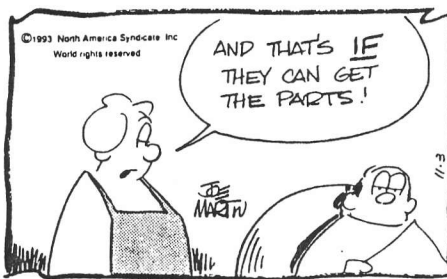


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Doing the Loop

By Bill Van Moorhem

What is it about the Alpine Loop that brings people in British cars out for a drive? It's a beautiful drive but there are other beautiful drives in Utah. Is it a chance to see old friends and make new one? Every event has that opportunity. Is it the chance to get up a bit early on Saturday and clean up the car before the meeting time? I doubt it.

The Loop just seems to have that combination of attractions that gets people out. This year was especially good, it was cool! No, it wasn't the Loop that was cool, but the weather. One negative feature of the Loop is that it is frequently a very hot drive. We have changed it slightly to try to avoid some of the heat, but July or August in Utah is often HOT. This year was pleasant, warm but cloudy and with a bit of rain in the distance. The summit of Timpanogos was even in the clouds most of the day.

We gathered at South Town Mall for the usual ticket sales, but promptly ran out of raffle tickets. A quick trip to Office Max by the Forsters got us a new roll of tickets and we are set for another ten years. The frontage road has been changed. We seemed to be doing a tour of Sandy and Draper before we got to a familiar road. The usual stop in Highland-Alpine and then into American Fork Canyon, up the switch backs and over the summit. Not too many huge trucks to this point, but then two camping trailers trying to pass on a road wide enough for one. Down the hill and into Provo Canyon. The Provo Canyon Road seemed to be done! Wow! How many years have they been working on that road? The trip in Heber was really pleasant. We marveled at the number of

BMCU to Dominate Mount Nebo Fall Park City Parade Color Run

Once again the BMCU will enter the Park City Miner's Day Parade. This is one of the most enjoyable parades we attend all year (the St. Patty's Day being the possible exception). All down hill, so no overheating.

The parade ends at City Park where we will enjoy the entertainment and have a picnic (so bring along a lunch, or plan to buy something at the Park).

Two years ago we were embarrassed with only three and a half cars—Bill Plummer overslept and entered the parade half way through. Last year we rebounded with about ten cars. Let's overwhelm the City this year with 20 to 30 cars. It's a great parade, a great location, and a great time. Let's all attend.

Meeting time is 10 AM in Swede Alley (behind Main Street). Take the Deer Valley turn up to Main Street. You'll see the masses.

Any questions call Floyd Inman at 435-645-8460.

On Saturday September 25 we'll renew the BMCU tradition of circumnavigating Mt. Nebo to enjoy the brisk air and fall color. This is a long (200 miles+) but very enjoyable tour and will treat your eyes and clean your exhaust valves.

Rendezvous at the R. C. Willey Clearance Outlet, 9010 S. Redwood Road, at 8:30am on September 25. Our route will take us south on Redwood Road (route 68) to Lehi, along the west shore of Utah Lake to Elberta, east on route 141 to Goshen, south through Goshen Canyon (a sports car treat), along the west shore of Mona Lake, to the Walker Bros. Phillips 66 / Wendy's truck stop at route 132 in Nephi, whence east and north on the Mt. Nebo Loop road, emerging via Santaquin Canyon.

Bring warm clothes and lunch, which we'll eat at a picnic area along the Loop. Logistics minimalists can pick up the lunch at Walkers.

Organizers are Gary, Sandy, and Daisy Lindstrom, 532-1259, gary@cs.utah.edu.

If you plan to join in along the way, e.g. in Lehi or Elberta, please let us know so we don't forget you.

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people on Deer Creek Reservoir and fact that we were not cooking in the sun. Most of the folks arrived at the Heber picnic stop before we reached it and it was clear we had a good sized group, 25 British cars plus two others.

The picnic was great and Floyd Inman did a fantastic job of running the raffle. Karen and Mark Bradakis got us some great prizes and after some trading of MG mugs for Triumph t-shirts everybody seemed to go away happy.

Back out onto the highway and up the hill and up the hill andfinally we reached Francis and level road. We were at the tail end of the group and we could occasionally see them but most of the time we were just cruising along with Nathan in front of us. Nathan tried to get a deer near Peoa, but thought better of it and the deer escaped. We caught up with the group in Park City only to be held up by someone who had no idea of where he was going, before the usual lap down Main Street. We could tell that they were ahead of us because many people along the street had their cameras out, but the group had disappeared into the distance as we approached I-80. Over the hill and back home. Another Alpine Loop, beautiful scenery, good friends and chance to drive the British Car. What more could you ask?

Attending were: Bill and Julie Van Moorhem, Doug and Ilene Wimer, Floyd and Kathy Inman, Steve Nelson, Tustin Borg and Karen Hall, Andy Lindeman, Jon Hermance, Pugs and Diane Pivrotto, Barry and Denise Blackett, Mike Odenheimer, Rob and Eryn Green, Mike and Sharon Bailey, Mitch and Greg Johnson, Nathan Massie, Mark and Janet Driscoll, Dean and Colleen Lowe, Jay Sisson, Karen and Mark Bradakis, Marty Van Nood, Bill and Julie Robinson, Larry and Deb Gobelman, Darin and Kimberly Graber, Tony and Karen Christensen, Bruce Schilling and Terrie Cannon, Jim Morgan and Judy Shurtleff, Marv and Sheree Marcus, and Dan and Sharon Forster. Apologies to any who didn't get on the list.

Those who contributed to the raffle included: Moss Motors, Long Motor Co (Victoria British), Apple Hydraulics, British Car Magazine, Eastwood Co., Bob Mikesell, Classic Motor Books, Nathan Massie, The Roadster Factory, and Mitch Johnson. Please thank them for their support of the club; for those companies that donated items, remember them the next time you need parts or accessories.

Special Recognition

by Mark Bradakis

As you've likely read about in this newsletter, this year's Alpine Loop run was a success. A beautiful day on a beautiful drive. This drive was the first trip of the fledgling British Motor Club of Utah a dozen years ago. From a handful of friends enjoying the scenery, the club has grown into a successful organization, with many dozens of active participants, and over two hundred newsletters mailed out every month.

The club didn't get to this point by accident, it was by the efforts of many committed volunteers who wished to see our group thrive. And as most of you know, if you've been involved with the club for any length of time, the main driving force since the beginning has been Bill Van Moorhem. One of the original Alpine Loop participants, he's put in countless hours organizing events, doing the monthly newsletter, and in general promoting not only the success of the club, but the whole British Sports Car experience.

Earlier in the year, some folks thought it would be nice to give Bill some sort of recognition for his untold efforts on the behalf of all of us. A simple token of our appreciation, not too fancy, but something he could display with pride. And of course, the obvious place to present him with our thanks was the Alpine Loop. So Saturday afternoon, after all the various prizes were raffled off, Bill was surprised with a trophy bearing the inscription:

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.

September 6. Miner's Day parade in Park City. Floyd Inman, 435-645-8460.

September 25. Mt. Nebo fall color run. Gary Lindstrom, 532-1259.

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.

Presented to Bill Van Moorhem by the British Motor Club of Utah for his tireless efforts keeping the club spirit alive.
Alpine Loop, 1999

There's been some talk of establishing something like a "Bill Van Moorhem Spirit Award" or some such to present to other worthy individuals on those occasions when someone comes along and does much more than their fair share of club duties. Perhaps the Potluck dinner would be a good place to discuss such an idea, though it might embarrass poor Bill to death!



BMCU Well Represented at Whistler

By Floyd Inman

For those of you that do not know where Whistler Mountain is, according to Rand McNally it is 1,161 miles each way from Salt Lake City, in the beautiful mountains of British Columbia, Canada. Eight MGs and seven families drove every bit of that and then some.

Four days and hours of repairs—everything from a cracked oil line to running for two days on three cylinders, to a broken fan blade in the radiator—we finally arrived at Whistler, with overnight stops in Boise (oh, well), Clarkston, Washington (Susan Hermance got to visit with her childhood playmate), and Twisp, Washington (try to find it on a map) through some of the most beautiful scenery you can imagine.

The hotel was the Chateau Whistler, one of the truly beautiful old hotels of the Canadian Pacific Railroad. Most of us entered the Car Show (one had its radiator in the shop so couldn't display); the Funkhana, the Rallye, and the dinners. We were all awarded 1,000 Mile Patches and, as we have come to expect, Muriel Machovec walked away with the Sacajawea Award for the Lady That Drives A Pre-1955 MG The Furthest. This was her third time receiving the award.

Needless to say a good time was had by all. The trip home was a bit easier, with only one generator burned (we had a spare), and valve adjustments in the hotel parking lot.

Attending were: Jon and Susan Hermance, Floyd and Kathy Inman, Gary and Sandy Lindstrom, David and Muriel Machovec, Bob and Evangeline Mikesell, Bill and Julie Van Moorhem, and Doug and Ilene Wimer. Machovec's drove both their TD (the Bumblebee) and the Magnette.

Next year's event will be held in the San

Diego area June 26-30. Anyone wishing information can contact Floyd Inman at 435 645-8460.

Intermountain Vintage Racing Update

By Mark Bradakis

IVR will be holding its final track event of this year September 25 and 26 at the Wendover airport. If you don't have a properly prepared race car and safety gear, you can still join in the fun with the touring class, which allows high speed runs on the track without having to worry about the other guy mashing your fenders. For more info, call Mark Bradakis at 801-558-8817 or email at mjb@autox.team.net.

Left Over Parts

Thanks to Andy for copying last month's newsletter, and to Bruce for sending them out.

You missed it! If you weren't on the Alpine Loop run last weekend, you missed one of the best driving days ever. The weather was gorgeous, and I had an absolute blast. My favorite parts are the downhill on the Alpine Loop road (except the big camp trailer trying to come up!) and looking back on the big curve around Deer Creek and seeing a long string of Brit cars. Like I said, if you weren't there, you missed a great drive.

I'm not sure of the total (we'll probably see it in next month's Exchequer), but I think that the contributions from the raffle and from Mitch Johnson's key fob sales amounted to well over \$300 for the club's bank account. Thanks to all who contributed to the raffle and those who bought keyfobs.

Speaking of the keyfobs, you can order them from Mitch Johnson using email: MJohn39788@aol.com. Mitch says he's often difficult to reach, but with email he can take the order and make sure he has it at the next club event. The keyfobs come

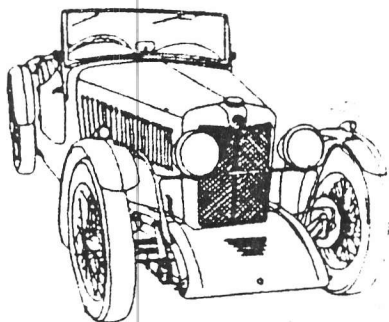
in two finishes (colored or brass) and two marques (MG or Triumph). He prefers not to ship the keyfobs as that takes extra time and costs more. See the order form at the front of this newsletter for pictures. Keep in mind that \$5 of the \$10 purchase price is donated to the club.

Also, don't forget that we have a line on a nice, heavy weight shirt for the club. Bill Robinson has shown this shirt at several events. An order form is attached at the front of this newsletter. These would make a great gift, by the way. Now for the neat part: this shirt order includes the cost of "digitizing" the BMCU logo (the same logo we use on the grill badge). This is a one-time setup charge. So, that means that any future orders for club apparel, such as caps, sweat shirts, etc. or whatever else we may want will be less because we've already paid for the digitizing. We need to get the manufacturer's minimum order of 25 shirts pre-paid before we send the order in. And since we don't want this process to drag on forever, we want to have the order gathered up by December 1, 1999. If we don't get the minimum by then, we'll cancel the order and refund your money. Don't let this opportunity slip away—order your club shirt now. Wouldn't it be fun if we show up at all the events with our club shirts?

Finally, thanks to the British Auto Club of Las Vegas for the cartoon on page 1—I stole it from their newsletter.

Autojumble

For Sale: 1973 MGB-GT parts car for sale, VIN GHD5UD322437G, engine No. 18V672Z-L12921. Includes second engine, trans and rear axle from an earlier roadster. Interior and body are probably not restorable, side doors and all glass are OK. \$300.00 or offer. There are some pictures on the web <http://www.et.byu.edu/~carterp/pictures.htm>. Have title. Located in Orem, UT. Contact Perry Carter at 801 226-0242, 801 378-2901, or carterp@byu.edu



From the Exchequer

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