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Run to Logan

By Mike and Susan Cady

May's event will be a new one — a drive to Logan. We have several members in Logan, northern Utah and southeastern Idaho, so it's time to take a trip in that direction. The Salt Lake folks will meet at Utah Travel Council parking lot by 9:00 AM Saturday, May 20. The Travel Council is reached by heading north up State Street until you are forced to turn by the capitol. Turn right and then quickly right again into the parking lot. From the Travel Council, we will drive to Roy on I-15. Take the Roy Exit at mile post 341 and go to North Park in Roy (located at 4200 South and 1900 West) across from IOMEGA Computers.

We will meet the Ogden cars here and then travel on to Logan. We will head north from Roy on State Road 126 until it connects with State Road 89, which will take us through Willard, Perry, and into Brigham City. In Perry, by Maddox's Restaurant, we will meet Keith Mott and some others who traveled down from Logan through Sardine Canyon.

We then continue north through Brigham City and connect with State Road 38. This winding, two lane road west of the Wellsville Mountains takes us through Honeyville, past Crystal Springs Resort, through Deweyville and Collinstown, before connecting with State Road 30, which takes us east about 14 miles to Logan.

As we enter Logan from the west, turn south at 600 West and travel

south to 400 South. Turn left at 400 South and travel to 500 West. Turn right at 500 West to the Fairgrounds, and continue south to Willow Park, where we will have a picnic lunch. Be sure to bring something along.

Keith Mott, who lives a short distance from Willow Park, offered us the hospitality of his home and facilities. Thanks, Keith. After our picnic lunch, we can head back south, either by going over Sardine Canyon via U.S. 89 and the construction, or back the way we came up. Let's have a good turnout and a very enjoyable day.

Feel free to join up with the group in Salt Lake, Ogden, at Maddox's or any place along the route. For additional information call Mike or Susan Cady at 731-1599 (H) in Roy.

British Field Day

By Laurie Bender

The biggest BMCU event of the year is scheduled for June 17th. The 1995 British Field Day will be bigger and better than ever before. Plans for this year include an extensive show of British cars and bikes, a swap meet, and Funkana. Last year 70 cars and bikes were displayed at St. Marks Episcopal Church. All cars are accepted, in any condition, so you have a chance to see cars and bikes from concourse quality to "barely limped her in." The swap meet is your chance to buy or sell British parts. The Funkana is always a fun event, a test of driving skills and reflexes. The pipe band A'Caorah Dubh will lend an authentic air to the festivities by providing pipes and drums.

Field Day will be held at St. Marks in downtown Salt Lake again this year. We need volunteers the day of the show. If you would like to help out, or are interested in selling your wares at the swap meet, call Bill Davis at 322-3400 (work) or 968-0610 (home). Also, if you know of any groups or organizations that want to sponsor this event, call Bill.

Posters are included in this newsletter. Hang them up where ever you can, and where you think people would see them — at work, in a grocery store....

There will be a contest to design the T-shirts, hats, and dash plaques for the event. Your artwork must be submitted by May 20th.

Tinkering in the rain

There are certain constants in life: death, taxes, and rain on the Spring Tinker Day. And did it ever rain. It looked very threatening when I left to do some errands before going to the Tinker Day on April 7. As I was wandering about the city the rain came down, but as I finally headed for the Fat Chance Garage it slowed to a mere trickle. Arriving there, I found Mark, Marty Van Nood, Jim Pivrotto, and Glenn ??? discussing the possible sale of a Spitfire frame and how the other parts could be removed. While helping Marty disassemble his master cylinder, deciding that it should be sleeved, the board held their meeting. Jon Hermance arrived about this time, followed shortly by Karl Best. Karl had brought along the dash from the MGA he is reassembling and was trying to figure out how the dash parts went together. "Assembly is the

*All of us have heard of and seen
MG TAs, TBs TCs, TDs and TFs.
What ever happened to the MG-TE?*

reverse of disassembly" does not help if you did not disassemble. After his opinions on dashes, Mark got his racing Spit going and tinkered with the timing. It sounded better after he advanced it a couple of degrees. By this time the rain had stopped, but people started to drift off and I did, too. Turning up later were Mike Bailey, Robert Larsen, John Foley, Scott Kimbrough, Larry Smiltner, Gordon ?, and Doug ?. Maybe we should have the Spring Tinker Day in the summer so the weather is better.

Poker Run

A small but hardy group gathered to roam about Sandy and environs on April 21. The weather had not been good all week and didn't look much better Saturday morning. Everyone arrived with hoods (tops) erect and windows rolled up except the editor.

After a long wait for Pier One to open to get baskets to replace the cans the editor forgot to bring, we headed off into the south end of the valley. The clues were challenging but not impossible and everyone made their way from South Towne Mall to the Sandy Library and then up to a geology sign in BiG Cottonwood Canyon. Next was Wheeler farm. Then, a stop near La Caille (they wouldn't let us in, we learned later) and finally to the Benders'. A few stayed to for lunch and a pleasant chat. During lunch someone announced that it was raining, but the editor remembered to put the tonneau on. Who won? I forgot.

Enjoying a bit of spring motoring were Doug Borba, Mark and Karen Bradakis, Rob and Eryn Green, Brent Gerity, Deann Shephard, Otto Ratz, Marsha Greiner, Steve Bender and daughter, and Bill Van Moorhem. Thanks to Steve and Laurie for planning the event.

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.

May 20. Run to Logan. Mike and Susie Cady.

June 10-11. IV Racing hillclimb at Snowbasin, near Ogden.

June 17. British Field Day. This is a big event, so plan on it. Bill Davis.

June 23 or 24. Possible dinner with MGB owners traveling to MGB Convention at Lake Tahoe.

June 26-30 NAMGBR Convention at Lake Tahoe. Call 800-NAMGBR1 for information.

July 1-2. The MG Car Club of Sweden Scandinavian MG meet, on an island off Stockholm. Call +46-8-768 26 28 for information.

July 12-16. GoF-West in Ventura, CA. Contact Floyd Inman, 645-8460, for information.

July 14-16. 3rd Annual Moss British Car Festival, Buellton CA. Call 800-235-6953 for pre-registration material.

July 29. Alpine Loop.

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

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

August 12. Run to Mirror Lake.

August 18-20. BMCU tour to the Cedar City Shakespeare Festival. Contact Karen Bradakis at 364-32541 for information. Early reservations are needed.

October 6-9. Triumphfest in Palm Springs, CA.

October 7. Fall Colour Tour.

October 21. End-of-the-season Dinner.

November 11. Tech Session.

January 13. Tech Session.

February 10. Pot-luck and Business Meeting.

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

Parts! Who needs parts?

With the loss of Boyd's (Parts Master), where can we get parts? We asked this question of several sources, and we got several answers.

Mark Bradakis, of the Fat Chance Garage, replied, "What I will do is stock up on a small supply of Triumph items, Crane ignition bits, maybe various consumables, and offer such for sale to the motoring public. I'll order in what I can, at

prices that compare favorably with the Roadster Factory and Victoria British. Give me a call at 355-5438 -- if I'm available, I'll chat with you about what you need; if not, leave a message and I'll call you as soon as I can. If you leave a message with part descriptions, I can have price and availability when I call back."

Bruce Shilling, formerly of Parts Master, answered, "Since Boyd closed the old Parts Master, many of you called wondering where to get British parts. I can still special order from Moss Motors and can obtain

many mechanical items from local warehouses. I'll be happy to help anyone who would like me to, in the same way I used to, on a special order basis. I can offer a 10% discount on all Moss items plus freight and tax, where applicable. Please call me at 486-0425 for price and availability. If I am not home, the recorder is always on. Please leave a message. Or, if you would care to drop by at 917 East Millcreek Way (3495 South), the door is always open."

Henry Moukoian, British & European Car Service, mentioned they order most of their parts from Victoria British and do not plan to stock parts for retail sales.

Mike Morgan, of Morgan Sportscars, gave a rosier outlook. "We are now stocking more parts since there are virtually no sources in town. We have always carried a small amount of parts for popular British sportscars, but now, out of necessity, we are stocking even more.....specifically, for MG, Triumph, Jaguar, Austin Healey, some Land Rover, and Ford Cortina.

"Below is a general idea of what we have: air, oil, fuel, and air pump filters; brake shoes, pads, rotors, hoses, clutch and brake hydraulic kits; master, slave, and wheel cylinders; tie rod ends, ball joints, U-joints, suspension parts and suspension kits; gasket sets, seals, thermostats, radiator hoses, water pumps, fan motors, water control valves; points, condensers, caps and rotors, plugs and plug wires; accelerator, choke, and speedo cables; gear shift knobs, carb kits, needles, diaphragms, gas caps, window and door handles, clutches, engine bearings, fuel pumps, motor mounts; engine parts, hard-to-find Whitworth bolts and nuts, Girling fluid, soft tops, dash overlays, tank sending units, interior trim pieces, lamps and lenses, Lucas switches, body parts (new and used), and

rubber body parts. In addition, we have a lot of new, unusual items that were special ordered but never picked up. This collection was made before we were smart enough to require a deposit on special order parts. Also, we have been able to help out a lot of the catalog buyers by putting their parts orders (to either Victoria British or Moss Motors) in with our orders, saving them the total cost of freight and any COD fee. If we can help, please call 487-5979 or 800-873-5979 (out of the SLC area)."

Roy Beale, of Mr. British, will order parts for you, but will not be stocking any for retail sales.

Bill Davis, of Great Basin Land Rover, can help. "I stock some Land Rover items that may be the same for other British cars. Call me at 322-3400 during the day, 968-0610 at home, or at 486-5049."

Steve Bender bought out Walt Osborn's supply of parts when Walt closed his shop. He still has a lot of them left, both new and used. Steve can be reached at 571-5020.

As a group, we should try to patronize our local sources for parts whenever we can. After all, the catalogs are good, but you never know when you might need a part Friday evening so you can make that Saturday rally!

Left over parts

The Board of Governors met at the Tinker Day and elected Mark Bradakis Governor General (Chair of the Board). They are reviewing the insurance policy and have yet to renew it. Bruce Schilling did the last mailing of the newsletter for the club using his bulk rate permit. This decreases the postage cost by roughly two-thirds, provided we send a minimum of 200 newsletters

at a time. Bruce is also investigating the getting the club a non-profit permit which would further decrease the mailing costs. This permit has an initial cost plus an annual fee, but the net result is a savings for the club. Bruce will print the mailing labels and mail the newsletter in the future. He also volunteered to take over Reed Baier's job as the membership contact person, and this brings all of the membership activities and maintenance of the membership mailing list together. Give Reed a pat on the back for a job well done for several years and Bruce one for taking the job on. Several other people volunteered to take on the membership job besides Bruce. Thanks to all of you.

The British Field Day is scheduled for June 17 this year to try to for better weather. Bill Davis contacted several people to help him organize and publicize the event. If you would like to help with this contact Bill at 968-0610 (H) or 322-3400 (W). The Field Day is a major event and we need YOUR help to make it go and grow. Put a bit of time into it and let's see the British Field Day develop. Again the Cathedral of St. Mark will sponsor and provide the site for the event, with the BMCU and the Utah British Bike Club actually organizing it. We also hope to have continued participation by the Jaguar, Austin Healey and Morgan clubs this year. Help make it all work!

We sent out 200 newsletters in April (the actual mailing list is 196). The four extra copies bring us to the minimum for bulk postage rates. Many thanks to Jim for the copying.

Plans are well underway for the trip to the GoF-West this year in Ventura, CA. Floyd Inman is heading up the trip and has planned quite a tour. The group will leave SLC for Ely on July 7. On the 8th they will motor to Lee Vining. Next, to Carmel via Yosemite on the 9th. The 10th will be spent in Carmel.

The 11th will take them from Carmel to San Simeon by way of Big Sur and the Hearst Castle. On the 12th they will reach Ventura for the GoF. The group will depart Ventura on the 16 for Las Vegas or Mesquite and will be back in SLC on the 17th. If you are interested, call Floyd at 645-8460.

Autojumble

Wanted: Small British car in running condition, Sprite, Midget, Spitfire or Mini. Doug Kreib, 569-3570 (H) or 594-3711 (W).

(answer from page 1) The MG management decided that TE sounded too much like giggling, tee, eee, and chose to not use that designation. The TE never existed.

From the Exchequer

Estimated balance as of 3/25/95 (Account has \$839.75, Editor is owed \$88.84).	\$760.91
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