

BRITISH MOTOR CLUB OF UTAH

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UPCOMING EVENTS (Still Two)

Kees has suggested that some British Car folks may like country music and want to go hear Michael Martin Murphey at Deer Valley on Sunday July 8. Meet Kees at the Parley's Way K-Mart, Foothills Blvd. and Parley's Way, at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$12., in advance, at Smith Tix, or \$14. at the concert. Bring a picnic, liquid refreshments, and be prepared to sit on the grass. Contact Kees, 268-9700 (W), 944-8560 (H), for more information.

The Third Annual Alpine Loop Run and Picnic will be the main July event.

This is the event that started the club in the summer of '88. It is always a great run. We will meet at **South Town Mall off 106th South between State Street and I-15 at 10:30 am on Saturday July 14.** There is a 106th South exit on I-15. We will then convoy down to the loop, normally with a pit stop in Alpine. If you have never been on it, the Alpine Loop runs up American Fork Canyon from Alpine and across to Provo Canyon via one of the most scenic roads in the state. The road is very narrow, hilly and twisting, however (But a great sports car road.). Near Provo Canyon is Sundance Ski Area where we will picnic. In the past, we have returned to Salt Lake via Heber and by returning over the loop road. I would suggest Heber and the new road to Kamas this year. This is about a 70 mile trip. We will decide on the return route that day. Bring your picnic lunch and a hat and/or sunscreen. Cost is about a \$1.00 per person to picnic at Sundance. For more information contact Denise 487-6117 (H).

Notice the calender has two events for August too.

WHERE DOES THE BEAR LIVE?

That was one of the questions on the rally Pete and Jerry put together for us for the May event. Thirteen cars arrived at the school where the rally began. Becky and Kees' TD had a fuel pump expire on the way and did not make it to the rally but they stopped by at the end. Before we began, we got a lesson on what we were supposed to do from Pete and Jerry: follow the directions and answer the questions. We then left at two minute intervals and tried to follow the directions and answer the questions. The route wound us around from the south of the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon to south of Little Cottonwood Canyon. A few people took tours up Little Cottonwood and into other interesting places. Pete's son Brent passed through one checkpoint three times. Eventually we all ended up at the park at the end and had a picnic. Jim and Michelle won first place, Barry and Denise, second place, and Dennis and Barbara, third. Tom and his navigator got the gear crusher award, the rod and piston from a bug-eye (after it had gone through the side of the block), for the best effort. Of the thirteen cars we had one Morgan, four MGs, one Mustang and seven TRs. That was a big change from the past. Where are all the MG folks? A great time was had by Brent and Brett, Karen and Mark, Pat and Don, Michelle and Jim, Mick and ???, Tom and ???, Barbara and Dennis, Denise and Barry, Shea and a friend, Shirley and Rich, Lilian and Pete, Pam and Jerry, and Julie and I. A BIG CHEER for Pete and Jerry for laying out the rally and for Lilian,

Pam and friends for operating the checkpoints.

IS IT GOING TO RAIN?

As we gathered to head up to Ogden that was the main question being asked. Five cars met at the capital, four with tops up and one with the top down. Kees reported he had solved the fuel pump problem only to find an ignition problem on the TD. After the usual banter we headed off to Ogden and a darkening sky. After a round-about approach (the road was torn up and we didn't know where we were going) through rain wet streets, we all arrived at the Ogden meeting site where Bob was waiting to welcome us. He told us about driving his TD back to Ogden after the previous week-end's car show in Salt Lake, where he took first place in his class, only to be hit by a sheet of fiberglass that came off a truck going the other direction. The sheet broke up and part came under the windshield and hit him on the hard hat he wears when driving. The moral of the story is to be prepared for the unexpected.

A bit more waiting while some of the Ogden folks arrived and we headed off up Ogden Canyon, then over the new road to Mountain Green. The group, by this time, had built up ten cars including an honorary British '55 Buick and '36 Pierce Arrow. Its a long pull up the hill from Ogden Canyon but it was cool and no one complained about overheating. The beauty of the drive makes it worthwhile though. As we came down the hill into Mountain Green it was very dark to the south and west and we were stopped no more than five minutes before the sky opened up with rain and a bit of hail, but ended quickly. We messed about for a while talking, looking and eating and then split up, the Ogden folks heading west to home and the rest of us east to Morgan and then through East canyon and Emigration canyon to Salt Lake.

We had some folks with us for the first time including Laurie and O. C. in a Lotus Europa, Tracie and Kirk came down from Pocatello in a B, Mark in a beautifully restored TR-6, and Brett in a MGA. Also attending were some regulars: Michelle, Jim, Barry, Denise, Don, Pat, Bob, Kees, Becky, Julie and I

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.

- July 6 **Concert Deer Valley by Michael Martin Murphy. Contact Kees, 268-9700 (W), 944-8560 (H) for info.**
- July 13 KRSP Cruise night at Sandy Mall, all evening.
- July 14 **3rd Annual Alpine Loop Run and Picnic. Contact Denise 487-6117 (H) for info.**
- July 21-22 21st Golden Spike Empire Vintage Car Club show and swap meet. Show on Sunday only. Contact Bob Van der Spek 399-9735(H).
- July 30 - Aug. 3 **GOF-West (Gathering of the Faithful, for all 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 Mark, 364-3251, for info.
- Aug. 11 Rally with the Vintage Motor Car Club of America, start in Park City.
- Aug. 18-19 The Healey Club has decided to have their usual Healey days after all. A driving events, show, prizes, and more. In Park City. More info next month.
- 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) for info.
- Sept. 15 Poker Run in SLC. We need somebody to organize this.
- Oct. 13 End of the season dinner in Park City.
- Nov. 17 Technical Session. Any suggestions: Tune-ups, detailing, interiors, transmissions, machine shops or ?

A NOTE FROM TC ANNIE

Hi everybody, and thanks for asking about me. I'd much rather have been doing the East Canyon Run than knee surgery! But its all over and the physical therapy is going real well. After all, I have a big incentive - Oregon or Bust! Bill is cleverer than I; he said, "Oregon or Bend!" And bending is critical; so far I've managed to bend my knee 96° and have driven myself to therapy, a medieval torture chamber in disguise. The driving felt good, so there is hope.

I'm determined to caravan to the GOF West with Bill, Julie and whoever. To help get the TC ready, Bill kindly took it out for inspection and to get some touch-up paint, but en route to the paint store it began behaving badly and noisily, not to mention, expensively. Bill and Mark towed it to my garage where it now sits awaiting the expertise of Roy.

After construction at my house, reconstruction of my knee and resurrection of the TC, priorities become relative and it's only money - right? See you all soon, I hope.

TIDBITS

New members during the past month are: Mick Skola, Mick has a '63 TR-3; Dan Forster, he has a '69 TR-6 and a E-type Jag, '67; Alex Berryman, Alex has a '57 Healey 100/6; Troy Vealey, Troy has a '79 Midget; J.B. Moody, J.B. has a '72 TR-6; Lanny Gill, Lanny has '80 MGB; Rick Gunn; he has a '68 TR-250 and a '72 TVR 2500 Vixen; Ross Lepera, he has a '59 Jag Mk 9 and a '63 Jag Mk II; Lee Smith, Lee has a '51 TD.

John Bruce has a TR-7 for sale. If you are interested call him at 250-6968. Speaking of TR-7s (or maybe TR-8s, I didn't look close enough) there is one setting in Snowville. It looks like it has been there for quite awhile and may be buyable. Lanny Gill has a '80 MGB for sale. His phone is 250-4770. Tom Chapman, 972-5000(W), 966-5110 (H), has a '64 MGB for sale. It is in need of some work but was running eight years ago.

Julie and I wore our MG sweatshirts on the Odgen Canyon run and several people

asked where we got them. They are from Auto Graphics, 710 Burns St., Cincinnati, OH 45204. Auto Graphics has a wide line of tee shirts, sweatshirts, sweaters, caps, etc. with MG, TR, Jag, Morgan, and other logos on them. Neat stuff. I will bring the ad and prices with me to the July event. Remember you can get British Motor Club shirts from Heidi at Creative Expressions, 4140 South 500 West, SLC, \$7. for the embroidery, if you supply a dark blue shirt, or they can order a shirt and embroidery it for you.

Duff reports that the club grill badges are in. If you ordered one pick it up at the July event or contact Duff, 487-5192, about picking it up. If you have not ordered one, contact him about getting one (or more). We have several extra.

Anybody interested in a two or three day tour in southern Utah in the Fall? Highway 12 from Panguitch to Torrey is consistently ranked as one of the most scenic roads in the U.S. by *Car and Driver* and we should take advantage of it. Perhaps we can find a holiday weekend and do the tour either camping or motelling along the way. Contact Bill or Julie (582-9223) if you are interested.

Is everybody aware that, to be safe, you should not use American brake fluid in British cars? At least at one time, British cars used natural rubber seals while American cars used artificial rubber. American brake fluid, labeled DOT 3, is not compatible with natural rubber seals and will cause them to disintegrate. Rumor has it that more recent British cars have artificial rubber seals, but do you know if your car has artificial rubber or not? To be safe use only DOT 4 brake fluid, this generally means Castrol or Girling.

Last month we sent out seventy six newsletters at a cost of only \$17.75 due to the donation of the xerox by Kees and envelopes by several members. Our envelope supply is down to about two months worth before we send out this newsletter. Any donations of envelopes would be much appreciated.

REPORT FROM THE EXCHEQUER:

Balance as of 5/22/90	\$172.19
June Newsletter cost	17.75
Donations	??
Balance as of 6/28/90	??

Rich moved about two weeks ago and the records are in a safe place that can't be found at the moment. We will get things worked out for the next newsletter.

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