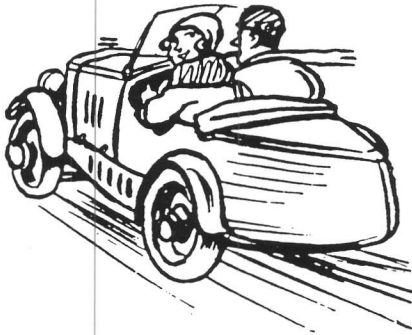


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Now what does that mean?

It's time for the sometimes annual poker run. We will meet at the *Tracy Aviary parking lot* in Salt Lake City at **10:00 am on Saturday, April 16.**

The Tracy Aviary is accessible from 900 South and 600 East by turning south to enter Liberty Park and following the signs around to the parking lot on the west side of the park. Bring a picnic lunch as we will end up in a park to have lunch, recount our adventures, and generally gather the group together.

Poker runs are quite easy in theory. You will be given a set of instructions at the Aviary parking lot telling you the location of the next set of instructions. Telling may be a bit strong, but with care the clue will lead you to the correct place. At this place, you will find a large can containing envelopes. This can is out of sight but not seriously hidden. Chances are you won't see it from inside your car. Take one envelope

from the can when you find it. On the outside of the envelope is the clue for the location of the next set of instructions.

Also, inside the envelope is a playing card. Don't open the envelope—just collect one at each site and follow the clue on the outside to the next site. After you have collected five envelopes with playing cards, the final one will give directions to the lunch location. The first clue, which you got at the park, also has this location included but it is sealed inside an envelope. If you give up, and are totally lost, you can open this first envelope and meet us for lunch. If you have successfully collected five envelopes with cards when you arrive at the park, we will open them. The persons with the best poker hand wins.

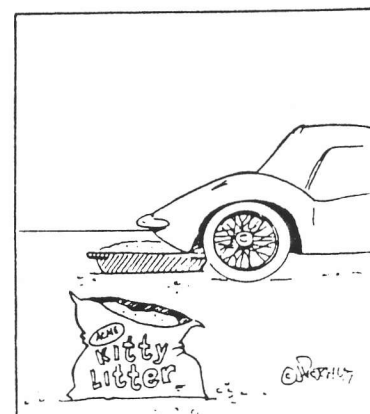
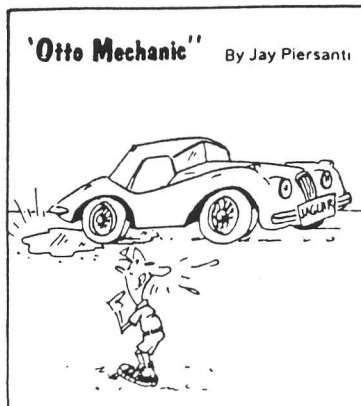
Clearly, this is pure luck and since we often have more cars than we can deal with one deck of cards, the hands can be strange: five of a kind? It is obviously an advantage to know Salt Lake City, but a street map is often useful anyway, along with a co-driver who can read and help with the clues. Kids like looking for the can and often find them three times as fast as adults, but generally are not too helpful with the clues. If you undertake this with your spouse, please beware—this may strain your marriage.

Tinker day

April 9 will be the Spring Tinker Day at the Fat Chance Garage, Mark Bradakis' garage. (Ask him why it has that name.) We will start at 10:00 am but come when you can, with or without your British car, and with or without a problem. This is a chance to get help (sometimes too much) with your car problems or to give some help. Somebody there can tell you how to do what you need to do. Tools are available and we can carry out some light repairs, minor tuning, missing bolts, etc. If your problem is bigger than this, call Mark at 364-3251 to see what he suggests. If you need parts, get them ahead of time and bring them along. If you don't have a problem (with the car, that is) come anyway and kick tires and talk cars.

Mark's garage is best reached by turning north off of 800 South in Salt Lake City, onto Park Street, 540 East. Mark's address is 739 South Park Street, and the driveway into his garage is to the right where Park Street kinks to the left. Park as close as you can.

Everyone knows the AC Cobra as the best known of the big muscle British sports cars. What other sports cars did AC build?



Advanced warnings

In May we will also have two events: The British Field Day, May 21 at St. Mark's Cathedral in Salt Lake and the next day, May 22, the British Motor Club Day at the SCCA Autocross.

The Field Day is an informal show of British Cars. We are definitely inviting the Jag, Healey, Morgan, and Land Rover Clubs and will try to get some examples of new British cars: Jaguar, Land Rover and Lotus. The idea is to show Salt Lake City the appeal of British Cars and that the appeal is still alive. The event will draw both the show car and the daily driver. There will be prizes for both. There will be a Funkhana and a British car swap meet, too. Get out those parts that have been cluttering up the garage and see if they can help another car live. We will need lots of help getting ready for the Field Day, particularly Saturday morning. You may get a call if you don't volunteer. This has been a fun event and a fund raiser for St. Mark's outreach program. There will be a low entry fee and we will charge admission to the public.

The next day will be a definite change of pace. The Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) holds autocrosses every weekend during the warmer months. An autocross is a timed drive through a course marked out with traffic cones, one car at a time. Although the fastest time wins, the course is often more a test of driving skill than brute horsepower. Several of us tried it last year, for the first time, and had great fun. The SCCA charges an entry fee for the event. The event starts about 9:00 am in the parking lot just west of the University of Utah football stadium.

More information on both of these events next month.

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.

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 16-19. Moss Motors British Car Festival is Buellton, CA. For information, call 800-235-6954.

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

July 4. Sandy parade.

July 11-16. GoF in Calgary, Canada.

July 30. Alpine Loop.

July 30-31. Bonneville Austin Healey Club Healey Days in Park City. Contact Don Colman, 942-5259 for information.

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.

It was a grand and glorious day

After a day of clouds and rain, the day for the St. Patrick's Day Parade dawned clear with blue skies. The group grew slowly until seventeen British cars had appeared before the start of the parade. We had quite a diverse group with MG represented by TD, TF, A, B and a Midget;

Triumph by TR2, TR4A, TR250 and TR6, an Austin-Healey Sprite, and a Jensen Healey. We were glad to see a few members who had non-running cars. Our words with the organizers seemed to have helped and this year all the car clubs were not grouped together.

We were nominally entry number 70 out of 120 or so. Nominally, since there was some extemporaneous reorganization going on and a lot of

entries were out of order. Anyway the wait was not too long, but the weather was cool. The crowd was fairly large and the horns got quite a workout on the drive down Main Street. The announcer was his usual self and had a few cracks about England and British cars. We all made it down to the other end of the route in good form and about half headed off to Shenanigans (not Squatter's, the editor got confused, hope no one ended up in the wrong place) for some lunch.

Attending with and without a car were: Doug Jensen, George Speciale, Rick and Kristina Large, Kees Versteeg, Trina, Liz, Margie Versteeg, Crystal, Kate (How does Margie get three in a Midget?), Bill Underwood, Floyd & Kathy Inman, Taylor, Bruce Schilling, Steve Bender, Josh, Abbie, Tom Barnard, Darcie Olsen, Mike & Sharon Bailey, Mike & Tony Velez, Gary & Sandy Lindstrom, Daisy, Reed & Jordan Baier, Dave Henshaw, Ron & Ellen Christensen, Rich Holder, Duff Lawson, Shaun Stewart, Bill & Julie Van Moorhem.

Left over parts

Enclosed with this newsletter is a BMCU membership application. We encourage you to make some copies and put one under the windshield wiper of any British cars you see. Notice that the application is two-sided. This is the main way that we get new members. Help the club grow!

We sent out 188 newsletters in March. Many thanks to Jim for copying them.

The grill badge order has been sent off. One more badge sold at the St. Patty's day parade, so there are twelve left. Last time we did this they went real fast when they came in. So, if you want one, order it now. Get

\$20 to the editor. We expect them in a couple of months if the order doesn't get fouled up.

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, 487-3400(W), 966-4119(H), or Duff 487-5192(H). They are also looking for some publicity for this event. Anybody work for, are have connections with a newspaper, radio or TV station? We know of one possible contact thanks to Kees. If you know of any others contact Bill or Duff.

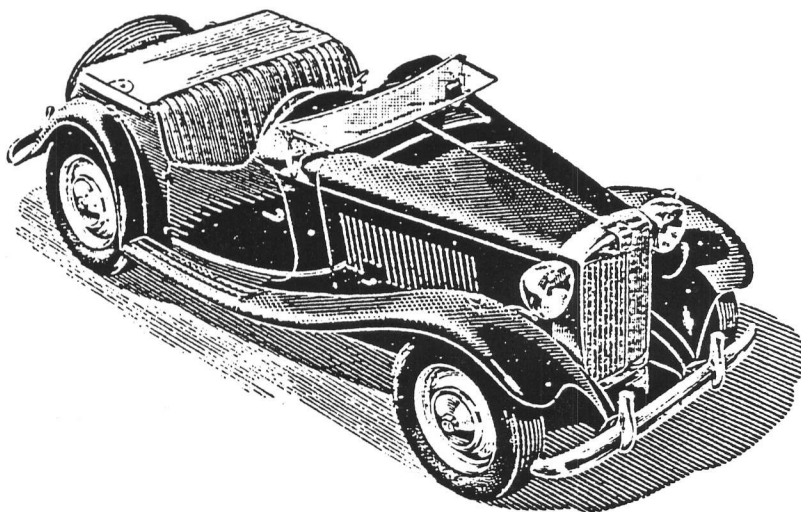
Autojumble

For sale, 1965 TR4. Only 250 TR4s were made in '65 due to the advent of the TR4A. The engine is out of the car and needs an overhaul. All else is OK. Will take \$600 for it. Call Mike John at 479-5301.

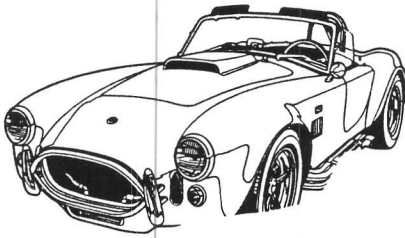
1970 MGB-GT with chrome wire wheels, needs body work, engine so-so, color red, priced to sell, \$800. A nice project car! Contact Rick Large at 298-8715.

Wanted, TR3, will consider any condition. Contact Stephen Cooper, 221-9635.

Frank Martin is selling his partially restored 1960 TR3A. It is in excellent condition, no rust (California car). Asking \$3000 or best offer. Call Frank at 254-6366 (H) or 975-3327, ext. 446.



From the Exchequer



(from question on page 1) AC also built the Ace, with several engines; the Aceca, which is an Ace with a hardtop, and the Greyhound, a four seat "sports coupe." These three all appeared before the Cobra, during the mid to late 50's and early 60's. Earlier cars were of the saloon, (sedan) variety. I believe AC tried after the Cobra, but I don't know much about these cars. Anybody have any information?

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March Newsletter (from Editor)	-\$53.07
March Donations (to Account)	+\$100.50
Grill Badges (to Account)	+\$20.00
Interest (to Account)	+\$1.75
Grill Badge Order(from Account)	-\$420.00
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