

BRITISH MOTOR CLUB OF UTAH

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DO YOUR LIGHTS WORK?

The October event will be a drive to Park City for **dinner at the Wasatch Brew Pub on Saturday evening October 20**. Meet at the Parley's Way K-Mart at 6:00 pm. Dinner prices range from \$5. to \$10. or so per person. Although this is a brew pub it has a restaurant feel and is a comfortable place for all. No children allowed, however. Just in case there is what some might call inclement weather, you will be excused from having an open British car for this trip, on one condition. You **MUST** bring a part from the car you would have brought if it wasn't for the bad weather, or the broken fan belt, or whatever other excuse you might have. For more information contact Mark at 364-3251(H). Mark will also be holding a **Tinker Day** at his house, 739 South 540 East, on the preceeding Saturday, **October 13**. If you want some mechanical advice, help doing something, to use some tools you don't have or just want to kick tires and talk, stop by between 10:00 and 5:00.

AND NO ONE WAS EATEN BY LIONS

One of the clues for the September Poker Run was that the location had lions across the street. But everyone managed to escape them. We had thirteen cars turn up for the Poker run including a Geo-MG and a Swedish Triumph (the real things were down with various ailments.). Starting off from Liberty Park the run ran to Trolley Square, "This is the Place" monument, the artesian well park on 8th South, TC Annie's house and Sugarhouse Park. The clues seemed to be fairly easy for those familiar with Salt Lake, and the leaders of the pack were always approaching as we dropped the next set of clues. Arriving at the Park for the Picnic, Mike and Linda had the best hand with two pair, aces high, until the last car came in with Mark and Karen and three aces. High drama! We discussed the October event and decided that the 20th was better than the 13th, since the 13th is UEA weekend and many people may be going out of town. The picnic was interesting, including a range of gourmet delights from roast duck to Wendy's hamburgers. Where are you when we need you, Annie? Taking part were Alan, Steve, Tony, Jim, Jonathan, Alison, Mike, Linda, Kees, Margie, Kate, Liz, Mark, Karen, Reed, Claren, Jordan, Dennis, Barbara, Cal, Mio, Dell, Donni, Jane, Rich, Julie and I.

SEVEN YEARS AT STEAMBOAT

This was the seventh year for the Annual Steamboat Springs Vintage Auto Race and Concours and the sixth that Julie and I attended. As has happened every year the race was bigger and better than last year. There must have been about 200 entries in the race and over a hundred in the Concours plus all the strange and wonderful machines you see just driving around. The Corvette National Convention was in Steamboat the weekend before and so there were lots of Corvettes around. The race cars are normally dominated by English cars and were this year too. Lots of Bugeye

Sprites, Minis, Loti (Lotuses?), MGBs, Triumphs, Alpines, Midgets, Morgans, TVRs, and Jaguars plus the the rarer stuff like ACs, Allards, Coopers, Jomars and the formula cars. Also German, French, Italian, and more, cars. Have you ever seen a real Bugatti, let alone seen it race? The best racing this year, as last, was by two women, one in a Corvette and one in a Porsche. Head to head racing, lots of passing, and the winner not determined until the last turn. Good stuff. You can buy a pit pass and the drivers are friendly, so its easy to find what you drive and talk to somebody who races one. The rules require the cars to be fairly stock. Scott and Adele Kimbrough were the only club members who went over with us this year, but they made a video which we will show at a "meeting". You had better plan to go next year over the Labor Day weekend as this is a real national level event only 350 miles from Salt Lake City.

(Addition by 2nd Editor) Congradulations to Bill - his '52 MG-TD won 2nd place in its class at Steamboat - there were about 25 entries in the class. He also got an honorable mention at the GOF in Oregon in a TD class of about 40. Good work by Bill and his father, Bill, Sr.

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.

- Oct. 13 Tinker day at Mark and Karen Bradakis' 739 South 540 East.**
- Oct. 14 Last autocross of the season at Woods Cross High School, just off I-80 in Woods Cross. Starts about 11, runs to 2 or 3, stop by and watch the show.
- Oct. 20 End of the driving season dinner in Park City.**
- Nov. 17 Technical Session. We need suggestions: Tune-ups, detailing, interiors, transmissions, machine shops or ?**
- Dec. As we did last year there will be no event in December.**

TIDBITS

New members this month include: Dale Miller with a MG-TD; Greg Chester, Greg has a '63 TR-3B (He was the unknown Utah license "TR-3B" at the Triumph convention), a '61 TR-3A and a '74 MGB; Robert Sandberg, Bob has a '53 MG TD; Jason Court, he has a '77 TR-7; Jim Densley with a '63 TR-4; Raymond Brown who has a '77 Midget; Ron Christensen, Ron has a '62 Sprite; Alan Tanner with a TR-6; Frank Martin with a TR-3A; Brent Anderson; Brent has a '52 MG-TD and a '61 TR-3A; Craig Hillman, Craig has a '76 MGB and a '75 Midget; Nathan Massie, Nathan has a '79 MGB; Richard Holdbrook, he has a '60 TR-3; Jerry Costello, Jerry has a '69 Spitfire; Rob Osborne with a '70 MGB.

We sent out 96 September newsletters for a cost of \$23.00 for postage plus \$25.82 for copying for a total of \$48.82. We currently have 113, yes, 113 names on the mailing list!

If you ordered a club grill badge, but have not gotten it, call Duff at 487-5192. The extras are all sold. If you didn't order one and want one we need to get a minimum order of 25 together. They are neat looking. You should have seen the close-up looks it gathered at the GOF and at Steamboat. We owe Duff a cheer for the design and getting both the patches and grill badges made up. Rich (943-6077 (H)) has the patches if you have paid for one and have never got it or if you want one.

Got a phone message from TC Annie, after the Poker Run, saying she enjoyed the company, was glad to see everybody who stopped by and that she was off to Bali for a month. Looking for TC parts, Annie?

I just installed some K & N air filters in my Midget and was impressed with the noticeable improvement in the way it runs. K & N has made reusable, free-flowing air filters for people looking for lots of power, for years, but recently have come out with filters that fit the stock air cleaner on Midgets and MGBs. Mitch, at Parts Master, says they are also available for Spitfires, TR-6s and some TR-7s.

Anybody looking for a space to store cars? Three of us went to look at a space we could rent a week or so ago. It appears to be too big for the three of us, but if some more folks were interested ... ? If we could fill it, the cost would be \$15 to \$20 / month / car. This is a storage area not a work area. The situation would be fairly secure. I also know of a low security (I would not put a restored car there), indoor, dry place to store cars for \$1 / foot of length / month. If any of you are interested call Bill at 582-9223. Anybody know of a secure place for rent that would hold ten cars?

We were well represented at the University Concours by Bob Van Der Spek and Bob Sandberg with TDs, Greg Chester with his TR-3B and Tony Gras with his TR-6. How did you all do?

Several of the new members have asked if they could get some advice on keeping their cars running, getting them restored, etc. We can do this. On Triumph's you might try Mark Bradakis, 364-3251, or Jim Pivrotto 486-0547. Don Graves, 972-6335, Dell Miller, 966-6498, or myself (Bill, 582-9223) might be able to help with MGs. We can find out an answer to most any question, if you will ask it. We have been dealing with questions on an ad hoc basis. Would anybody like to volunteer to handle technical questions?

We are always looking for articles for the newsletter. If you have had something happen to you and your car, write it up for us, be it sad, fun or educational. We could use some write ups on fixing a problem, questions about why something won't work, or how something works. We will list things for sale or trade. Just send it to the editors.

REPORT FROM THE EXCHEQUER:

Balance as of 8 /28/90 (in CU account \$234.31, Editor has \$38.66)	\$272.97
September Newsletter cost	48.82
September donations	43.00
Refund from patches	47.00
Balance as of (in CU account \$281.31, Editor has \$32.84)	\$314.15

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Some photos from the Alpine Loop Run in July.