Not interested in our events, too busy, can only come on Thursday morning?? If you are getting this newsletter, this is your club; if you have ideas lets hear them. We want that line of cars to go out of sight next year as we head off to the events.

I will give one personal comment on this group, it has to be the friendliest group I have ever dealt with. Drive up in an British car and everybody is walking over to see it, it doesn't matter if it has rust holes and smokes or a 100 point paint job and you pick the rocks out of the tires. Somebody will want to know "what year? Does your work? Mine doesn't." Lets keep it that way.

The February meeting is our planning meeting for the year. We will try to schedule something for everybody. I suspect that tours will continue to be popular, but what about rallys? Several members have rally experience, how about organizing one? How about some "speed" events? We have one avid autocrosser and he thinks we will be welcome to take part in their events. One should be in the works for next year if there is interest. We have had a couple of "dinner" events this year that were very well attended, any suggestions for next year? Parades appeared to be enjoyed by the folks who attended but attendance has been poor, should we continue with them? March and St. Patrick's day will be here soon. We need some in-town events for people with older cars who are reluctant to attack the mountain roads. Neil's Poker runs are great for this and the marginal weather period in the spring. Anybody have any other ideas. I am sure I have missed your favorite type event, tell us.

The club is solvent, but only because Rich has refused to use the newsletter donations for his expenses during the first year. What should we do about the question of dues? Should we start collecting them, perhaps \$15. per year or should we remain on the donation plan? The newsletter is our major expense, but if we join the SCCA (Sports Car Club of America), or a similar organization, as a group we can take part in some of their events that require insurance, but there is a cost for this.

We have some things to talk about in February.

THE LUCAS CALENDER

This calender works about as well as its namesake. Use it with care.

January 20 Technical Session on Paint and bodywork.
(Tentative)

February 11 Potluck Dinner, business meeting, and ???
(Tentative)

March 17 St. Patrick's Day Parade
(Tentative)

TIDBITS

Sixty one copies of the November newsletter were sent out. We had donations of envelopes and copying so the only cost was postage, \$14.25, (for the mathematicians some were personally delivered to people who work near me). Many thanks to everyone who donated at the November event.

With this newsletter and the next we will be distributing lists of who owns what cars and everyones address and phone number.

Kees has a '69 MGC-GT that runs for sale, \$850. Call him at work, 268-9700, for info.

Report from the Exchequer:

Balance as of 10/18/89	\$174.45
November Newsletter	14.25
Donations at the November event	66.00
Balance as of 12/2/89	226.20

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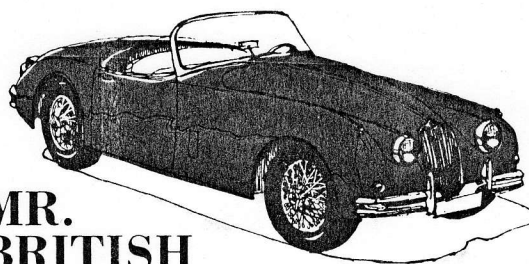
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