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End Of the Season Dinner

It's hard to believe that the end of the driving season is here, but it's almost time to put the car tops (and maybe the cars) up for the winter.

The End of the Season dinner will be held Saturday, October 23rd at the Wagonmaster Steak House located at 5488 South Vine Street in Murray. Vine Street is approximately 700 East at that point. Enter off 5600 South or Vine Street crosses State Street at 5100 South and then winds east to the restaurant.

The wagons will circle and the bonfire will be lit at 6:00 p.m. The menu is, of course, steaks, prime rib and sea food ranging in price from \$10.95 to approximately \$20.00. A childrens' menu is also available.

Dine in old covered wagons (however the covers will be lifted on our group to allow socializing) with a definite old west theme.

If you need more information, call Sharon Bailey at 262-9361. See ya there, pardner!

Tinker Day

Cold fronts moving in, leaves falling off, it must be autumn in the valley once again. The end of the summer, and time for the End of the Season dinner. And, as has been traditional, the Fall Tinker Day at The Fat Chance Garage will take place the weekend before the end of season dinner.

Tinker Day is a chance for club members to stand around and offer their advice, chuckle, or reminisce as they watch other club members trying to get some problem, minor or major, taken care of.

So mark your calendars for Saturday, October 16th, 10 am until everyone goes home. Usually that's about 2 or 3 pm, depending on what sort of projects get undertaken.

The location is 3994 South 300 West, unit #22. The best way to get there would be some Star Trek transporters, but most likely you'll have to brave the construction and use a land route. Basically, get to 4500 South and 300 West in Salt Lake through whatever maze of orange barrels and concrete lined bobsled courses take you there from where you are. Head north up 300 West (also called Commerce

Drive) past the McDonald's and Zim's. A few blocks later you'll see the 3900 South overpass - if you get there, that's too far. Before then, you should see a vacant field on the right (east) side, and a little past that on the left will be the Garco complex. Turn into the Garco complex, and thread your way through assorted automotive salvage projects towards the freeway end of the complex. Unit #22 is a few yards from I-15 war zone, you should see various Triumphs scattered about in front.

If the weather promises to behave, I may have the Weber Kettle fired up, and like last fall, will be cooking up a batch of chicken wings, or something tasty. You may wish to bring along some of your favorite beverages to accompany the snacks. I'll provide some of the world's worst coffee for those who arrive at the 10 am starting time.

As a reminder, my shop is not one of the neatest and most safely organized places of business. I recommend you not bring children, they could seriously injure themselves playing with the "toys."

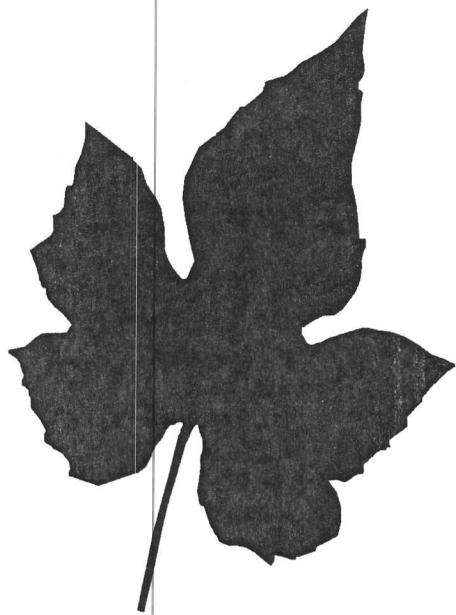
If you get hopelessly lost, or have other questions, call Mark Bradakis at 558-8817. Hope to see you there!

GEECH



by Jerry Bittle





Loop Troop Scoop

By Gary Lindstrom

Sandy City (BMCU News wire) -- Need to schedule a wedding? Tear a roof off? Do some shade tree repairs? Just schedule it the day of the BMCU Mt. Nebo Fall Color Run, because the weather is always beautiful.

This year there must have been lots of club members at weddings, roof tear offs, or twisting spanners under a spreading elm, because only six vehicles showed up on this year's beautiful fall morning. After exhorting the spirit of Joseph Lucas (Birmingham) to deliver more faithful, our small but hearty troop departed from R. C. Willey's in Sandy, heading south past Camp W. G. Williams and Camp M.

Hofmann to circumnavigate the tallest peak in the Wasatch.

The weather was crisp and sunny, and the cows steered clear (so did the steers) of Goshen Canyon. After provisioning man and beast at the Walker's truck stop south of Nephi, the convoy began the loop proper, meeting as is customary hot rod and motorcycle tours looping clockwise (some year we'll baffle them and start in Payson).

Picnic at our traditional spot in Bear Canyon was pleasant, but the Triumph owners complained loudly of too many MG Bees. Then the tour began in earnest—and it was indeed glorious. This year's color was extraordinary. Somehow the aspen gold and oak red peaked together, on our special day.

After enjoying the sights from several pull outs, and even spotting some hikers on the south peak of Nebo, the group emerged in Payson and divided into turnpikers and shunpikers (no plain old pikers in this club). The fearless leader chose to return via Redwood Road, and clocked the complete W2W mileage (Willey to Willey) at 166, minus 2 miles for the missed turn in Mona.

All in all, the outing confirmed that the Mt. Nebo Fall Color Run deserves a permanent spot on the BMCU dance card. Attending were: Ron Jensen (Jensen Healey), Kevin McCloskey & Jay Shaw (MGB), Deb & Larry Gobelman (TR6), Robert & Evangeline Mikesell (MGB), Rob Green (Land Rover), and your obedient scribe, Gary Lindstrom (TR3A).

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.

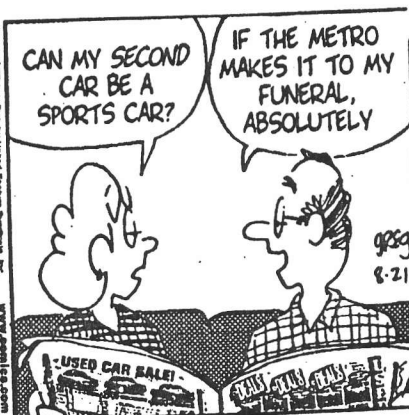
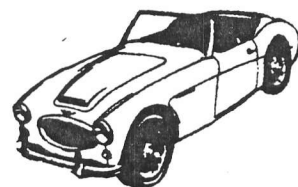
October 16. Fall Tinker Day. Mark Bradakis, 558-8817.

October 23. End of the season dinner. Sharon Bailey, 262-9361.

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.



Left Over Parts

Thanks to Andy for copying and Bruce to mailing the newsletters. It's difficult to image having a newsletter without the extra effort these two do for us.

Email is a big part of communication these days, and it is helpful for our group, too. If you don't get emails concerning club events, send your email address to Bruce at partsmaster@sisna.com. Bruce will add you to the list so you can keep informed.

An email went around recently for anyone who is interested in MG TA, TB, and TC cars. This wasn't a BMCU email, but it was passed along to the BMCU list. The "T-ABC's Forever" group has a web site for these cars—just go to www.mg-tabc.org for more info or email Jim Shade at fdshade@aol.com.

You can also get on a list for MG T's, MG M's, MGB V8's, and other MGs. For a list of all the lists on Team.Net, send an email to majordomo@autox.team.net with nothing in the body of the message but the command: lists.

Have you ordered your club shirt? Bruce tells me we're really close to the 25-shirt minimum order. If you haven't ordered yet, please order now. We want to get the order together by December 1. If we don't get the minimum by then, we'll cancel the order and refund the money. Don't have an order form? Email me (Nathan Massie) at nlmassie@mmm.com and I'll get one to you via email, or call me at 801-486-2935 and I'll mail you one.

Also, if you want one of the nice brass keyfobs that Mitch Johnson made up for us (the ones he sold at the Alpine Loop run), you can order them directly from Mitch at his email address: MJohn39788@aol.com.

Any ideas for a January Tech Session or "fun" event? Last year we visited Dick William's car museum in Salt Lake, rather than hold a Tech Session. We need some ideas and a volunteer to organize the event.

If you have any photos of any of this year's events, especially if they're in an electronic format, I would like to get them. I hope to include them in an upcoming newsletter, but I need to get them by November 20 at the latest. You can send them to nlmassie@mmm.com.

If you own an MGB, Midget, or 1100/1300, are you a member of NAMGBR? It costs \$25 per year, but you get a great bi-monthly journal, *MGB Driver*, that contains lots of tips, tricks, articles, and club events around the country. The also put out a member directory and source booklet from time to time. Perhaps most importantly, as an affiliated club, we get insurance protection at our events. Well worth the membership money.

Autojumble

For Sale: 1964 Triumph Spitfire, make offer. Call 266-8073 and ask for Stig Hammer.

For Sale: 1979 MG Midget. Texas car, been here for a year so no Utah rust. Extra set of wire wheels, tonneau cover, just rebuilt the head and put in new rings and rod bearings. Has a Weber side draft conversion in it. \$2500.00. Call J. Hattaway, 558-7767.

For Sale: 1967 GT-6 Triumph. Medical problems force the sale. The frame and body have been dipped, has original engine that probably needs a head rebuild. It is registered with RMVR vintage racing group but never raced. (that was the original intent). It has Konis, de-arched rear spring, larger front sway bar, and headers (not installed) It's candy red, all glass is excellent with a rollbar. It has extra tranny with overdrive, differential, and drive shaft, with newer axles if someone desires the donut type rear axles. The interior panels are not installed and the original seats are not available—it has a racing seat in it. Other misc. are with the package. Car has always been garaged or trailered and delivery is possible. I need to have 5K for it; over 8K invested. Could be street legal with very little additions. Contact Bob Durant, Ft. Collins, Co,

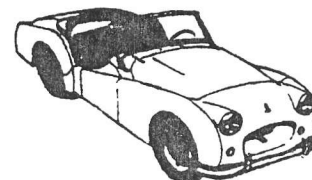
(970)-224-1622.

For Sale: I'd like to make Killer, the autocross car, my street driver, and sell my Mark 1 Spitfire. The car is rough, needs paint, interior and a working generator. But it runs and is driveable. I'd like to get \$895 for it. Also, I have a 1974 TR6 a local fellow is interested in selling: new clutch, rebuilt carbs, new diff mounts, asking \$2,150. Both vehicles should be at the shop for Tinker Day. Call Mark, 801-558-8817.

For Sale: 1980 MGB Special Edition, 98,000 miles in fairly decent shape, \$2500.00. Contact Bob Moses in Kaysville, Ut at 801-444-0971 or email mozi@deseretonline.com.

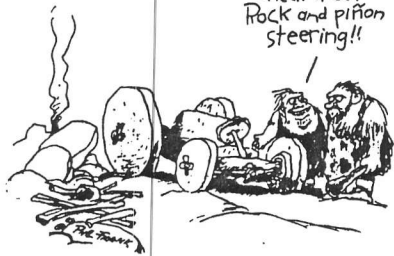
For Sale: 1979 MGB, brand new fire red paint job, new carpet kit, and nearly new tires. It runs and drives but needs minor engine work as well as a front and rear wiring harness. I can't figure out the Zenith Stromberg carb adjustment, but I am sure that it could use some help. This car has been in dry storage for the past five years. I must sell. My wife has given me the ultimatum. She wants to park her car in the garage this winter. We are also expecting the birth of our third child...need I say more? I am asking \$3,000 or best offer. I can send you pictures if you wish. Please contact Chris Anderson in Logan, Ut, at 435-753-7995 or email slzgp@yahoo.com.

Spitfire parts for sale. Need to clean out the garage. I have lots of misc parts including bonnets, doors, trunk lids, axles, wiring harnesses etc. Call me and I just might have what you need. Priced to sell! Pugs 301-9365 or 486-0547.



Frank & Troise**The History of the Automobile**

June 22, 25348 B.C.

Check it out!
Rock and piston
steering!!**From the Exchequer**

Beginning balance	\$1757.75
Revenue from Alpine Loop	+345.00
Interest income	+5.67
Total with income	\$2108.42
Less newsletter expense	-52.70
Current balance	\$2055.72

My thanks to Marty for being "proactive" on this month's numbers—he's probably learned not to depend upon me to call him!

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