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## Spring tinker day

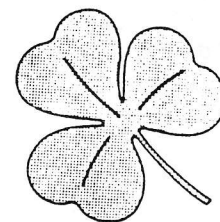
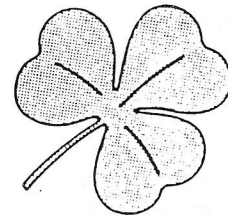
The first "driving" event of the year will be a **Tinker Day, March 7**, at the Fat Chance Garage (Mark Bradakis' garage) 739 Park Street. This is a chance to get some advice and help with your car, to see how others do things, to use a tool you need and don't have or just to kick tires and talk. Tinker Days are great fun. Mark's place is most easily reached by turning north off of 8th South on to Park Street (540 East) and is located at the jog in Park Street between 8th and 7th South. If you need parts you will need to bring them along. Call Mark (364-3251 (H)) if you need advice on what parts to get, what to bring or if we can help. The Tinker Day will start at 10 am and run till everybody goes home. Stop by with or without your British car.

And speaking of working on cars, is there any incentive to have the club purchase some big ticket tools? Things like an engine hoist, or hydraulic press, big pullers and such that are really too expensive for one person to buy when needed only once, but would make sense for the club to make available for use by the members? Perhaps we can discuss this at Tinker Day, as issues like funding, storage, rental rates and such would have to be worked out.

## It's time for the wearing o' the green

We will be taking part in the St. Patrick's Day Parade as the March event. This is a good event for early in the year since we are not too far from home if the weather goes bad. We entered early this year and should not have a long wait for our position in the parade. If you have never seen this parade, it's as much for the participants as for the spectators, everybody seems to be out to have fun. You do not need a show car for this parade. Lots of crepe paper, balloons, shamrocks and green hats helps put the cars in the right spirit. **Meet at the Brigham Young Monument at South Temple and Main at 9:00 am on Saturday March 14**, there will be people at the registration table there who can tell you where we are gathering. The parade in on Main between South Temple and Fifth South and Main will be blocked off. Based on past years experience, do not try to cross Main north of Fifth South including North Temple, driving to South Temple and the Brigham Young Monument via West Temple is the best plan. Bring balloons, green hats, green crepe paper, and such. We will go get brunch after the parade.

*Which sold more, Triumph Spitfire or MG Midget?*



## Pot-luck report

The annual Pot-Luck started off slow, but ended up with about 40 people in attendance. The room in the Cathedral worked out ideally. We saw a lot of photographs being passed around, plus Mark had some slides and Bill had a video of the year's activities. The food was excellent, but in short supply and people who went through the line near the end found mostly empty plates. This was a first, as we usually have a super abundance of food. A calendar was worked out for the year, see below, and several other events discussed. We may have a show at Trolley Square in the Spring, this could be fund raiser for the club. There is interest in a two day trip in northern Utah area, Logan, Bear Lake, ... in the late Spring. A Bed and Breakfast trip would be good. Anybody know of any Bed and Breakfasts in Logan, Evanston, or the Bear Lake Area? We may schedule another Tinker Day or two depending on interest. Some new and interesting trips were suggested: the Golden Spike Monument, a ghost town tour, Mirror Lake or the Mount Nebo Loop. One of these may be the September Tour. There seems to be lots of interest in the British Field Day and Bill Davis and Duff Lawson will be getting that moving.

Attending were: Merv, Sandy, Kees, Mike, Jaime, Dorthy, Jim D., Chris, Sharon, Mike B., Jim P., Michelle, Scott, Adele, J., Kay, Nathan, Rick, Kathleen, Gary, Sandy, Steve, Mary Ann, Brad, Nancy, Rich, Shirley, Duff, Nicholas, Martin, Susan, Mark B., Karen, Judean, Sylvia, Mark D., Bill D., Julie and Bill V. Thanks to Sandy and Merv for taking the calls and to Bill D. for getting the room in the Cathedral.

## 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.

**MARCH 7 TINKER DAY AT THE FAT CHANCE GARAGE (MARK BRADAKIS'), 739 PARK STREET, 10 AM TILL ?.**

**MARCH 14 ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE. MEET AT 9:00 AM AT SOUTH TEMPLE AND MAIN.**

March 22 SCCA Autocross, Alta High School.

April 5 SCCA Autocross, Woods Cross High School. April 26 SCCA Autocross, Weber County Fairgrounds.

**APRIL 11 RALLY OF SOME SORT IN THE SALT LAKE AREA.**

April 26 SCCA Autocross, Weber County Fairgrounds.

**MAY 9 OR 16 BRITISH FIELD DAY.**

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 13 TRAPPER'S LOOP RUN AND PICNIC.**

**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.

**SEPTEMBER 12 DRIVE TO ?**

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

October 10-11 Triumphest in Buellton, CA. This is all we know now.

**NOVEMBER 14 TECHNICAL SESSION.**

**JANUARY 16 TECHNICAL SESSION.**

**FEBRUARY 13 POT-LUCK DINNER.**

## Left over parts

New members during February include: Dean and Tammy Powell, they have a '63 Healey 3000; Chris Kelson, Chris has a '79 MGB; Glenn Petersen with a '77 TR-7; Good to have all of you with us.

Doing the postcards is always fun, since you get lots of letters with interesting comments. A few good ones this year included the optimist who listed his codriver as "various" and the pessimist who said "I wish." And then there was the car described as "green and rust."

This time around GRILL BADGES are \$20. each. We have prepaid orders for 21 and have ordered 30.

We also have club patches. These sell for \$7.00. We will bring them to the next events.

The folks who make the club patches for us can also embroidery the emblem directly on a shirt. Blue knit shirts, blue is necessary to form part of the design, work out really neat. Contact Heidi at Creative Expressions, 4140 South 500 West, 269-1282 for information.

We sent out 202 February newsletters. Thanks to Jim for copying them. The number will be down next month when the new mailing list is used.

## Autojumble

Charles Woodward, P.O. Box 91, Victor, ID, 83455, (208) 787-2495, is looking for the following: for a '60 MGA, complete front bumper, shift knob, remote starter solenoid, two hubcaps, front grille, driver's side sidecurtain; for a '57 TR-3, front overriders, trim letters, front grille-medium smallmouth, one 15" wire rim with good hub, ammeter, oil pressure gauge, one LR tail lamp assembly. He has for sale or trade: TR-7 2L shortblock in a basket; TR-4 frame and rusted tub - good for clips; also a bunch of Land Rovers.

Phil Janney has car covers, in all sizes, for sale for \$29. Call him at 485-9585 (H).

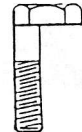
Mark Dressler, (303) 680-0619, has a '65 Lotus Elan for sale. It is original and in pristine condition. He is asking \$23,500.

## Bolts for all nuts

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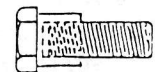
For holes drilled crooked and then straightened up



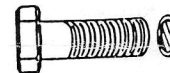
For holes too near the edge



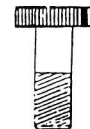
For mismatched bolt holes



Telescoping bolt where length is not known



For out-of-round holes



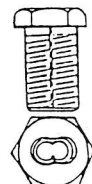
Serrated head for all vise grips



For holes counter sunk too deep



For holes not square



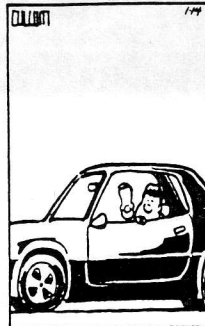
Binocular bolt, for double-drilled holes

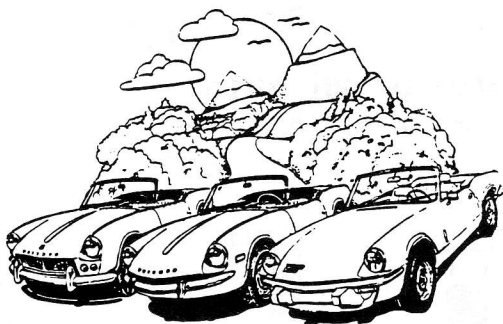


For all tapered holes (special nut required)

## WALNUT COVE

By Matt Cullum





*(from question on page 1) Spitfire production from 1962 to 1980 totaled 314,342 units, compared to the MG Midget's run of 226,526 units from 1961 to 1979. However, if you add the Sprite production of 129,362 units built from 1958 to 1971 to the Midget's figures, the "Spridget" total of 355,888 surpasses the Spitfire.*

*ps: This of course does not refer to T Series, etc. MG Midgets*

## From the exchequer

Balance as of  
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has \$88.33.) \$667.32

February  
newsletter cost                   -\$55.97

February donations           +\$110.80

Pre-payments for  
Grill Badges, in  
February                       +\$60.00

Pot-Luck room  
rental                           -\$25.00

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