

British Motor Club of Utah

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June social

The first June event will be a Social gathering at Bruce Schilling's back yard, 917 Millcreek Way (3495 South), across the street from Millcreek Gardens. We will meet at 2:00 PM Saturday the 5th and plan to light the barbecue at 4:00. If you plan to attend and would like to bring something please let Bruce know at 801-486-0425. Hope to see you all there.

Editor's note: Most likely, you're reading this after the event happened, but you had fair warning in last month's newsletter!

British Field Day

Can you believe it's been 8 years running now? The annual Field Day will be **June 19th** at Pioneer Park; the second year at the park and after a last year's success this will be the best Field Day ever.

Bill Davis and his crew have worked hard again this year and there's lots of things to do, see, and enjoy. Tony Caputo's Deli will be offering a special kid's menu and will give a discount coupon with the registration packet.

We will also be having the Silent Swap Meet again, (forms enclosed), so if you have anything you want to buy or sell, fill out the form and bring it with you. If you are not going to attend, please fill out the Swap Meet form and mail to: Bruce Schilling, 917 Millcreek Way, SLC. UT 84106. We are also going to try to publish Swap Meet information in upcoming articles in the Autojumble section of the BMCU newsletter.

For those of you that did not make it last year, Pioneer Park is located on the corner of **300 West and 300 south**. The Field Day will start at 10:00 AM for spectators and we will start registration by **9:00 AM**.

The event will run until approximately 2:30 at which time we are all invited to go up to the Olde English Festival for food and fun. They have promised to have plenty of Fish & Chips and let's hope they don't run out of Bangers & Mash. They will also have discount coupons for us for lunch. Some note of interest, the park policy is no beer, *so please hide it well*.

We still need help in setting up, putting up signs, hanging flags, directing traffic, all the fun stuff, so if you can help please show up early. The more help the better the event will be.

The old steam train in Pioneer Park has been moved to Ogden and the parks department has planted grass where the train was and put up ropes. We will not be able to display cars on the new grass but let's hope the ropes will be down and we will be able to walk on it.

Don't forget that this event is more than an opportunity to show off our cars—last year we donated \$1,500.00 to the Homeless Children's Foundation. Let's all get our cars out and make this the best Field Day ever and help the Homeless Children's Foundation at the same time.

If you need more information call Bruce Schilling at 801-486-0425.

Upcoming events

There's several events in early July. Some may occur before the next newsletter gets out, so this is your "heads up." Check out these in the Lucas Calendar:

Sandy July 4th Parade, July 3.
BMCU Club 90 night, July 8.
Jensen National, July 8-11.
Picnic in Little Cottonwood Canyon, July 17.

Antelope Island run

By Andy Lindeman

It was a rainy morning for the Antelope Island drive. We gathered at the capitol with Pugs rounding up people in his '65 Cadillac. Due to clutch problems, I arrived late to lead the group down to the island. Several people left their British cars home due to weather conditions. It rained all the way to the lake, but was clear and sunny once we got to the island.

We enjoyed a picnic lakeside. Several of the more adventurous types tasted buffalo burgers from the local "Fast" food joint. Just when everyone was finishing up their lunches, Gary, Sandy, and Daisy Lindstrom arrived. They were late because Gary and Daisy were defending the "dog and owner" look-a-like contest at the Strut Your Mutt competition (they won for a third year in a row—congratulations...or is it condolences?). We then slowly left in small groups, heading back to home in the now sunny weather.

Attending the event were: Robert & Evageline Mikesell, Tustin Borg & Karen Hall, Craig Bartholomew, Bruce Schilling, David Marks, Bob & Orlinda Mower, Clyde & Barbara Snyder, Gary & Sandy & Daisy Lindstrom, Andy Lindeman. Thanks to Pugs for showing up to say hello and rounding up people with his '65 Caddy.

An impromptu event

By Pugs Pivrotto, Gov

On Saturday, May 22, a group of BMCU'ers unexpectedly got together for an outing. It all started at the cruise-in and car show at the Arts and Cars showroom

on 500 West and 100 South. When Diane and I arrived, we ran into Marv and Sheree Marcus who had their red Jensen Healy on display and were also driving the blue Jensen. As we were walking around I happened to look out the window and saw the Baileys Land Rover parked outside and we found them looking at the art work.

If you haven't been to this place it is a very big warehouse that stores and sells classic cars as well as displays local artists works. I encourage all of you to stop in as there is some really neat art work and several club members are displaying their work, including Sharon Bailey and Sharon Forester.

Eventually, after touring the show we all decided to go over to the City and County Building and check out the Living Traditions Festival. We led the caravan in our Herald since I had to find an ATM machine. It was sort of amusing to see all of us driving through the teller line at the Kearns Building on Main Street.

Anyway, we made it to the show and ran into Mark and Karen Bradakis who were there for the food, music, and beer. The headliner was a Cajun band that started at 8 PM which gave us enough time to get some food and drink and wander around for a few minutes.

Once the band revved up, though, the dancing got underway. Even Mike and Mark were swaying to the tunes!

All in all it was a fun evening. In fact, we might want to consider doing the festival as a club event next year.

GT-24

By Steve Nelson

We are about two weeks away from NAMGAR's GT-24 (the annual MGA Get Together) in Lake Tahoe, California, June 14-18. From recent articles in the NAMGAR MGA magazine it looks as though this is going to be a terrific event that shouldn't be missed.

A few BMCU members are planning to attend as a combined group. Not only will it be enjoyable to travel as a combined group, but there is safety in numbers so we

are looking forward to as many people going in the combined group as possible. Right now about ten people have expressed an interest in going with the group. We are planning to meet again on Friday, June 4, at 7:00 pm at the Rocky Mountain Grill at 2305 South Highland Drive to nail down all of the last minute details.

Our initial planning effort selected the route that we will follow to Lake Tahoe. We will meet on June 13, 1999 at 6:00 AM at the Denny's restaurant on the corner of North Temple and Redwood Road (1701 W North Temple). From there we will travel on I-80 west to Wendover, then to Highway 93 Alt. to Ely, where we will change to Highway 50, which will take us west to the Lake Tahoe area. Our one way mileage to Lake Tahoe is about 700 miles and we are planning an overnight stay at the halfway point at Eureka, NV.

We have come up with a list of common parts that we will be taking with us and we are looking for someone to drive a modern tow vehicle in case of an emergency. If anyone is interested please let me know. It really sounds as though we are going to have a great time. I will be giving everyone who has expressed an interest a call this week to give you any last minute details.

In the mean time, everyone is invited to attend our planning meeting on June 4 at the Rocky Mountain Grill. If you are interest and want more details, please give me a call at home at 801 773-7100 or at work at 801 777-3636.

Autocross update

By Mark Bradakis

The next Utah region autocross event will be Sunday, June 6th at the E Center in West Valley. I'm planning to have the Killer Spitfire ready to run at that event.

Another autocross will be on Father's Day, June 20th, at Valley Fair Mall. Several cars will be on display inside the mall Friday evening and Saturday. This one always has a good turnout, maybe by then we'll actually have a bonnet on the Killer

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 14-18. NAMGAR (MG A Register) GT-24 in Lake Tahoe. Steve Nelson, 801-773-7100 (info also on www.calweb.com).

June 19. British Field Day in Pioneer Park. Bill Davis, or Bruce Schilling, 486-0425.

July 3. Sandy July 4th parade.

July 8. BMCU Club 90 night. Bill Robinson, 947-9480.

July 8-11. 11th annual Jensen National Santa Fe, New Mexico. For info, call Sheree & Marv Marcus at (H) 268-6254 or (W) 487-9681 ext. 18, or email at Shermarinc@AOL.com.

July 17. Picnic in Little Cottonwood Canyon. Bill Robinson. 947-9480.

August 21. Alpine Loop. Bill Van Moorhem and Karen Bradakis.

September 6. Miner's Day parade in Park City. Floyd Inman has traditionally led this event.

September 25. Mt. Nebo fall color run. Gary Lindstrom.

October. End of the season dinner. Sharon Bailey. Date to be determined.

November. Tech Session. We need a volunteer and date for this event.

January 2000. Tech Session, or "something fun."

February 2000. Pot Luck dinner and business meeting. We need a volunteer and a date for this event, too.

it, painted the same color as the rest of the car!

If you have web capable network access, check the pages at <http://www.team.net/urscca> for additional information.

At the end of the month, Intermountain Vintage Racing will be holding a race weekend out at Wendover. The Tooele track did not work out, so we've been working on using a pylon-lined course on the old concrete in the shadow of the Enola Gay hangar. The May event was fun for the participants, though there were not too many. This next event, on Saturday June 26 and Sunday the 27th, should have a bigger turnout, including perhaps a dozen or so Legends cars. These are 5/8 scale replicas of a few late 30s stock cars, are powered by motorcycle engines, and look like a real hoot to drive!

For this race weekend, IVR could use some help from interested folks to assist in the corner stations. A good way to watch the action! More info will be forthcoming at <http://www.team.net/ivr>

And hey, as long as I'm touting Team.Net web pages, check out <http://www.team.net/mjb>, too!

Left over parts

Thanks to Jim for copying the newsletter, and to Bruce for mailing them.

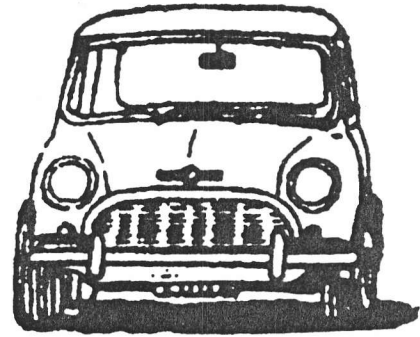
I got an email from Loren Chandler in Utah county (he has an ad in the Autojumble) about the fact that there are few local sources of parts and service for British cars. I've had good luck with the mail order places, such as Moss and Victoria British, and they do support our club with raffle items for the Alpine Loop run, but for service and even at times for parts, it is good to have local sources as well. Loren's suggestion was to put out a sheet at events and have people jot down their favorite local sources for parts, service, salvaged parts, wheels, tires, etc. We could then share this information at events or even publish it in some form in the newsletter. What do you think? I would be willing to just take everyone's favorite sources via email, and publish a

"sources" article in the December newsletter since there's no event that month and the newsletter can get a bit sparse.

June is the month for weddings, and it appears that it's also a busy month for car events. Don't forget about all the events this month, especially the Field Day. This is one of the premier events for our club; it raises money for a good cause, it raises awareness for our cars, and it's just plain fun. I had a blast last year running through the course in Pug's Spitfire, and it's always fun to see all the cars shined up and on display. The club could use lots of help early on Saturday to set up. Just show up early and I'm sure someone will get you started on something that needs doing.

Anybody drive their British car last week? The week of May 24 was National British Car Week. I drove my B the whole week. Well, OK, so my Trooper was in the shop getting a new clutch installed, but I did drive my British car the whole week! It's fun to remember what it was like when the B was my daily driver, before I owned any other car. Fun things, like remembering to run the heater full blast (if you can call it that) on hot days so the car doesn't overheat. Or how creative you can get when carrying two kids, a dog, three 2x4s, and a couple of bags of groceries home. And why is it that every time I'm the first car in my lane at the stop light, the car in the lane next to me always wants to race when the light turns? But, there's nothing like driving along with that top down.

Have you placed your order for a club shirt? We want to get at least 25 pre-paid orders before we place our order with the vendor who will do the embroidery. So, if you want to get a club shirt, now's the time. If you don't have last month's newsletter with the order form, call me (486-2935) or email me (nmassie@mmm.com) and I can send you a form.



Autojumble

For Sale, '75 Spitfire, needs paint / interior work, pretty original. \$1,200 or best offer. Call Larry Gobelman, 238-7315 (days) or 272-3138 (evenings).

For Sale, 1976 TR6, 37,000 miles, BRG, factory hard top, completely original. Call Thom Warr at (801)943-0144.

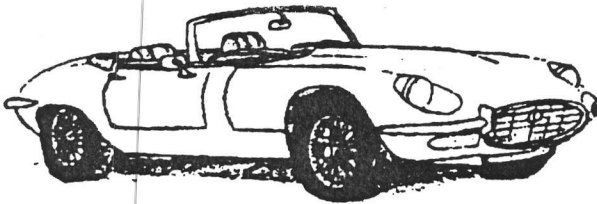
Free: GT-6 Frame parts, rear axles, drums, front rotors, calipers, front bumper, turn signal lights. These parts are on a frame that is attached to my Spitfire MK2 project, and I'd like to see them go. They've been in a junk yard for a while, so they are not in perfect condition, but hey, they're free! And soon they will be back on their way the scrap heap, because I need the room. Call me! Mitch Johnson, 801-547-1087.

Wanted: Does any one know of a MGB for sale? My good friend is looking for one. If you have or know of one, contact Mitch Johnson at the number in the ad above.

Wanted: Switches, lenses, wheels, seatbelts, seats, emissions stuff, basically anything for a '76 MGB. Also badly needed, some expertise and advice from MGB owner/lover in Utah County. Loren Chandler, (801) 916-7289 or loren@openmarket.com.

For Sale, 1965 Land Rover. Body rough, but mechanically in good condition. New front seats, rebuilt generator, new regulator, overdrive. \$5700 or reasonable offer. Contact Bill Van Moorhem, 801-582-9223.

For sale: 1961 Morris Minor 1000. Rebuilt engine and transmission. Rust free California car. Gray with red interior, excellent body, floors, and frame. Runs great and in great mechanical condition. Was owned by a retired British Leyland service rep and stored in a barn. \$3,600 obo. Direct inquiries to John at 413-253-2769 between the hours of 5 and 9 pm (Eastern time) or at johnm@massed.net. Car is located in Belchertown, Mass.



From the Exchequer

No report this month. It's my fault again—I seem to remember to call the Chancellor of the Exchequer the night I sit down to finish up the newsletter.

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