

British Motor Club of Utah

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Let's go the island!

Yes, that's island...Antelope Island, the biggest island in the Great Salt Lake.

Meet at the northeast parking lot of the state capitol at 9:00 AM on Saturday, May 13. It's the lot where we met last year.

We'll drive up Hwy 89 until we arrive at Kaysville, then we'll switch to Main street up to Antelope Drive in Layton. We'll meet up with the northern members in the K-Mart parking lot at the corner of Main Street and Antelope Drive in Layton. We'll leave K-Mart at about 10 AM. We'll take Antelope Drive all the way to the island.

On bringing a picnic lunch and 6 bucks. There is a \$2 toll for the causeway out to the island and a \$4 entrance fee to the park. Food is available at the park, but service is slow and the food isn't really worth the wait. The park does allow alcohol if you wish to bring it along.

After eating lunch and exploring the new roads that opened on the island this year, we'll head northward again. We plan to stop at the Hill Air Force Base Aerospace museum. Entrance to the museum is free. They have an impressive display of airplanes and missiles from WW-II to present.

Call Andy Lindeman, 792-7091, if you have any questions.

Southern Utah run

By Sharon Forster

We'll meet Saturday morning, May 27 at the McDonald's off the second Lehi Exit. We'll then head South on I-15 to Santaquin exit where we'll take back roads to Nephi to avoid the freeway. At Nephi we'll continue heading South on Highway 89 to Mt. Carmel Junction.

On Sunday, May 28, we'll head West on Highway 9 into Zions Canyon area and will continue West to St. George where we'll stop for lunch. After lunch we'll head Northwest on Highway 8 through Snow Canyon catching Highway 18 heading North to New Castle. At New Castle we'll head East to Cedar City where we'll spend the night Sunday night.

Monday morning we'll head North on I-15 to Highway 20 where we'll go East to Highway 89, then North on Highway 89 to Nephi where again we'll take scenic back

roads into the Salt Lake Valley to avoid I-15, which will take us on the West side of Utah Lake.

I have 8 rooms held under the name of the British Motor Club of Utah as follows:

Mt. Carmel - Sat. May 27 at the Best Western. Cost is \$79/night. Confirmation number 527LC45027. Phone 435-648-2203.

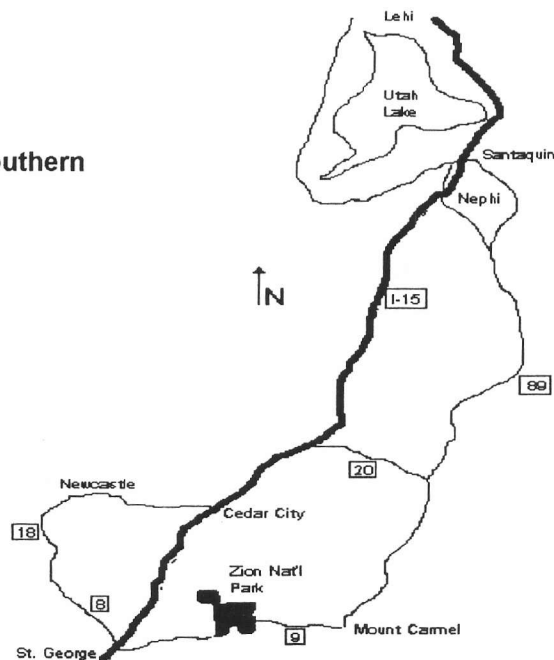
Cedar City - Sun. May 28 at the Comfort Inn. Cost is \$65/night. Confirmation number CP0528101. Phone 435-586-2082.

You need to call and give your name and credit card number to reserve one of the eight rooms. I will call a week before May 27th to cancel any unreserved rooms. I'd appreciate it if folks would let me know if they are planning to come so I'll be able to tell others who is coming when they ask.

Questions? Call me at (801) 966-6463.

Map of the Southern Utah run

(map not to scale)



Don't forget!
May 20-28 is British
Car Week.
Get your car out and
drive it!

What a feast!

Everyone must have gotten a refund this year, because the group at the Tax Day Social at Pugs and Diane's house was in a great mood.

And what a feast it was, too: fruit, chips and salsa, bagels and lox, seven-layer dip, donuts, freshly grilled salmon, pate, and lots more. The salmon even defied gravity as it ended up on the floor still in its dish (don't even ask how that happened—my face is still red).

As we munched on the wonderful foods, we watched a video produced by Doug Wimer during a southern California MG T series outing a few years ago. It was a great spoof on a rally, complete with cheating drivers, drunken checkpoint staffers, even a car going over a cliff!

Everyone had a great time. Attending were: Pugs and Diane Pivrotto, Gary and Sandy Lindstrom, Julie and Bill Van Moorhem, Bill and Julie Robinson, Andy Lindeman, Bruce Schilling, Mark and Janet Driscoll, Doug and Ilene Wimer, Marty Van Nood and Wanda Howard, Susan and Jon Hermance, Brent Anderson and Jackie Cornelius, Mike Bailey, and Nathan Massie.

Our thanks to Pugs and Diane for opening their home and putting up with us.



Member list

Final warning! One topic at the February Pot-Luck was a member list. Do we publish one or not? This issue has come up for several years yet never resolved. The members present at the Pot-Luck discussed the issue, and got it down to two main points: a list would be welcome for members to contact each other for spur-of-the-moment get togethers, car advice, or help if your car breaks down near another member's home, but no one wanted their name to get on yet another mailing list.

The argument against having a member list—that the list could be used for commercial purposes—was countered by the argument that if you order parts from a parts supplier, or subscribe to a magazine, you're already on a mailing list.

Once that logic was apparent, it seemed that the advantage of having a member list outweighed the possible disadvantage. So, at a recent Board of Governors meeting, the decision was made to create a member list and provide it to BMCU members.

The goal is to have the member list available at the British Field Day in June. Because of the postage cost, it will not be mailed to members, but only available at events during the year. The list will be available to members for a nominal donation to cover the cost of copying so there isn't a financial burden on the BMCU (remember, we don't charge dues!). While the member list will be available to all members, please do not use this list for commercial purposes.

If you *do not* want your name on this member list, contact Bruce Schilling, Membership Director of the BMCU, and request that your name be withheld. You can call Bruce at 486-0425, email at partsmaster@sisna.com (email is preferred), or snail mail at 917 East Mill Creek Way, Salt Lake City, Utah 84106. Simply state your name and indicate that you do not want to be on the member list. You have until the 31st of May to request that your name be omitted; after June 1, the membership list will include everyone who has not asked to be kept off of it.

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.

May 6-7. 2000 Monterey Peninsula British Car Meet in Pacific Grove, CA. Contact Alan Jones at amjones@worldnet.att.net or 831-484-2679.

May 13. Antelope Island run with a quick run up to Hill AFB Museum. Andy Lindeman, 792-7091.

May 27-29. Annual Southern Utah run. See the article in this newsletter. Think about reservations! Sharon Forster, 966-6463.

May 19-21. Las Vegas All British Car Meet in Las Vegas, NV. Call Mark Davis at 702-363-3881.

June 15-18. Annual International NAMGBR Convention in Cleveland, OH. Go to www.mgcleveland.com or call Lynne Burgess at 614-899-2394.

June 17. Annual British Field Day. This is one of our biggest events of the year. We need lots of volunteers to help. Bill Davis.

July 3. Sandy 4th of July parade. Bill Robinson, 947-9480.

July 11. Club 90 night. This event is not confirmed. It's a car show/dinner social at Club 90, perhaps in conjunction with another car club. Bill Robinson, 947-9480.

July 15. Wolf Creek Pass-Tabiona run. This road was paved last year and is a spectacular drive. Doug Wimer.

July 24-28. Austin-Healey 2000 Rendezvous in Ocean Shores, WA. Contact is stevenft@aol.com or 360-876-8236.

August 2-6. VTR 2000 National Convention in Portland, Oregon. Go to www.PortlandTriumph.com for info, or call Ray Marty at 503-357-5640.

August 5. Social at Bruce's house. This is confirmed! Bruce Schilling, 486-0425.

August 19. Annual Alpine Loop drive/raffle. This is the event that started it all, and a club favorite. Karen Bradakis (364-3251) and Andy Lindeman (486-8194).

September 4. Miner's Day parade in Park City. Fun, cool, down-hill drive. Floyd Inman.

September 23 or 30. Mt. Nebo fall color run. Final date to be determined. Gary Lindstrom.

October 19-22. Triumphest 2000 in San Diego, CA. 858-484-1634.

October 21. Fall Tinker Day, Fat Chance Garage. Mark Bradakis, 364-3251.

September 28. End of the Season dinner. Sharon Bailey, 262-9361.

November 11. Rolling garage tour. We need a volunteer for this event.

December. No event.

January 13, 2001. Tour or drive in Ogden area. Nathan Massie, 486-2935.

February 17, 2001. Pot-luck dinner/business meeting. We need a volunteer for this event.

Left over parts

I'm still gathering info about insurance for our cars. I've gotten several good responses, and I'll compile all the information into an article in the near future. If you have any information, be sure to send it to me: nlmassie@mmm.com.

If you are planning to go on the southern Utah run this year, be sure you get your hotel reservations now, and let Sharon Forster know that you're going. It will be a wonderful event, but you have to act now to get your rooms reserved.

We still have some events that are in need of volunteers to organize them. In particular, we need someone to organize the November event and organize the February Pot-Luck dinner.

Don't forget to drive your British Car during British Car Week, May 20-28. This has been a national promotion for the past several years. I don't know if there's more Brit cars on the road then or not, but it would be fun to get lots of them out.

What's the future of British cars? There's been lots of recent news events that may shape the Brit car future for years to come. BMW has sold its Land Rover business to Ford, and planned to sell the Rover and MG business (which has not been a money maker for BMW) to a venture capital firm called Alchemy Partners. Alchemy had planned to phase out the Rover name in

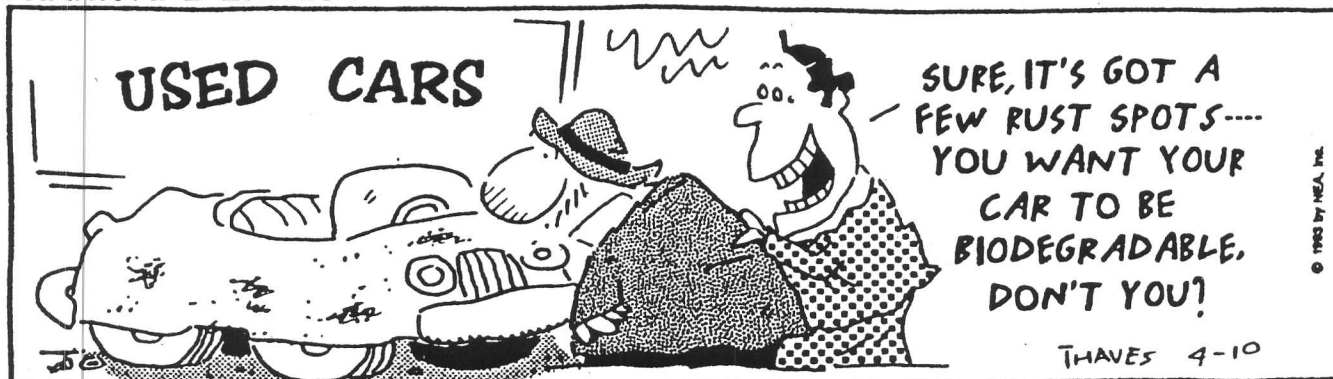
favor of the MG nameplate. However, the latest news that I've seen indicates that Alchemy Partners had failed to secure the necessary financing. So the question is, what happens to these marques if BMW fails to find a buyer?

On the bright side, BMW has kept the Mini name (but without the Morris or Austin badge) and is intent upon releasing the newest Mini to the North American market in the fall of 2001. I even asked them myself, and got a very cordial email reply from BMW of North America. There's a great web site at www.miniclassic.com that explains the marque, gives a little history, and has some fun photos and movie clips of Minis.

Morgan has also announced plans for a new car release: the Aero 8. This car will be powered by a BMW 4.4 litre V8 with 286 hp. It will have four-wheel disc brakes, a six-speed gearbox, independent rear suspension, and leather interior. Despite such modern conveniences as cruise control and air conditioning, Morgan has stayed with a traditional metal (using aluminum) over ash body and recognizable Morgan styling.

The new Morgan will be available in the US for about the price of a modest home. For a sneak peek, go to www.morgan-motor.co.uk.

FRANK AND ERNEST



Autojumble

For Sale: 1962 Sunbeam Alpine Roadster Mark III project car converted to Ford 2.6L engine with Ford front end, brakes etc. Complete car, disassembled and in the process of a resto-rod. Exceptional clean body-rust in the floor panels (easy replacement with available parts). Over \$1,500 invested. Sell for \$300. Call Brownie 801 782-9745 or Browniepet@aol.com

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Income	
-member contributions	+230.00
-interest	+7.23
-other deposits, including money for club shirts	+1082.00
Expenses	
-newsletter	-55.44
	-55.06
-administrative and other expenses	-90.42
-Logo America (shirt order)	-875.00
Current balance	\$2119.22

Ed. note: This includes two month's reports. Hopefully, I didn't introduce any errors when combining the two.

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