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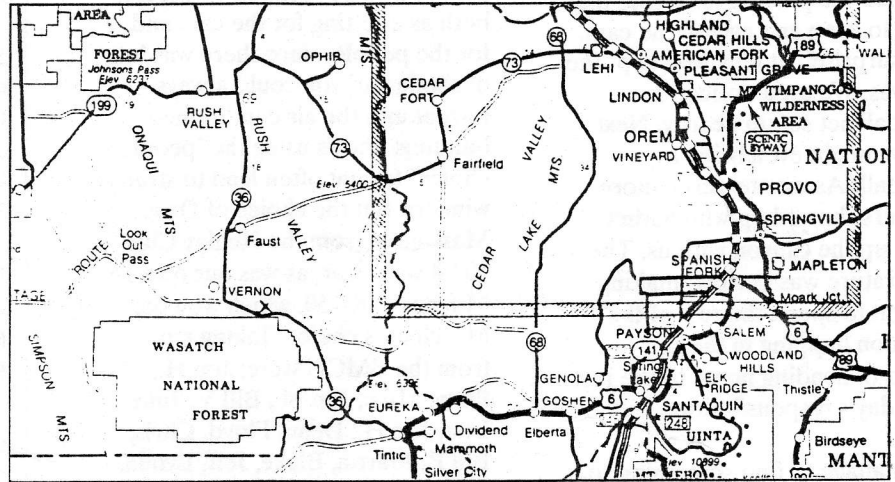
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## Now for something completely different!

The September event will be a tour into the relatively unknown Cedar and Rush Valleys of Utah and Tooele Counties. *We will meet at River Pointe Plaza, 9000 South and Redwood Road (1700 West) in Historic Riverton at 10:30 am on Saturday, September 12.* Bring a picnic lunch and have a full tank of gas.

There is a Shopko and Albertson's in the Plaza. This is good if you need to pick up anything you forgot, because there is little available on this loop. We will then head south and west to Fairfield and the old Stage Coach Inn for a picnic lunch, with a stop at Camp Floyd, along the way. Camp Floyd was the largest military installation in the U.S. in the early 1860's, but little more than a cemetery remains now. From the Stage Coach Inn we will head west, following the Pony Express Trail for a short distance and then swing south to Eureka (pronounced Uricka, by those who know) and a look at the Tintic Mining District. After a stop in Eureka, we will head down the hill to Elberta and then north along the west side of Utah Lake and back to Redwood Road. This will be a tour of 75 to 100 miles on relatively flat roads (all paved).

Although trip leader Gary Lindstrom has scouted this route out carefully, this will be the first time the group has tried it, so bring your sense of humor and tool kit. Gary will be out of town the week preceding the trip, so for more information call Mark at 364-3251.



## Brighton was brighter than last year

By Reed Baier

As I left home with the top down on my TR, all I had to deal with was a south wind and a lot of sun. Last year I had called Brighton minutes before leaving to find it was snowing hard with a few inches on the ground. This morning I hurried to arrive at the the mouth of the canyon a little early, but as I dodged traffic I realized I was just going to make it on time. I arrived to find one MG already waiting. As usual, it took a little time for the group to assemble. I had managed to have a pen and paper for the sign-up list but realized that I didn't have anything to collect newsletter donations in. A few members informed me that they drove over

just to say hello, and that they were not going to be able to make the drive. It is nice to see members even if they can't be there for the whole event. About 11:00 it was time to head out but no one seemed to want to take the lead. I was hoping to buck responsibility by having a slower car (perhaps a TD) lead, but there seemed to be no takers. After a few jokes about the group not being able to keep up with my TR, I decided to be at the front. Driving slowly up the canyon gave us an opportunity to enjoy the view. Big Cottonwood canyon is one of my favorite convertible drives. The combination of rugged rock and thick pines, set on steep canyon walls, means those without a convertible miss out on most of the scenery. Also, a well maintained road with a few fun curves always adds to the sportscar enjoyment. We wound our way up

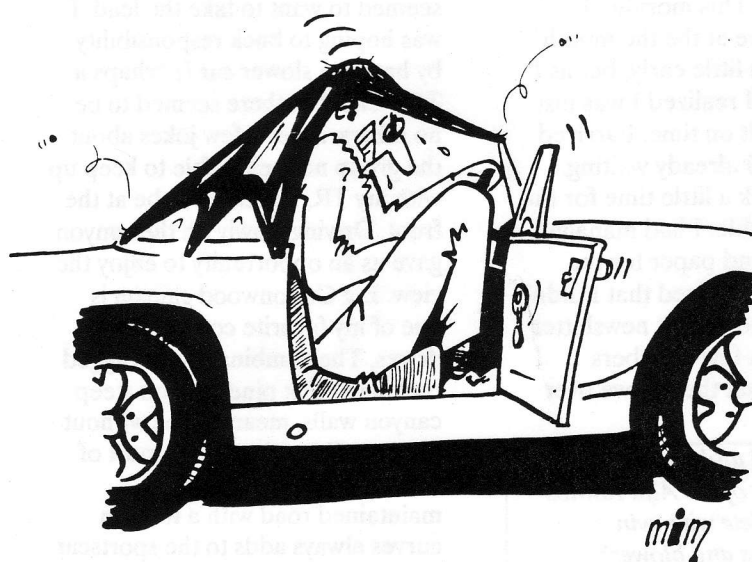
*Who designed and raced the Triumph copy of the Alfa Romeo 2300C, complete with twin overhead cams and blower?*

the canyon only stopping for a moment at one point to make sure the group was still together. We arrived at Brighton and lined the cars up at the base of Majestic ski lift. A short walk uphill brought us to a nice area of grass to lay out blankets, and such, for a picnic. We faced the parking lot giving the ability to keep an eye on the cars. I was surprised at how well kept the area was. We even noticed a volleyball net set up nearby. Next time we might even bring a volleyball! As we ate, three more members showed up who hadn't driven up the canyon with us. The temperature was perfect, making me want to spend the rest of the afternoon napping in the sun instead of heading home to the rest of the day's responsibilities.

I did manage to find something to collect newsletter donations in just before the group started to break up. I would like to thank everyone for their support in making this a great August event. Those in attendance were Dave, Bill, Wendy, Phil, Maureen, Boyd, Kees, Beckie, Heino, Ron, Deb, June, Lou, Mike, Cheryl, Tony, Kathy, Mark, Karen, Doug, Joyce, Jack, Rick, Kathleen, Carl, Berry, Bob and myself.

## Trolley Square

The show at Trolley Square was very successful, with thirty-two cars there, most from the BMCU and nearly all of them English. The Trolley Square location was great, both as a setting for the cars and for the people, since there was lots of shade and you could always retreat into the air conditioned building. Shows using the "people's choice" format often lead to strange winners, but the choice of Dave Maxwell's (from the Healey Club) 100-4 was clear, as was our own Jon Muceus' XK-150, which won the Merchant's choice. Taking part from the BMCU were: Jon H., Patty, Mike, Jon M., Bill V., Julie, Lou, Jon H., Dean, Floyd, Chris, Bill P., Martin, Blake, Jeff, Lynda, Howard, Reed, Brad, Nancy, and Steve. Many thanks to Trolley Square and Brad Parkin for organizing a great first effort. I suspect this was the first of a series of shows that will occur at Trolley Square.



"There's a surprising amount of room inside, even for tall people . . ."

## 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.

*September 5-7* Vintage racing and concours at Steamboat Springs, CO. The editors have two campsites reserved. If you would like to join us, call Mark at 364-3251

**SEPTEMBER 12**  
**FAIRFIELD-EUREKA TOUR.**  
**MEET AT RIVER POINTE**  
**PLAZA, 9000 SOUTH AND**  
**REDWOOD ROAD AT 10:30**  
**AM WITH A PICNIC LUNCH**  
**AND A FULL TANK OF GAS.**

**SEPTEMBER 20** Senior Citizens concours at the U of U. This is the best of the local car shows. Stop in and take a look around.

**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 for information.

**NOVEMBER 14** TECHNICAL SESSION. SUGGESTIONS FOR THE SUBJECT?

**JANUARY 16** TECHNICAL SESSION. SUBJECT?

**FEBRUARY 13** POT-LUCK DINNER

## Left over parts

The plan was to send out a membership and car list with last month's newsletter, but we figured up the cost and decided not to do it. The roughly two hundred names, addresses and phone numbers are currently packed onto seven sheets, and the nearly three hundred cars are listed on six sheets. To copy this, plus a cover, would be 14 sheets at 3½ cents per sheet, for a total of 49 cents a copy for single-sided copies. Fourteen sheets plus an envelope requires 98 cents postage. This, plus the cost of a large envelope, is about \$1.50 a copy, times two hundred copies equals \$300!! If we two-sided copy the postage drops to 75 cents and the total cost is about \$250! Even if we could get the copying donated, the postage and an envelope will still cost \$160. So to put out a membership list will cost between three and six newsletters. Do enough people want a membership list to pay 50 or 75 cents for a copy at an event? Let us know.

We need someone to organize the End-of-the-season dinner. Let the editors know if you are willing to help with this.

The grill badges have been located — the order had gotten lost!!! That's the good news. The bad news is that the guy from the MGC Register that we order them from is going to be in England for nearly two months and it is unlikely that we will get them before he returns.

Duff is going to England with the MGC group and will spend a couple of weeks touring with them. Several people from the U.S. are taking their C's to England too, but Duff is not one of them, because his is still not reassembled after being painted. We noted last month that

Laurie Hope's Europa was second at the Golden Spike show in Ogden. We learned later that Mike Cady and the XK-120 was first. Good going to both of you.

The editors are going to Steamboat Springs, 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 Mike Cady has another. We can squeeze a bunch of folks onto those sites. We will be in Jackson at the GOF when this newsletter comes out so call Mark, 364-3251, if you want to join us or need some information.

We sent out 209 August newsletters.

New members this month include: David Bennett, David has a '60 MGA; Howard Boulter who has a '74 TR-6; Lou Leger, Lou has a MG-TD; Lane Rudelich who also has a MG-TD; Henry Moukoian, Henry used to work for Roy Beal and now runs British and European Car Service; Walt Gellatly; Richard Neilson, Richard has both a '67 and

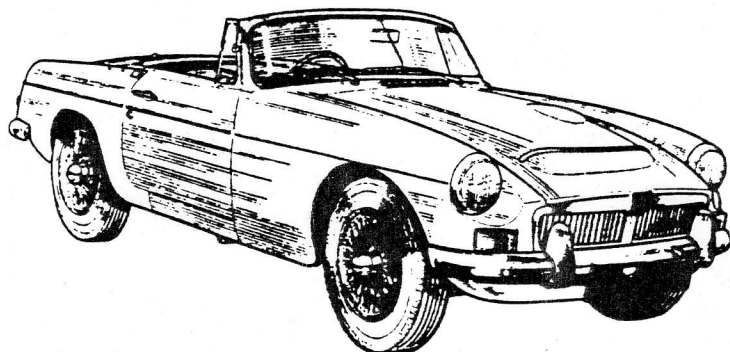
'71 MGB; David Hill, who used to own a Lotus and is now looking for an MG; Robert Barnard, Bob has a '80 TR-8; Cal & Nancy Massey with a '67 MGB; Jim Thornton, Jim has three Healeys, a '60 3000, a '59 100-6 and a '53 100-4; Bill Plummer, Bill has a '52 MG-TD.

Julie and I have run across Tony Gras a few times recently and learned that he fell off the roof of a two story building that he was helping construct. He was badly hurt and in the hospital for several months. He is now starting to get out and about and was interested in what the club has been doing. Our best wishes to you, Tony, and we hope to see you at some events.

## Autojumble

For sale, 1946 MG-TC, green with a tan top. \$16,000. Call Mike Johnson, 964-9120 evenings, 255-5252, x-352 days.

Car storage for summer, winter, or all year. Metal building on private property. \$30.00 per car per month. Call Bev at 571-5757.





## From the exchequer



Approximate balance as of 7/21/92 (Exchequer had \$255.22, Editor had \$152.31)	\$407.53
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welcome owners (or potential owners) of  
British cars in any condition to the group.  
Membership in the BMCU is free, but we  
ask for a donation at events to support  
the newsletter and other activities. If you  
would like to join the group, send your  
name, address, and British cars owned to  
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*(from question on page 1) It was  
none other than Donald Healey of  
Austin-Healey fame.*

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