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UPCOMING EVENTS

The breakfast in Provo is not being held this year, so we have rescheduled. The **April event** will be **run to the Ogden area to see a autocross and possibly take part**. Your choice. We will meet at **12:30 on Sunday April 29 at Utah Travel Council parking lot** and run up to the Weber County Fair Grounds. To get to the meeting location head north on State Street from North Temple, when you are forced to turn by the capital grounds turn right, the parking lot is immediately on the right. Ogden folk may want to meet us at the fairgrounds or join up along the way. Mark has arranged for anyone who wishes to run the course to do so for a mere 50 cents a run. Much cheaper than Lagoon! If you are interested in running the course, you may want to bring your car to another Tinker Day on the saturday before the event, **April 28**, at Mark's house. The address is 739 Park Street (540 East) in SLC. Contact Mark at 364-3251 for more info.

In addition, the Vintage Motor Club of America has rescheduled their rally into August, so we are currently planning our own fun rally for May. This will be 30 to 40 mile event in the Salt Lake valley and should be good for folks with older cars who don't want to go too far. This will not be a timed event but you will need someone to help navigate.

TINKER DAY

A small group came by for the Tinker Day. We got new starter and choke cables into Anne's TC, a new speedometer cable into Rich's B and mirrors and seats installed in my TD. Most people stopped in for a few minutes to see what was going on and ended up in or under one of the cars, but that's what it is all about. Stopping by were Anne, Rich, Donni, Denise, Barry, Don, Mark, Martin and Jim.

ST. PADDY'S DAY

Twelve cars showed up for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Just getting to the parking area was not a trivial feat since the runners in the foot race were coming by and that coupled with closed streets had totally tied up traffic. Salt Lake's finest would not let us cross the runners on South Temple but directed us up to North Temple where we and everyone else forced to avoid the parade route had to go. Of course, we had to cross the runners on North Temple so little was achieved other than driving an extra few blocks at a speed that required about a half hour, a few moments of terror as you were

caught between a full size pick-up with monster tires and a UTA bus, both of which thought the car was an open space in the traffic and watching the temperature gauge climb. One car succumbed to overheating and never made it to the parade. The rest of us added some balloons and crepe paper to the cars and after a long wait, we were entry 95 out of a total of 122, rolled down the street to the usual comments of "I used to have one of those," " nice car" and "look at the Corvette." Attending were Dave, Carolyn, Neil, Marilyn, Mike, Cody, Sandy, Mervin, Jonathan, Jim, Dell, Donni, Jane, Shirley, Rich, Anne, Kees, Margie, Trina, Don, Pat, Julie, my dad Bill and myself. Stopping by without their cars were Duff and Mark.

THE LUCAS CALENDAR

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

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| April 1 | Autocross,Utah State Fair Grounds, 11:00 to ? Contact mjb, 364-3251. |
| April 3 | Crown Burger Cruise Night at 2684 West 3200 South, all evening. Cars, '50 music and burgers. |
| April 20 | KSRP Cruise night and movie(?) at Redwood Drive-In. Check with KRSP on this one, they were unsure what was happening in March. |
| April 29 | Run to Ogden to see and have an opportunity to try an autocross course. Meet at the Utah Travel Council parking lot at 12:30. |
| 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, all evening. |
| May ? | Fun Rally in the Salt Lake Valley. |
| 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 <u>o</u> f the <u>F</u> aithful, for <u>a</u> ll <u>M</u> Gs) 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.

LOONIES AND COLOR - TC Annie

If we're all loonies who have a bent for weird old mechanical things (February Newsletter), it occurs to me to explore a little deeper into the idiosyncrasies of British car owners' personalities and some possibilities for expression.

I'll start with myself and picnic gear. It seems perfectly logical that if we take pride in owning and driving a head-turning car, then it follows that the rigging for a rally be special. So, of course, my table cloth and napkins match the color of my car. Pink wouldn't do with red! And a picnic basket adds more class than styrofoam. The lunch menu needs consideration because a picnic is an occasion; we can have a peanut butter sandwich any day but a chicken pasta salad is more exciting. The accoutrements, naturally, must be plates and table flatware (it's more pleasing to the palate). Wine is the perfect accompaniment but not so good for the driver, so mineral water will do, but in a glass with ice. And coffee should be in real cups.

Now, what about our attire? To drive our demanding weird old mechanical things, comfort is essential, but what about having a little fun with color? Windbreakers are a good starting point for matching or coordinating color; I plan to sew my member patch on a red, maybe white one. Then there are shirts and/or blouses, scarves, gloves and hats, which are a definite must! The possibilities are endless: matching watch bands, key chain baubles, driving shoes, pants, skirts, wallets, purses, eye glass frames, twelve pack coolers.... Fortunately, the amount of gear is limited by the size of the storage space inside the car. Some of you are lucky enough to have a trunk.

If this all seems a bit much, perhaps I took learning the color wheel in the 6th grade too seriously. Think of our decorated cars for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. We all looked splendid decked out in green and white, especially the red ones - complimentary colors, you know. Rich and Shirley's orange MGB added an appropriate touch considering the puzzlement of British cars in an Irish parade!

Half seriously now, since you've designated me to be in charge of table cloths for the Alpine Loop potluck, please let me know who's coming and color of your car. I'll do my best to match, coordinate or compliment! HAPPY SPRING!

EDITORS NOTE: If you have been on a run and picnic with Annie or saw the video at the February potluck you will understand, if not

TIDBITS

I had an interesting experience at the beginning of March. I called Moss Motors to get some information on installing the hood (top in American English) on my TD. The fellow that knew how to do it wasn't there, so they suggested I contact the local club in Salt Lake. That, of course, is us! Their referral system seems to be working. By the way, I have talked to Moss customer service folks several times about various problems I was having, with generally but not universally, positive results. By the way we were mentioned in "Moss Motoring" and have gotten a few new members from it.

The GOF West at the end of July is open to all MGs, not just T-types and pre-war. Several of us are thinking of going, see me (Bill) if your are interested.

Duff does not have enough orders for the club grill badges to order at present, if you want one call him **today**. His phone number is 487-5192. If we can't get the minimum we will refund the money collected.

We sent out eighty one copies of the March newsletter. Thanks to Kees for allowing us to use his xerox machine and the donation of envelopes the only cost was postage, \$19.00. Thanks to Denise for helping put the newsletter together.

New members in March: Fritz Lindbeck, he has a Sunbeam Alpine; Lawrence Debow, Larry is looking for a TR-8; Martin Van Nood, Martin has a bright red '74 TR-6; J. Jennings, he has a '47 TC, '55 TF, '65 Midget, '51 XK-120, '55 XK-140 and '71 TR-6; Cory Ames, Cory has a '79 Midget; and Curt Nilles, Curt has a '77 MGB and is our first member from Idaho.

With the new members and people returning the postcards we have near 50 on the new mailing list, down from 81. This newsletter is the last mailing from the old list we will make. We will use the new list beginning with the May newsletter. Be sure to send in your postcard if you have a red check mark by your name on the envelope and want to continue getting the newsletter.

Don Graves has a LOT of parts from three MGBs he has disassembled, a '67, '68 and '72. The '72 was a GT and the others roadsters. He says that he would like to see them go to people in the club and will give you a good deal. Give him a call at 972-6335.

REPORT FROM THE EXCHEQUER:

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