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Over the Loop



It's barbecue time

The August event will be a *barbecue behind St. Mark's Cathedral, on 100 South between 200 and 300 East*, the same location as the British Field Day, on *Saturday August 14, beginning at 6:00 pm.* We will need some people to bring barbecue cookers and everyone will need to bring their burgers, steaks or whatever, plus the rest of the meal, and a blanket to sit on. If you can and will bring a barbecue cooker, for the group use, please give the editors, Bill and Julie, a call at 582-9223. Bill Davis tells us that there is a place where we can lock them (the cookers, not the editors) up and leave them until they cool off.

After dinner, we will take a short drive — make sure your lights work! For more information, contact the editors.

What British manufacturer lists the horsepower of its cars as "adequate?"

Over thirty British cars took part in the 6th annual Alpine Loop Run. That was smaller than the past year or two, but a nice-sized group. We didn't advertise the run outside of newsletter and expected a bit smaller group. The new meeting location worked well, with easier egress onto State Street, and Reed found a way around some of the turns and stops at 123rd south, so the flow was quite smooth from the start. We stopped at the Alpine store and collected a few folks there.

The drive over the actual loop road was spectacular, with a clear blue sky, vibrant greens of the trees, and lingering snow on the mountains. The road had been repaved and was smooth, but with a significant drop-off on the edge. The earlier start resulted in less traffic on the road and cooler temperatures up the grade. Over the top and down past Sundance we went, up Provo Canyon and around Deer Creek Reservoir. It was even comfortable there.

Myra and Ed Strauschen invited the group to stop by Heber airport to see their Stearman biplane before they joined the run. Thirty British cars turned a few heads as we rolled down the taxiway to the hanger. The Stearman was outside and waiting for us, and is a truly beautiful machine (I will have to give them a call sometime and go take a ride). In the hanger next door was a P-51 Mustang undergoing its annual inspection, so we all got a look at a 12 cylinder Rolls Royce engine. Then, we drove into Heber for a shady lunch and the raffle drawing. Many thanks to Moss Motors, Victoria British, Parts Master and The Fat Chance Garage (Mark Bradakis) for the prizes.

After good-natured ribbing of the MG owners who won Triumph key fobs, or Triumph owners who won MG T-shirts (or Rob Green, who drives a Lotus and wins MG things, Triumph things, and a magnetic British flag) we headed off to a stop to look at the quickly filling Jordanelle Reservoir. Then, on into Kamas, Oakley, Brown's Canyon and Park City. The road construction in Park City produced the unusual sight of a gaggle of British Cars turning around in the middle of the street before the annual cruise down Main Street. As we stopped at I-80, there were cries of "more, more" and "let's go over to Emigration Canyon and then to Hires for Root Beer." So off we went. The Root Beer was good, almost as good as the run!

There were three casualties: an MGB lost its clutch near the start, a TR2 lost its generator and regulator, and the water pump pulley on the editor's TD worked loose and began clattering as we entered Park City.

Taking part, and likely showing signs of sunburn, were: Barry, Denise, Becky, Sharon B., Mike B., Carol Lee, Dale, Robert, Tom, Kevin, Bill U., Wendy, Mike O., Kees, Margie, Liz, Jon, Alison, Dan, Sharon F., Brad, Nancy, Craig, Judy, Dean, Becky, Jeff, Nancy, Mike J., Julie L., Rob, Joe, Gary, Mark, Edwin, Reed, Jordan, Pete, Brent, John, Jonna, Harv, Karen, Perry, Bob, Bruce, Tony, Mary Ann, Doug, Ilene, Ed, Myra, Julie V. and Bill V. Special thanks to Doug and Ilene who found a super lunch spot in Heber, to Denise and Berry who handled phone calls, to Pete who sold raffle tickets, and to Rob who did a great job with the raffle.

The 5TH in Huntsville

A small but hearty group of BMCUers turned out early for the parade in Huntsville on July 5TH. Mike Brenchley had arranged for us to carry some of the local girls and also the local melodrama group in the cars and we ended up with more passengers than cars. I think Mike had five girls in the car with him — that must be some kind of record! We also had a place in the park to display the cars and they produced a lot of interest, although everyone had to check to see if the TDs were kit cars. The parade/picnic was a somewhat bigger affair than we expected but still good fun on a beautiful day. The parade committee gave us a donation of \$25. for taking part.

Having a good time were Mike, Kevin, Laurie, Gary, Sandy, Daisy, Fred, Natalie, Joe, Stewart, Julie, Bill, and the folks with the white midget and with the Land Rover.

Left over parts

Remember the Fall colour tour, October 1 and 2, on the Mount Nebo Loop road. The loop begins in Nephi and proceeds northeast toward Payson. It is one of the most scenic highways in Utah. You can either go down Friday, October 1, and stay overnight, or come down Saturday morning. One possibility for an overnight stay is the Whitmore Mansion Bed and Breakfast (623-2047) \$45-\$65 / night, but there are only 5 rooms available so make up your mind quickly. Another is the Safari, a Friendship Inn (623-1071). Campers can choose from a KOA about 5 miles out of Nephi or the High Country RV Camp just one mile south on Main street (623-2624). Make your own reservations for lodging. If you have

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.

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

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 7-8: SCCA Pro Solo at Wendover.

August 14: Barbecue and evening tour, 6:00 pm behind St. Mark's Cathedral. BYOF (Bring your own fixings).

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.

any questions or problems, call Steve or Laurie Bender at 571-5020.

The Steamboat Springs Vintage Races and Concours is coming up over Labor Day weekend, September 4 - 6. It is likely that the hotels, motels and condos are filled by now (call 303-879-0740 to check), but you can still camp at the Ski Town KOA Campground, (303-879-0273) if you make reservations soon. There is a small group of BMCUers that make the annual trip, some to spectate, some to show, and some to race. Contact the editors for more information.

Mark and Karen Bradakis are organizing a trip to Cedar City for the Shakespeare Festival over the week-end of August 20. There is a small group heading south, and if you would like to join them call Mark or

Karen at 364-3251. Early reservations are needed.

Four MGs, the Stephens' F-type, the Large's MGB and the Inman's and Van Moorhem's TDs, made the trip to Lake Tahoe for the '93 GOF West. No prizes this year, but a great time was had by all. The '94 GOF West will be near Calgary, Alberta, Canada, July 15-18. That's a bit over 900 miles per my AAA map (1000 mile award?), but no desert to cross! We already have five couples who are interested in going. It sounds like a fun three day drive, via U.S. 89, with stops in Jackson or Yellowstone and Great Falls or Glacier. The editors have registration forms and more information.

We sent out 220 July newsletters. Thanks to Jim for copying them.

We are taking deposits for grill badges for a '93 order. We need at least 10 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 the editors a check for \$20. If we can put together a order this year we will certainly do so.

New members include: Gary Bahnmler, Gary has '74 MGB-GT; Lex Cassiere with a '59 MGA; Roy Maxwell, who drives a '79 MGB; Russ Jacobson, Russ owns a '49 MG-TC; Richard Howe, Richard drives a '67 TR4A; Bob Northrup, does not currently own a British car; David & Muriel Machovec, they drive an unusual '61 MG Z-type Magnette; Bob Reid, Bob is trying to sell his '60 Bugeye; Alan Mertens,

Alan has a '56 MGA and a '64 E-type Jag. Welcome to all of you.

"Whitworth" (really BSF, British Standard Fine, or BA, British Association) screws and bolts are used almost exclusively in T-series MGs (except for the engine, which uses weird metric threads) and are used, to some degree, in later cars, particularly MGs. After, perhaps, as much as 40 years these threads may strip. "Helicoil" type thread insert kits, for repairing stripped British (and American) threads, are available from Bolt and Nut Supply, 2212 South West Temple, 6987 South 300 West and also in Ogden. For British threads, these kits are special order items (and cost about \$35.), but when you need one, you need one. British bolts and nuts can be obtained from Moss, Abingdon Spares, and other T-Series suppliers.

Autojumble

Wanted: '70-'72 MGB body, without engine. Contact Kees, 322-1718.

For Sale: '60 Bugeye Sprite, soft and hard tops, new wiring, forest green. \$3495. Call Bob, 571-2711.

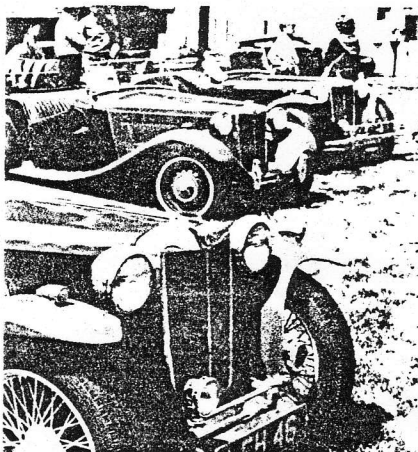
Available. TR3 parts (the parts car frame was discarded). Contact Steve at 571-5020. Anybody know who was looking for TR3 parts?

For sale: MGB and Midget parts. Contact Jim Edens at 768-3506 (H) or 225-1800 (W).

David Quist has an early TR4 chassis (may be the same as a TR3 chassis, but he is not sure). Contact David at 359-4470.

British Field Day '93

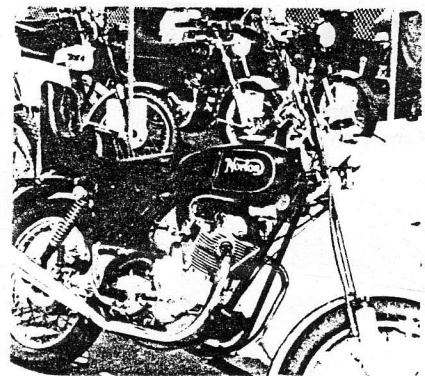
Below are a few shots from this year's British Field Day. See you there next year!



A line of T-series greet visitors at the gate.



What British celebration would be complete without bagpipes?



A gleaming Norton leads the pack of British bikes.



The view of the field shows a large crowd—cars and people!

From the Exchequer



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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,
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