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2ND annual British Field Day

The 2ND annual *British Field Day* will again be hosted by St. Marks Episcopal Cathedral on *Saturday, May 22*. The site will be in the park behind the cathedral, 231 East 100 South in Salt Lake City from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please arrive early if you need to register vehicles. The event is a fund raiser for the Cathedral Community Outreach Program and, new for this year, Hildegard's Pantry, the cathedral food bank.

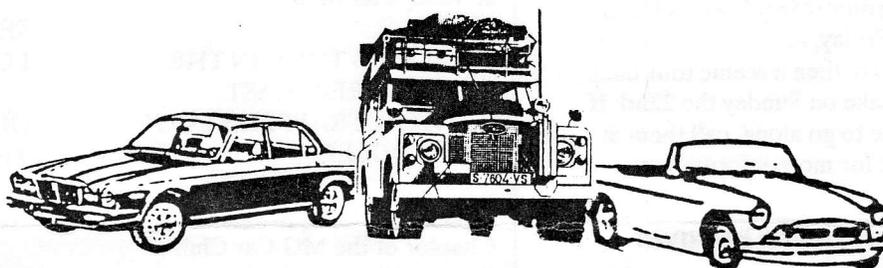
The event is again being sponsored by the BMCU and, officially this year, the Utah British Bike Club. The event will feature a display of British Cars and Motorcycles, a funkana and, new this year, a used parts swap meet.

Registration this year is \$7.50 per participant. You may enter as many vehicles as you would like for this fee, but it includes only one dash plaque. Additional dash plaques will be available for \$2.50 each. The plaques are also new this year and account for the slight increase in the registration fee. Anyone entering a vehicle will receive free admission for their family members.

Admission for spectators is 4 cans of food for the food bank or \$2.00 per person. Children 12 and under are free. Swap meet registration is an additional \$2.50 if you are entering a vehicle or \$10.00 if you are not.

What British sportscar has two fuel tanks? (Answer on page 4)

British Field Day



We are trying to substantially increase attendance this year, so we are enclosing a small poster that we would like you to post somewhere (work, grocery store, etc.) to help us publicize the event. Enclosed is a registration form, T-shirt order form (remember the neat T-shirts of last year?) and directions. You can register the day of the event (come early) but we encourage you to pre-register to get printed in the program.

We need volunteers for the day of the show to help set-up, collect admission, run the funkana, etc. Please contact Bill Davis, at 966-4119, or Duff Lawson, at 487-5192, if you can help, have questions or suggestions. There will be refreshments available. In case of rain, the alternate date is June 12.

BMCU day at the autocross

Sunday, May 16th, will be BMCU day at the SCCA autocross. Autocross is a chance to try to drive your car fast around a course set up with plastic cones in a parking lot. One car runs the course at a time.

The event will be held at the University of Utah, in the parking lot just west of Rice Stadium. This is the big lot just north of 5th South, about 1400 East. The best part of it all is that the Fat Chance Garage, i.e., Mark Bradakis, will pay the entry fee for any BMCU member who enters a British Car. Be there by 9:30 am.

**“What sparks through
yonder dashboard break?
It is the wipers, and
Lucas is in the air.”**

Okay, Shakespeare never had a chance to zip over to the Globe in a little British sports car, so I think the line in “Romeo and Juliet” is a bit different than that quoted above. But here in Utah, we have a chance to combine sports cars and theatre. This year’s Shakespeare Festival in Cedar City runs from June 24th through September 4th.

Mark and Karen Bradakis are planning on driving down to Cedar City on Friday, August 20, seeing a play or two, then a scenic tour back to Salt Lake on Sunday the 22nd. If you’d like to go along, call them at 364-3251 for more information.

Shakespeare Festival Information

Festival Dates - June 24 -
September 4, 1993

Plays

Shakespeare: A Midsummer
Night’s Dream, Richard II, Timon
of Athens

Thornton Wilder: Our Town

Moliere: Tartuffe

George S. Kaufman and Edna
Ferber: The Royal Family

Ticket prices

\$10.00 - \$24.00; to order call 801-
586-7878. Three theatres; show
times are 2:00 pm and 8:30 pm

Accommodations

From dormitories (\$22/night for
double, \$16 single – call 1-586-
7966 – July and the first two weeks
of August full) to hotels and inns

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.

May 16 Autocross - University of Utah. BMCU day at the SCCA autocross including FREE entry.

MAY 22 BRITISH FIELD DAY. DON’T MISS THIS ONE. ST. MARK’S CATHEDRAL, 231 EAST 100 SOUTH, SLC, 10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM.

May 29-30 Car show and autocross at Valley Fair Mall.

JUNE 12 (?) TOUR IN THE OGDEN AREA: EAST CANYON, TRAPPER’S LOOP, HUNTSVILLE?

June 12-13 Rocky Mountain Chapter of the MG Car Club of Denver 41st annual Glenwood Springs Rallye, autocross, show and tour. For information contact Ron Shaw, 303-469-5960

June 28-July 2 GOF West. Lake Tahoe, CA. For All MGs. Contact Bill and Julie, 582-9223(H) for information.

JULY 10 ALPINE LOOP. REMEMBER THIS DATE!

August 4-8 Vintage Triumph Register (VTR) Convention, Seattle, WA. Contact Mark Bradakis at 364-3251 (H) or Jim Pivrotto at 486-0547 (H) for information.

AUGUST 14 BARBECUE AND EVENING TOUR.

SEPTEMBER (?) MT. NEBO LOOP. OVERNIGHT?

OCTOBER 16 (?) END-OF-THE-SEASON DINNER.

NOVEMBER 13 TECH SESSION

JANUARY 22 TECH SESSION

FEBRUARY 12 POT-LUCK DINNER.

from \$45 to \$150/night, to bed and breakfasts from \$35 to \$110/night from 1 block to 15 miles from the festival.

Reservations and information

The All Southern Utah Free Reservation Center - 800-776-4685 for hotel information; Brian Head Central Reservations and Information - 800-272-7426, including mountain information. It is recommended that you make accommodation reservations before making theatre ticket reservations.

Other activities at the festival

The Greenshow, with court jester style music/dance, in the courtyard at 7:30 each evening.

Play orientations at 1:15 and 7:00 pm.

The Royal Feast - “a rollicking 7-course meal” 5:30 pm, \$25.00/person

Back stage tours - 11:00 am, cost is \$5.00.

Most of the other activities are daily Monday through Saturday, none on Sundays.

Nearby Cedar City are Bryce and Zion national parks, Cedar Breaks, Brian Head Resort, mountains, forests, and lakes. Be sure to bring your camera and hiking boots. The weather is usually warm in the summer in Cedar City, but it can be cool if you drive to the mountains.

Left over parts

No report on the rally scheduled for April 24 as it was snowed and rained out. Rob Green had us going over some passes that were reported to be snow-packed and slick. We will reschedule it later in the year.

As part of the preparations for the British Field Day, Duff Lawson is making some banners. He is in need of a heavy duty sewing machine to sew canvas. If you have one or have access to one give him a call at 487-5192 in the evening.

Just saw the following on the British Car e-mail (computer mail) service that Mark runs. It is a repeat of a message of a few years ago and a really useful idea that I have been using (with a separate grease gun). One of the great mysteries of MG ownership was how to get oil, not grease, according to the service manuals, into the steering rack. The following spells it out. "Take the grease cartridge out of your grease gun, invert the gun and pour in the oil of your choice. You don't even have to put the plunger end back on. Pump the gun a few times to expel any grease in line and get the oil primed. As soon as oil emerges from the end, snap it on your fitting and pump away, refilling gun as necessary. When you're done, pour out the excess oil and replace grease cartridge. Voila". Thanks to D. Stone and the British Car e-mail list.

We sent out 192 copies of the April newsletter, thanks to Jim for copying them.

We are taking deposits for grill badges from the '93 order. We need at least 11 more people who want one, and are willing to prepay, before we can order the minimum of 25 grill badges from the manufacturer. If you want a grill badge make sure you let us know and get us a check for \$20. If we can

put together a order this year we will certainly do so.

Had a chat with a member about car insurance during the month. He was trying to get stated-value insurance on a MGB, and needed a written appraisal. There appears to be two car appraisers in Salt Lake: Peak Performance, associated with the repair shop of the same name, and Alpine Antique & Classic Car Appraisal, associated with Alpine Body Shop. I have never dealt with either one. Anybody have any information?

Also, there are at least three companies that offer insurance for antique, classic, and special interest autos at very low rates. These are Condon & Skelly (800-257-9496), J. C. Taylor (800-345-8290) and American Collectors (800-360-2277). These policies normally restrict the usage to club activities and occasional pleasure drives, NO regular usage is permitted, NO modifications to increase power, less than 2500 miles a year usage and the car must be stored in a secure location. Some require the car to be at least 25 years old. If this sounds reasonable to you, you may want to check out all three companies as there are some variations in their restrictions and coverage.

New members this month include: Gregory Hyde, Greg owned an MGB and is looking for a car; Ross Sanders, Ross has a '61 Metropolitan; John Merlette, he has a '64 E-type Jag; James Christensen with a '72 TR6; Ted Hemsley, Ted has a '73 MGB; Jerry Frisbee who drives a '80 MGB. Welcome.

At present, we know of three cars going to the GOF at Lake Tahoe at the end of June. The event is open to all MG owners. If you are going, or would like more information about the event, contact Bill or Julie at 582-9223(H).

We have received a copy of a catalog from D & R Enterprises who have an incredible assortment of British car models and kits available. If you would like to see it let the editors know, or you can write or call them at 2013 North 71st Street, Wauwatosa, WI 53213, (414) 774-8870 after 6:00 pm cst.

There are been several articles around lately about winged wire-wheel knock-offs, as opposed to the hexagonal or octagonal type. It appears that the government, for our safety, is no longer going to allow them to be imported. Better hang on to any you have.

Thanks to Nathan for the great story last month. The newsletter could always use stories about your experiences with your British car, such as the time it caught on fire, trying to get one licensed, and the trials and tribulations of owning and driving them. If you have a story about owning a British car for the newsletter, just write it up and send it to the editors. We have never rejected a story!

As you will notice in the financial report we have purchased some insurance. This is a rather limited policy, covering spectators at events and involved a rather sizable cost for our budget, but the overwhelming view was that we need it. Marty is working on incorporation too. "British Motor Club of Utah, Ltd." sounds good!

Autojumble

Sorry, this ad got a bit jumbled last month. For sale, MGB with three main bearing engine, mechanical tach, for \$500. Year is unknown. Call 254-2614.

'78 Spitfire for sale. 1500 engine, new top and tonneau. 58,000 original miles. 261-8870.

'70 MGB-GT, excellent body, good interior. Engine dismantled but complete. Extra engine, trans. and lots of chrome wire wheels. Will sell all or part. Call Keith, 582-7938.

'63 Austin-Healey 3000, restorable or excellent parts car. \$3000. or best offer. Call Dean Powell at home, 263-0533, or at work, 530-6535.

'74 TR6, \$9000. Roadster with factory rebuilt engine, clutch, transmission, rebuilt starter. New oil cooler and spin-on oil filter, triple Webers and chrome headers, ball joints, front suspension, shock absorbers, brake pads, Michelin redline tires and tubes, seats, carpet, floor mats, visors, door trim mold, AM/FM tape deck, Halogen headlights. Car cover and tonneau, shop manuals, original carbs, extra parts. No rust and original paint. Kent Bond, 581-5999.

Sunbeam Alpine. The two tanks are hidden up in the fins.

From the exchequer

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