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Remember the run up the hill last year?

The June event will be the **Trapper's Loop Run**. We have done this twice before and it gets better each year. Trapper's Loop consists of the road up Ogden Canyon, over the hill to Mountain Green (on I-84) and lunch. The road between Ogden Canyon and Mountain Green is great, beautiful and a super drive. After lunch, folks who want to return to Ogden or points north normally split off. The rest of the group returns to Salt Lake via East Canyon and Emigration Canyon. We will be doing this with the Golden Spike Car Club from Ogden again, too.

We will meet at the Utah Travel Council parking lot at 9:30 a.m. **Saturday June 13.** To get to the Travel Council parking lot head north up State Street until you are forced to turn by the capital building. Turn right at the capital and then make an almost immediate right into the parking lot. We need to be at the Denny's at 12th and Washington in Ogden at 11:00 to meet the Ogden group and anyone who prefers to meet us there.

Bring a lunch or buy some at the store in Mountain Green, where we normally stop to eat. For more information contact Bill or Julie at 582-9223 (H) or 581-7687 (W) or Kees Greenup 731-1787 (H) in the Ogden area.

First Annual British Field Day

By Mark Bradakis

It was a success! The first annual British Field Day was held on May 23, a warm and sunny Saturday. The event was put together by Bill Davis of the Land Rover Club and BMCU and our own Duff Lawson. Thanks to these gentlemen for their efforts in putting together a fun day, well worth repeating.

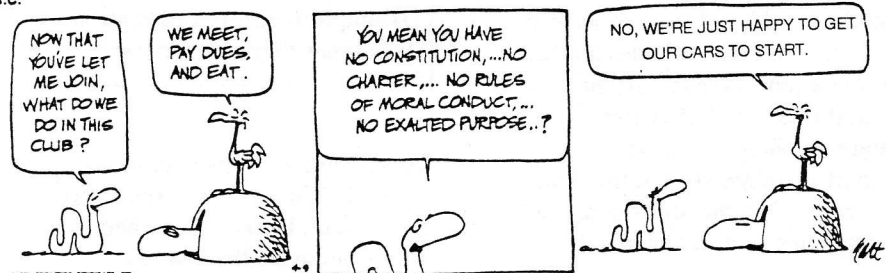
Early entries came in the mail a bit faster than expected, ending up with about 20 vehicles registered by Thursday. The day of the event saw that number more than double, as quite a few folks signed up Saturday morning. There was quite a variety represented, Jaguar sedans old and new, Triumphs of various descriptions, Morgans, MGs and about a dozen British motorbikes, such as Triumph and BSA. And, of course, there was a large Land Rover contingent. From a Triumph driver's viewpoint, ALL Land Rovers are large!

The day consisted of two main parts: the display of vehicles and the funkana. Getting the cars into the lot behind St. Mark's Cathedral was a minor challenge, as it involved going in a drive, making a sharp left turn onto the sidewalk,

then turning into the grassy park area for final positioning. While the Land Rovers had no trouble, a few of the lower cars, such as the big Austin Healeys and a somewhat lowered TR-250, scraped a spot here and there. Perhaps next year we can come in from the east end.

The east end of the area had a paved parking lot which was the site of the second annual Silly Car Tricks. This event was just like last year's funkana at Alta High, but totally different. The first section required the driver, blindfolded at the start, to be guided by the passenger forward about 30 feet with the intention of touching, but not tipping over, a pylon. Then they back up into another lane, touching another pylon. Then forward to get the blindfold removed and have the passenger pick up one end of a rope. The other end was attached to a stout stand, and a wrench, hopefully not Duff's best Snap-On, was fastened to the middle. The object was to drive around in a circle with the driver keeping the proper distance to avoid having the stand tip over or the wrench bounce on the ground. The passenger was supposed to only provide minor adjustments, though

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a few reeled the line in and out to their heart's content.

Once this section was complete, the rope was traded for a box of tennis balls, about half a dozen. The driver then threaded through a twisty section, with the passenger placing the tennis balls on some of the cones. After this, a quick blast to the finish. About a quarter of the entrants tried their hand at this, some doing better than others. Reed Baier and his TR250 had the fastest time. I won't mention which of the Land Rovers was the slowest. Suffice it to say that pointing a finger and yelling "That way!" was not the best method of guiding the sightless driver through the start.

No trophy was awarded, though I would say the most memorable drive was attempted by Kees and Becky. As the first ones off, they had the distinction of testing out the course as well as being followed by a KSL TV cameraman. The camera operator was able to leave the event with all fingers and toes intact, though it looked close a few times. I didn't see the coverage that night in the news — I wonder if Kees' MG stalling and getting pushed off the course made the airwaves? If anyone happened to tape it, I'd like to take a look.

Meanwhile, there were lots of people milling about on the green, enjoying the sounds of the Salt Lake Scots and munching on hot dogs while checking out the cars. Pristine little Bugeyes, a vintage racing Sunbeam Alpine, some beautiful Jaguar sedans and the stouthearted Land Rovers, as well as dozens of other vehicles all vied for the attention of the attendees. With the threat of afternoon showers rolling in over the cathedral, things started breaking up around 2 in the afternoon, oddly enough just as it was planned.

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.

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. All marques are welcome. Contact Richard Fritz (303) 494-0630.

JUNE 13 TRAPPERS LOOP RUN AND PICNIC. THIS WAS REALLY A GREAT TOUR LAST YEAR, BEAUTIFUL AND GREAT FUN.

June 14 Associated Wheels of Utah car show for the Association of Retarded Citizens. Mainly a "hot rod" show, but some British iron too. At the U of U.

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

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 info.

JULY 11 ALPINE LOOP. MAKE SURE THIS DATE IS ON YOUR CALENDAR. YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THE FIFTH ONE.

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

Mark, 364-3251(H) for information.

July 24 Trolley Square's First Annual Classic European Sports Car Show. 11 am to 6 pm at Trolley Square. Contact Brad Parkin 521-9877(W) for info.

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) about reservations.

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 Triumphfest 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.

JANUARY 16 TECHNICAL SESSION

FEBRUARY 13 POT-LUCK DINNER

There were a few problems, no doubt, but in general it was a very good event. Everyone seemed to be happy, enjoying the low key atmosphere and a generally

pleasant British Field Day. Let's all look forward to an even better event next year!

What's a trunnion?

Left over parts

Brad Parkin has organized a Trolley Square Show with a bit broader scope than we have discussed in the past. It will be a European Sports Car Show, with emphasis on the 50's and 60's. You have a application included with this newsletter. Lets have a good BMCU turnout for this one.

Grill badges should be turning up. Duff was looking into where they are, but I have not heard anything about them so far.

Remember the 5th annual alpine loop run will be July 11 – get the date on your calendar. We also need some help in getting the run organized. Call the editors if you can help.

While we are talking about help, the editors do get a lot of help, but from a small group in the club. We would like to see that group expand. If you are willing to help with anything, let us know.

It's well past 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. Anybody going? 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 Jim for copying the newsletter.

As some of you may know, the editors didn't make the British Car Field Day. We were in England instead. We did, however, attend the MG Car Club's 42nd Annual Silverstone Weekend. There was probably about a thousand MGs there. With many relatively rare

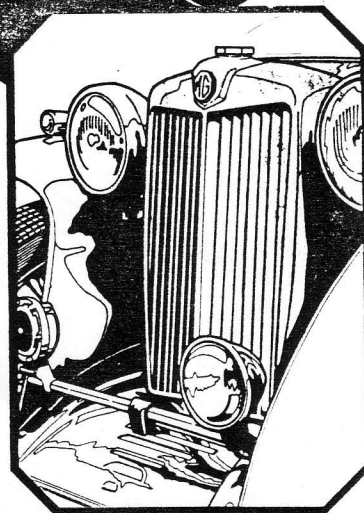
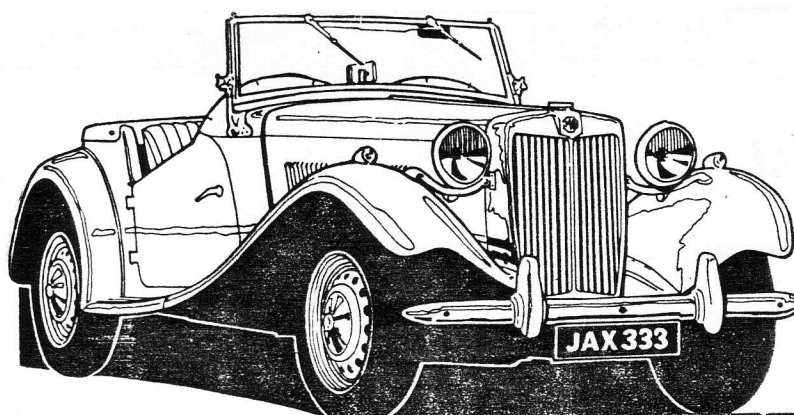
cars, MGA twin cam coupes, 18/80s from the '20s, fields full of Y-types, S-types, Z-types and MGB V-8s and much, much more. Saturday was mainly races: B's, Midgets, T-types, Pre-war cars. Cars that would never be driven here, except on and off a trailer, were raced. Sunday was mainly a show. Most of the major English parts dealers were there, too. Quite an event.

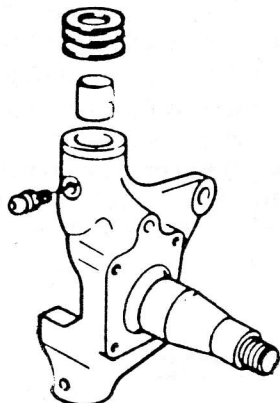
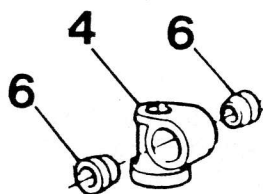
New members this month include: Perry Carter, Perry has a '59 Sprite, plus '68, '71 and '72 MGBs; Kevin McCloskey with a '78 MGB; Glen Stoddart, Glen drives a '69 Sprite; Jim and Jerri Montandon with a '71 TR-6; Tom and Karen Spaulding, Tom and Karen have a '67 XKE; Dennis Merrill, he has a '66 Sunbeam Tiger; Stephen Tanner, Stephen drives a '77 MGB; Pat Matthews; Pat has a '67 Sprite;

Darin and Faith Sweeten, they have a '79 MGB; Bill and Sue Farley, they have a '76 TR-7; Franklin Hovey, Franklin has a '75 Spitfire; Marv and Sheree Marcus, Marv and Sheree have a '73 Jensen Healey; Craig Hansell, Craig drives a '67 Land Rover; and Boyd Hatch, Boyd is great at working on Land Rovers (he helped me with mine, thanks Boyd) and drives a '70 Land Rover. Hope to see all of you at the Trapper's Loop Run and at the Alpine Loop.

Autojumble

Bob Travis has a '61 TR-3 for sale. It was mostly restored ten or more years ago and has been used little since. Contact Bob at 942-5219.





(from question on page 2) No, it's not a kind of fish. It's a fitting between two shafts which are at right angles to each other (#4 above). They are commonly found at the upper end of a king pin front suspension.

From the Exchequer

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