

British Motor Club of Utah

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The BMCU Plans for '98

The BMCU held its annual business meeting at the Pot-Luck Dinner on February 7. A calendar was worked out and a new Board of Governors was elected.

The calendar of club events is included in the Lucas Calendar along with a number of other events. We are still seeking people to lead some of these events; if you are contacted, please help us out. The new Board of Governors is made up of Jim "Pugs" Pivirotto, Gregg Smith and Marty Van Nood, as Chancellor of the Exchequer. Pugs was elected by the Board as Governor General, chair of the board. Telephone and e-mail addresses for the board members are included in the information section of this newsletter. Marty gave only a brief accounting of the state of the Exchequer since he had forgotten the accounting sheets. They are included in this newsletter.

Bill Davis gave a report on the British Field Day. St. Mark's has fenced the field behind the Cathedral and the only gate requires surmounting an eight inch curb. For this reason it is highly likely that the Field Day will be held at Pioneer Park. Although this park has had a bad reputation in the past, the city has made a major effort to eliminate many of the problems. During the summer there is Farmers Market held there and this has been very successful. Bill reports that the city is very enthusiastic about this event and is very cooperative in helping the committee get the event organized. Bill and the committee attended several events in the park and feel that it will be an excellent site. Bill and the committee feel that we can use the northern part of the park for the display and the city is willing close 3rd South between 3rd and

4th West for the driving events. Bill has also contacted several of the property owners in the area and has received excellent cooperation from them.

Gregg Smith reports that he and Duff Lawson are progressing on the grill badges, but are held up by a "90's type problem"—his computer hard disk crashed and he lost the design. As soon as he repairs or replaces the disk, and redraws the design, he and Duff will get estimates on the production of the grill badges.

The issue of dues for the club was raised and discussed a bit. The club has not had dues in the past and has simply collected donations at the events and with the renewal postcards and the income from this, along with the proceeds from the raffle at the Alpine Loop, has kept the club solvent. The "no dues" policy has permitted us to view anyone who sends in an application as a member and for them to receive the newsletter. This policy results in the "membership" growing to 270 or so by the end of the year. We have not attempted to determine how many of these members actually attend a club event during a year, nor have we tried to determine how many of members contribute financially to the club. Some indication was given by Bruce Schilling who reported that the membership role stands at about 185 (including 15-20 clubs and businesses), as compared to the previous 270, as a result of the renewal postcards. The concern is that a fraction of the membership is supporting a very diffuse group, many of whom are not seriously interested or active in the club. The opposing view is generally built around the "if it ain't broke don't fix it" approach. The club has thrived under the "no dues" approach, with no financial problems in the nine years following the

first year of its existence. Also not collecting dues eliminates many of the bookkeeping issues necessary if dues are collected. I will attempt to record who has attended events this year and give a report at the Pot-Luck in '99.

Food at the Pot-Luck was excellent, and thanks should be given to all the cooks. We didn't pass around a roll, so the following was produced by memory. If we missed you, forgive us: Jim "Pugs" Pivirotto, Mark & Karen Bradakis, Bob & Sandy Vargas, Doug & Ilene Wimer, Bill Davis & Moni Schwaerzler, Mike & Sharon Bailey, Roy & Linda Beale, Bruce Schilling, Harold & Suzanne Anderson, Jeff Porter, Gregg Smith, Jon Hermance, Tonya Williams, Dave & Muriel Machovec, Marty Van Nood, Mike & Natalie Oederheimer, Edwin Barker, Nathan Massie, and Bill & Julie Van Moorhem. Many thanks to Mark and Karen for organizing the dinner.

It's Parade Time!

We are registered for the '98 St. Patrick's Day Parade. This is not a parade that takes itself too seriously, and this makes it an ideal one for the BMCU. The starting point

Want to lend a helping hand to the BMCU? Some of the events planned for this year need organizers. All it takes is a bit of time and a few phone calls.

You'll get to exercise those organizing skills, and best of all, help out the club. Call one of the governors and volunteer!

of the parade, as published in a recent Tribune, is 200 East and 6th South. The parade is **March 14**, starting in downtown SLC at **10:00 AM**. The organizers of the parade will likely want us in place at **9:00 AM**.

It was suggested at the Pot-Luck that we should bring along more kids, grandkids, or neighborhood kids (ask their parents first). This is an excellent idea and the kids love to be in a parade. This is not a parade for show cars; anything that runs is welcome. Just stick a shamrock over the rust holes or dings. Green and white crepe paper, balloons, shamrocks, or whatnot are very appropriate. English flags are *not* welcome. Green hair or beards fit right in. Expect some ribbing (good natured or not) from the announcer about English cars. Feel free to shout back, but keep it clean. Last year the parade was mentioned by a spectator as the only parade in SLC where you could see a bearded guy smoking a pipe in a classic English sports car. Maybe we should all get beards and pipes? Pipes that blow bubbles?

Left Over Parts

El Nino has resulted in this winter being very wet. The long term forecast is for this weather pattern to continue into the summer. We should expect rain on the day of some of our events. The event will occur even if it rains, with the exception of possibly the British Field Day. The problem with rescheduling is that the group is too big to try and reschedule on the day of the event. Most of us have tops that more or less work, windshield wipers, and cars that were designed to work in the wet. Events will be held rain or shine.

At present we do not have anyone to organize the April event. At the Pot-Luck we talked about a rallye, possibly a Hare and Hounds rallye. Kees Versteeg organized this last year and it was suggested that we contact him to see if he would be willing to do it again. So far we have been unable to contact Kees and see if is possible for him to lead this again. If we can not find someone to lead an April event, it appears that it will be necessary to

cancel the April event. If you are willing to lead an event in April, a rallye or something else, please contact the editor at 801-582-9223.

Also, who volunteered to lead the Eureka trip? Please let the editor know.

The Lions & WMJR clubs of Utah are starting a new car show. They seem to have long term plans. The First Annual Concours d'Excellence is scheduled for Saturday, May 23, at Farmington Central Park, in Farmington. Registration is \$20, but also get breakfast for two, a ticket for a prize drawing, and a couple of certificates. Following the show there will be a "fun drive" to a park in SLC for more food. We have no information about whether it will be a judged or a people's choice format, nor any information about classes. For more information, contact John Green at 801-451-5685.

The Editor brought along some slides of British cars for the folks at the Pot-Luck to try to identify. He identified one of these cars as an MG C-type, until Roy Beale pointed out that it had a six cylinder engine. Some research has come up with the definite identity of the car since its registration is visible in the slide. It is a MG-K3, an example of the most famous race car that MG ever produced. The car is serial number 3011, and it is the thirteenth of the 33 K3s that were built. Currently it has British registration MG 3570, which it received when it returned to England in 1979. Its racing history is described in the "K3 Dossier" and the car is pictured in "MG Sports Cars" by Malcolm Green. Apparently the car presently (1997) holds ten British speed records including 200 miles at an average of 105.14 mph and 24 hours at 79.81 mph. Not bad for a car built 65 years ago.



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 14. St. Patrick's Day Parade. Bill Van Moorhem, 801-581-9223.

April 18. Rallye. Who will lead this?

May 16. Run to Eureka.

May 23. First Annual Concours d' Excellence, Farmington Utah. For registration info contact John Green, 801-451-5685.

June 13-14. Glenwood Springs Rallye. Denver to Glenwood Springs.

June 20. British Field Day. Bill Davis, 801-364-1816

July 5-9. GoF West in Monterey, CA.

July 18. Monte Cristo Run. Mike Odernheimer, 435-649-0106.

July 8-12. 7th Annual North American MGB Register Convention. Hagerstown, MD.

August 15. Alpine Loop.

September 4-7. Trip to the Annual Steamboat Springs Vintage Race. Bill Van Moorhem, 801-582-9223.

September 7. Miner's Day Parade in Park City. Floyd Inman, 435-645-8460.

September 19-20. Arvada (Colorado) All British Conclave.

September 26. Mount Nebo Loop.

October 17. End-of-the-Season Dinner.

October 23-25. Triumphest. San Luis Obispo, CA.

November 14. Tech Session.

Januray 16. Tech Session.

February 13. Pot-Luck Dinner.

The GoF-West '98 will be in Monterey, July 5-9. The T-series group has started planning the trip. If you are interested contact Floyd Inman at 435-645-8460 and make hotel reservations soon.

No response about a Memorial Day weekend trip. I assume no one is interested.

Financial Report for 1997

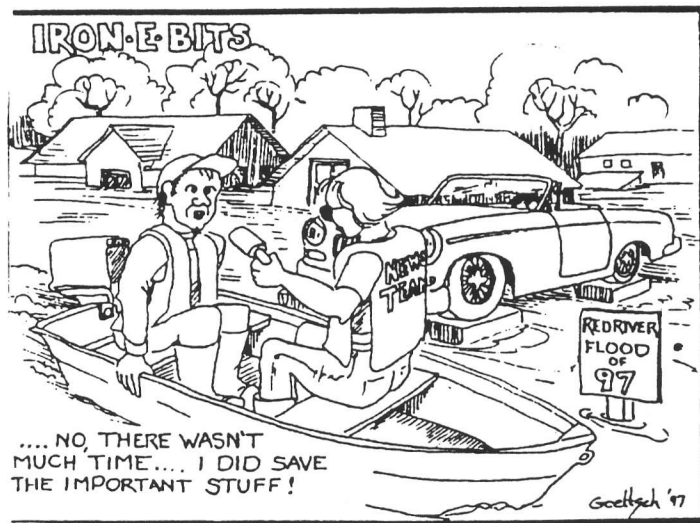
By Marty Van Nood.

| Revenue | 1997 | 1996 |
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| Contributions | \$1222.32 | 827.61 |
| Sales (Grill Badges) | 60.00 | 60.00 |
| Interest income | <u>35.07</u> | <u>29.08</u> |
| Gross Revenue | 1317.39 | 916.69 |
| Expenses | | |
| Newsletter (permit, printing & postage) | 705.81 | 720.85 |
| Alpine Loop Dash Plaques | 60.00 | 0.00 |
| Administration costs (incorporation, etc.) | <u>18.80</u> | <u>20.00</u> |
| Total Expenses | 784.61 | 740.85 |
| Net Gain (Loss) | <u>\$532.78</u> | <u>\$175.84</u> |

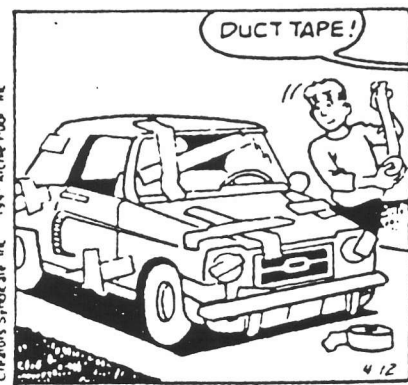
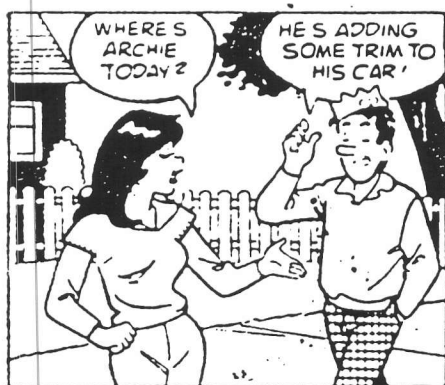
Hint for the Month

I don't know about you, but I sometimes break off the head of bolts, or mess up the head of Phillips screws so bad that I can't get them out. This normally happens to bolts or screws that have rusted into place. So how do you get them out? There is no easy answer, but some useful tools are left-handed drill bits. Normal drill bits are right handed, when drilling a hole they turn the same direction as a bolt or screw would as it screws into a threaded hole or nut. Left-handed drill bits have to be turned in the opposite direction to drill a hole. Clearly, to use these you must have a reversible drill motor. Carefully drilling into the center of the broken bolt both heats the metal and causes a fair bit of vibration.

Both of these tend to loosen the bolt. If a left handed drill bit catches in the broken bolt, the direction of rotation tends to unscrew the bolt out of the hole, exactly what you want. Start with a small drill bit and drill through the bolt, carefully centering the drill in the broken bolt. After you have a small size hole drilled through the bolt, go to the next larger size and then the next. I have had excellent success with this method—all but the bolts that were rusted in twenty years ago will come out. These drills can be used with easy-outs, or something similar, but tapered easy-outs tend to expand the bolt making it fit tighter in the hole. Just drilling has been very successful for me. Left hand drill bits can be obtained at good tool supply sources, in Salt Lake, the Tool Center, Industrial Supply, and, I think, I saw a set at Eagle Hardware. Not cheap, but worth it.



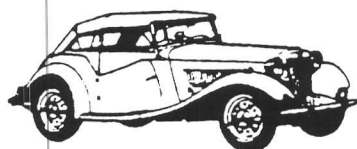
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Autojumble

For Sale, '72 Lotus Europa Twin Cam, excellent unrestored condition. Interior perfect, new water pump, \$12,500. Call Rich 801-264-8692(H) or 801-582-4328(W)

Wanted, Morris Minor Traveler (Woodie). Contact R. D. Olsen 701-235-7748.



From the Exchequer

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| Balance as of 1/6/98 | \$1766.34 |
| Interest | +\$3.03 |
| Donations | +\$295.00 |
| Newsletter | -\$63.12 |
| ???(Unless the Editor got a number wrong.) | -\$13.40 |
| Balance as of 1/6/98 | \$1987.85 |

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