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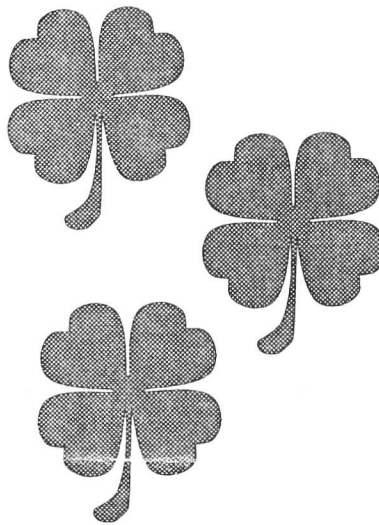
...you want to be part the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. If you're not Irish, pretend you are for the day. The St. Patrick's Day Parade has been the first event of the season for the club for many years. It's in town, not too long, a good reason to get the car uncovered and ready to go for the season, and it's fun.

This is a parade that doesn't take itself too seriously—just the thing for this group. Fill up the car with kids, grandkids, or the neighbor's kids and bring them along. Put some green crepe paper on the car, a few balloons, and shamrock or two. Dye your hair green (I am told Kool-aid works well) and come along. You don't need a concours car for this, just stick something over the rust hole.

The parade route is unclear this year due to the construction on Main Street between South Temple and 100 South. The parade organizers don't even seem to know where it will be at present. They are forecasting that it will be on *Main, starting at 100 South* rather than South Temple.

This is a fairly big event and you should find the group by **9:00 AM on Saturday March 15**. In the past the approach from West Temple works the best. If you want to make sure where the parade is starting, check out the papers Friday or Saturday morning or call the editors, Bill or Julie Van Moorhem, at 582-9223 Friday evening.

If you arrive early, you can find breakfast near the start. If there is interest we will head off for brunch afterward.



Food and Fun

The February event was the annual Pot-Luck Dinner and corporate meeting. At least 33 people had dinner, making this one of the largest Pot-Lucks in the past several years. The event began with people carrying bowl and boxes into the kitchen, then reappearing to check out the video playing on the St. Mark's large screen projection TV, or join in one of the many conversations around the room. After the majority of the people arrived, the call for dinner went out and a line quickly snaked out the kitchen door with people trying to get in, and others trying to get out while balancing well-laden plates. The room quieted down while everyone attacked those plates, and then returned for refills. We had lots of deserts and the call went out to help empty those plates and bowls. Volunteers were forthcoming and most of the food disappeared. The business meeting started with reports

on the state of the club and ongoing events. Marty Van Nood, the Chancellor of Exchequer, reported on the club finances. Because of the importance of this Marty has repeated the essence of his report in the article below.

Doug Wimer (654-2117) reported that work on the GoF-West to be held in Park City this summer is well underway, but we could certainly use anyone willing to work on this event. MG owners who would like to attend should register with Beckie Versteeg (322-1718). Planning for the British Field Day is getting started. Bill Davis (364-1816) will again be leading this event. He is also looking for help, either with the planning or on the day of the event. The date of the British Field Day will be June 21. The International Austin-Healey Convention will be in Park City August 10-15. Duff Lawson reported that this is truly an international event with cars coming from as far as New Zealand, Australia, and England. There will be a show for non-Austin Healeys and suggested that we try to avoid conflicting events. Mike Cady reported that the Australian Jaguar club will be passing through Salt Lake City about June 16 on a Mexico to Canada tour. He will provide more information when it becomes available.

The calendar was the next item of business. The results are shown in the Lucas Calendar. Mark Bradakis, Joe Martinez, Marty Van Nood, and Bill Davis were elected to the Board of Governors. This board will handle all club business for the upcoming year. Mark and Marty, will, respectively, continue as Governor General, and Chancellor of Exchequer. Many thanks to retiring board member Diane Pivrotto, to Joe for taking on another year, and a welcome to Bill.

Attending were: Bill Davis & Moni Schwaerzler, Jon & Susan Hermance, Doug & Ilene Wimer, Gary & Sandy Lindstrom, Dave & Muriel Machovec, Kees Versteeg, Liz Singley, Pete and Jod'An Smalley, Joe Martinez, Mark & Karen Bradakis, Cindy Darby, Mike & Susan Cady, Barry & Denise Blackett, Greg Smith, Jeff Porter, Kent Livingston, Marty Van Nood, Duff Lawson, Diane & Jim Pivrotto, Denise & Jim Morrison, and Bill & Julie Van Moorhem. The long distance award goes to Dave & Muriel Machovec who drove down from Idaho Falls for the dinner.

Report From The Exchequer

By Marty Van Nood

Although our membership ranks have increased steadily for several years, the contributions have actually declined. During this last year (1996) the club realized some 30% less revenue from contributions. Since our club does not charge its members dues, the contributions are a vital source of income. Further, it appears that the BMCU may be planning on making some purchases this year. These plans could be severely affected if insufficient capital is available.

Please remember that our coffers are always open to monetary input. Your contribution is important to the Club!

You may forward your contributions to Marty at the address below. Thanks for supporting the cause...

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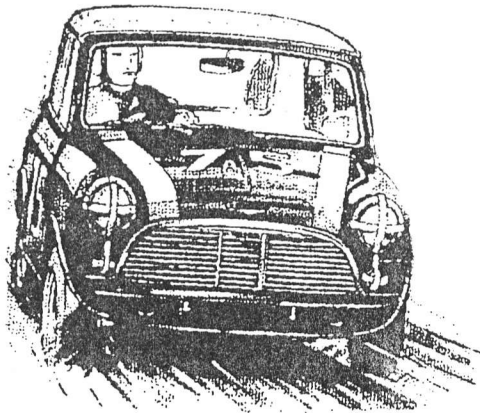
See You Guys!

By Mark Bradakis

While this esteemed publication does not usually include such things as recipes and household hints, the number of comments about the ginger-garlic chicken at the February pot-luck warrants printing the recipe. So, what follows is a close approximation of "See You Guys" chicken. The actual Chinese name of the dish is something I've long since forgotten, but it sounds like "see you guys."

2 pounds chicken legs or wings
2 cloves garlic,
2 thumb sized pieces fresh ginger
1 cup soy sauce
1/4 cup sherry
1/4 cup rice vinegar

Peel and finely chop the garlic and ginger. More timid palates may want to lower the garlic and ginger content. Arrange the chicken pieces in a glass baking dish. Sprinkle the garlic and ginger over the chicken. Mix the liquid ingredients together, pour over the chicken. Cover with plastic wrap and marinate for an hour or two, turning the pieces over once. Bake in a 425 degree oven for about 40 minutes, turning the pieces over halfway through the baking. Enjoy!



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.

March 15. St. Patrick's Day Parade. Based on past history this will be the first driving event of the club for 1997.

April 12. Tinker Day. Mark Bradakis.

April 19. Hare and Hound Rallye. Kees Versteeg.

May 12-18. "Drive your sports car week. See "Left over Parts" for information.

May 17. Huntsville and East Canyon. Mike Cady.

June 16. Australian Jaguar Club passes through Salt Lake.

June 21. British Field Day. Bill Davis.

July 4. Parades.

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

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

September 13. Antelope Island Run.

September 27. Mount Nebo Run.

October 18. End of the Season Dinner.

November 15. Tech Session.

January 24. Tech Session.

February 7. Pot Luck Dinner.

The First Annual British Car Week, May 12-18 1997

By Scott Helms

I'm relaying this information to you from the Scions of Lucas, which is a popular British Car enthusiast group on the internet. In recent months, topics concerning the future of our beloved old British Cars have surfaced as well as discussions concerning an article written by Peter Egan in the March issue of Road And Track magazine. In this article Mr Egan mentions that he doesn't see old sports cars on the road anymore.

As a result, we have come up with the idea of an annual British Car Week for the sole purpose of promoting and enjoying these treasured automobiles. By setting aside an annual week celebrated by enthusiasts of all British car marques, we will enhance all aspects of this fine tradition of driving and enjoying these cars. This will help ensure continued enthusiasm for these cars as one entire group regardless of marque, and allow the rest of the world, who do not normally attend British Car events, a chance to see them out on the roads in unison.

The participation of this event is quite simple, just get your British Cars out on the roads and drive them as much as you can during this week, and feel free to continue for the rest of the driving season!

Thanks for your participation. Any questions regarding this can be directed to:

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Competition Notes

By Mark Bradakis

With springtime rapidly approaching, and summer not too far off, it's time to make some plans for the season. As usual, the Utah region SCCA will have a series of autocross events scheduled throughout the summer. The first one will be Sunday, April 6th. Autocross is a low speed, precision driving event, where one driver at a time runs through a course marked out by pylons in a large parking lot. Those of you who have attended the club's British Field Day events in the past have likely seen a small version of this. For this year's Field Day, Team Fat should have the Killer Spit on hand. Autocross, or Solo II, as the SCCA calls it, can be undertaken by any car that basically won't fall apart on course, and is equipped with seat belts. Give it a try, it is pretty fun. For more info, call Mark Bradakis at 573-7246.

A more serious, higher speed event is a hillclimb. Again, one driver at a time, against the clock, on a section of public highway blocked off for the event. Due to the nature of the event, safety requirements for the cars and drivers are more stringent. Wiping out a cone or two in a parking lot won't hurt anything, but flying off a highway at speed can be more detrimental to one's skin, both human and sheet metal. Intermountain Vintage Racing will hold two hillclimbs again this year. The first is scheduled for June 7th and 8th, on the road leading to Snow Basin, east of Ogden. The second one is slated for Bear Hollow, outside of Park City, on September 20/21. Again, if interested in these events, call Mark at 573-7246.

Left over parts

We got a second letter from David Hobson, telling us that his car is a Jag. We are looking forward to meeting you and car this year.

Grill badges. We are on the way to new order. We now need ten more prepaid orders from club members and we will get an order off to the supplier. 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 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. The badges are \$20. each. Send your check to Marty.

Last month's newsletters should have included a red dot if you have not returned your renewal postcard. Bruce was about to leave for Hawaii when the newsletter got to him and the dots did not get put on the mailing labels. Those that should have gotten a dot will be dropped from this month's newsletter. The '97 mailing list is just under 200 at the moment.

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. For information contact Beckie Versteeg, by phone at 322-1718, by fax at 521-0814, via e-mail at keessle@ix.netcom.com or if you are into the World Wide Web try www.cs.utah.edu/~gary/gof97.html (its 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.

Autojumble

For Sale, '78 MGB, British racing green, new tan interior, Motolita steering wheel, new top, CD player, excellent condition. \$5500. Call Gareth, days at 377-3954, or evenings at 374-0749.



From the Exchequer

Balance as of 1/15/97	\$1395.29
Donations and interest	+\$295.43
Refund of check deposited by mistake	-\$112.00
Newsletter postage	-\$67.98
Renewal of incorporation	-\$5.00
Balance as of 2/25/97	\$1505.74



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