

British Motor Club of Utah

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A wearin' o' the Green

It's a tradition to start the season with the St. Patrick's Day parade, and this year we'll do it again. This parade is definitely all about fun: crazy costumes, wacky car decorations, wild hair colors, funny hats, even rusty British cars are all welcome (British flags, however, are not!). Bring the kids and have them wave or throw candy to the crowd.

The parade is March 11 at about 10:00 am. I say "about" because it's somewhat unpredictable, just like our cars, but they're both a lot of fun. Just like the BMCU, this parade is a sort of organized chaos.

The parade route this year is different than previous years because of the TRAX light rail transit that runs downtown. Beginning at 6th South and 2nd East, the parade runs North along 2nd East to 3rd South. Then, turn left on 3rd South and proceed to the disbanding area behind the Gallivan Center (between State and Main). After the parade is a Siamsa (Irish Festival).

Let's meet in the area of 6th South and 2nd East at 9:00 am on Saturday, March 11. It's best to get there a bit early so we can all group up before another bunch of entrants blocks us in.

After the parade, some folks stay for the Irish Festival while others try to meet up for an early lunch. Don't be surprised if we're planning the lunch while waiting our turn to go through the parade.

Any questions, call Bill Van Moorhem at 582-9223. Watch your email for any last-minute notices, because the parade route often changes right up to parade time.

The meter is running....

Remember that postcard included with last month's newsletter? Can you still find it?

If you want to get the newsletter next month, you better get the postcard to Bruce Schilling this month. At the end of March, no postcard means you'll be deleted from the list.

And while you're sending in your post card, put it in an envelope and drop in a check for a few dollars. The club runs solely on donations; we don't charge dues or membership fees. While the club leadership and newsletter production is all voluntary, the post office still charges us postage for the newsletters and that runs about \$50 a month. So if you haven't donated at any of the recent events, now's a good time.

It wasn't all business...

The February Pot-luck is our annual business meeting, where we elect the Board of Governors and plan events for the year. It's also fun to spend time together and share a few stories, pictures, and good food.

We had 31 people at this year's Pot-luck: Mitch and Diane Johnson, Pugs and Diane Pivrotto, Sharon and Dan Forster, Nathan Massie, Mark and Karen Bradakis, Andy Lindeman, Clyde and Barbara Snyder, Mike and Sharon Bailey, Gary Lindstrom, Bob and Sandy Vargas, Dave and Muriel Machoviec, Douge and Ilene Wimer, Marty Van Nood and Wanda Howard, Bill and Julie Van Moorhem, Bill and Moni Davis, J and Kay Jennings, and Bill and

Julie Robinson. I hope everyone got their name on the list; if not, my apologies for not getting your name here.

We had a great time and lots of laughs. Doug and Ilene Wimer and others brought photos of a trip to England (ask Ilene about her favorite photo), the GoF trip, and other fun events from the past year.

Special thanks are due Pugs and Diane for planning the event, and Bill Davis for getting St. Paul's for us.

A new board

We elected a new Board of Governors. Most of the Board are the same folks as last year, but Jim "Pugs" Pivrotto stepped down as the Governor General.

The new Board includes:

Andy Lindeman, Governor General
Bill Robinson, Board
Gary Lindstrom, Board
Marty Van Nood, Chancellor of the Exchequer
Bruce Schilling, Membership Director
Nathan Massie, Newsletter Editor

The group gave Pugs a thunderous applause for staying the post of Governor General for two years running. Andy also got resounding applause for volunteering to be the new Governor.

Financials

Marty reported on the financials. The club came out about \$50 dollars ahead for the year: \$999 in income versus \$942 in expenses.

While the club financials are sound, the numbers highlighted how much it costs to keep the club running. Our largest expense is the newsletter. Our income comes from donations, the Alpine Loop raffle, regalia sales (Mitch Johnson's keyfobs gave us almost \$150 last year), and a little bit of interest that accrues over the year.

Bill Robinson reported on the club shirts. The order was finalized at the Pot-luck and is on it's way to the vendor. The overall club account balance does not include the monies sent in for the shirts; that was kept separate so we could track it easier. Keep looking in the newsletter for more information such as when to pick up your shirt.

Events

The biggest part of the evening was the discussion over the events. Pugs, who conducted most of the meeting, created a questionnaire that we attached to the February newsletter. Some of the information from newsletters returned before the Pot-luck was used to decide the events for the year (more information on the questionnaire is included in another article in this newsletter).

Some of the events are familiar, and others are new. They're listed in the Lucas Calendar.

Other business

Other items of business were discussed at the meeting. We had some heated discussion about a club directory so folks could contact each other. Some liked the idea, while others were fearful the list would be used for business purposes (i.e., annoying telemarketing calls and the like). We didn't come to a complete conclusion on this item, but there is a very strong interest in making a club list available to the members.

Another concern is the lack of participation at events and the lack of volunteers to lead the events. We have about 225 members on the list, but we usually get about 20 at events. A 10% turnout is not impressive. We have to have participation to keep the club alive and running. Look over the events in the Lucas Calendar and if there's one that needs a volunteer, please offer to organize the event.

We also discussed the idea of impromptu events. The thought is that someone might get up some beautiful Saturday and decide it would be a great day for a drive, call a few folks, and off we go. Or maybe someone will hear about an car-related event a few days before it happens, and use the email list to try to gather up a few folks

to go to it. This idea added to the discussion about the need for a club directory so we can call each other.

From the new Gov

By Andy Lindeman

Most of you may not know me, so please allow me to introduce myself. I've been a member of the club for three years. I drive a beat-up but solid '70 Triumph Spitfire.

I know from copying the newsletter that we have about 225 members. It's my goal to meet a majority of you this coming year. I'm looking forward to meeting you all at an event this year. I'll do my best to make it to the vast majority of events this year to give you a chance.

It doesn't matter if you bring your British car or not. The cars themselves are only half of what this club is about. Just having a sympathetic ear to listen to your latest Lucas story is the other. So even if your car is a collection of parts in boxes and a rusty frame on jack stands, come on out to the events. No one will mind if you show up in a beat up mid-sixties Cadillac.

If anyone has any questions or concerns they would like to address, feel free to contact me. I've set up an email address I'm only using for club communications, so responses should be quick. The address is andyl@crosswinds.net. Or if you're lucky, you can reach me by phone at 801-486-8194.

As a final note, I'd like to extended my thanks to Pugs for taking care of the club this past year. He did an excellent job, even after pleading for someone to take over last year.

Questionnaire results

By Pugs Pivrotto, Past Governor General

Thirty-six responses to the recent questionnaire were returned, representing about 15% of the total mailing list. However, a large percentage of the active members filled out the form. Thanks to all who took the time to complete the questionnaire.

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.

March 11. St Pat's Day parade, 9:00 am. Call Bill Van Moorhem, 582-9223, for information.

April 8. Spring Tinker Day, Fat Chance Garage. Mark Bradakis, 364-3251.

April 15. "Tax Day" Social at Pugs and Diane's. May include a run, weather permitting. Pugs, 486-0547.

May 13. Antelope Island run. May include a quick run up to Hill AFB Museum. Andy Lindeman, 486-8194.

May 13. Annual Southern Utah run. See the article in this newsletter. Think about reservations! Sharon Forster, 966-6463.

June 3. Social at Bruce's house. This event is not confirmed. In fact, Bruce, if you're reading this newsletter, will this work for you?

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.

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 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.

1. How many driving events should there be per year? 4: 14%, 6: 42%, 8: 25%, 12: 14%, No/A: 5%

2. What is your desired mix of long trips vs short trips? The answers were all over the map on this one but it appears that the majority preferred approximately 20% long and 80% short.

How many overnight trips should there be? 0: 16%, 1: 53% 2: 31%

3. Road driving only versus stops at places of interest. Of the 36 responses, only one wanted driving only and 1 did not respond.

4. How long between rest stops (miles) or hours? Again, the answers covered a wide range but using my discretion as past Governor it appears a break every 2 hours is preferred and the mileage is dependent on the hours traveled.

5. What speed do you want to travel on these tours? Only 11% wanted to be like Mark, 61% smell the roses (or cows depending on the time of year), 25% a mix of both. The remainder didn't answer.

6. Level of interest in Timed/Speed /Distance events. Low: 58%, Med: 28%, High: 8%, No/A: 6%.

7. Would you like to be notified of last

minute get togethers? Yes: 78%, No: 14%, No/A: 8%. Many people would like to use email for this type of event. However, if someone just wakes up and wants to go for breakfast, we should have a club directory so phone numbers are at hand.

8. Preferred direction of travel in order of votes: 1:East, 2:Northeast, 3:Southeast, 4:West, 5: all tied North, South, Northeast, Southwest, 6:Southwest, 7:Northwest, 8:West.

9. Preferred destinations: Sun Valley, Yellowstone, Jackson, Flaming Gorge, St. George, Lehman Caves, Wendover, Shooting Star Huntsville, Monte Christo, State Parks, West Desert, Fast curvey roads, auto museums, National Parks.

10. Ok with paying a fee to get to places, i.e., state or national parks etc.? Only 3 respondents did not want to pay an entrance fee.

11. Combining BMCU events with other clubs? Yes: 92%, No: 6%. Would prefer other British clubs: 20%. Anyone want to call the other clubs they might belong to and find out about a joint outing?

12. Do you prefer tours that include the option of a restaurant? Yes: 74%, No: 8%, Picnic only: 12%, No/A: 6%.

13. Evening tours of interest? Yes: 38%, No: 44%, Maybe (if my lights work):15%, No/A: 3%. While the No vote carried this one, there is certainly a lot of interest in a night tour. This could be where folks just call each other on an impromptu basis, like going out to some of the hot rod car shows.

14. Suggested drives/repeats. Alpine Loop, Trappers Loop, Antelope Island, Memorial Day trip, Tabiona-Wolf Creek Pass, HAFB museum, BMCU racing with SCCA, Idaho, E. Canyon, Mt Nebo, Eureka.

15. Would you put together a tour or help plan a tour? After all of the data gathered above, this was where the rubber met the road. Yes: 19%, Maybe: 14%, **No: 34% Left Blank: 33%.**

16. Rolling garage tour. Yes: 97%, No: 3%. Several people suggested the rolling tour culminate with a party at the last garage or house on the tour. Sounds good to me. Anyone want to plan this one?

3rd Annual Southern Utah Run

By Sharon Forster

Ed. Note: This event is a few months off, but since it involves planning and reservations, you need the information now.

We'll meet Saturday morning, May 27 at the McDonalds 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.

Autojumble

Wanted: Old MGB heads from 1800 cc ('71 or newer B's) engines. Cracked heads are OK if complete. Call Bill Walton, 969-8948.

For sale: 1976 MBG show car. This car won seven First place trophies at Utah car shows in 1999, including The University of Utah with second place points at the Concourse De 'Elegance. Won Best MGB in Las Cruces, New Mexico show and third place out of all MGs, prewar to modern. The car was voted one of the Top Thirty Committee Select Awards out of 700 cars of all kinds at the UVSC Auto Expo 1999.

It has custom paint five coats Base Black and eight topcoats of clear. Custom tan canvas top, custom wheels and tires, custom stereo system with CD changer.

Appraised value: \$13,000.00; will sell for \$9000.00, will consider part trade (looking for: TR4, TR4A, TR250 OR TR6).

Contact Robert Mikesell, 2005 E. Highland View Cir., Salt Lake City, Utah 84109.
Phone: 801-467-2930 (H), 801-598-5553 (mobile), or 801-284-5002 (wife's W).

Exchequer report

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