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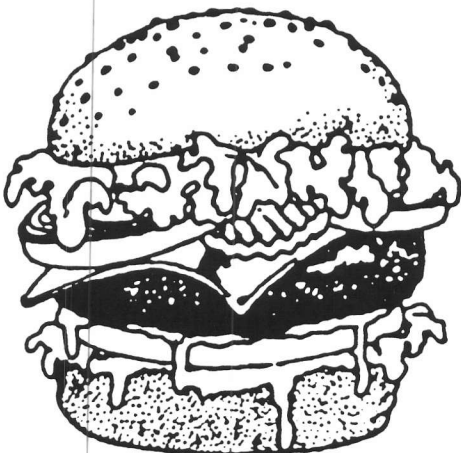
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How about a burger and fries?

The August event will give you a chance to cruise in to the *Hires Hamburgers at the corner of 700 East and 400 South in Salt Lake* for a burger and fries. It'll be just like when the cars were new!

Hires is one of the few places that still has someone to come out to your car and take your order for what some folks claim are the best burgers in the valley. The still have trays to mount on your window, too. We will informally gather there at *6:00 pm on Saturday, August 13*, and then take a drive up Emigration Canyon to escape the heat of the city or maybe cruise State. Do you remember that sort of thing? This will be a real low-key type of event to recall days long ago.

Hires will not make any special arrangements for us, but let's get a bunch of cars out and fill the parking lot. Contact Mike and Sharon Bailey at 262-9361 for information.



"We don't care how much money it cost you, Mr. Olgethorpe. You can not list your TRIUMPH as a dependent!"

Trolley Square

The Trolley Square show was a mixed bag this year. Trolley Square didn't have their act together, but you can't beat the location in July. After all, how many shows are air-conditioned?

A relatively small group took part (due to a three-day weekend?). Altogether, there were about 15 cars, with the overwhelming majority from the BMCU. Dave Maxwell, with the Healey 100, was the people's choice. The cars clearly produce a lot of interest, but then there are also lots of kids that have to touch, push, and poke. Barbara Brooks from Trolley Square said that they will be having the show again next year, and several people talked to her about the problems from this year. Let's try it again next year and see if we can get a better turnout and a little more organization.

Taking part were David Quist, Floyd and Kathy Inman, Dean Lowe, Greg Chester, Howard Boulter, Doug and Ilene Wimer, and Bill and Julie Van Moorhem.

Calgary GoF

by Gary Lindstrom

"Grumpy old fools?" No, GoF stands for Gathering of the Faithful – the yearly exhibition, flea market, and schmooze fest for MG T-series cars (and owners) west of the 100th meridian. This year's renewal was held in Kananaskis Country, a new resort development between Calgary and Banff, Alberta.

The core of an eager and confident BMCU delegation (three TD's: Baileys, Lindstroms, and Van Moorhems) departed early Saturday, July 9, equipped with warm clothing, spare parts, a Jeep Cherokee "mother ship," and glass beads for trading with the natives. Actually, the glass beads were Canadian dollars, though we had been advised to wait to see if we actually reached the border before changing money.

In Thayne, WY, our fleet doubled when we rendezvoused with the Inman's (TD) and Wimers (TC), along with their old friend Phil Marino (TC), who drove in from Riverside, CA. That night we stayed at Old Faithful Inn, delighting in the massive log architecture, rollicking bonhomie, and the prospect of getting those undercarriages clean by driving over the conveniently placed natural steam bath (49 minute cycle time). On Sunday, we traversed the magnificent "Big Sky" country from Yellowstone to Glacier National Part, glorying in the MG-loving curvy roads and limitless vistas.

On Monday, we pushed to Kananaskis, skirting the souther suburbs of Calgary and tasting our first splash of rain. Heck, 95% of the way with the top down is plenty for a

raccoon sun burn. "K-Country," as the locals call it, is a new development by CP Hotels in a verdant canyon surrounded by craggy peaks. This provided a stunning backdrop for the car shows, which boasted 100 plus T-series MGs and relatives (mostly close, but some distant). Highlights included 20 or more TCs, several lovely pre-war models (most notably, a '33 J2, a PA, and a PB), and some very tidy postwar variants. Want a clean YT for US \$25,000? Most bizarre were a Push-me-pull-you trailer made of two MGB tail ends welded together, and a Messerschmidt 2-seater (fore and aft) run about.

Bill and Julie's TD, having won a prior first place award, was one of three impressive cars competing in the premier class. I am honored to report that all BMCU representatives were winners in one prestigious category: the 1000 mile club.

Two excursions rounded out the GoF schedule: a trip to the famous Calgary Stampede (gotta add chuckwagon racing to the next funkana), and a rallye/tour to Banff and Lake Louise. Throughout the trip, BMCU cars gathered admiring, and at times, comical attention from tourists. At Glacier Lodge, Mike was asked by a bus tour participant, "Young man, where can I rent one of these?" At Lake Louise, East-West relations were greatly enhanced by putting Japanese tourists behind the wheel for "photo ops." By the way, Doug, the lady looked great in your red driving cap!

To our great surprise, there were also a few impromptu side-of-the-road fix-it challenge events. Gremlins worked at a water pump pulley, some tach drives, spark plug wires, generator bushings, and a blown exhaust gasket, plus some locked vapors here and there. There were two genuinely bad pieces of luck: Phil's TC received a clutch plate replacement in the hotel

The Lucas Calendar

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

August 6-7. SCCA Pro-Solo, Wendover. For information on all autocross and related events, contact Mark Bradakis at 355-5438.

August 13. Burgers and fries at Hires Hamburgers, 700 E 400 S, plus a drive afterward. Contact Mike and Sharon Bailey at 262-9361 (H) for information.

August 14. Autocross at Dee Event Center in Ogden.

August 18-21. University Motors 18th Annual Summer Party, Grand Rapids, MI. For information, call 616-682-0800. This Appears to be the biggest MG gathering in the country.

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

August 20. Wasatch Mountain Jaguar Register Concours D'Elegance in Park City. The contact is Gary or Shauna Pizza at 485-7366.

parking terrace (drive train extraction performed with the aid of a stout 2x6 timber, two stout Canadian shoulders, and lots of stout stout in bottles). Also, an axle in Doug and Ilene's beloved TC parted in Jackson Hole on the return trip, earning the car an elevated ride home the following day.

The next two events on the GoF West dance card are the Mini-GoF '94 Roadrunner Roundup in Flagstaff AZ on Halloween weekend

September 2-5. Steamboat Vintage Races.

September 17. Run to the west. Let's explore some new country.

September 30-October 1. Triumphest in San Diego. Call 617-693-0443 for information.

October 1. Mount Nebo Loop.

October 7-9. The SW Idaho Sports Car Club show and rallye in Sun Valley, ID. For information, contact Dave or April Erickson at 208-376-3996 or call the editors. Deadline for registration is 8/12.

October 15. End of the season dinner.

October 28-30. Mini-GoF in Flagstaff, AZ. Contact Lee Kaplan at 602-937-1203 for information.

November 19. Tech session.

January 21. Tech session

February 11. Pot-luck dinner.

July 12-16. GoF in Ventura, CA.

(October 28-30), and GoF West '95 in Ventura, CA, on July 12-16, 1995. There's no better way to smooth out those kinks in your little chariot, do some serious car-bonding, and savor those bugs in your teeth once more. Mark your calendars!

All cars using Lucas electrical systems use the same color coding for the wiring. So, if you see a blue wire, what does it supply power to?

Advanced warning

The September event will be a drive into the wester part of the state. This is an area where we don't venture too often. We did do a trip into the Rush Valley last year and everyone seemed to enjoy it. We will do something similar on September 17 this year. Current thinking is Skull Valley, Johnson Pass, and Grantsville, but this might change. The trip will start in the mid-morning and we will have lunch somewhere. As you can tell, the plans are not firm yet.

Also, we will have a repeat of the Mount Nebo Loop this year on October 1. You may choose to either drive down Saturday morning, do the look and drive back or to go down Friday evening, stay at the B & B in Nephi, and return Saturday. This should be near the height of the fall colors. So, make some plans now — an overnight stay will require advance reservations. Contact the editors for more information.

Left over parts

Did you notice that this is the first issue of the eighth volume of the newsletter? The group, in spite of (or is it because of?) lack of organization, has survived seven years and counting.

We sent out 226 newsletters in July. Jim was out of town and we had to pay for copying.

The good news is that the grill badge order has arrived. The bad news is that the mounting studs may come off. We need to have a serious talk to the supplier about this. If you ordered one, come to the burger night on the 13th, another event, or call 582-9223 to make arrangements to pick it up. If it comes apart, let us know.

Bill Davis, who organizes the British Field Day, has just opened up a Land Rover parts and repair business called Great Basin Rovers. It is located at 342 West 1700 South in Salt Lake. Give Bill a call at 322-3400 (days) or 966-4119 (evenings) for information.

The eleventh year running of the Steamboat Springs Vintage Race and Concours will be over the Labor Day weekend, September 2-5. There are about 200 pre-1967 cars racing, mostly British, about a hundred in the concours (we hear that British cars will be featured in the concours this year), plus all the neat stuff you see parked in town. It's a great event. But beware — if you go to this once, you will be hooked. This is the tenth year Julie and I have attended. Most people like drive over Friday afternoon or evening and return Monday. Steamboat Springs, Colorado is about 350 miles from Salt Lake. It is likely too late for a motel or condo (most of these were filled up a year ago), but you can still camp (hot tub, showers,...) at the Ski Town Campground. Make reservations real soon at 303-879-0273. Contact the editors for more information.

Recent new members include Larry Rigby, Larry has a '91 Elan; Tim Lacey with a '78 Spitfire and a '61 Metropolitan; Tom Watkins, Tom has a '94 Range Rover, and '94 Land Rover, and a '61 Lotus; Brent Reese, Brent drives a '66 Midget; and Dan and Mary Rizzuto, they drive a '74 TR6. Welcome! Come out to an event and introduce yourselves.

The South West Idaho Sports Car Club will be having their annual rallye and show in Sun Valley on October 7-9. Last year several folks went up, did real well and had a great time. It's a small, fun event and you may want to plan a get-away-weekend. For information, contact Dave or April Erickson at 208-376-3996 or the editors, Bill and

Julie, at 582-9223. Deadline for registration is 8/12.

The 1995 GoF will be in Ventura, CA, July 12-16. The editor have information.

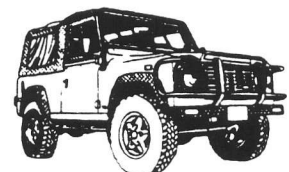
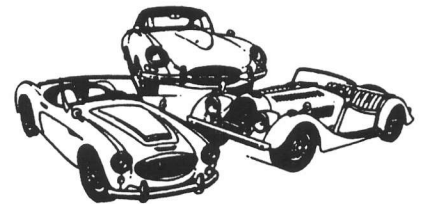
Make sure to stop by or enter the jaguar Club's annual concours on August 20 in Park City. There will be a non-Jaguar, British car class as well. There was information in the last newsletter, and you can call Gary or Shauna Pizza at 485-7366.

Autojumble

For sale, 1963 Land Rover, very nice condition, completely original. Contact Bill at 322-3400 (W) or 966-4119 (H).

For sale, '68 Triumph TR-250, overdrive, dark blue lacquer, perfect. \$9,500. Call Blake at 566-3658.

For sale, '69 Austin-Healey Sprite, new tires, clutch, brakes, and much more. Body in great shape, no rust (CA car). Must sell before move, \$2000.00 or best offer. Call Maureen or Ron at 544-0134.



(from question on page 2) Blue goes to the headlights. The entire scheme is:

Brown: Main feed from the battery, with no switches or fuses

White: Ignition circuit, with no switches or fuses

Green: Controlled by the ignition switch, but with switches and/or fuses

Blue: Headlight circuit

Red: Side markers (parking lights) and tail lights

Yellow: Generator connections

Purple: Horn

Black: Ground wires

Stripes are used to designate particular connections, and also seem to be fixed in their usage.

From the Exchequer

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| Balance as of 6/24/94 (Account has \$377.61, Editor has \$41.03) | \$418.64 |
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