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British Field Day 1997

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

Over the Hills and through the woods...

...we went, to Huntsville for a drive and picnic. We met early to try and get a timely start on the way to Huntsville.

When I pulled into the K-Mart parking lot nobody was there. I began to worry if we were going to get anyone, but then the troops started to trickle in. It seemed that the early start time was figured out by everyone and they knew we wouldn't leave until 9:00. It seemed to be a TR6 day, too, with half of the eight cars meeting at K-Mart being TR6s.

At 9:00 we headed out with the TR6s in the lead. Brief stops at the Zoo, the top of Emigration Canyon and the summit of East Canyon kept the group together and we pulled into the Mountain Green store about 10:35, with no one from the Ogden group there yet. A pit stop, the purchase of what ever you forgot and a walk out the door got back outside in time to see people from Ogden starting to gather. A bit after 11:00 we headed out and over the hill to the Ogden River drainage. The thirteen cars that were with us now were stretched out over a half mile or so and made an interesting sight as we climbed the loop road. It was made more impressive by the scenery, which is always great, but was especially impressive with a perfect blue sky, lingering snow on the mountain peaks, and an abundance of green from a very wet winter.

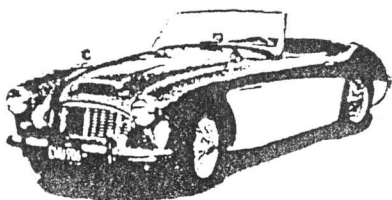
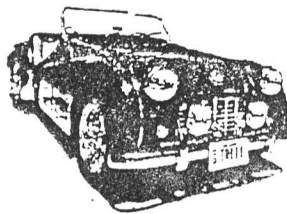
As the editor was about to make the turn onto the road paralleling the Ogden River

The Field Day will follow a format similar to previous years, with 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 to 2:30 PM with registration starting a 9:00. The main change to the event is that we would like you to take your vehicles 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 us and also providing each of us 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.

We would like everyone in the BMCU to

help 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 of the field. We particularly need help during the peak registration period from 8:30 to 10:30. We are trying 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! Please be willing to help us out.

It also helps a lot if you will pre-register. We have included a form with this newsletter. Please complete it and return it quickly.



drainage he realized that he had left the donations can at the Mountain Green Store. A quick turn around, and record setting (for a '52 TD) run back to the store confirmed that the can was gone. Back over the hill and a bit of searching in Huntsville for the park, resulted in the message from Kees that they had the can and was that what I was looking for? All's well that ends well.

Charlie Smith was at the park with the Austin Taxi and that brought the group up to fourteen. We all ate lunch, enjoyed the sun and swapped stories, the drove around the reservoir and into Ogden where we broke up. Some headed for Salt Lake, some for northern environs, and some to tour the park at the mouth of Ogden Canyon.

Attending were Chris, Lynn & Jason Chandler, John & Debi Birozovich, Marv & Sheree Marcus, Dan & Sharon Forster, Barry & Denise Blackett, Steve Nelson & granddaughter Kylin, Kees Versteeg & Liz Singley, Mike & Susan Cady, Dee & Bobbi Dostaler, John & Lizzy Green, Byron & Rayla Simpson, Charles Smith, Craig & Brenton Welk, and Bill Van Moorhem.

A Note From the Exchequer

Marty Van Nood

The bank balance that appears at the end of each newsletter is just a little misleading. Included in the balance are the pre-paid orders for grill badges. Once the grill badge order is placed (25 minimum), this balance will decline proportionately (by about \$500.)

An information update for those who have ordered grill badges, there is both good and bad news. The good news is that we have accumulated enough pre-paid orders so the 25 minimum order can be justified. The bad news is that when the order was attempted it was discovered that the company no longer manufactures grill badges.

The committee is now in the process of finding an alternative source and hopes to have all good news for you soon....

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.

June 7-8. Intermountain Vintage Racing 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. This is very questionable right now. Watch this space for more info.

July 21-25. GoF-West in Park City. All MGs are welcome. Contact Beckie Versteeg at 322-1718 for registration or 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. Intermountain Vintage Racing Hill Climb at Bear Hollow. Mark Livingston, 779-0551.

September 27. Mount Nebo Run.

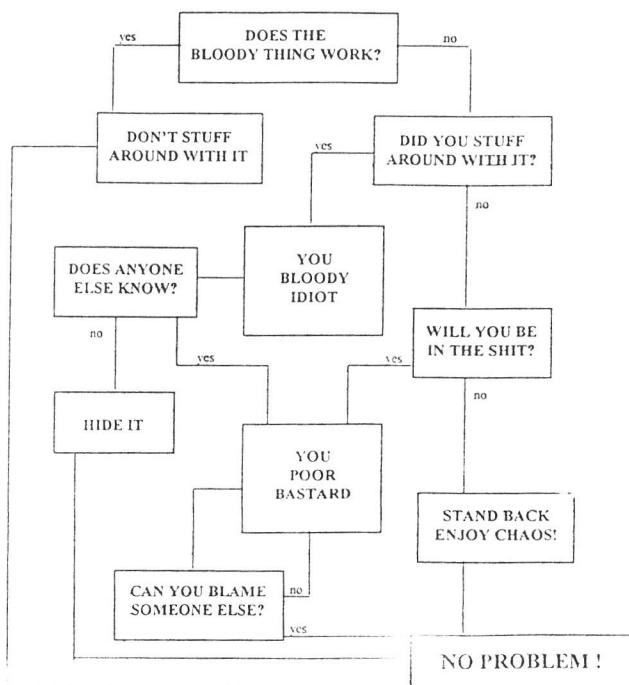
October 18. End of the Season Dinner.

November 15. Tech Session.

January 24. Tech Session.

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FOR USE WITH MOST AUTOMOTIVE DEVICES



Left Over Parts

Help! We planned on the July event being the 4th of July parade in Heber. It turns out there is no parade in Heber on the 4th. We are searching for a July event, either another parade or something else. The Sandy parade was so hot last year that nearly everyone overheated. We hear that the Sandy parade will use a different route this year, hopefully one that is downhill, but we have not registered. The new route and the grade are being investigated. If we bag the parade idea, we may have a cruise night, meeting at a local hamburger emporium and a cruise up a canyon afterwards. Or if someone has a better idea....

Do you have a fire extinguisher in your car? You really should. For several years Halon fire extinguishers seemed to be the best choice since they produced no residue when used and were extremely effective. They are apparently no longer made since there was a fear that the Halon was environmentally undesirable, but they can be sold and refilled. Duff Lawson has run across a source of small, 1 pound Halon extinguishers. I have 1 pounders in several of my cars, they certainly fit well and, I am told, would deal with a small fire. Duff is trying to learn more about the extinguisher and the cost. They will be in the \$20-\$30 range and there will be a discount if we order several. Give Duff a call (487-5192) and get more information. This sounds like a lot of money, but if you need one, you will really want and need it. It's cheap insurance.

The week of May 10-17 was Drive Your British Sports Car Week. This was an idea that developed on the British Car (computer) mailing list. It was somewhat successful and plans seem to be underway to try it again next year.

Speaking of computers., if you have an e-mail address it would be useful for us to know it. We occasionally send out information via e-mail and if we had your address we would send it to you, too. Let

the editor or the membership director know the address.

A new national MG club is forming, called the MG Drivers Club it welcomes all MG owners, and promises "not to compete with the fine existing MG Registers/Associations in North America." This idea developed at the all MG convention in Indianapolis in '96 and sounds appealing as there currently seems to be a organization for every model of MG, but no umbrella organization. Whether it will work or not remains to be answered. One negative is that it plans to hold an "annual gathering, 'The Drive-In' at the Roadster Factory Summer Party each August in Western Pennsylvania." That's a bit of a trip for those of us in the Western half of the country. Perhaps it will follow some of the other national and North American organizations and mainly operate on the East Coast. It does plan on "regional events as club membership grows." If you are interested the editor has membership forms. Dues are \$20. per year.

It is less than two months until the 25th GoF-West. It will be held July 21-25, in Park City. GoF-West is 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 and the other events. 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). The organizing committee can use all the help that they can get, now and during the event. Call Doug Wimer, 654-2117, or Floyd Inman, 645-8460, if you can help.

Intermountain Vintage Racing will be having its first hillclimb of the year on June 7-8 at Snowbasin. Be sure to stop by and see it. For more information call Mark Livingston, 779-0551.

Speaking of Vintage racing, anyone

planning on going to the Steamboat Springs Race over Labor Day should get reservations now. All the motels in the town will fill up for that weekend. Camping is a economic alternative. Order forms for pre-paid tickets (\$20 per person for a pit pass for the two days, \$12 general admission) are available, contact the editors if you want to pre-order tickets or a combined lodging and ticket package.

Autojumble

For sale, '76 TR6, and '78 MGB, both in excellent condition. Also two TR3s, both of which need restoration. Contact Tom at 943-0144.

Hint for the month: Are all "Phillips" screws created equal? No, there are true Phillips screws and at least two other types that resemble Phillips screws. What appears to be "Phillips" screws in many trim-type application on our cars are really Pozidriv screws. Does this make any difference other than to the manufacturer? Yes, a Phillips screwdriver does not fit Pozidriv screws properly. The walls in the screwdriver tip for Pozidriv screws are not as tapered as on a true Phillips screw and have wedges for a tight fit. If you try to use a Phillips screwdriver on a very tight Pozidriv screw it will slip in the slots making the screw harder than ever to remove. These Pozidriv screws can be identified by four lines on the head radiating out from the center, between the slots. You can obtain Pozidriv screwdrivers from tool suppliers. Having the right tool can save a great deal of frustration.



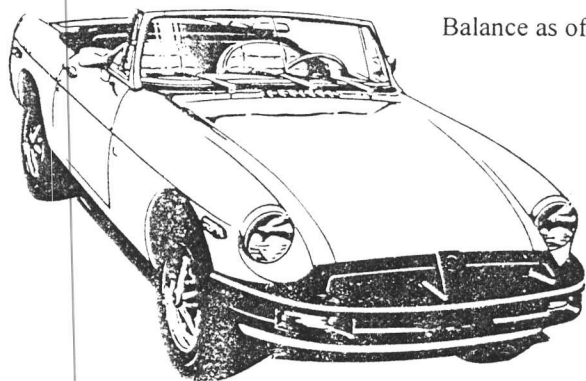
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Balance as of 4/21/97	\$1609.02
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