

British Motor Club of Utah

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East Canyon— Trapper's Loop Run

The May event will be a BMCU classic: the East Canyon–Trapper's Loop run. There will be two meeting places for this event. Those near Salt Lake should meet at the K-Mart at the intersection of *Foothill Boulevard and Parley's Way*, at the mouth of Parley's Canyon at **8:30 AM on Saturday, May 17**. If you head east from Sugarhouse on 2100 South you end up on Parley's Way and will pass in front of the K-Mart. Just don't get on the interstate. We will use Emigration Canyon and East Canyon to work our way to the north. We will meet the Ogden and north group in Mountain Green at the store at the southern end of the Trapper's Loop road at 11:00 AM. We will take a short break there and then head up and over the loop to Huntsville. Leader Mike Cady will lead us on a tour of the upper Ogden River Valley ending up in Ogden, where we will split and the two groups will head home.

Be sure to bring a picnic lunch and a jacket. It can be cool on the loop in May.

Batteries and terminals should be cleaned with hot water and baking soda to remove the acid. The terminals should then be lightly coated with petroleum jelly (Vaseline). This acts as a preservative and conducts electricity. Thanks to the old Start Your Engine catalog.

Two Great Events

Mother Nature seemed to be smiling on the BMCU in April as we had good weather for both the Tinker Day and the Hare and Hounds Rallye. Good weather normally brings out the cars and people and it did last month, too. Both events were very well attended.

Tinker Days are different from other events as some folks stop in for ten minutes and others stay for hours. The editor was one of the latter in April. He had been having trouble with the transmission from his Midget jumping out of third gear and after a couple of attempts at fixing it, wanted Roy Beale to take a look at it. Roy, with Gary Lindstrom's assistance, quickly picked out the problem and the editor spent several hours disassembling it, swapping a bearing and reassembling it.

While this was going on the rest of the team was trying to get a TR4(?) to run after many years for storage. Many problems were found, including the sliding plate in the distributor that allows vacuum advance to occur being welded in place, a missing temperature compensator on one carb, and a gas leak from a carb. When the day was done the car was running, not perfectly, but running. Rob Green appeared late in the day with his just completed Catherham 7 (the present Lotus 7). It needed the Webers adjusted and he and Mark tinkered with bits and pieces from them while the editor was trying to finish up the transmission.

This was one of the best attended Tinker Days for several years. If you were not there you missed a good one.

The Hare and Hounds Rallye was a good one, too. Eleven cars with their owners appeared in the Tracy Aviary parking lot to chase the Hare, Kees Versteeg and one of his daughters, around town. This group contained an amazing diversity of British cars: two TR6s, a Jensen Interceptor, an XJS Jaguar, two TDs, an MG Magnette (which was driven down from Idaho Falls), a Catherham 7, two MGBs, a TC, and a Bugeye. Before we left, the group attracted a lots of admiring looks as people drove by or stopped for a closer look.

After the usual tire kicking, drooling over the Super 7, and "we haven't seen you for a while" comments, Kees got the group started. He explained the rules. He would leave ten minutes before anyone else. At any intersection where he was going to make a turn he would leave a spore, a scoop of flour. If it was on the right, he was turning right, if it was on the left, it was a left turn. If it was in the middle of the intersection, there would be a second scoop about 100 yards from the intersection on the path he took, but you would have to investigate the possibilities. The hounds would leave at two minute intervals and attempt to follow the hare.

We checked mileage, the hound with the mileage closest to that of the hare would win. If there were several hounds with the correct mileage, we would also check time, the one with the shortest time would win. Since several people fell into this category, we said if your odometer didn't work we would take your word that you followed the route with no detours.

The hare did a super job, leading us north, south, east and west around the city. The editors took several long detours, visiting many out of the way streets and interesting

neighborhoods in Salt Lake along with most of the Hounds. Three groups managed to follow the Hare on its twists, turns, and sneaky maneuvers. These were Floyd & Kathy Inman, Doug & Ilene Wimer, and Byron & Rayla Simpson. Byron & Rayla managed to beat Doug & Ilene by one minute. Congratulations Byron & Rayla!

Sniffing a street corners throughout Salt Lake were: Doug & Thaurar Borba, Larry Bishop, Brent Gerity & Ryan Coles, Kees Versteeg & daughter, David & Muriel Machovic, Barry & Denise Blackett, Kathy & Floyd Inman, Rob & Natalie Green, Mike, Natalie & Michael Oderheimer, Doug & Ilene Wimer, Byron & Rayla Simpson, and Bill & Julie Van Moorhem. Mark Bradakis stopped in to see what was going on but did not join the run. Margie Hammer also checked us out on her Harley Davison.

British Field Day 1997

By Bill Davis

The Field Day this year promises to be bigger and better than ever. We were successful a couple of years ago in forming a committee composed of members from both the Utah British Motor Club and also the British Bike Club, whose input has helped raise the event to the next level. We have already started meeting to plan this year's event, although it's not too late to help by joining the committee and contributing your ideas and energy. Call Bill Davis at 486-5049 for time and location of the next meeting.

The Field Day will follow a similar format to previous years, a display of British cars and motorcycles, a rally—both a short course and gymkhana—and a swap meet. The event will run from 10:00 AM until 2:30 PM with registration starting a 9:00. The biggest addition to the event is that we will be adding a display of vehicles and bikes to the Olde English Festival from 3:00 to 4:00 PM. The plan is that the

people who would like to participate in this portion of the event will gather together at approximately 2:30 and proceed parade-like to St. Paul's church, which is hosting the OEF at 3rd South and 9th East. They will be reserving a parking lot and display area for the participants and also providing each participant with a coupon for a free drink and food item. When you register at the Field Day you will receive an envelope with the free coupons in it—just show up at the Olde English Festival to redeem them. If you are busy in the morning and can't make it to the Field Day come on up to the OEF at 3:00 and we'll figure out a way to get you some freebies. Anyone is welcome to participate in any of the activities planned for the day. We will have the usual entertainment, such as the Utah Pipe Band in attendance, food & drink, plus some new stuff that a group from the cathedral is planning.

The British Motor Club has volunteered to staff the registration & admission booth in 30 minute shifts with the Utah British Bike Club doing the same for the main admissions booth on the west side. We have arranged this so that volunteers don't get stuck doing it for hours at a time like it has happened in the past several years. Our apologies to the previous victims! Give me a call to get your name on the list.

Left Over Parts

Congratulations to Brent and Deann Gerity! Brent is the son of Pete and Lilian Gerity and used to ride with them in the rear seat of the TR3 during the early days. He has been active with the BMCU with a silver-gray Jaguar XJS on his own recently. Last month he and Deann were married.

Remember "Drive your Sports Car Week" is May 12-18. Get the car out and let people see it. This is an attempt to get a national event going and let's take part.

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 12-18. "Drive your sports car week."

May 17. Huntsville and East Canyon. Mike Cady.

June 7-8. IVR hill climb at Snowbasin. Mark Livingston, 779-0551.

June 16. Australian Jaguar Club passes through Salt Lake.

June 21. British Field Day. Bill Davis.

July 4. Parades. Most likely in Heber. Doug Wimer.

July 21-25. GoF-West in Park City. All MGs are welcome. Contact Beckie Versteeg at 322-1718 for information.

August 2. Tenth Annual Alpine Loop. Denise Blackett and Bill Van Moorhem.

August 10-15. International Austin-Healey Meet in Park City.

August 24. Intermountain Vintage Racing Road Race at Rocky Mountain Raceways, Salt Lake City, Mark Livingston, 779-0551.

August 29-September 1. Steamboat Springs Vintage Races and Concours. Make reservations soon if you want to go. Bill Van Moorhem

September 1. Miner's Day Parade in Park City. Floyd Inman.

September 13. Antelope Island Run.

September 20-21. IVR hill climb at Bear Hollow. Mark Livingston, 779-0551.

September 27. Mount Nebo Run.

October 18. End of the Season Dinner.

November 15. Tech Session.

Grill badges. We are on the way to new order. We now have eleven prepaid orders from club members and we will order when we get orders for one or two more. If you want one, now is the time to order it. When the badges come in the non-prepaid ones go very quickly. We have to order a minimum of twenty-five badges. Since the exchequer is not bottomless, we need twelve or thirteen prepaid before we place an order. If you would like one (or more) send in your order to Marty Van Nood, Chancellor of the Exchequer, at 165 East 2400 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84115 or at 467-0525 (that's the correct phone number). The badges are \$20. each. Send your check to Marty.

Keep the GoF-West in mind. It will be July 21-25, in Park City. GoF-West is definitely the biggest annual gathering of T-series cars in the West and all MGs are welcome. There will be a show with 100 to 150 MGs on Tuesday morning at Jordanelle State Park. Don't miss it. For information contact Beckie Versteeg, by phone at 322-1718, by fax at 521-0814, via e-mail at keesslc@ix.netcom.com or if you are into the World Wide Web try www.cs.utah.edu/~gary/gof97.html (it's always hard to end a sentence with a internet address because of the periods).

Doug and Floyd also need all the help organizing this that they can get. Call Doug Wimer, 654-2117, or Floyd Inman, 645-8460, if you can help.

Intermountain Vintage Racing (IVR) is expanding. For the past two or so years they have run hill climbs at Bear Hollow, the Olympic Winter Sports Park near Park City, and at Snowbasin. This year they have two more hill climbs planned (see the Lucas Calendar), but also a road race at the new Rocky Mountain Raceways (the rebuilt Bonneville Speedway). Look into this as vintage racing is neat.

Speaking of Vintage racing, anyone planning on going to the Steamboat Springs Race over Labor Day should get reservations. The entire town will fill up for that weekend.

English Cooking

Roy Beale pointed out that last month's recipe may have been something that people ate during WWII but that it is not normal English food. The editors have to agree, but then it is fun to see some strange recipes. We have one more thanks to Doug & Ilene Wimer.

Spotted Dick

4 oz flour
a pinch of salt
2 tsp. baking power
4 oz bread crumbs
3-4 oz suet
3 oz currants
milk or water to mix
custard sauce

Sieve together the flour, salt and baking power. Add the bread crumbs, the finely chopped or shredded suet and the prepared currants. Mix to a soft dropping consistency with milk or water. Turn into a greased basin, two-thirds filling it. Cover with greased paper and steam steadily for 2-3 hours. Turn out on to a hot dish and serve with custard or a sweet white sauce.

Autojumble

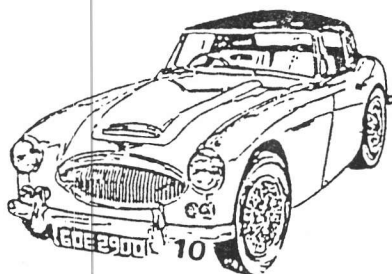
Wanted, any used interior parts for a TR7 or TR8. Call Don Graves, 972-6335.



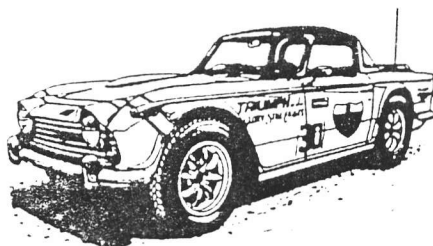
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