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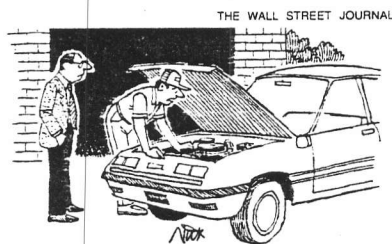
January, 1995

## It's renewal time

Enclosed with this newsletter is a postcard. If you want to continue receiving the BMCU newsletter, it is necessary that you return this postcard, either by mail or in person at the January Tech Session.

This is the way that the BMCU maintains its mailing list. Since we do not have dues, the only way we have of knowing who is interested in the group is by means of this postcard. If you do not return it, you will be removed from the mailing list for the March Newsletter. We would like everyone, including clubs, businesses, and individuals, to please do this. Postage is increasing again this year, and since postage is our major expense we can not afford to send the newsletter to anyone who does not want it. If possible, send us your 5 + 4 digit zipcode.

Many people also take this as an opportunity to make a donation to see the BMCU continue. Donations have been down this year and finances are going to be very tight before the driving events get going again.



"Well, doc, it seems to be rejecting the new fuel pump."

*How can you make a small fortune buying, restoring and selling British cars?*

## It won't overheat this month

But then what will happen in July? The January Tech Session will be on overheating, that bane of the British car. The session will be held at **British and European Cars, 3025 South State, in Salt Lake on Saturday, January 21 at 1:00 pm.**

The speakers will be Henry Moukoian, owner of British and European Cars and Fred DeSmet of Midvale Radiator. Fred will tell us about radiators, how they are constructed, cleaned and repaired, while Henry will focus on the multitude of mechanical problems that can cause overheating besides a plugged up radiator.

This will also be a chance to see Henry's shop. When I stopped by recently, he had quite a range of cars there. See you there and remember, no excuses next summer.

## Competition Notes

*By Mark Bradakis*

1995 should see an increase in vintage racing activity around the Salt Lake area. Intermountain Vintage Racing had a few rough moments getting underway in 1994, but managed to pull off a great hillclimb at Bear Hollow, outside of Park City, as well as a race driver's school in October. The plans for 1995 include both these events, a car show at Valley Fair Mall as well as some real races!

The second annual Bear Hollow Hillclimb is currently scheduled for



June 16th and 17th. Participation should be well up from the 1994 level, so you may need to plan ahead to get in. Prior to the hillclimb, IVR will run a driving school and road race at Bonneville Raceway the weekend before Memorial Day, May 20 and 21. A test and tune day is scheduled for July, again at Bonneville, and there are plans for a vintage street race in the Park City area near the end of August. Stay tuned for more info!

The Utah Region SCCA will also continue their Solo II program, in conjunction with the Hill Sports Car Club. If the snowy weather actually slows down in the spring as it usually does, the first autocross of the 1995 season will be March 26th. The schedule may not be as heavy as this past summer, to avoid conflicts with IVR and other club events, but there should still be autocrosses 3 or 4 times each month through the summer.

And given the rather poor turnout of the British Motor Club at the U of U event in May, perhaps the Fat Chance garage will have to entice folks out by offering a special deal on the entry fees again. We shall see.

So browse through the catalogs, fire up that heater in the garage, and get the car prepped and ready for an exciting summer. It will be here before you know it!

## My MG

*By Matthew Panuzo*

Out to my car  
To work I must go  
I hope it will start  
It's an MG 'ya know.

Rather than crank it  
I roll down a hill  
The starter's been broke  
Since I paid the brake bill.

I push in the clutch  
And slam it in gear  
Some fluid drips down  
Then a noise from the rear.

Dropping the clutch  
And crossing my fingers  
The engine starts up  
And the smoke it just lingers.

Two miles to go  
And work within sight  
I start to slow  
And pull to the right.

I'm just like you —  
Have bills to pay  
I'll walk the last two hills  
Where she'll stay.

*Thanks to Mike Morgan, of Morgan Sportscars.*



## Left over parts

We sent out 237 newsletters in December. Many thanks to Jim for copying them.

Floyd Inman is going to be heading up the group going to the '95 GoF West (Gathering of the Faithful, for MGs) in Ventura, CA. If you need information, contact Floyd at 645-8460.

Mark Bradakis is currently planning on going to the VTR (Vintage Triumph Registry) convention in Rockford, IL. If you are interested in going, contact Mark at 364-3251

Anybody planning to go to the Triumphfest in the late summer? Or even know much about it? We can't seem to get on their mailing list. If you know anything about this event, contact the editor.

Our roving reporter and movie critic, Gary Lindstrom, tells us that an new movie, "IQ," features Albert Einstein (reincarnated) and a red TD. Check out the TD.

Dick Fritz, of Boulder Colorado, sent us a couple of pictures of his Aston Martin DB2 with the BMCU badge prominently displayed. We met Dick at the Steamboat Races a number of years ago and he continues to be interested in the BMCU. He also sent us a copy of The Alternator, the newsletter of the MG Car Club Rocky Mountain Center, with a great story of the owners of a TD, A and B making a trip into the Canyonlands and Moab area. It was too long to reprint, however. Many thanks Dick.

If you come across any other interesting tidbits or information on British Cars, pass it along to the editors. We also love to get stories about your experiences with your car. Just write it up and get it to us.

## 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.

**January 21.** Tech session on overheating.

**February 11.** Pot-luck dinner.

June 16-17. IV Racing hillclimb near Park City.

July 12-16. GoF-West in Ventura, CA.

July 26-30. Vintage Triumph Register meet in Rockford, IL.

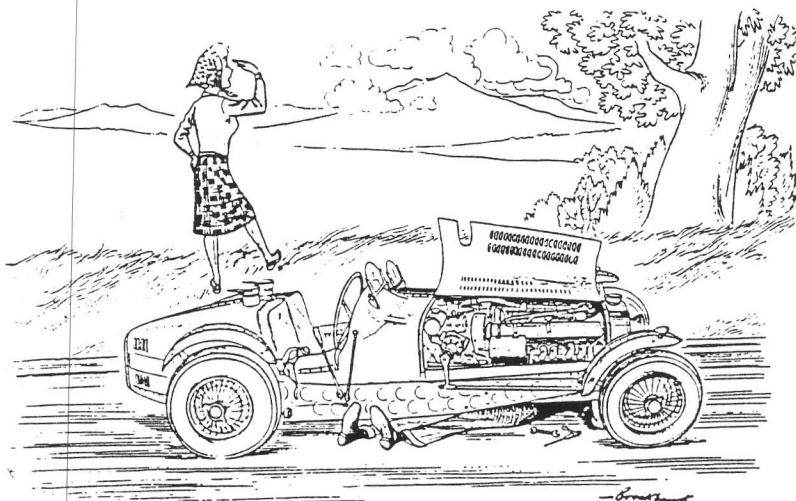
August 17-20. University Motors Annual Summer Party, Ada, Michigan.

June 26-30, 1996. MG International — Indy 96.

**August 18-20.** BMCU tour to the Cedar City Shakespeare Festival.

Want to go to the Shakespeare Festival in Cedar City in August? Contact Karen Bradakis at 364-3251. Early reservations are a necessity.

We need new ideas for events. Next month is the Annual Pot-Luck Dinner and business meeting. We will elect a Board of Governors who will run the group for the year. Want to be on it? Any member can nominate themselves or any other member at that meeting. Also, we will plan the calendar for the upcoming year. What was your favorite event for the past year? Let us know. The dinner will be at St. Mark's Cathedral on February 11. We need a volunteer to organize the food.



*"One thing about a breakdown—it gives you a chance to look at the scenery."*

We have received seven repaired grill badges and still have another shipment of thirteen to come. The following individuals have ordered one and not yet received it: David Tyler, Robert Hoskins, Laurie Hope, Richard Reeder, Howard Bartlett, Richard Leavitt, Shawn Stewart, Russ Myer, Tom Barnard, Stephen Cooper, Robert Hendricks and Dennis Stephenson. We will try to have the badges at the next several events—be sure to ask for yours if you are there. If you can't make an event, give the editors a call to make arrangements. Clearly we do not have enough for everyone who ordered at the moment, so first come first served until the second wave arrives.

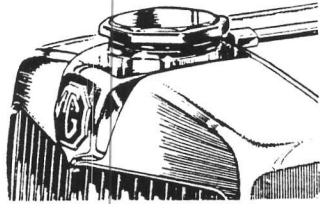
Anybody out there use computer e-mail via the Internet? There are three addresses you should be aware of: [majordomo@autox.team.net](mailto:majordomo@autox.team.net) for joining the British Car mailing list run by our own Mark Bradakis. Just send your e-mail address with the word HELP in the message body. If you join this mailing list, be prepared for LOTS of mail. The second is [VRHS43A@prodigy.com](mailto:VRHS43A@prodigy.com), this is the address for John Twist, of University Motors in Michigan, perhaps the best known MG mechanic in the U.S. His latest newsletter says he will answer your questions via e-mail. Third is the Roadster Factory, [trf@autox.team.net](mailto:trf@autox.team.net). They can be reached for questions or orders. Note that you should not send your credit card numbers via e-mail, but

rather have it on file. Notice the similar address to the British Car mailing list. Looks like this is Mark, too. If you're not familiar with e-mail addresses note that they do not end with a comma or period. Anybody who tries these please let us know how well it works.

Speaking of University Motors, their Annual Summer Party, as described by Dave Stephens last month, is August 16-20, in Ada, Michigan (near Grand Rapids) and features the MGA Coupe this year. Anybody else besides the editor and Jack Peake have a coupe?



## From the Exchequer



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British cars, in any condition, to the group.  
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,  
address, and a list of British cars owned to  
Reed Baier, 13052 Blaze Court, Riverton,  
UT 84065 or call Reed at 801-2531901 (H).

*(answer from page 1) Start with a  
large fortune then buy, restore and  
sell several cars. An old joke,  
normally told about the stock  
market, but certainly appropriate.  
But seriously, may we wish you a  
high oil pressure and a low water  
temperature in '95.*

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