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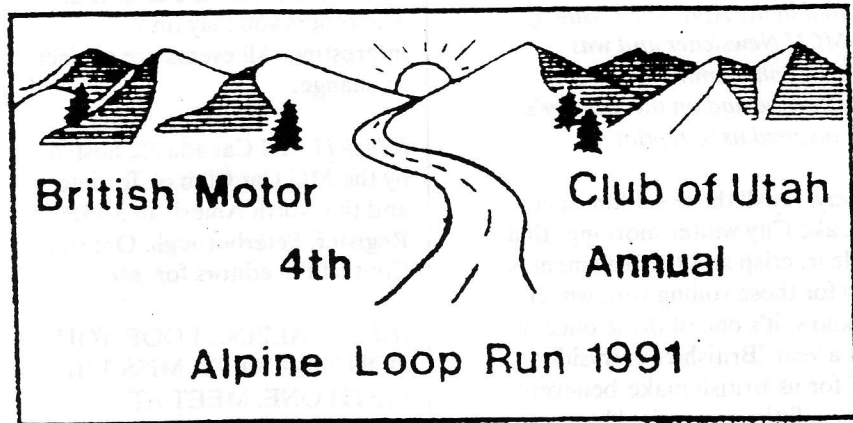
The Fifth Alpine Loop

In July 1988, five couples in British cars met for the first time to drive over the Alpine Loop and organize (that may be too strong of a word) the BMCU. Since that time we have driven the Alpine loop every year, with thirty two or more cars doing it last year.

We will *meet at South Towne Mall at 10:00 am on Saturday July, 11* to do it the fifth time. South Towne Mall can be reached off of I-80 at the 106th South exit or off of State Street at 106th South. We will be meeting near the south-west corner of the stores as we have for the past few years. After selling tickets for the raffle and getting somewhat organized, we will head down to Alpine for a W.C. break (pit stop) at the store. If you are coming from Utah Valley, you may want to join us here. Then, past Timpanogos Cave and up and over the hill to Sundance.

We will picnic at Sundance (be sure to bring your lunch) and hold the drawing for the prizes. I hope to have some good ones. After lunch, those that need to get home can return via Provo, and the rest can head to Heber and ice cream after the hottest part of the drive. Then on to Francis, Kamas, Brown's Canyon, Park City and Salt Lake. Normally, we arrive back in Salt Lake between 3 and 4.

Contact Bill or Julie for information, 582-9223 (H) or 581-7687 (W).



Last year's dash badge for the Alpine Loop run

It was the 13TH!

You know that both the 13th of the month and Fridays are supposed to be unlucky. Thus Friday the 13 is doubly unlucky. Well it wasn't Friday, but it was the 13th.

The group meet for the Trappers Loop run on June 13th at the Utah Travel Council, but we couldn't get in the parking lot—some sort of rally was at the capital and the lot was full. So we all parked in the "no parking" zone and waited for Salt Lake's finest to come by and run us off. They never appeared and we headed off toward Ogden with about 15 cars. At a stop sign two of the cars made contact, resulting in a broken luggage rack on one and a crease in the front of the other. After resolving this we continued toward Ogden, only to arrive and find two or three BMCU members, but not any of the Ogden Car Club. We waited a bit, then decided to head off. Going up the canyon the group got split by a Cadillac going at a very low speed. One car finally got around it just before the turn to Mountain Green. With no one to

follow he missed the turn and went off on his own tour. I suggest that we do not hold events on the 13th in the future.

Even with all the misfortunes the tour was a great one. After a threatening Friday evening, Saturday was great, cool, perhaps too cool for the people, but the cars loved it. One driver wore winter hat, gloves and short sleeve shirt. "Got to keep anything warm that I can keep warm." Others in convertibles were wrapped in blankets. Even Gary's and Sandy's sheep dog, Daisy, ducked down in the back to get out of the wind. The road over the hill was great, not much snow this year, but everything was real green and the roads up the canyons make for great motoring. Enjoying it this year were: Mike O., Kees, Margie, Mike B., Edwin, Jim, Bonnie, Joe, Heino, Rick, Kathleen, Bill F., Sue, Sharon, Mike B., Mike C., Mom, Gary, Sandy, Daisy, Mark, Jon, Susan, Alison, Laura, Reed, Dave, Julie and myself.

Think about it

Editor's note: The following article appeared in the April 1989 issue of the BMCU Newsletter and was written by John Ammon. A discussion we had on the Trapper's Loop inspired us to reprint it.

Anyway, recall those seldom seen Salt Lake City winter mornings that are clear, crisp and the pavement is ready for those rolling wire wheels. You know, it's one of those once or twice a year "British countryside days" for us British make-believers. Maybe a little impractical but, nevertheless with a good Jag heater, warm tweed hat and scarf, how could my friend Beth and our dog, Tillamooke (a fuzz ball/fur depositing malamute) not enjoy our first winter's spin in the countryside.

The 3.8 introduced itself with its typical twin SU hollowed exhaust note, that is, once its air cleaner was removed and it was primed (mistake number one was to put its air cleaner in the trunk). As 64th south rolled into just another location toward our make-believe countryside rally, the intake system made some definite "burps." This I quickly rationalized to the copilot as being a non-mechanical flaw, the result of "old fuel" from some number of months of having not been run. However, this thought was quickly discarded due to the definite smell of something burning from the engine compartment and my simultaneous panic comment of "Oh @\$%!"

(The following sequence of events occurred only under great stress and mostly from involuntary reaction.) First, I raised the hood just in time to notice the plastic fuel lines melting from an S.U. carburetor fire! "Oh @\$%!!" This can not happen!! "Get out of the car and call the fire

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.

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. YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THE FIFTH ONE. MEET AT SOUTH TOWNE MALL AT 10:00 AM. CONTACT BILL OR JULIE FOR INFORMATION, 582-9223 (H) OR 581-7687 (W).

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.

July 31-August 2 North American Daimler and Lanchester annual convention, Dearborn, MI. Information from Linda Simmonds, 519-271-3251.

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. The editors have two campsites reserved, if you would like to join us, let us know.

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.

NOVEMBER 14 TECHNICAL SESSION

JANUARY 16 TECHNICAL SESSION

FEBRUARY 13 POT-LUCK DINNER

department!" Action number two was to run to the back seat and get the dog's blanket to smother the fire. The result was immediate nylon blanket meltdown, with now more fuel to burn. Next, was to pour the newly purchased gallon of anti-freeze on the melting blanket which only created a volcanic, nylon-spitting reaction.

By now, the fire had covered most of the engine compartment and was producing too much heat to stay within combat range. As the heat pushed me back, I vaguely recall being angry with the slowing down of traffic and their rubber necking. Obviously, someone — somehow — needed to get out of their

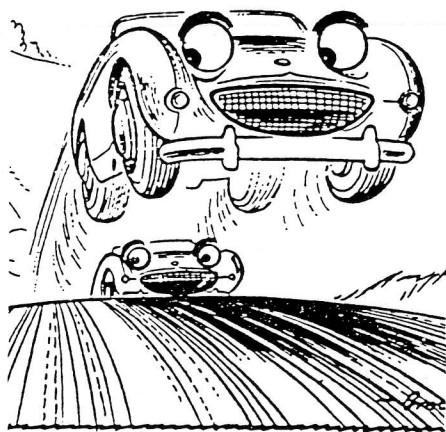
When did the MG octagon first appear?

noninvolvement and help me do something to save the Jag! It was out of control and I was going into shock!

As I recall, it was tire squealing that caused me to turn around to see a lady dodging traffic, while running toward me, with her arms extended, holding a fire extinguisher. "You can use this," was her only comment!

The Murray Fire Department arrived in time to find me thanking the lady for helping. Although most of the engine wiring and rubber had been burned and the front part of the car was covered with white chemicals, I was glad to, at least, be able to sit inside and gaze over the blistered hood as we towed it home.

I strongly suggest a fire extinguisher in every auto you drive. I do now!



Left over parts

Brad Parkin has organized a Trolley Square European Sports Car Show, with emphasis on the 50's and 60's. It's July 24. Let's have a good BMCU turnout for this one. Everyone getting a newsletter last month should have gotten an entry form. If not, contact Brad, at Trolley Square, 521-9877, for info.

We need some folks to organize the August picnic, the September drive and the End-of-the-season dinner. Let the editors know if you are willing to help with one of these.

We have video copies of the two segments Channel 5 did on the British Car Field Day. Maybe some of you saw them. The greatest part was the big smiles everybody's faces. We will try to show the videos the next chance we get.

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

It's your last chance to register if you are going to GOF West (Gathering of the Faithful). The GOF is for all MGs and is in Jackson, WY at the end of August. Call Bill or Julie for registration info. There appears to be about four couples going at present. The current plan is to drive up Monday and return Friday, with one couple going Sunday. If you want to caravan there, make sure we know you are going.

The editors are going to Steamboat, from the GOF in Jackson, for the vintage racing over Labor Day weekend. This has become a major vintage race of national calibre. Many of the cars raced are British and there is a good concours, too. Reservations in a motel are probably impossible

now, but if you want to camp, we have two sites reserved and can squeeze a bunch of folks onto those two sites. Let us know if you want to join us.

We sent out 176 June newsletters. Thanks to Sue for copying the newsletter.

New members this month include everybody who was at the field day and not on the mailing list. If you don't want to get the BMCU newsletter, let us know. Perry Carter, Perry has a '59 Bugeye Sprite, '68, '71 and '72 MGBs; Kevin McCloskey with a '78 MGB; Glen Stoddart who has a '69 Sprite; Jim and Jerri Montandon, they have a '71 TR-6; Dennis Merrill, Dennis has a Sunbeam Tiger; Earl and Jeanette Phillips with a '69 Midget; Dan Forester, Dan has a '67 E-type Jag; Karl and Jean Hendrickson with a '62 Jag Mark II; Charles Jones, Charles has '67 Jag XJSC; Ralph Little, Ralph has four (?) MG-TCs (!), a MGB and a Jag; Tim and Janis Cline, Tim and Janis have a '74 TR-6; Ron Gese with a '66 Austin Healey 3000; Jim Thornton, Jim has a '60 Austin Healey; John Williams, John lists an '89 Jag XJS, but I bet he has others; P. Huber with a '73 Jensen Healey; Brian Mertz, Brian lists a '59 Sprite, but I think he still has a big Healey too; Allen Brown, Allen has a '67 Morgan + 4; David and Pam Brockmeier with a '68 TR-6, Connie Baring-Govid, Connie has a '51 MG-TD that she wants to get running; Charles and Evelyn Christensen, they have a TR, I seem to recall, but don't remember which; Heino Cleveringa, Heino has a '72 MGB-GT.

Autojumble

For sale: TR-4, no motor, no transmission, rough; TR-6 diff, bumpers, bonnet; GT-6 Mk3 bonnet in good shape, \$300. Mark, 364-3251.

Gene Evans has a '74 TR-6 for sale, very good condition with only 78,000 miles on it. Call Gene at 485-8208.



(from question on page 2) It first appeared in an ad in 1924 and on cars shortly after that.

From the Exchequer

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