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It's St. Patty's time again!



It's time to get the season rolling with the annual tour down Main Street in the St. Patrick's Day parade. The parade is **Saturday, March 12** and starts about **9:00 am**. We typically meet on South Temple between Main and State streets. The parade actually starts at 10:00 am and you should be in place by then. Since we will not know where our actual meeting place is until Friday—too late to let everyone know—you should inquire at the desk on South Temple, between West Temple and Main, about where we are meeting. We will try to have somebody near there, too.

Traffic is chaotic on the day of the parade. Main Street is blocked off from South Temple to 500 South. State, West Temple and North Temple are a mess. So, plan your approach carefully. Salt Lake's finest will sometimes let you turn onto South Temple from State and onto Main from North Temple and then sometimes not. Be nice to them. The official entrance to the parade organizing area is from West Temple.

Bring green and white crepe paper, paper shamrocks, balloons, Irish Flags (*no* English flags, however) green hats, dye your hair and/or beards green, etc. This is a fun parade and you do not need a perfect car to take part. Stick something over the rust. Bring the kids! They will love it. After the parade, there will be an Irish Festival in the Greek Church at 300 West and 200 South with food, music and dancing for a "reasonable price." We may go there, if there is interest, or go to some other place for a bite to eat afterwards.

Advanced warnings

April 9 will be the annual Spring Tinker Day. This is the opportunity to get some advice on any problems you may be having with your car. It will start about 10:00 am at Mark Bradakis' garage in Salt Lake City. Call Mark, 364-3251, if you have questions.

Also in April, on the 16th, we will hold one of our famous (or is it infamous?) Poker Runs. The event will start from Liberty Park at 10:00 am. A Poker Run is easy: just go to the location described on your first clue and pick up the next clue. Each clue is attached to a playing card. After you have collected five cards, go to the lunch location. The team with best poker hand wins. It's pure luck and the clues are interesting, like "Drive up to the U,...." For more information, contact Bill Van Moorhem, 582-9223 (H).

More information on both of these events next month.



What was the first MG production car capable of 100 MPH?

Food and business

About twenty-eight folks gathered at St. Mark's for the annual pot-luck and business meeting. The food was put right on the table, so little time was spent watching videos and chatting. We got right down to the business at hand: eating. Everything was great and no one looked hungry as the food disappeared. A few folks came in late; hope they got enough.

The business part of the meeting focused on incorporation and the calendar for 1994. The BMCU is now BMCU, Ltd. We were incorporated in early February through the efforts of Marty Van Nood and Grant Clayton. Grant and Marty have developed a set of by-laws, necessary for incorporation, that will cause very little change in the way the group has been run and we discussed this a bit. We will bring the by-laws and articles of incorporation to the next few events. Just ask the editor if you want to see the articles. In a nut-shell, the business of the club will be run by a board of governors elected by the membership in attendance at the annual meeting (the February pot-luck). The minimum number of members on the board allowed by Utah law is three "natural" persons (I love that phrase and couldn't resist). Nominated and elected were Marty Van Nood, Mark Bradakis, and Bill Van Moorhem. This board of governors will handle the normal business of the group, of which there is very little, besides getting the newsletter out. Incorporation will provide some legal protection for the folks running events and the entire group. Many, many thanks to Marty and Grant for carrying this off.

The calendar was the next article of business. The Club events and dates in the Lucas Calendar was the result. We have some old stand-bys: St. Pat's Parade, British Field Day, Alpine Loop, and the End-of-the-season Dinner; some repeats: BMCU Day at the Autocross, Shakespeare Festival, and Mt. Nebo Loop; and some events with a new twist: a run to the north with hopefully some new roads, maybe Antelope Island, the Sandy Fourth of July parade, a picnic or event with the Jag club, a run to the west with an undefined goal. We welcome any group, such as the Jag or Healey clubs, that may want to join us on any of these events. Any member without a British car is welcome to join us in their daily driver.

Many thanks to Bill Davis for getting the room at St. Mark's, to Sharon and Mike Bailey who handled the phone calls and coordinated the food, and to everyone who brought the great food. Attending were: Grant Clayton, Bill Davis, Reed Baier, Barry & Denise Blackett, J. & Kay Jennings, Nathan Massie, Doug & Ilene Wimer, Rob Foye, Mark & Karen Bradakis, Martin Van Nood, Dick & Velma Reeder, Duff Lawson, Kittie Linehair, Jim Pivrotto, Diane Crandell, Rick, Kathleen & Kristina Large, Mike & Joanie Stephens, Mike & Sharon Bailey, and Julie & Bill Van Moorhem.

Shakespeare Festival

By Karen Bradakis

Start planning *now* to attend the Cedar City Shakespeare Festival with your friends from the BMCU. Our plan is to drive down Friday, August 19, and see "The Shoemaker's Holiday" Friday evening, but other schedules will work. We have reservations at the Bard's Inn Bed & Breakfast, which is within a couple of blocks of the festival. Saturday morning we will

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.

March 12. St. Patrick's day parade. Meet at downtown Salt Lake City at 9:00 am.

April 9. Spring Tinker Day at the Fat Chance Garage (Mark Bradakis' garage).

April 16. Poker run/rallye.

April 16-17. IVR (Intermountain Vintage Racing) driver's school. Contact Ray Cannefax, 273-0567, for information.

April 16-20. Copperstate 1000. 1000 mile tour in Arizona for selected sports, racing and GT cars. Entry fee \$2750., yes, \$2750., if your car is selected. Contact 602-952-0380 for info.

May 14-15. IVR Road Race, Bonneville Raceway. Contact Ray Cannefax, 273-0567, for information.

May 21. British Field Day.

May 22. Autocross with the SCCA.

June 4-5. IVR Hill Climb, at Olympic Sports Park near Park City.

Contact Ray Cannefax, 273-0567, for information.

June 11-12. 42nd Annual Glenwood Springs Rallye, from Denver to Glenwood Springs, Colorado.

June 18. Run to the north (Odgen area).

July 4. Sandy parade.

July 11-16. GoF in Calgary, Canada.

July 30. Alpine Loop.

August 13. Picnic or event with the Jag Club.

August 19-20. Shakespeare festival in Cedar City. Contact Karen Bradakis, 364-3251 (H), for information.

September 17. Run to the west.

October 1. Mt. Nebo loop.

October 15. End-of-the-season dinner.

November 19. Tech session.

January 21. Tech session.

February 11. Pot-luck dinner.

attend the backstage tour (tickets are required). Then we plan to have lunch, or take a picnic lunch with us, before a hike in the canyon. We will return in time to clean up for the "Royal Feaste," which we hear is a theatrical production in itself. After we lick the chicken grease from our elbows (no utensils are allowed), we will attend a "Flea in Her Ear."

Plan now to attend all or some of the events with us. Reservations need to be made *now* for overnight

accommodations and made soon for the plays, tours and Feaste.

We had such a good time last year that we made reservations at the Bard's Inn for this year. I'm not sure how it happened that we didn't choose a Shakespeare play for this trip, but perhaps there are too many choices of plays. Call Karen Bradakis (364-3251) for further details. A British car is optional, but if we get several, we understand that they might let us display them.

Left over parts

As you can see from the calendar we are going to have a busy year.

We want to thank John Williams and Roy Beal for great technical sessions this winter. John gave us a tour of his shop and some insight into how restoration should be done. Roy lead us through the workings of transmissions and told us how to keep them working. Many thanks to both of you. The club certainly appreciates people with expertise who are willing to share it with us.

Nathan sent out 251 newsletters in February. Many thanks to Nathan for getting the newsletter together and out and to Jim for copying them. The current mailing list stands at about 170 after the annual postcard exercise.

The editor, Bill Van Moorhem, is currently running, but feels somewhat out-of-tune, after getting his aortic heart valve replaced in January.

Would you believe we have nearly gotten the grill badge order together? We received two more orders with the renewal postcards and one at the pot-luck and would like one more. We have to order a minimum of 25 and currently have prepaid orders for 12. We like to have over half of the badges sold before we order to try to keep some money in the exchequer. To order, get \$20 to the editors. Based on past orders, if nothing gets screwed-up, we will have badges in hand during the summer.

Intermountain Vintage Racing is going to start off their first year with a driver's school on April 16-17. I suspect that if you want to race with them this will be a requirement. Check things out with Ray Cannefax at 273-0567. The June hill climb sounds like fun.

Reservation forms from Old Faithful and Glacier Park lodges have started to arrive at the editor's. If you are going to the GoF make sure your reservations are in at those places. We still have not heard from the folks in Calgary. If you are interested in going to the GoF or just want to know more, contact the editors at 582-9223.

Bill Davis and Duff Lawson are starting to organize the British Field Day that will be held in May. One of the things they have been looking for is a inexpensive and good source for banners. Anybody in the sign and banner business, related to somebody in the banner business, or know somebody in the banner business? If so, contact Bill at 487-3400(W) or 966-4119(H), or Duff at 487-5192(H). They are also looking for some publicity for this event. Anybody work for, or have connections with a newspaper, radio, or TV station? If so, call Bill or Duff.

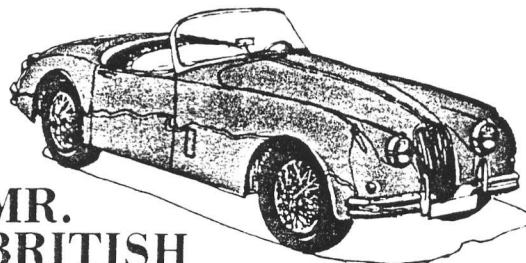
Anybody know Tracy Stamatakis? His/her newsletters are being returned due to an incorrect address and the phone has been changed. We would like to get it sorted out.

Autojumble

Greg Vincent is having a Spring Clearance Sale. If you are interested in any of the following cars, contact him: Lotus Elan, Lotus Europa T/C, Jensen-Healey (project car), Mini (parts car) and Forsgrini Sports Racer (Vintage Racer). Greg can be reached at 649-8010.

Ray Cannefax has all the parts you remove from a Sprite-Midget to make it into a race car: windshield, side windows, etc. If you are in need of such, give Ray a call at 273-0567.

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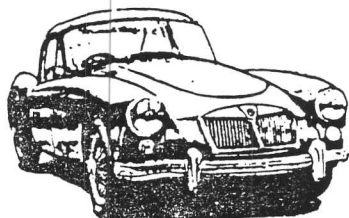
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From the Exchequer



(from question on page 1) Although several of the early race cars (K3, J4, etc.) could easily exceed 100 mph, the first true production car that could exceed that speed was the MGA coupe. Introduced in 1956, the coupe had a top speed about 2-4 mi/hr faster than the roadster due to better aerodynamics and peaked out at 100 to 101 mi/hr.

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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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