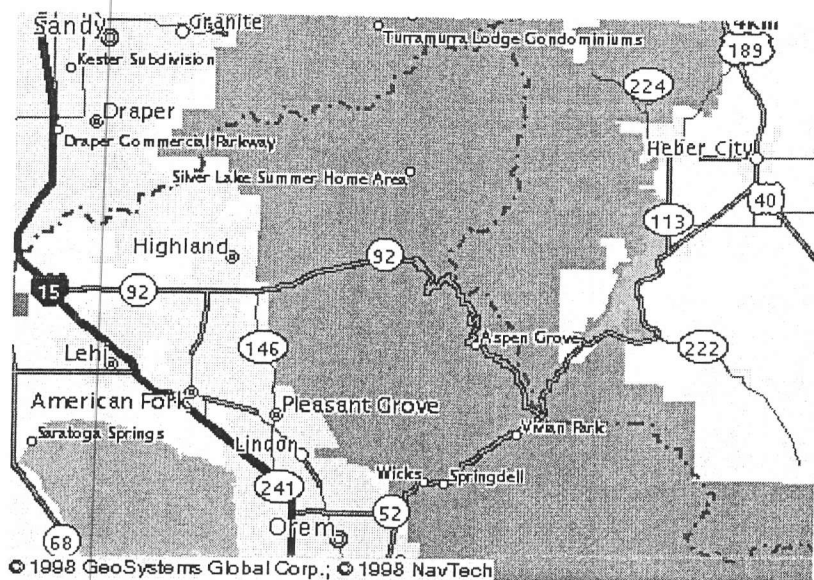


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for the BMCU, so please buy tickets. If you or your business can donate something, we would love to have it. Bring the items to South Town Mall on the 21st or call Karen at 801-364-3251. You can purchase raffle tickets when we meet at the Mall and just before the raffle in Heber.

What to bring. Everyone should bring some sunscreen and a picnic lunch (or buy lunch in Heber). You may also want a chair or a blanket to sit on in the park. If you have questions, call Bill or Julie Van Moorhem at 801-581-7687.

If your British car isn't running, you can still come along, but we may put you at the back of the gaggle!

The 12th Alpine Loop Run

The BMCU has been doing some new drives and things this year, and the change has been very positive. The Alpine Loop isn't new, it's an annual club classic: the run that started it all.

Where to meet. We will meet at the South Town Mall on Saturday, August 21, at 9:00 AM for a 10:00 AM departure (those BMCU'ers in Utah county can meet us at the Chevron station in Highland at about 10:30-10:45). The early meeting allows time to buy raffle tickets, chat, and still have a cool run to the top of the Loop.

The run. The run begins at the South Town Mall, onto the I-15 frontage road, and onto Utah Highway 92. Utah 92 takes us east into American Fork Canyon and past Timpanogos Cave. The road climbs steeply from there. At the summit we drop down past Sundance Ski Resort and into Provo Canyon. We'll drive past Deer

Creek Reservoir and into Heber City. Here we meet at the park behind the city hall (not the city park visible from I-40). for lunch and the raffle. We then leave Heber, climb past the Jordanelle Reservoir and through the town of Francis. Then, we go through Kamas, Oakley, Peoa, and Brown's Canyon, and into Park City. Tradition makes us cruise down Main Street. We then leave Park City and after the final stop near the K-Mart, we break up and head onto I-80 for home.

This is a challenging trip, with many steep hills, tight curves, and with the occasional monster truck coming at you. It is over a hundred miles long and can be a test for some of the cars (and drivers and passengers). It does go through some of the most scenic country in Utah and is always a high point of the club year. Plus, we usually get a good turnout, and it's a sight to behold to look back and see a mile-long string of British cars.

The raffle. Along with the run, we hold a raffle. The raffle is a major source of funds

BMCU Wins Big At Sandy Car Show

The annual 4th of July vintage car show in Sandy was held July 2nd on a grassy strip across from the new Sandy City Hall. About 50 cars were present, ranging from an old fire truck to Corvettes to our British contingent. Our turn out was seven cars, but it was a 250% increase over last year's!

In addition to the car show, there was a large field with numerous food and "stuff" vendors and displays from Sandy City agencies...sort of like a mini county fair without the pigs and cows.

A couple of new friends joined us this time. Rick and Kris Nelson brought their very unique 1931 M Type MG. This car was a real crowd pleaser as well as a lesson in early automotive engineering. All the hot rod guys had to come over for a look—some of them wanted to put slicks on the back and a rocket booster under the

hood—but most oohed and aahed over this fine old car in original condition. Also first timers were Darin and Kimberly Graber in their very nice 74 Midget. The Grabers have just moved here and unfortunately, the almost perfect car suffered a cracked windscreen during the trip to Utah that they have not had the chance to replace it in their short time here.

Club regulars in attendance were Bill Van Moorhem in the 52 TD and Jon Hermance with his 54 TF. Sheree and Marv Marcus had the spotless big Jensen as well as their Jensen Healey on display and Bill and Julie Robinson, who organized the event for the BMCU, were there in their 79 Spitfire.

The show participants did the judging and our British cars were put into 2 classes: foreign pre 1950 and foreign post 1950. We didn't have to compete with the Vettes and hot rods this time around. As there were no other import cars there this year, we cleaned house! The 31 M Type shown by Rick and Kris Nelson took the prize for pre 1950. Second place in the post 1950 class was a tie shared by the 74 Midget and Jensen Interceptor from Darin & Kimberly Graber and Sheree & Marv Marcus respectively. First place went to Bill Van Moorhem and his 1952 MGTD. Bill also won the Mayors Choice award, so it was obvious that this little British invasion got Sandy's attention.

Club 90 night

Our first ever British Car Night at club 90 in Sandy was a success. We had a very nice turnout on July 8 night with 18 cars present as well as a few other club members there without cars. Aside from many familiar faces, we had some newcomers who made this their first or second event. All in all a respectable turnout.

Cars started arriving just after 6 PM. Bill Robinson, who was the coordinator for this event, provided a big sound system for music that played, among other things, the Beatles, "Baby You Can Drive My Car". Seemed appropriate for the occasion!

All the cars looked great. For many it was the first time to see Bob & Fran Riemenschneider's newly finished 66 Mini and Dee Dostaler's 86 Aston Martin.

Roy Wamboldt from Exotic Imports is the only dealer that joined in the fun. He showed up in a tricked out, yellow Range Rover. We had invited Intermountain Land Rover and Garff Jaguar who both said they would be there, but bailed on us.

The prime rib dinner from Club 90 was good. Everyone went in to eat at About 7:30. We sort of overwhelmed the kitchen and service personnel a bit with our stampede of hungry drivers and mates, but most agreed the chow was worth the wait.

Club members present were Mike Bailey, Grant & Gail Clayton, Dee Dostaler, Mark Discoll, Dan & Sharon Forster, Darin & Kimberly Graber, Tom & Jan Grover, Floyd & Kathy Inman, Nathan Massie, Robert & Evangeline Mikesell, Pugs & Dianne Pivrotto, Craig Ramon, Bob & Fran Riemenschneider, Dave Riley, Bill Robinson, Sam Saeva, Bruce Schilling, Bill Walton, Roy Wamboldt, David & Linda Wichowski. Our apologies to anyone not shown who did not sign up, but was there.

Everyone had lots of fun and it looks like the concept is a good one. Guess we'll have to do this again!

Cottonwood Canyon Picnic

Saturday, July 17 the BMCU on a short run to Brighton at the top of Big Cottonwood Canyon followed by a picnic lunch at the Storm Mountain Amphitheater picnic area. Although a separate run for Land Rovers over Guardsman's Pass was planned to meet the main group up at Brighton, only one showed up. But Ray Astin and his son were determined, so over the pass they went.

The rest of us met at the Park N Ride lot at the mouth of the canyon and eased our way up to the top. It was a beautiful morning and perfect for the leisurely drive

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.

August 21. Alpine Loop run. Don't miss this one! Bill VanMoorhem, 581-7687.

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.

up the canyon. Once at the top, we lined up the cars and chatted for a bit with some of us taking advantage of the watering hole at the little general store. Then it was back to the cars and down the canyon to the parking area by the Donut Falls trailhead. It was a big expansive area that accommodated all the cars and we used the opportunity to take some great pictures of the cars in a terrific surrounding.

Finishing up the Kodak moment, we took off and headed for the picnic area. As the road dropped down, the temperature went up. The Storm Mountain area is low enough that we began to realize it was, indeed, a warm summer day. The Storm Mountain Amphitheater is a day use, group picnic area with individual group sites. We had one reserved for ourselves and enjoyed the lunches we had brought along.

We left the area early enough to still have

time for the Honey-Do list, a round of golf or an afternoon under the car. On the way down the hill, Bruce Schilling was seen helping someone in an MGB that never made it up the hill. It was a fun day enjoyed by Rob, Nan, Eryn, Dana & Natalie Green, Kevin McCloskey & Rocky Snow, Ray Astin & son, Mark & Janet Driscoll, Bruce Schilling, Bob and Fran Riemenschneider, Dan Forster, Pugs Pivrotto, Jon Hermance, Byron & Rayla Simpson, Darin Graber, Andy Lindeman and Bill & Julie Robinson. Thanks to all who supported this event.

Field Day Raffle winners

The raffle winners for this year's Field Day are:

1st Prize: Weekend at the Haxton Manor, English style B & B - Marv Marcus

2nd Prize: \$50 gift certificate to Tony Caputo's - Ralph Rigby

3rd Prize: \$25 gift certificate to Tony Caputo's - Mark Bradakis

Hopefully we have informed the winners before they read it in this newsletter, if not.....Surprise!!! Now don't you wish you had bought more tickets?

Also, if you didn't buy your 1999 Field Day T-shirts at the event, you're in luck. We have numerous official Field Day T-shirts left over from this year's event: M, L, and XL are available for \$12 including postage to ship them to your house. Call Bill at 486 5049 days or 364 1816 evenings. There's even a limited quantity of 1998 shirts, too. We'll throw in an official dash plaque if you want one. Great gift idea, but you'd better call now while the supply lasts!

ARC Car Show

By Bob Mikesell

Sometimes the local car shows go unnoticed by Brit-car owners. A good example is the University of Utah ARC car show.

This year, over 300 cars were in the ARC car show, but only four British cars. Of those four cars, three won awards. Dan Forster, with his XKE, took first place in the Sports Car division. A Sunbeam (owner unknown) took second. In the Sports Car Compact division, my MGB took first. Another car, a TR6, was at the show but I don't know if it won any awards.

Before you travel out of state for a car show, don't forget the ones close to home!

Left Over Parts

Thanks to Pugs for copying last month's newsletter, and to Bruce for mailing it out.

We're still taking orders for the BMCU club shirt. It's a polo-type shirt with either a black/white or yellow/white color scheme and the BMCU grille badge embroidered on the left lapel. The cost is \$35 each, in sizes from S to XXL. If you don't have an order form, call me at 801-486-2935 and I'll send or email you one.

The BMCU seems to be everywhere: our very own Mark Bradakis won 1st place in his class and Fastest Time of all the classes at the autocross at the Triumph convention. They also gave him a trophy for Enthusiasm—it was to acknowledge him for keeping up and fixing problems with the email distribution lists for the Vintage Triumph Register members. Next time you see Mark, give him congrats for the first place wins, especially for the Fastest Time!

From email, for the MG drivers in the group: The Arizona MG Club, affiliated with the New England MGT Register, The North American MGA Register and the North American MGB Register is hosting a GT on March 12, 2000 in Phoenix Arizona. All MG enthusiasts are invited to attend this two day event. Arrangements have been made for our out of town guests to see Jerome (an old mining town) and/or Sedona, the Famous Red Rocks area, on Saturday. There will be an English Pub dinner at a local English Pub Saturday evening. Sunday will be the MG Car Day and Boot Sale at Heritage Square

in Downtown Phoenix. A host hotel convenient to Heritage Square with secure parking for the MGs will be announced soon. This Get Together is going to be a couple of fun filled days when the Arizona weather is at its best. If you want to arrive on Friday night there will be a barbecue at one of the host clubs board members house. Saturday transportation will be available for those flying in or not wanting to drive their MGs on the Jerome/Sedona Rally.

There will be lots to see and do; or you can just relax at the Hotel and soak in the Arizona sun. Consider the wonderful weather you could enjoy while sharing the Arizona MGers Hospitality. For more information, email GBMG@aol.com, or voicemail at 602-439-1142, or write to Arizona MG Club, P.O. Box 2468, Phoenix AZ 85002

For those of you who own MGs (and there's lots of us), are you a member of the NAMGBR? The North American MGB Register is open to owners of Bs, GTs, Midgets, and 1100/1300s. It offers a great monthly newsletter, including some great tech columns from some of the best-known experts, and an annual list of members and shops (so you can get help when you're out on the road). Perhaps best of all, since the BMCU is affiliated with NAMGBR, it allows us to put on great events because through our affiliation we get event insurance. Events such as the Field Day wouldn't be possible without our affiliation with NAMGBR. If you aren't a member, you should be: it's well worth the \$25 annual fee. Call them toll free at 1-800-NAMGBR-1.

Autojumble

Wanted: Looking for a '66 TR 4 A IRS. If you can help, contact Ken McConnell at 435-671-1609.

Looking for a Pertronics electronic ignition for your Lucas distributor or a genuine Autosparks wiring harness for that restoration project (or just to clean up that rat's nest wiring)? Great Basin Rovers is a distributor for both suppliers. Call Bill at 486 5049.

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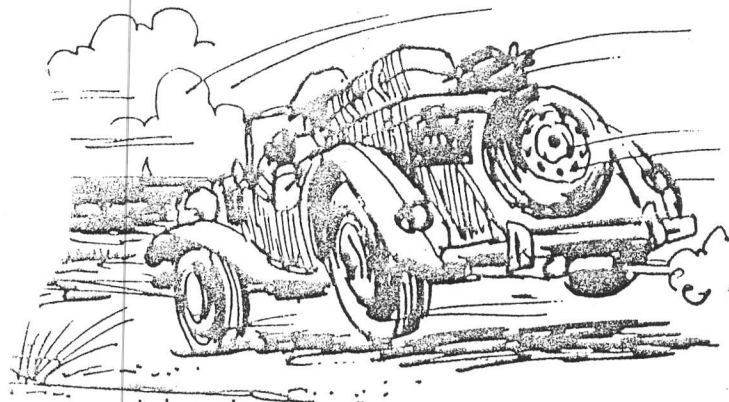
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