

British Motor Club of Utah

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April events

Two events happen in April: the Spring Tinker Day, and a social gathering at the Pivrotto's.

Spring Tinker Day

Spring Tinker Day will be hosted by Mark Bradakis at the Fat Chance Garage on Saturday, April 10 at 10:00 am. This is the same location as last year's Tinker Day: 3994 South 300 West #22. It is in the Garco complex just east of I-15 and between 3900 and 4500 South. You can get there by going north from 4500 South along 300 West, or turning south off of 3900 South, about halfway across the verpass, and onto 300 West. The Fat Chance Garage is in the northwest part of the complex. We'll start tinkering at 10:00 am and quit when everyone decides to go home.

If you have tools, bring them. If not, there may be some to use while you're at the garage. You must bring your own parts, but you will find lots of opinions (and the opinions are all free). Stop by even if everything on your British car works.

Tradition holds that it snows on Tinker Day, and since shops are usually cold, you should dress warmly.

One other item: the shop is not suitable for small children.

Social gathering

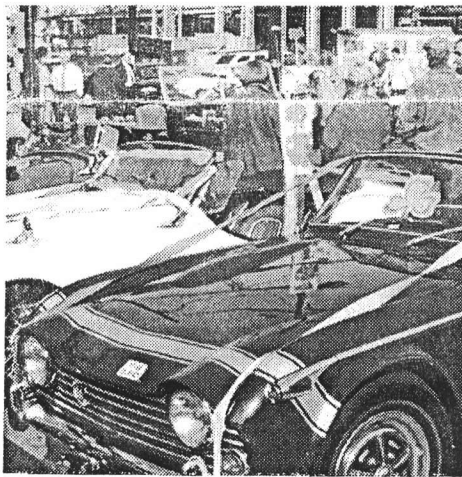
On Saturday, April 17, Pugs and Diane Pivrotto will host a social gathering at their house. The address is 1419 South 900 East. Plan to be there at 11:00 am. You can park along 900 East, or around the corner along Browning Avenue.

The plan is to get to know each other a bit better, talk about upcoming events, and if the weather is nice, maybe take a quick

drive up East Canyon. The intent is to have a fun, but short event, so you will get home in time to do all those household chores you were supposed to do during the week.

Jim and Diane will provide some snacks, but please feel free to bring your favorite snack dish. Also, if you are so inclined, it's BYOB.

You can call the Pivrotto's at 486-0547 to ask questions, get directions, or let them know what dish you are bringing.



Irish for a day

No matter what our true heritage is, on St. Patty's Day, everyone is Irish. And everything is green.

This year's parade was no different. The weather was cool, but not unpleasant, almost perfect top-down weather. The parade started in typical fashion: a rush to get to the meeting place, then the long wait for our turn.

I made it to the gathering place, expecting to see lots of British cars, but instead got an curt policeman. I was directed to

another spot where I was told of yet another location for our group to gather. I finally made it to the area where the BMCU was gathering, and just in time. I don't think another car could have squeezed in without blocking traffic on North Temple.

While we waited, we talked, decorated our cars, and watched all the other entrants. We saw old time fire engines, police cars, and more than a few family vans covered with green streamers. Anything goes in this parade, even rusty MGBs.

The turnout from the BMCU was good, with more than 20 cars showing up. We had one car leaking coolant and another dripping gas, but everyone made it through the parade route under power. Along the way, we got our fair share of yells and heckles, both from the crowd and the announcer. A few folks threw candy from their cars, for the kids. Mike Bailey's Land Rover was a crowd pleaser, with the driver doing a few antics to the delight of the folks lining the street.

After the parade, about half of the group met for lunch.

Attending were: Orlinda and Bob Mower, Dan and Sharon Forster, Bruce Schilling, Mark and Karen Bradakis (and Karen's green-checkered gloves), Mike and Sharon Bailey, Jon and Susan Hermance, Bob and Evangeline Mikesell, Tony and Kathy Velez, Steve Weaver, Steve Nelson and Kylin, Ted, Julie, and Linda Naanes, Nick Nelson, Jake Ackerman, Brad, Nancy, and Amy Parkin, Kathy and Floyd Inman (and that horn), Mark, Janet, and Ray (the dog) Driscoll, Doug and Ilene Wimer, Marv and Sheree Marcus, Larry and Mary Bishop, and Nathan Massie. Did we get everyone?

Memorial Day Weekend run

The 2nd annual southern Utah Memorial Day weekend run will be Saturday, May 29. This is an overnight trip.

The meeting place will be at the McDonalds off the 2nd Lehi exit on Saturday morning, May 29 (time to be determined). The first night we'll stay near Bryce Canyon and drive into the park that evening. Sunday we'll travel back through Panguitch to the scenic loop on Highway 143 through Cedar Breaks National Monument. We'll stay in Panguitch Sunday night. Monday we'll head back to SLC via Highway 89. More details will be in the May issue of the newsletter.

If you want to go, you must reserve your room. Sharon has blocks of rooms reserved for Saturday and Sunday nights:

Saturday, May 29

Bryce Canyon Pines
Highway 12
Bryce, UT
1-435-834-5441

Confirmation reference: Ethel
\$65/night plus tax

Sunday, May 30

Best Western Inn
180 E. Center St.
Panguitch, UT
1-435-676-8876

Confirmation reference: Colleen
\$55/night plus tax

To reserve your room,

1. Call the motels directly, using the numbers listed above.
2. Tell them that you need one of the British Motor Club of Utah rooms. You may have to give the confirmation reference. Give them your own credit card number to reserve the room.

Sharon will call both motels by May 25 to cancel any unreserved rooms. Contact Sharon or Dan Forster at 801-966-6463 if you have any questions.

Clip this out and keep it

Karen Bradakis reveals her secret recipe for those wonderful lemon bars we enjoyed at the February Pot Luck.

Lemon Bars

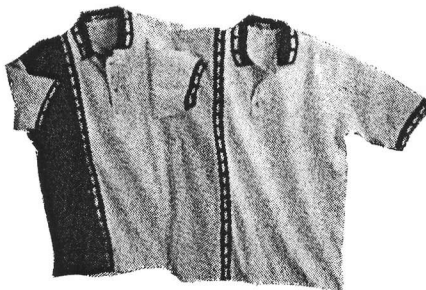
Mix 1 egg, 1/3 cup softened margarine, 1 lemon cake mix till crumbly. Reserve one cup. Pat remaining mixture into 9"x13"x2" pan. Bake 12-15 minutes at 350 until light brown.

Beat 2 eggs, 1 c. granulated sugar, 1/2 t. baking powder, 1/4 t. salt 2 t. grated lemon peel, 1/4 c. lemon juice till light & foamy. pour over hot crust, sprinkle with reserved crumb mixture. Bake 15 minutes till light brown.

Sprinkle with powdered sugar and cut into bars (t. = teaspoon.)

Club shirts

We're tinkering with the idea of getting club shirts. These shirts will have the BMCU logo from the grill badges embroidered on them. Bill Robinson is looking in to this, and has found this high-quality white polo or golf-type shirt, with a black or yellow band along the right. A white-striped black band suggests a road. What do you think of this idea?



The Lucas Calendar

This calendar works about as well as its namesake, so use it with care. Club events have bold dates. All events are subject to change.

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

April 17. Social gathering at Jim and Diane Pivrotto's, 1419 S 900 E. 486-0547 for info or to let them know what dish you are bringing.

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 29. Southern Utah run over Memorial Day weekend. Sharon Forster. This is an overnighter that requires you to make plans soon.

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 3. Sandy July 4th parade.

July 8. BMCU Club 90 night. Bill Robinson.

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.

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



Left over parts

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

Did you get the latest Moss sale catalog? Notice the photos by Sharon and Dan Forster? They took 1st in one group and 2nd in another. The 1st place photo was taken on last year's Memorial Day run in southern Utah. The 2nd place photo was taken at the British Field Day last June. Can you guess who's in the cars?

Lots of events are coming up:

On April 23-25, the British Motorcar Club of New Mexico is sponsoring the British Car Days of '99. The event will feature a car show, rallye, and silent auction. The featured marque this year is Austin-Healey.

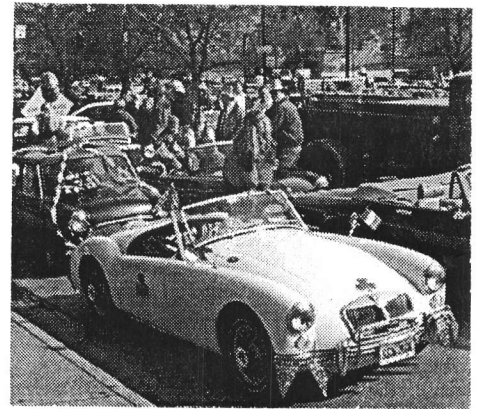
The All British Car Show and Rally, Las Vegas, Nevada is being held April 30 - May 2. This event is not being held near the strip so you don't have to worry about driving your car the traffic. The Hampton Inn and the LaQuinta have agreed to special room rates for those attending this event. You can park your car right outside your room at either of these hotels. The event will include a tour of the Shelby American car museum, two car rallies, and a car show with awards luncheon ending no later than 2:00. Dan and Sharon Forster are planning to drive one of their cars down. If you are interested in joining them, please give them a call at 801-966-6463 for more details.

The BMCU is getting ready for NAMGAR GT24 that is to be held at Lake Tahoe, CA on June 14-18. From a phone survey to MGA owners, Steve Nelson says that 6 to 10 folks and MGAs are planning to make the trip.

The group help their first planning meeting on March 19 to decide on route, time & place, hotel arrangements, etc. Steve says he will be sending out a follow-up letter in April to those he knows are planning to join the group. Looks like they are planning to have a great time. Please give Steve a call at 801 773-7100 if you have any questions and to insure that you get the latest details.

On July 8-11, the 11th annual Jensen National meeting will be held in Santa Fe, New Mexico, at the Fort Marcy Hotel Suites. This event is sponsored by the Association of Jensen Owners (AJO) and the Jensen Interceptor Owners Club (JOIC) for the purpose of preserving the infamous Jensen Marque. All Jensen owners/would be owners (why?) are invited to this event. You do not have to be a member of the organization to attend; nor is there an up-charge for nonmembers. Sheree and Marv Marcus have more details at 268-6254.

Mike Cady reports that he's heard that Rocky Mountain Vintage Racing has reached an agreement with the city of Estes Park, Co for a race through the streets of the town. This is being planned for June of 2000. Anyone else hear about this?



Thanks to Mark and Janet Driscoll for all the St. Patty's pictures included in this issue of the newsletter.

Autojumble

1979 Spitfire [ITLLDOO] Recent rebirth, includes new: upholstery, paint, tires, brakes, rear leaf spring, rebuilt master/slave cylinders, exhaust system, drive line. Front end and drive axles repaired as needed, fresh plastic in soft top. Also comes with a hard top, cover, tonneau[sp?] and a pull out stereo.

Engine was done at 65,000 miles, we purchased vehicle at 96,000 and started rebuilding. It now has 103,000 and is running strong, she is always garaged and has never been out in the snow since her last face lift.

A bargain at \$ 4,150.00. Must sell or trade for something with 4-doors, the kids have blessed us with three grand-babies and we can't fit them in it. Contact Joe/Jann Linza @ 1-801-280-2583 in SLC or 1-800-895-2583 or linza@sisna.com



From the Exchequer

No report for this month—editor's fault!



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