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It's St. Pat's Day again!

Our usual March event is the St. Pat's Day parade, and this year is no exception. It's the type of event that fits well with the BMCU—not too organized, lots of fun, and plenty of time to chat while we're waiting for our turn.

If your Little British Car (LBC) is British Racing Green (BRG), then you're in luck. If not, don't forget to spruce it up with lots of green streamers, balloons, and the like. Keep in mind, however, that while British cars are welcome (tolerated?) in this traditional Irish event, British flags are not.

If you have children, be sure to bring them along. Kids love a parade, and the crowd loves to see them waving from our cars. That's especially true when the everyone in the car is dressed up with funny hats or clothes, or some other outlandish garb.

We'll meet downtown on **Saturday, March 13 at 9:00 am**. According to an article in the Tribune by The Hibernarian Society of Utah, the folks that put on the parade, the route will start at South Temple and Main, east along South Temple to 2nd East, and south along 2nd East to 3rd South (Broadway). We usually get some type of confirmation letter letting us know our number in the parade, but we don't normally get that until a few days before the parade. Since that is too late to get into the newsletter, check your email for the latest news, look in the newspaper, or call Bruce at 486-0425 to find out any last-minute details. It's best to get there at least by 9:00 am so we can all gather up and go

through the parade as a group, even though the parade isn't scheduled to begin until 10:00. Since the weather can be unpredictable this time of year, prepare for rain, snow, or sunshine just to be safe.

After the parade, we often end up at a restaurant or bagel place for an informal "get together." It could happen again!

Plenty of food

A big crowd turned out for the annual Pot Luck dinner and business meeting. The setting was new this year: St. Paul's cathedral on 2nd South and 9th East. The parking wasn't as convenient as it was with St. Mark's, but the architecture was no less impressive. In fact, the Tudor style building fit well with our British event. Everyone seemed to like the layout of the room we were in, and the nicely equipped kitchen was certainly welcome. One thing that we didn't have this year was the nice overhead project system that we've had at St. Mark's. However, even as the group was breaking up and leaving, there were lots of clusters of people chatting and telling their favorite car stories. I don't think anyone missed the overhead projector.

Just out of curiosity, did we ever get the oven lit and working? At one time, there was three or four of us trying, but I left the kitchen before I knew if the oven was going or not. The food was warm, so I guess it got lit.

Speaking of the food, I'm certain that no one could have left hungry. It was an impressive spread. The deserts alone took up an entire table. I certainly did my part to make sure no one had to take any leftovers home.

When the eating tapered off, the business part of the night began. This is an important part of the evening, since we have to conduct an official election of the Board of Governors as required by our incorporation. It's also the time we plan the year's upcoming events. Jim Pivrotto led the discussion, and he started by asking us all to give thanks to Bill and Julie Van Moorhem for all their efforts creating the monthly newsletter, organizing events, and keeping the club running. Everyone quickly agreed and showed their thanks with a round of applause. When the applause died down, the business began.

Board of Governors

Jim "Pugs" Pivrotto, Governor General. Even though he started the meeting by telling us he wanted someone else to have the opportunity to be the "Gov," Pugs was overwhelmingly re-elected to the post.

Marty Van Nood, Chancellor of the Exchequer. Marty is our perennial favorite for this job, and he does it well. It will probably be his for life.

Sharon Bailey. This is, I believe, the first year for Sharon on the Board. Welcome!

Bill Robinson. Also a first timer on the Board. Another welcome for Bill.

Gary Lindstrom. I don't know if this is Gary's first time on the Board or not, but he's certainly welcome as well.

Bill Davis. Bill is the chairman of the British Field Day event, one of our premiere and most time-consuming events. Bill has done an excellent job as chairman every year since the first BFD, and he's ready to tackle it again this year.

83A approach from N. Temple

Nathan Massie, newsletter Editor. Bill Van Moorhem has been the Editor for more than 10 years, and he finally got his pardon.

Did we forget anyone? I must admit that I had difficulty hearing everyone and keeping up my note taking with the pace of the conversations. If I forgot anyone who was elected to the Board, let me know and I'll make amends. If not, we'll get you next year for sure.

The events

All the year's events are listed in the Lucas Calendar. If I've gotten the information or date wrong, we'll correct it on the Calendar in a future volume of the newsletter.

Notice that we still need a couple of volunteers to finish up the year's events. Leading an event usually doesn't take a tremendous amount of work, maybe a few calls and a bit of planning. As an event leader, you also have to take a sign-up sheet to the event so we can remember who attended, and write a follow-up article for the newsletter. Not so bad!

After the meeting was dying down, many folks had some great suggestions for other events that we can hopefully squeeze onto the calendar. Some of this stemmed from the fact that, with only one event most months to allow for our hectic day-to-day schedules, if you miss that one monthly event, you are out of luck until the next month. With that in mind, there's a couple of good suggestions that we should consider adding into the summer months. Both are similar events: a British car night at a restaurant or club. These events are fun and don't take up the whole Saturday, so you can still get the fence repaired or the lawn mowed (car fixed?) and have plenty of time to spend a quick evening with the group.

For early July. Bill Robinson suggested we have an all British car night at Club 90. Club 90 sponsors Hot Rod nights during the summer, so this would be

along those lines. Bill has offered to lead the group on this event and is talking to the Club 90 folks to get an idea of when. The July event is late in the month, so this additional event seems to be a good idea.

For early August, Mike Oderhiemer suggested a similar event since the Alpine Loop run is late in the month. This event would be a British car night a la Hires. We did this a year or so ago, and everyone still talks about it. Mike, are you offering to organize this event?

Other events

Along with our club's events, there are always lots of events being put on by other British car clubs, National Registers, and the like. We will list these in the Lucas Calendar as we have in the past. Since many in the group are actively involved in other organizations and events, it's very probable that there will be some organized groups of BMCU folks driving to these events, and you can probably join in. I failed to get any information about three of the other events: 1. ARC car show in Salt Lake in June. Anyone know the date and other info? 2. Concours d'Elegance car show in Salt Lake. When? Anyone have info on this? 3. Someone mentioned a Jazz Festival in Sun Valley during the month of October. Anyone know any details about this?

Exchequer report

Marty spent a few moments telling us about the Exchequer. Basically, we're solvent and in fact we made a few dollars in interest last year (about \$60, if my memory serves me).

Grill badges

Gregg Smith posted some sample artwork for the grille badges and let everyone at the Pot Luck vote for their favorite. The winning design will be sent to a new vendor in hopes of getting the badges soon.

Attending this year's Pot-Luck were: Bill and Julie Van Moorhem, Jon Hermance, Karen and Mark Bradakis, Liz and John Green, J and Kay Jennings, Bill Davis and Moni Schwarzler, Mike and Natalie

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 13. St. Pat's Day parade in Salt Lake. Bruce Schilling, 486-0425.

March 14. All British Car Day in Phoenix, AZ, 602-971-7807.

April 10. Spring Tinker Day, Mark Bradakis, 364-3251.

April 17. IVR race in Tooele at the old Army tank proving grounds. Who is leading this? If the weather looks threatening, we may opt to take up Jim and Diane's offer for an indoor party at the Pivirotto house in Salt Lake instead.

April 17 and 18. British-Euro Auto Tour, "B.E.A.T." Phoenix, AZ. 602-759-9386.

April 30. Las Vegas All British Car Show. Mike Cady and others in the group may go. Nathan Massie (486-2935) has registration packet and info, too.

May 15. Run to Antelope Island. Andy Lindeman.

May 21. Southern Utah run over Memorial Day weekend. Sharon Forster. This is an overnigher that requires you to make plans soon. More details are listed in the Left Over Parts.

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. Bill Davis.

July 17. Picnic in Little Cottonwood Canyon. Bill Robinson.

August 2-6, 1999. GoF West at Whistler Ski Resort near Vancouver, British Columbia. Contact Floyd Inman, 435-645-8460, for information.

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.

Oderheimer, Bob and Sandy Vargas, Diane and Pugs Pivrotto, Bill and Julie Robinson, Jack and Mike Powers, Sharon and Dan Forster, Mike and Susan Cady, David and Muriel Machovec, Nathan Massie, Dave and Susan Maxwell, Gary and Sandy Lindstrom, Sharon and Mike Bailey, Gregg Smith, Jeff Porter, Kent Thomas, Marty Van Nood and friend (sorry Marty, I couldn't read the name!), Jeff Smith, and Bruce Schilling. If we missed anyone, I apologize.

Many thanks to Jon and Susan Hermance, who organized the Pot Luck and kept us all from showing up with the same dish.

Memorial Day weekend run

May is still a few months away, but Sharon Forster is already planning the 2nd Annual Memorial Day weekend run. Since this is an overnigher, you'll want to start planning now. The plan is to meet at the McDonald's off the 2nd Lehi exit on Saturday, May 29. The time will be determined and reported in a later newsletter. Sharon is still working out the lodging details, but the current plan is to stay near Bryce Canyon Saturday night,

with a trip into Bryce that evening. On Sunday, we'll travel back through Panguitch to the scenic loop on Highway 143 through Cedar Breaks National Monument to Highway 14. This will take us back out to Highway 89 at Long Valley Junction. Heading north from there, we'll stay in Panguitch Sunday night. On Monday, we'll head back to Salt Lake on Highway 89. At Nephi, we'll take off around the west side of the lake to avoid being run over by the traffic on I-15.

Contact Sharon or Dan Forster at 966-6463 for motel information or answers to your questions. Keep in mind that to make sure the rooms are available over the busy weekend, we'll have to book them early.

You'll see more details on this event here in the newsletter as the time gets closer.

Left over parts

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

A few people have asked about when to submit things for the newsletter. Generally speaking, two weeks before the next month's event is a good guess. If it misses one month, I'll get it into the next one.

Gregg Smith reports that the art for the grill badges has been sent away for quotes. The new art is the one approved by popular vote at the Pot-Luck. As Gregg mentioned, "The badges are in production and should be available soon. The bad news is, they were sent to Lucas for a quote." I'm not sure if he is joking or not, but since grill badges don't have any electrical components, how badly can Lucas mess them up?

Steve Nelson is interested in attending the North American MGA Register (NAMGAR) GT-24 this year in Lake Tahoe on June 14-18. Anyone else interested? Steve has a meeting scheduled for Friday, March 19 at 7:00 PM at the Rocky Mountain Grill. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the route and organize the trip. The Rocky Mountain

Grill is located at 2305 South Highland Drive, just across the street (east) from the Sugarhouse liquor store). You can reach it by turning south on 1100 East at 2100 South. 1100 East turns into Highland Drive at about 2300 South. You can park behind the restaurant. Dinner is on a "pay your own" basis if you want to eat while meeting. If you can't make the meeting, or more information, call Steve at 801-773-7100. Steve will try to call all MGA owners he has on his MGA list.

Email, email. We've gotten lots of email for British car owners. Ed Zaleski has established two web pages for Brit-car owners and their cars. These pages list spares and other items. One page caters to Triumphs. Ed claims a 20 year experience with more than 100 Triumphs that shows in his web pages. At the end of the page there's some items for non-Triumph cars, such as MG, Austin-Healey, Jaguar, Mini, Lotus, TVR, and Sunbeam. The address is <http://members.aol.com/trispares/index.html>. Ed also has a web page for MG cars and owners. This page lists spares (new and used), literature, and accessories. There's even a couple of cars for sale. The MG page is at <http://members.aol.com/MGspares/index.html>. I haven't tried either site yet.

Another email tells of holiday cottage for rent in Great Britain. This is an MG lover's dream cottage. The particulars are: 19th century stone cottage situated in a fishing village on the north east coast of England. Available to rent for holidays, sleeps 6 in 3 bedrooms. With bathrooms, brand new fitted kitchen, and tastefully furnished. 25 miles from Whitby, 60 miles from York. Included are up to three MGs for the duration of your stay. For more information, email Graham Holliday at cicee@globalnet.co.uk.

Autojumble

Free: I am finishing up work on my Morgan, and just to make it look right, I have ordered six new tires and tubes. They are 500/524 16 bias belted tires. I had to have them special ordered. The tires that were on the car are old, but have less than 2,000 miles of wear on them. They look new, with almost no tread wear, but the sidewalls are a bit crazed. If you want to come get them, you can have them. Call Brownie Peterson, 782-9745. Call soon, because I want to get rid of them. If I don't get any takers in a couple of weeks, I'll have the tire shop haul them away.

From the Exchequer

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