

# British Motor Club Of Utah

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## No event this month

But to help you keep your British Car in mind, we have included a copy of a puzzle designed by Reed Baier that we were going to use on the Alpine Loop. The weather was not conducive that day, so here it is. **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

## Carburetors

Between fifteen and twenty people assembled at Mike Morgan's shop for the carburetor session. Mike was well prepared with donuts, coffee, orange juice, a Colortune to give away and some carburetors to disassemble. He started off with a discussion what a carburetor is intended to do: convert liquid gasoline into a vapor mixed with air in the proper proportions to burn efficiently in the engine. He then disassembled an SU carburetor, describing the parts and how they contribute to the overall goal, along with what can go wrong. After getting it disassembled he reassembled it, pointing out pitfalls along the way, including the bugaboo of older SUs, centering the needle. Finishing up the SU we looked at a Stromberg, and mainly discussed the differences from the SU. Following this a couple of people who had braved the cool morning temperatures in their cars brought them in and we fiddled with mixture and balance. We ended up an excellent session with

*Speaking of carburetors, what do the initials SU stand for?*



a drawing where Jim Pivrotto won the Colortune. Many thanks, Mike.

We may have missed some of the folks attending, but the following were there: Mike B., Bill U., Richard, Barry, Gary, Mike

S., Steve, Doug, Greg, Brad, Mike B., Edwin, Rick, Jim, Tony, Mark and Bill V.

## A guide to car ads

**Spring is coming**, along with the urge to buy another car. Just to help, we have included the following guide to help you understand phrases used in car ads (with thanks and apologies to Theodore Green and the Portland Triumph Owners Association).

### ALL OPTIONS

Owner installed everything himself.

### ALL RECEIPTS

Lets you determine the repair budget ahead of time.

### ALWAYS GARAGED

Won't run and sets in the shop all of the time.

### FLOOR MATS

The floor pan has rusted out, but the mats keep most of the water out. Don't step on them, though.

### FOUR BARREL

Has only been shot at four times.

### GOOD BODY

The engine is toasted.

### GREAT MILEAGE

Has to be towed regularly and doesn't use gas.

### GREAT PROJECT CAR

Assume it's beyond repair.

### GREAT SECOND CAR

Will never be dependable enough to be your primary means of transportation.

### GREEN

May either be the color of most of the paint or the color of the stuff growing on the upholstery.

### HIGH PERFORMANCE

The owner can't find any company willing to insure it.

### MANY NEW PARTS

All wheel lug nuts have been replaced, although they don't match.

### MUST SELL

Probably stolen.

### NEEDS ENGINE WORK

The engine last ran on the day the oil all leaked out.

### NEEDS BODY WORK

With imagination you can see where the body was.

### NEVER IN THE SNOW

Won't start in cold weather.

### READY FOR RESTORATION

The paint has been chipped off and the drive train as been removed, disassembled, and lost. Some parts may be under the leaves in the yard.

### RECENT REBUILD

Obviously did not go too well. Look under leaves in the yard for missing parts..

## 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.

**DECEMBER NO EVENT - HAVE A GOOD HOLIDAY SEASON.**

**JANUARY 16 TECHNICAL SESSION. IMPROVING THE PERFORMANCE OF BRITISH CARS?**

**FEBRUARY 13 POT-LUCK DINNER**

### RESTORED

The owner changed the oil last year and the car will look great as soon as he scrapes the overspray off the windshield.

### SHOWROOM CONDITION

Looks good but can't be driven.

### STORED \_\_\_\_ YEARS

Owner hasn't been able to start it for \_\_\_\_ years.



"I DON'T CARE IF IT IS A CHILDHOOD DREAM. THERE'S NO ROOM IN OUR BUDGET FOR YOU TO HAVE A MID-LIFE CRISIS!"

## Left over parts

As the end of the year draws near, the time for the annual membership postcard is approaching too. For those of you that don't know what this is about, in order to keep the membership list down to an affordable number and to eliminate people who are no longer interested in the group, each year, in January, we send out a postcard with the newsletter. You **MUST** return that postcard or you will be removed from the mailing list, terminated, period.

Warning! We hear that there is a group called the Triumph Spitfire Club of America advertising in Hemmings Motor News and such. The address, in Portland, is a storage warehouse and people who

have sent in \$18 membership have not received any further communication from them.

We sent out 236 newsletters, thanks to Jim for copying them.

This month's new members include: Robert Riemenschneider, Bob is restoring a '61 Bugeye; Glen Johnson, Glen has a TR-6; Tracy Stamatakis, he has a two Midgets; Joe Schaffer, Joe has a TR-7.

Again, a reminder about grill badges, we really have them and would like to get them to J. Jennings, P. Janney, Russ Maher, Jeff Porter and Mike Cady. Mike has talked to me about his and Jeff and I have been exchanging messages for a few days. The question has arisen if we will be buying more. Sure! But they cost the club near \$20 each, that we

have to pay when we order them, we actually make a couple of bucks on each. The minimum order is 25 and if you compare the approximately \$500. cost to the money in the exchequer you will see the problem. To keep the club solvent we have to have at least half of the 25 bought and payed for before we can order. We will try to put an order together, again, in the spring if their is sufficient interest.

We could use a person to help coordinate events. The editors have been doing this, and it really hasn't taken much time, but a new person would bring new ideas and free up a bit of time for the editors. You don't need to lead the events, just see that someone else does. Any volunteers? Don't be shy.

Now is the time for reflection on the past year and new ideas for next year. Plan on attending the February Potluck and getting some new events organized for next year. We could use somebody to organize the potluck, basically to talk to people and keep everyone from bring rolls or potato chips.. St. Mark's will let us use the room again.

We got a letter from Moss Motors with three pieces of news: 1) If you buy \$2200. (yes, the decimal is in the right place) worth of parts, in one order, before the end of 1992, you will get 10% off all additional orders in 1993. 2) Moss has new body shells for MGB, TR-6, Sprite/Midget, and MGA (The last must be parts to build a new body since it uses a frame.). 3) There are new catalogs, either available now or in early 1993, for Spitfire MK IV / 1500, TR-250 / -6, MGB, and MGA. These catalogs are available locally from Parts Master.

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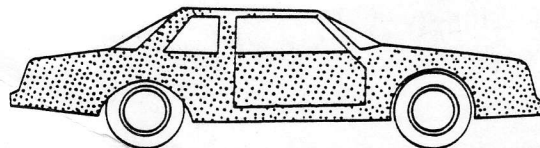
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## From the Exchequer



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*(answer from page 1) Skinner's Union, originally owned by two brothers named Skinner. Anybody know their first names?*

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HOLIDAY  
GREETINGS