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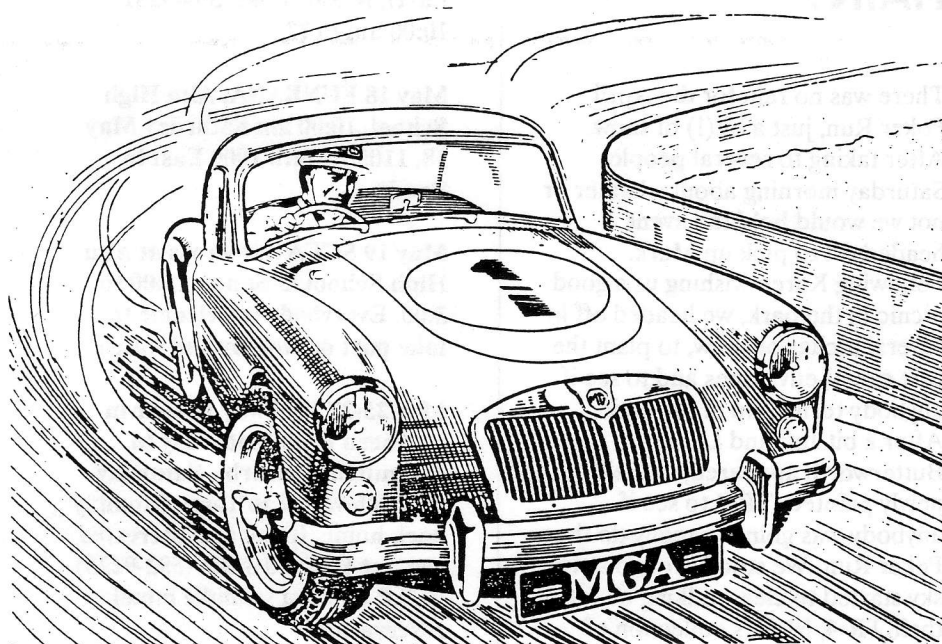
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A WHAT?

After three years of intense on-again off-again effort, the club has finally put together a **FUNKANA**. What's a funkana, you ask? It's a driving event where you drive around a course laid out in a parking lot attempting to do the tasks required in a minimum length of time. These tasks may be things like picking up tennis balls, throwing darts, running around the car or simply getting around the course. It is necessary for everyone taking part to have an adult (or near adult) codriver for the event. If you do not have a regular codriver, I am sure that we can find a volunteer at the event, so don't decide not to come for that reason. It is desirable that these two people speak the same language, however. These events can be great fun, but they can be stressful too. For those of us doing the event with our spouses, we will attempt to have a marriage counselor present.

Seriously, these events are great fun. They are not out and out speed events, but rather another way to have fun with the car and codriver. We will give the codrivers a chance to see how well they can maneuver around the course too, so if you are usually the passenger get out and drive the car in the near future. The funkana will begin at **10:00 am Saturday May 18 at Alta High School, 11055 South 1000 East in Sandy**. Bring a picnic lunch, lawn chairs, and we could use somebody



to bring a awning-type tent to provide some shade if it's a hot, sunny day. We have to purchase insurance to get the school to allow us to use the parking lot for this event and have to ask you not to bring any alcohol: beer, wine, etc. to the event. Because of the insurance costs, we really need a good turn out to justify this cost and will probably advertise the event in the newspaper and ask for an entry fee from non-members of the group. Contact the editor if you can bring an awning-type tent or if you have questions.

MAY TINKER DAY

Got some strange and interesting problem with your car and want some advice, need some tool you don't have to fix something, want to learn how to set your valves, ignition timing, or some other basic task or just need a little help with something? Come to the **Tinker Day on Saturday May 11 beginning at 10:00 am at Mark Bradakis', better known as the Fat Chance Garage, at 739 South Park St. (540**

East) in Salt Lake. Mark's place can be a bit hard to find and is best approached from 8th South. It will be right in front of you, at the kink in Park St. as you approach from 8th South. If you want to do something that requires parts, make sure you have them when you come. If you are unsure what you may need, or if we can help, give Mark a call, 364-3251.

RAIN?

There was no rain for the April Poker Run, just a bit(!) of snow. After talking to several people Saturday morning about whether or not we would hold the event, I headed off to pick up Mark. Following Karen wishing us a good picnic in the park, we headed off in several inches of snow, to plant the first can of envelopes and to see if anybody turned up at the park. After a bit Jeff and Linda Butterworth appeared, in their newly painted, TR-4 to see if anybody was going to really do the Poker Run. We stood around as the sky started to clear, talking about their TR-4, Mark's collection of TRs and my MGA, as no one else arrived. After a hasty consolation between Mark and I, we were going to plant the clues, we decided that Jeff and Linda would win and that we should just award them the trophy and all head home.

WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF RAIN, SLEET, SNOW,...

If we have an event scheduled and it rains, snows, or whatever, it is nearly impossible to cancel it or reschedule for the next weekend

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.

May 10 Tinker Day at Mark Bradakis', 739 Park Street (540 East), in Salt Lake, 364-3251. 10:00 am to ??

May 18 FUNKANA. Alta High School, 10:00 am Saturday May 18, 11055 South 1000 East in Sandy.

May 19 SCCA autocross at Alta High School in Sandy, 11:00 to 3:00. Everybody is welcome to take part or stop by and watch.

May 25-27 Highway 12 tour in southern Utah. Saturday to Panguitch or nearby, Saturday up Highway 12 to Torrey, Monday back home. If you are interested contact Bill and Julie (582-9223) ASAP, we need to make motel reservations.

June 15 Run and picnic: Ogden, Trappers Loop and East Canyon.

June 19-20 16th Annual West Coast Healey Meet at Lake Tahoe. Contact Art Dhallin (209) 667-1744 for information.

June 23 Association of Retarded Citizens (ARC) Car Show, U of U.

July ?? Possible All British Car Day in conjunction with the Land Rover Club, Jaguar Club, Morgan Club, Utah British Sports Car Club, ...

July 13 4th Annual Alpine Loop Run.

July 20-21 Ogden Car Show.

July 22-26 GOF West. MG convention in Santa Barbara, CA. For more info contact the editors.

August 16-18 American MGC Register convention in Park City. We have been invited to take part in the events. Contact Duff Lawson 487-5192 for information.

August 21-25 VTR (Vintage Triumph Register) convention Covington, Kentucky.

September 14 Picnic.

October 12 End-of-the-Season Dinner.

November 16 Tech Session. We need suggestions for topics.

December No Event.

January 18 Tech Session.

February 15 Pot-Luck Dinner.

unless we have printed a raindate. We simply have no way to reach everyone without putting out another newsletter. In the early days of the group, when there were 20 members, we could call, but with over a hundred that's difficult to do. The most reasonable thing to do is meet as if we are going to have the event and decide there what to do. Some events can easily be held in the rain.

LEFT OVER PARTS

Rich was supposed to have club patches, but when I last spoke to him the folks who made them couldn't find them! Hopefully he has them now. If you want one, give him a call, 943-6077 (H), or see him at an event. Check out the club grill badges at the next event. Interested in getting one? Let the editors know. If you want to get a club patch directly embroidered on a shirt, contact Heidi at Creative Expressions, 4140 South 500 West (269-1282). The price was \$5.00 last year, if you supply the shirt. Blue knit shirts work especially well. (Blue is really necessary since the shirt makes up part of the design.)

Got a letter from Roy Beal, of Mr. British. He has now teamed up with Henry Moukoian who is very experienced with Jaguars. For those of you who may not know Roy, he has worked on British cars for 36 years and originally trained in England at the MG-Triumph-Jaguar companies. Mr. British is his repair shop specializing in British cars. They invited all of us to stop in and see them. Mr. British is at 7250 South 626 West, Midvale, 566-8334.

We just missed the announcement of a "yard sale" at Salt Lake British Parts with the March newsletter and the April newsletter came out about a day after the sale. So we never got the story out. Anyway some of you may have seen the ad in the paper and stopped in. Walt Osborn will have moved Salt Lake British Parts on April 15 to a new location, 4020 South 210 West, Murray. Their phone numbers remains the same, 263-2088 and 1-800-658-8495 outside the Salt Lake area. Walt sells new and used parts, does mechanical work, restores Jags and builds and sells Jag C-type replicas.

I stopped in at Mike Morgan's Morgan Sportscar Service at the beginning of April to drop off some membership applications. While I was there Mike gently remind me that I keep forgetting him. Mike sent us a nice contribution at the beginning of the year and is one of the businesses to which we regularly send the newsletter. Mike does mainly repair work but also does some restorations. He had a beautiful Healey there when I stopped by that he had just completed and an MGA that he was starting. I am sure he would be happy to have you stop in to take a look around and chat. Mike has two locations: 1570 South 300 West (487-5979) and 1397 South Main (487-2401).

After sending out all those membership applications with the last newsletter we are beginning to see them coming back (look at the next item). Run off a few copies (2 sided) or pick up some at an event, but get them out. Thanks to Reed Baier for his artwork and copying the applications.

New additions to the group this month include: Larry Peterson, who has a bunch of MGs; Shirley

Sivertson, with a '76 MGB; Al and Hope Gordon, they have a '59 TR-3A and a '74 Jensen Healey; Craig and Corina Greenfield, Craig and Corina have a nearly matched pair of Spitfires, a '77 and a '78; Greg Vinson with a Lotus 61, Lotus Elan, Lotus Europa, Jensen Healey and a Mini Cooper (Wow!); Dan Patterson with 2 TR-6s, a '69 and '73; Jackie Marsh, Jackie has a '79 MGB; Bob and Alona Holm, they have a '76 MGB; and Howard Bartlett, Howard has just bought Mark's white TR-4A. Welcome to all of you and we hope to see you at the funkana.

Last month we sent out 101 newsletters. That's a quick rebuild from the 92 we dropped to in March after the annual postcards to prune the mailing list. It looks like the group will top 150 this year. Gulp! Thanks to Jim for copying and stapling the last newsletters. As the group grows the task of mailing the newsletter becomes more complex and time consuming. If, every few months, you can spare an hour to help assemble the newsletters, let the editors know.

Robert Kelsch called to say he has his '73 TR-6 for sale. It's in good running condition. If you are interested give him a call at 373-5309.

Several folks in the group have asked, at one time or another, if they could get some advice on keeping their cars running, restoring them, etc. We can do this. For Triumph's you might try Mark Bradakis, 364-3251, Jim Pivrotto, 486-0547, or Reed Baier, 572-3047. On MGs try Don Graves, 972-6335, Dell Miller, 966-6498 or myself (Bill, 582-9223--I don't know Bs, however). (If I omitted you its no reflection on your ability, but on my memory.) Roy Beal of Mr British, see the address above, has offered

to talk to members about problems, providing they come to his shop. If you come to the shop, he can work on other things and talk to you at the same time. We could use somebody to volunteer to be the focal point for technical questions. If you would like to try this let us know. I am sure you would learn a lot from it yourself.

Bill Davis from the Land Rover club called to inquire about the club's interest in taking part in an All British Car Day in July. This type of event has been very successful in Portland, Denver, the San Francisco area, and most major cities in the country. I told him that I thought we would like to take part, particularly if it was more then just a show. There should be a rally, funkana or something else as part of it. He suggested that it might be used as a fund raiser for some group, maybe the Episcopal Church (Church of England). The date he suggested conflicted with the Alpine Loop Run, however, and other July dates conflict with holidays. So the date is still unsure and may move out of July. If you have any thoughts on the idea, let the editors know.

Some of you may have been contacted about taking part in the April car show at the Salt Palace. When we were approached about trying to get some folks out for it, an interesting idea came up--why don't a group of us who show our cars enter the same show? We could then have a group of friends to talk to while waiting around and you wouldn't have to stay there all day if there was someone you knew to keep an eye on the car. Anybody want to enter the ARC (Association of Retarded Citizens) show in June?

Since the KRSP cruise nights have gone the way of the dinosaur,

maybe we should have one of our own. For those of you who don't know, radio station KRSP used to sponsor a sequence of cruise nights during the summer where people with '50s and '60s cars would gather at an Eat-a-burger or some similar place to look at each others cars and talk. They were fun. KRSP has changed from an "oldies" station to a kids station, so they are no longer interested, although some of the rod clubs still are doing them. Anybody know of a good Fish and Chips place where we could meet? Anybody interested?

Remember, Funkana on May 18.
We need a good turnout for this.

FROM THE EXCHEQUER:

Balance as of 3/25/91(Exchequer has \$365.00, Editor has \$54.34)	\$419.34
April newsletter cost	-27.55
April donations	+0.00
Funkana insurance	-92.00
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