

# British Motor Club Of Utah

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## British field day

By Bill Davis

The **First Annual Salt Lake British Field Day** will be **Saturday May 23, starting at 10:00 am** and running until 2:00 or so. We originally planned to hold it the weekend before Memorial Day weekend, but got fouled up and hit it dead on. We plan on getting a better calender next year, and looking at it too.

The activities planning include a display of British cars and motorcycles and a Funkana. I would like to emphasize that this is not a concours. All British cars in any condition are welcome. There will be some very nice vehicles there, but don't be bashful just because you don't think your vehicle will pass a white glove inspection—you should see my well-used Land Rover! The funkana will be similar to what was done and enjoyed last year, again

all British vehicles are welcome. The Salt Lake Scots Bagpipe band will be performing from 12:00 till 1:00. There also will be food and refreshments.

The event will be held at **St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, located at 231 East 1st South** in Salt Lake City. There will be a \$5.00 charge per vehicle to participate in the event and a \$2.00 per person admission for spectators. If you enter a vehicle you will receive several admission passes at no additional cost. All proceeds will be used to, first, offset any club expenses (insurance for the funkana) and the surplus donated to the cathedral's community outreach fund. This fund supports projects such as the Food Bank, Homeless Fund, etc. So please plan to come and bring and enter your vehicle. Although it is not required, we would like to encourage anyone entering a vehicle to register it in

advance. Entry forms are enclosed. We are planning to print a program of participants, so if you would like to be included in it, please send the registration to the address shown, along with the registration fee, as soon as possible.

We would like all participants to arrive early, between 9:30 and 10:00. Also we could certainly use some help in organizing and conducting the event. If you can spare an hour or so that Saturday, please contact me, Bill Davis, 363-2390 (H) or 483-5599 (W). This is a first time event for the club and one that we anticipate to grow into a significant, annual event. You don't want to miss the first one!

*The "modern" MG midget was the last of a series of midgets. How many midget were there in all?*

## Don't follow me, I'm lost too!

A nice sized group appeared at the Tracy Aviary parking lot, on a beautiful day, for the poker run. Julie and I were to plant the clues and as we readied to leave, the report arrived that Joseph Lucas' ghost had struck Kees' TD and he would be late. But everybody had to wait for us to get a head start on planting the cans of clues anyway. Most of the rest of the report is from the tales of woe and adventure that we heard at the end.

..... "Where's the can?"....he pointed at a door marked 'Men' "

After waiting a few minutes, both for Kees and to give us a head start, Mark gave out the first clue. It said "check out Issac and Brigham's place." Everybody started off toward the old mill, except one independent thinker who went to the house, found the can and tried to signal her husband that she had an envelope. Everybody noticed and reversed directions, but had a hard time finding the can. The next clue read "Go up to the U. Don't get scalped. Take a moment and enjoy the view." A number of

people went to the University and tried to find an Indian, only to notice a large U on the hillside. After trying to find out how to get there and driving uphill forever, they arrived at Tomahawk Drive and found the can. The next clue said "Go to the old fire station on the creek that runs through downtown. The creek is well known for the parks along it." Many folks said "City Creek," but where's the old fire station? After finding out that some people in Salt Lake don't speak English and know less about fire stations than they do, most arrived at the old volunteer fire station at Memory Grove.

(from page 1) Kees reported that they walked in and asked, "Where's the can?" The fellow pointed at a door marked "Men."

The next clue said "We all know TR-4 as a car, but it's a place too. At least if you average the letters. Follow that avenue." The letter between R and T is S. S-4? S-4 Avenue? S Street and 4th Avenue. Sure enough, there was the can with a new clue. "It's by the old wall in the University Research Park. The Research Park is between Sunnyside Ave, Foothills Boulevard, Fort Douglas and the mountains. Look around." After looking around most found there is an old sandstone wall near the Fort Douglas Cemetery. Several folks made multiple trips around the wall before seeing the can in a hole in the wall. The final clue told everyone to "leave the research park by going by the fire station with the neon sign. Turn right and look for a park on the north side of the street." The leaders of the pack arrived at Sunnyside Park to not find us there and went searching to see if they were at the right place, only to return after concluding that it had to be the place.

After planting the cans, Julie and I headed back to Liberty park to recover the can that was there. Heading back up the hill on 8th South smoke started coming out from under the car. Stopping, we found that we were not on fire, but had a major oil leak and oil had gotten on the exhaust pipe. We got the car off the street and walked home, got the tow vehicle and towed the TD home. Then we headed off to Sunnyside Park to find about half the group there, with surprised looks on their faces as we pulled in in the Jeep. We swapped stories. Everybody had a tale to tell about at least one stage and how they ended up in some strange location. They all seemed to have fun, but one couple never

## The Lucas Calendar

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

**MAY 23 BRITISH FIELD DAY. BEHIND ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, BETWEEN 2ND AND 3RD EAST ON 1ST SOUTH. 10 AM TILL ?**

June 6-7 The 40th annual Glenwood Springs Rally (from Denver) of the Rocky Mountain Centre of the MG Car Club. This sounds like a great event, even just to go over to Glenwood Springs and take part in the activities there. All marques are welcome. For info contact Richard Fritz (303) 494-0630.

June 25-28 SVRA racing at Mid-Ohio. Featured marque this year is Triumph. (614) 653-1686.

**JUNE 13 TRAPPERS LOOP RUN AND PICNIC.**

**JULY 8-11 MG Canada '92** hosted by the MG Car Club of Toronto and the North American MGB Register. Peterborough, Ontario. Contact the editors for information.

**JULY 11 ALPINE LOOP**

**JULY 22-26 VTR (Vintage Triumph Register) Convention,** Savannah, Georgia. Contact

Mark, 364-3251(H) for information.

**AUGUST 8 PICNIC**

**AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 4 GOF West (Gathering of the Faithful)** for ALL MG owners at Jackson Lake Lodge in Jackson, WY. Who knows when there will be a GOF that's closer! Contact the editors, Bill and Julie, at 582-9223 (H) for reservation information.

September 5-7 Vintage racing and concours at Steamboat Springs, CO. Make reservations early, real early, like now! If you can get them. Italian cars will be featured at the concours.

**SEPTEMBER 12 DRIVE TO ?**

**OCTOBER 10 END-OF-THE-SEASON DINNER**

October 9-11 Triumphest in Buellton, CA. Call 805-933-3684 for information.

November 6-8 Mini-GOF at Lake Havasu, AZ put on by the Tucson MG-T Group. Contact Bill or Barbara Addison at 602-292-0439 for information.

**NOVEMBER 14 TECHNICAL SESSION**

**JANUARY 16 TECHNICAL SESSION**

**FEBRUARY 13 POT-LUCK DINNER**

reappeared. Let's hope they're not still looking for TR-4.

On the run were: Doug, Reed, Brad, Rick, Jess, Kees, Steve, Rickie, Pete, Lill, Rob, Erya, Jim,

Nathan, Craig, Rachel, Mark, Julie and Bill.

P.S. — Mark won. He gets to plan next year's rally.

## Left over parts

New members during April include: Bill Farles, Bill has a TR-7; Orland Wheelington, Orland has '68 Spitfire; David Tyler, he has a TR-7, TR-6 and Stag; David Hurst with a '70 GT-6; Ron and Deb Pinnell, they have an MGB; Blaine Sullivan, Blaine has two Jags, a '74 XJ12 and a '74 XJ6; Stephen Morrison, Steve has a '75 MGB; John Metcalf, John has a '79 Midget; Blake Beecher, he has a '68 TR-250; Rob Hughes, Rob has a '74 TR-6; Jeff Walker with a '61 Alpine; Jory Morgan-Walker, Jory has a '63 Sprite; Tom and Karen Spalding, they have a '67 XKE; Bill and Sue Farley with a '76 TR-7; Franklin Hovey, Franklin has a '75 Spitfire; Marv and Sheree Marcus, they have a '73 Jensen Healey; Stephen Tanner, he has '77 MGB; Pat Mathews, Pat has a '69 Spitfire; Darin and Faith Sweeten, with a '79 MGB; Charles Abbott, Charles has a '52 MG-TD. It must be Spring. Hope you all make the British Field Day.

It's getting to be time to register if you are going to GOF West (Gathering of the Faithful). The GOF is for all MGs and is in Jackson, WY. We have not sent out many registration forms. Call Bill or Julie for one.

We did send out 151 April newsletters. It's Spring and the membership is climbing. I can't imagine what it would be like if 150 cars turned up at an event, or even 75! Thanks to Sue for copying the newsletter.

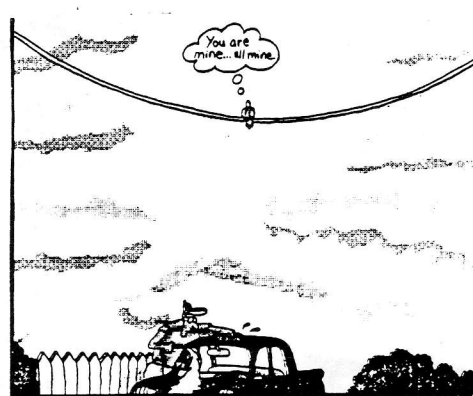
If you find mistakes in this publication, please consider that they are there for a purpose. We publish something for everyone; and some people are always looking for mistakes!!!



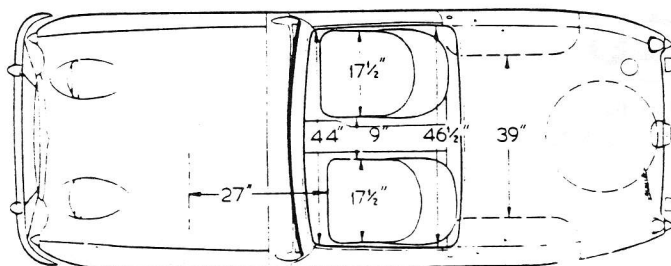
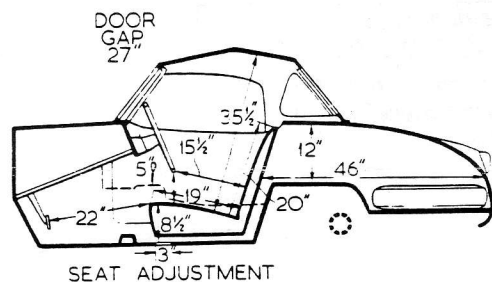
## Autojumble

Kerry has a '71 Land Rover for sale. It's a 88" (short wheelbase), with low miles and lots of options. Call Kerry at 964-2388(H) or 627-1403(W) if you are interested.

Ed Flanigen has an '74 Austin America and three Bugeye Sprites for sale. Call him at 972-1941 (H).



WHEELBASE	6' 8"
FRONT TRACK	3' 9 1/4"
REAR TRACK	3' 8 1/4"
OVERALL LENGTH	11' 5 1/4"
OVERALL WIDTH	4' 5"
OVERALL HEIGHT	4' 1 1/4"



The interior dimensions of the Mk1 Sprite. For a small sports car, it had a large luggage boot.

Nineteen fifty-eight saw the introduction of a new British sports car—the Austin-Healey 'Bugeye' Sprite ('Frogeye' to the home market).

The British press gave the car a warm welcome, with one reporter noting five outstanding points:

1. Roadholding better than any car I've tested.
2. Top speed in the 80s—remarkable for such a small car.

3. Petrol thirst of 35-50 miles per gallon, according to the speed.

4. Get there quick acceleration.

5. Roominess of the two bucket seats.

One journalist called it, 'The car with the smiling face.' Another noticed that for such a small car, it had a large luggage boot. The trouble is, the only way into it was through the cave behind the seats!

## From the Exchequer

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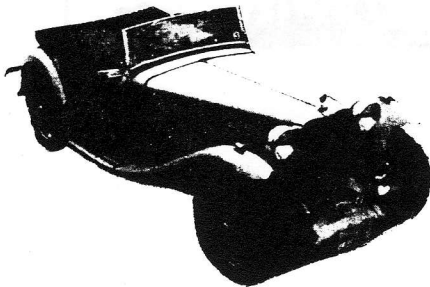
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*(from question on page 1)  
The MG M, C, D, J, P, and T types  
were all known as midgets before  
the "modern" midget, making a  
total of five.*



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