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UPCOMING EVENTS (NOTICE THAT THIS IS PLURAL)

Pete Gerity and Jerry Foote have organized a **fun rally**, for novices and all beginners, (using the Joseph Lucas atlas, compass and calender) **for the May event**. This will be an untimed, very low speed event since most of us have never been involved in rallies and timed events tend to lead to high speeds on the street. We will meet in the **Canyonview Elementary School parking lot at 7800 South and 3050 East at 1:00 pm on Saturday June 2**. Yes, the May event will be in June. You will then be given some instructions on the route. These instructions may not be perfectly clear. That may or may not be intended. We then will start at intervals so that you just can't follow the guy in front of you who is probably lost anyway. There will be checkpoints to determine if you manage to stay on route and many other surprises. The total route will take about 2 hours and will be exclusively on paved, public roads in the Salt Lake valley. You will need a navigator along to help; so bring one with good vision and reading skills. We will finish up with a picnic dinner so be sure to bring yours along. If you have questions call Pete at 942-1430 or Jerry at 942-6321.

A BEAUTIFUL APRIL DAY

Sunday April 29th dawned beautifully, cold but clear, after the snowstorm of Saturday. It appeared that we might have decent weather for the run to Ogden and the chance to run the autocross course, but as noon approached the clouds built and got darker. Julie and I took the A up to the capital to see if anybody would show. At the appointed time Denise, Barry and Stewart had appeared along with a touch of snow. With a bit of positive thought, we started off hoping that the weather would improve as we headed north. And indeed after passing though snow near Bountiful it became much better, scattered clouds, some sun and no snow. So with high hopes we headed up to the Weber County Fairgrounds, but as we passed Ogden we could see a huge snow squall ahead, right where we were heading. As we pulled into the fairgrounds it was clear that everyone was packing up and the autocross was over. We found Mark and learned that they had had snow and had rushed through, finished everybody up and taken down the course. So we talked to a few folks, joined up with Mark and headed off to find some food, again ending up in a major snowstorm, but it appears that aside from learning where the cars leak and how well the demisters (or in American English defrosters) work, or don't work, no damage was done. We did decide to try again on the autocross course so there will be a **rerun of the April event**, a chance to see how fast you can get around a autocross course, on Sunday May 20 at Alta High School, 11000 South 1000 East at 1:00. Call Mark 364-3251(H) for more information.

The real June event will be on the 16th and will be a run through Odgen Canyon, past

Pineview Reservoir and through East Canyon with a picnic on the way. This will be a joint event with the Golden Spike Vintage Car Club of Odgen, the Salt Lake Thunderbird Club and, perhaps some other clubs.

THE LUCAS CALENDAR

This calendar works about as well as its namesake, so use it with care. Club events are in **bold** type. The others you may find interesting. All events are subject to change.

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| May 1 | Crown Burger Cruise Night at 2684 West 3200 South, all evening. Cars, '50 music and burgers. |
| May 11 | KRSP Cruise night at Sandy Mall 9400 South and 700 East, all evening. |
| May 20 | See or try an autocross at Alta High School, 11000 South 1000 East 1:00 PM. |
| June 1 | KRSP Cruise night at Valley Fair Mall, all evening. |
| June 2 | Fun Rally in the Salt Lake Valley. Meet at 1:00 at Canyonview Elementry School at 7800 South and 3500 East. |
| June 9-10 | MG Car Club Rocky Mtn Center Glenwood Springs Rallye. More info in the tidbits section. |
| June 15 | KRSP Cruise night at Sandy Mall, all evening. |
| June 16 | Run to East Canyon, Pineview Reservoir and Odgen Canyon. |
| July 14 | 3rd Annual Alpine Loop Run and Potluck Picnic. |
| July 21-22 | 21st Golden Spike Empire Vintage Car Club show and swap meet. Show on 7/22 only. Contact Bob Van der Spek 399-9735 |
| July 30 - Aug. 3 | GOF-West (<u>G</u> athering of the <u>F</u> aithful, for <u>a</u> ll MGs) now scheduled at Mt. Bachelor, a ski resort near Bend, Oregon. I now have info. |
| Aug. 1-5 | Vintage Triumph Register Annual Convention, Boulder, CO. Contact mjb, 364-3251, for info or call (303) 690-6864. |
| Aug. ? | Healey Days or Eureka run and parade. |
| Aug 31- Sept 3 | Vintage Racing at Steamboat Springs. Several members will likely be going over to spectate. Contact Bill or Julie (582-9223 (H) 581-7687 (W)) for info. |

Sept. 15	Poker Run in SLC.
Oct. 13	Dinner in Park City.
Nov. 17	Technical Session.

TIDBITS

The Cruise Nights listed in the calender are gatherings of people with mainly '50's and '60's cars, but anyone is welcome. For the most part the cars are rods, customs or big American iron, but there is small group of British cars from that era that show up. Generally, there are burgers and music from the period. Good fun if you are the right (are is it the wrong) age. **Lets get a group out on May 11 at Sandy Mall, 9400 South and 700 East, just come by after 5:00.** It may be crowded, so look around.

The MG Car Club Rocky Mountain Center is holding their 38th annual Glenwood Springs Rallye on June 9-10. This is a rally or tour from Denver area to Glenwood Spring on saturday and a car show and autocross on sunday. I learned a bit about this event last year at Steamboat and it appears that over a 100 cars take part, not only MGs but all kinds of sports cars. I doubt that anyone wants to go to Denver to take part in the rally but we were invited as a group to come to Glenwood Springs. If anyone is interested in going I may go too. Glenwood Springs is about 370 miles from SLC. Call Bill or Julie, 582-9223(H) or 581-7687(W) if you are interested.

It appears that there may be group of us going to the GOF West in Bend, OR July 30 to Aug. 3. This is an all MG event and we would welcome anyone else interested in going. Bend is 660 miles from SLC.

Kees (with his luck for finding English cars for sale) learned about a Singer that was for sale and I went to look at it. The owner believed it to be a '37 LeMans but since it was LHD, I was not convinced that it was pre-war. The car is very rough and most of the wood is shot. It is skinned with aluminium though, so no rust. The original engine and transmission are gone along with the seats, top and lights. Some checking of serial numbers showed that the car actually is a '51 Singer 4AD roadster. If anybody is interested contact Tom McWhorter, 487-3847. He was asking \$400. but wants to sell.

Duff is still trying to put the grill badge order together. We need to order a minimum of 25 and only have orders for 16. We can buy a few more then we have orders for but would rather not have to deal with 9. The badge is the same as the club patch, a combination of the British flag with the sun rising over the Wasatch in the foreground. It is really striking. Pre-ordered badges cost \$17, but are well worth it. Call Duff at 487-5192. You are going to want one when you see them.

On our last use of the 1989 mailing list we sent out eighty seven copies of the April newsletter. Thanks to Kees for allowing us to use his xerox machine and the donation of envelopes the only cost was postage, \$20.25. Thanks to Anne for helping put the newsletter together. The revised membership list stands at 58.

New members during the past month are: Jim Jenkins, Jim has a '69 TR-6 and is in the Air Force; David Doiron, he has a '67 Sprite both heard of us through the Moss newsletter.

Thanks to those folks who sent in a donation with their postcard in March and April.

REPORT FROM THE EXCHEQUER:

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Autocross cars at Hill AFB.



Mark at full speed.