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It's Alpine Loop time again

The sixth Alpine Loop! The club was founded by the folks in five cars who decided to drive the loop in July of 1988. This is our anniversary event. The loop starts from South Towne Mall, heads south past Point of the Mountain and makes a brief stop at the store on the road to Alpine, then continues up American Fork Canyon to the fork where we head to the south onto the true loop road. It climbs steeply through beautiful mountain scenery past Mount Timpanogos and then descends as steeply down to Sundance Ski Resort.

This year we will continue past Sundance into Provo Canyon, past Deer Creek Reservoir, and on to Heber where we will picnic in a park. By starting earlier (meeting at 9:00 am) and going to Heber, we hope to miss the worse heat of the trip near the top of Provo Canyon and Deer Creek Reservoir. After lunch, we will leave Heber to the north, climb the hill to the east of Jordanella Reservoir, and continue through Francis, Kamas, Oakley and Peoa. Then we will head through Brown's Canyon and into Park City. We normally break up at I-80 and everyone heads home.

This is a pleasant trip through some of the best local scenery. The pace is leisurely, although the hills are challenging for many of the cars. We expect forty to fifty cars on the loop this year and if you like British cars, it is an exhilarating experience to be motoring with a group that size.

Meet in the Southeast corner of the South Towne Mall Parking lot at 9:00 am on Saturday, July 10. South Towne Mall is between State Street and I-15 at 106th South. There is a 106th South exit from I-15. This is a new time and new spot in the mall parking lot. The earlier time allows us to get to Heber for lunch, and the southeast spot allows easier access to State Street.

If you are in Utah County and want to meet us along the way, the best location is at the Alpine Store located at the intersection of the road running from the Alpine exit of I-15 to American Fork Canyon and the road running north to the town of Alpine. Our best estimate is that we will be there about 10:30. You are certainly free to leave the group at anytime, but try to indicate that all is well, and you are not having a mechanical problem.

Bring a picnic lunch, sunscreen, and maybe a jacket — it poured rain during lunch last year. If you have questions contact Denise or Barry Blackett at 487-6117(H). We hope to see you there!



What is the technical term describing a British car sitting along side the road with the bonnet (hood) open?

5th of July in Huntsville

While picnicking in the Huntsville City Park on the Trapper's Loop run (see below), the BMCU got invited to take part in the Huntsville 4th of July Parade (which is really on Monday, July 5). We took part in a parade in Eureka one year and these small-town parades are great fun. Mike Branchley is organizing this and has arranged for a display area for the cars at the town park right after the parade. You do not need a spotless, rust-free car to take part in this — just bring along a spirit of fun. They want us in Huntsville at 9:00 for the parade at 10:00, so we need to leave Salt Lake City early. There's three meeting places, depending upon where you live: the Utah Travel Council parking lot in SLC, Mike Branchley's house in Ogden, and at the parade start in Huntsville.

For SLC members, meet at 7:45 in the Utah Travel Council parking lot in SLC. To reach the Travel Council lot, head north up State Street until State ends at the capital building, turn right, then make an immediate right turn into the Travel Council lot. We will take I-15 north.

If you live in the north, meet at Mike's house at 1438 26th in Ogden about 8:30. Otherwise, meet us in Huntsville. There will be a carnival in the park after the parade, Western dancing in the evening and fireworks after dark. And, I bet, real homemade food! We can also return to Salt Lake via East Canyon. For more information contact Mike at 621-6453 in Ogden, or the editors at 582-9223.

Fall colors tour

Preparations are underway for an overnight trip to Nephi on Friday October 1, followed by a scenic Fall colors tour over the Mount Nebo Loop road Saturday. Of course, you can rise early on Saturday morning and head down, too. Back roads are available virtually the whole way down and back, so no freeway travel will be necessary.

The Mount Nebo Loop road's southern tip begins at Nephi (about 1½ hours south of SLC if you take I-15) and proceeds northeast toward Payson. It is one of the most scenic highways in Utah.

There are quite a few nice facilities if you decide to stay Friday night. The Whitmore Mansion Bed and Breakfast (623-2047) was built at the turn of the century and is on the National Historic Register. It features massive sliding oak doors, leaded glass windows, high ceilings, a magnificent open stairway, and many antiques. A country breakfast is included in the \$45-\$65 / night price, but there are only 5 rooms available. Make up your mind quickly! One room is a double if you plan on taking family or close friends.

For those who prefer more traditional hotel fare, The Safari, a Friendship Inn (623-1071), is just a few blocks down Main Street from the Whitmore Mansion. Campers can choose from a KOA about 5 miles out of Nephi or the High Country RV Camp just one mile south on Main (623-2624—the B&B owners say it's real nice).

Make your own reservations for lodging. If you have any questions or problems, call Steve or Laurie Bender at 571-5020. If the Whitmore Mansion fills up early, there are other B&B's in Manti (about 45 minutes south of Nephi). Call us and we'll give you the details and phone numbers.

The Lucas Calendar

This calendar works about as well as its namesake, so use it with care. Club events have **bold** dates. The others you may find interesting. All events are subject to change.

July 5: 4TH of July Parade in Huntsville. Meet at Utah Travel Council parking lot in SLC at 7:45, in Ogden at 8:30, or in Huntsville at 9:00. See the article for more info.

July 10: Alpine Loop. Meet at South Towne Mall, in the southeast corner at 9:00. Bring a picnic lunch. Make sure you read the article—there are changes this year.

July 24: Second Annual Trolley Square Foreign Sportscar show.

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

August 1: SCCA Solo II, Dee Event Center. Contact Mark Bradakis, 364-3251 (H), for information on all autocross and SCCA events.

August 7-8: SCCA Pro Solo at Wendover.

August 14: Barbecue and evening tour.

August 20-22: Shakespeare Festival trip. Contact Mark or Karen at 364-3251 for information.

September 4-6: Vintage Sportcar racing in Steamboat Springs. For more information, contact Bill or Julie at 582-9223.

September 11?: A second attempt at the rally near Park City.

October 1: Mt. Nebo Loop. Overnight if you wish. Make reservations soon.

October 1-3: Southwest Idaho Sports Car Club Sun Valley Rallye. For more information, contact Rosie Hale 206-362-4146.

October 16(?): End-of-the-season dinner.

November 13: Tech session.

January 22: Tech session.

February 12: Pot-luck dinner.

A jolly good day for motoring

After threatening weather for several days, Saturday dawned clear and cool. About twenty cars gathered at the K-Mart parking lot for a nearly-on-time start of the annual Trapper's Loop/East Canyon run. After hoots of derision, all the drivers dropped their car hoods and we headed off into the rather chilly morning. We stopped first at the zoo to collect cars lost to stop lights, then headed up Emigration Canyon at a brisk TD pace. We drove over Little Mountain, down to the now-

filling Little Dell Reservoir, then up into East Canyon. Stopping at the top of East Canyon to collect everyone, the smiles on every face confirmed what I had been thinking: this was going to be a GREAT day.

Down East Canyon, past East Canyon Reservoir, past the State Park, and into Morgan. After a stop to pick up those lost due to sheep and trucks pulling boat trailers, we continued on to Mountain Green. Mike Cady and his sister were waiting with the 120 Jag but surprisingly, no one else. After an extended pit stop, off we went over the Trapper's Loop and into Huntsville, where we toured the

town before stopping for lunch. It appeared that a significant fraction of the town stopped by to see the cars, and we got invited to take part in the Huntsville 4th of July Parade (see above for details).

Leaving Huntsville after lunch, we looped around the North side of Pineview Reservoir to Liberty, and then over the steep North Ogden Divide. Down into North Ogden we went and out to I-15 south to the Air Force Museum at Hill Field. We had to leave at this point, but the cars seemed to be attracting as much attention as the planes when we left.

Every year we seem to have at least one event where everything seems right: the day, the weather, the group, and the road. This seemed to be one of those days: perfectly clear, cool enough to cause minor frostbite on the knees of those in shorts, but warm enough to give you a bit of sunburn. East Canyon and the loop are always great, but this year the twists in the road seemed to be in just the right places, the views seemed to go on forever, the trees seemed to be twice as green as I remembered them, the snow twice as white, and the sky twice as blue. Wow!

The group grew and shrunk as people came and went, but we have records of these folks being there and smiling: Steve, Joshua, Nicholas, Dan, Sharon, Barry, Denise, Becky, Craig, Rachel, Brad, Nancy, Jon, Alison, Laura, Susan, Kees, Liz, Otto, Bill P., Rick, Kathleen, Kristina, Kevin, Mike, Arlee, LaDawn, Ariel, Mike C., Barbara, Mike B., Edwin, Mark, Julie, and Bill V. Sorry if you were there and we missed you.

Left over parts

If you haven't seen the Steamboat Springs Vintage Races, you are missing out. Production racing cars must be 1967 or earlier, and many are British (many unusual marques!). Along with the racing, there is a concours and the ambience of Steamboat Springs: good food, shops, and more. If you are thinking about it, do it. The event takes place Labor Day weekend (September 4-6) this year. Most lodging is filled by now (call 303-879-0740 to check), but you can camp at the Ski Town KOA Campground (303-879-0273) if you reserve soon. A small but dedicated group of BMCUers make the annual trip to spectate, show, or race. Contact the editors for more info.

A slightly late, but big, thanks to Bill Davis and Duff Lawson for organizing the Field Day, and to Jon, Mike, Nick, Joe, and anybody else I forgot for coming early Saturday morning to get everything set up.

Mark and Karen Bradakis are organizing a Cedar City trip for the Shakespeare Festival over the August 20 weekend. A small group is heading south, and to join them just call Mark or Karen at 364-3251. Early reservations are needed.

Ever try to remove the rear axle oil seal of an MGA or early MGB? It's held in place by a 115/16" octagonal (yes, 8-sided) nut. Now where do you get a 115/16" socket to fit an octagonal nut? Before you start pounding on it, call Kees — he has bought the proper tool and donated it to the club. Kees is the keeper of this tool, and for a small rental fee (going to the club), you can use it. Kees can be reached at 322-1718. We have been talking about a getting a small engine hoist, too. Any suggestions for other tools?

We sent out 215 — yes, 215 — June newsletters. Will we make 250 by

December? Easy! How about 300? Thanks to Jim for the copying.

Brad Parkin's cars, a TR250 and TR6, made the cover of *6-Pack*, a top-quality national newsletter for TR250 and TR6 owners. Nice going! Brad tells us that he is the sole Utah member, but has membership information for those who are interested. Call Brad at 486-8748, or see him on the Alpine Loop run.

The Trolley Square car show is set for July 24 again this year. If all goes according to plan, there will be a registration form with this newsletter. This a "people's choice" show with no judging, and it's a great chance to show off your car. The location is good, too: lots of shade, and a good-sized crowd. The Healey and Jaguar clubs have been invited also.

We are still taking deposits for a '93 grill badge order. We need at least 10 more prepaid orders before we can meet the manufacturer's 25-badge minimum. If you want a grill badge, make sure you let us know and send a check for \$20. If we can, we will get an order in this year.

New members include: William Clements; Bill and his wife have a '56 TR3; William Reyns with a '63 MGB; Dave Jennings, who has a TR7 and MGB-GT; Ken and Kelley Steed with '67 and '76 Midgets; Roger Western — '74 Jensen Healey; Aaron Bee, Aaron owns '57 and '60 MGAs and a '67 Sprite; Ronald Canfield with a '69 Sprite; Mark Fawson with a '60 TR3; Jeff and Tanya Kofoed, with a '77 MGB; Rod Widner, Rod's wife is the original owner of their '64 Spitfire; Ariel Swensen; Ariel has a '67 Mini Cooper and a '79 Midget; Jim and Debbie Muir have two MGBs; Jerry Howe — an MGB and a Midget; Ray Cannefax, Ray has a '66 Sprite and a '58 Bugeye racer; Arlee and LaDawn Swensen have a '79 Midget. Welcome! Hope to see you all on the Alpine Loop.

Autojumble

Somebody called about a TR3 frame and other parts, but the message got garbled and then lost. Anybody got a TR3 frame or parts for sale? If so, contact the editors.

For Sale: '66 Sprite, SCCA race prepared, 1275 engine, flares, lowered, will run with 911's at Second Creek racecourse. Includes trailer. Can easily be made vintage racing legal. Contact Ray Cannefax at 273-0567.

Wanted: Dashpot and piston for 1 1/4" SU carburetor. Contact Ray Cannefax at 273-0567.

For Sale: Walt Gellatly has bought a garage in the Ogden area, and in the garage are the following that he would like to sell: Sunbeam Alpine;

(from question on page 1) The Lucas position.

TR4; '68 Datsun Roadster; Opel Coupe; Vega Cosworth; lots of spoked wheels; lots of carbs; 69-70 Mercedes-Benz 280SE, lots of heads, and more. Call Walt at 392-6250 for information.

From the Exchequer

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