

# British Motor Club of Utah

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## BBQ Social

*By Bruce Schilling*

Another year has passed and it's time for another BBQ Social at my house.

Last year was a rousing success and I hope this year is even better. I will be grilling BBQ chicken and will also have about 3 party balls of beer.

The social will start at 3:00 pm on Saturday August 5th at 917 Millcreek Way (3495 South 900 East).

Will those planning on attending please let me know and I would also appreciate some Pot Luck side dishes, salads and desserts. I hope everyone comes and joins in the fun, so please call at 801-486-0425 or e-mail me at [partsmaster@sisna.com](mailto:partsmaster@sisna.com).

## The 13th Alpine Loop Run

We will meet at the South Town Mall on Saturday, August 19, 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 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.

Along with the run, we hold a raffle. The raffle is a major source of funds 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 19th or contact Karen at 364-3251 or [KBRADAKIS@rmcoeh.utah.edu](mailto:KBRADAKIS@rmcoeh.utah.edu). You can purchase raffle tickets when we meet at the Mall and just before the raffle in Heber.

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, contact me at 792-7091 or [andyl@crosswinds.net](mailto:andyl@crosswinds.net).

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

## BMCU wins big in Sandy City

*By Bill Robinson*

You could tell as soon as you woke up that morning that it was going to be a scorcher. Although cars were expected to arrive anywhere from 8 AM to 10:30 AM, there were already numerous cars waiting to get in right at 8 AM. Although I did not enter my car, since I coordinated this event for the club, I was there at the start and arranged for a special British car section on the lawn. I also finagled a second judging class from the show organizers to double the amount of prizes available to British cars owners. The section filled up quickly. In fact before it was done, there were so many cars of all types in the show that there was scarcely room to walk among them. By the time things were in full swing, there were literally thousands of people meandering about. As for the BMCU contingent, we had 14, count 'em, 14 cars there including a rather unique dragster based on a TR8.

Club members took home 7 awards in all. Cars were placed in 3 divisions: Pre 1961 British Cars, Post 1961 British Cars and Andrew Mitchell's Mini was put into a "Custom Compact" class.

Awards went as follows:

Custom Compact: 2nd - Andrew Mitchell.  
Mini Pre 1961 British Cars: 1st - Gary Walkingshaw, Jaguar, 2nd - J. Jennings, MGTF and 3rd - J. Jennings, MG Sedan.

Post 1961 British Cars: 1st - Sheree Marcus, Jensen Interceptor, 2nd - Bob Mikesell, Spitfire and 3rd - Marv Marcus, Jensen Healey.

Other clubsters showing cars were Grant Clayton, Carlin Jacobson, R. J. Esposito, Steve Nelson, Floyd Inman, and Bill Van Moorhem. Some members had as many as 3 cars there. It was the best British turnout ever for this show and we all had a great time.

## Club 90 and the Big Dawg

By Bill Robinson

The second annual BMCU night at Sandy's Club 90 was a huge success. We had 12 cars again this year as well as a few folks without cars. The event started at 6 PM and folks began to trickle in as the temperature dropped a little. A little after 7 PM had most of the cars there.

Antoine Carr. The Big Dawg, also happened to be hosting an event at Club 90 that evening to raise money for his basketball camp for under privileged kids. Our event suddenly had more than just cars to interest the passersby and club visitors. Lots of families showed up to take advantage of Carr's \$5 dinner special in which proceeds went to his camp. A very likable chap, the Big Dawg came out after his dinner things was finished and tried to squeeze into some of the cars. He readily jumped into the Riemenschneider's Mini but was reluctant to try to get into the Bugeve. He said he was afraid he'd break it! Then he worked most of himself into the Mikesell's Spitfire. Even a shoehorn wouldn't have helped. He just wasn't going to make it. He was a good sport and everyone had fun on a hot July evening.

Braving the heat in alphabetical order were Doug Anderson, Barry & Denise Blackett, Howard Boulter, Grant Clayton, Jon Hermance, Marv & Sheree Marcus,

Nathan Massie, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Mikesell, Craig Ramon, Bob & Fran Riemenschneider, Bill Robinson, Clyde Snyder and Bill Walton.

Ryan Wiersdorf of MotorCities.com was also on hand to offer photos opportunities for car owners.

Thanks to all who came out and made this another successful BMCU event.

## Wolf Creek Pass run

By Doug Wimer

A goodly group of BMCU stalwarts met July 15 at the intersection of Highway 40 and US 80, and, after introductions and the usual wait for latecomers, left for a trek over Wolk Creek Pass to Tabiona in the Uintas. Ilene and I were the tour guides, and we had put together a quick rally consisting of pictures of items or scenes from along the route. The challenge to the group was to put the pictures into the correct order as they appeared along the way, which of course was not the order they appeared on the rally sheet. As I lead the group along, to the starting point of the rally, I intended to point out the first clue to get everyone started, but unfortunately, I missed it. This scrambled the rest of the clues somewhat, but still several of the group's driver/navigator teams managed to arrange the clues fairly well.

The weather was delightful and the driving conditions were great over the 35 miles of newly-paved road. The scenery was typical "Beautiful Utah." After finishing the rally, we continued over some unpaved, but quite driveable, portions of the road and into Tabiona for lunch. Not being able to find a scenic lunch spot along the river, we opted instead for a row of shade trees and grass at the local high school. Jon and Susan Hermance joined us there; they had missed the meeting point at the Highway 40/I-80 junction and were a few minutes ahead of the group. Luckily, they waited in Tabiona for us to arrive.

## 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 2-6.** VTR 2000 National Convention in Portland, Oregon. Go to [www.PortlandTriumph.com](http://www.PortlandTriumph.com) for info, or call Ray Marty at 503-357-5640.

**August 5.** Social at Bruce's house. 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.** Triumphfest 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, 486-2933.

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

After lunch, we left Tabiona and headed for Highway 40 to Heber and home. We were delighted to see Don and Julie McEligott (part of the AH club) down from Idaho with their children. Also attending were: Floyd and Kathy Inman, Doug and Ilene Wimer, Jon and Susan Hermance, Dan and Sharon Forster, Rob and Nathalie Green, Rich Holder, Bruce Schilling, Barry and Denise Blackett, Phil Bates (also down from Idaho), Gary and Sandy (and Daisy) Lindstrom, Mike and Sharon Bailey, Andy Lindeman and guest, Tustin Borg, and Ernie and Vickie Reno (from the AH club). I hope we got all the attendee's names!

## 3rd Annual Southern Utah Run

*By Sharon Forster*

This year's run took us on an adventure starting again at the Golden Arches in Lehi and running through many interesting small Utah towns. After several stops at intriguing antique shops, feeding the cars and feeding the drivers/riders we found ourselves at our first night's stop in Mt. Carmel Junction.

The second day's journey took us through part of Zions National Park. With the closing of the main road up into the park and access by shuttle buses only, we opted not to desert the cars for the buses. A nice get out and stretch your legs half mile hike took us to the Zions Overlook which was gorgeous. Back in the cars and through the amazing mile long Zions/Mt. Carmel tunnel. The wind blowing in your hair felt great after the "warm" hike. We drove through extremely beautiful country as the temperature got hotter and hotter by the minute. By the time the group arrived in St. George the air temperature, radiator temperature and body temperatures were close to overheating. Everyone was pretty well melted and approaching the red lobster skin stage. A refreshing lunch at Chili's Restaurant gave the cars and us a chance to cool off and get re-energized for the remainder of the day's adventures.

By the time we left St. George and headed

up Snow Canyon, we heard reports over the radio of there being an all time record high temperature in St. George for May 28th of 105 degrees!

The winding roads through Snow Canyon lead us to the Pine Valley turnoff. What a relief!! As we climbed in elevation, we could feel the air temperature cooling off. It was still hot, of course, but compared to the 105 degrees of St. George, the 90 degrees of Pine Valley felt like a virtual cold wave. After a short rest and tour of the 1800's Pine Valley church, we again heard Doug give the "get in the car, Ilene" revelry call we had all come to recognize as the signal that it was time to get back into the cars and moving again.

Next stop took us to the Mountain Meadow Massacre site, which was very interesting and insightful. Last but certainly not the least stop for the day was our arrival at the Comfort Inn in Cedar City. Later that evening we all enjoyed a pleasant drive up the canyon to eat an absolutely delicious dinner at a wonderful restaurant (sorry but in my feeble old age, I've forgotten the name of it).

The third day was our travel back home day. Taking back roads out of Cedar City to avoid the I-15 interstate as much as possible, we managed to make our way northward. We discovered a much better route out of Gunnison going through Manti and coming out in Nephi. This was a very pleasant, through green farmland, no traffic route. Especially compared to the route we've taken in previous years from Gunnison to Levan where we were sure we were going to be run over by every trailer pulling, motor home driving crazy person in the entire state of Utah.

With the heat and high temperatures, we were pleasantly surprised to have had only one car fatality on the trip. John & Susanne Hermance's MG-TF lost the fuel pump several miles up the canyon before we hit Nephi on the way home.

Thank goodness for tow straps and the "mother ship" Toyota Land Cruiser that helped us get the car off the road and to the gas station in Nephi. Ron Jensen was kind enough to drive into Provo and get

his trailer and bring it back for John to use to get his car home.

A truly great time was had by all who attended, which were: Dan & Sharon Forster (TR-6), John & Susan Hermance (MG-TF), Doug & Ilene Wiemer (MG-TC), Bill & Linda Walton (MGB), Ron Jensen (Jensen-Heely), Don & Julie McEligott (Austin-Heely), Gary & Sandy Lindstrom (TR-3), Pugs & Diane Pivrotto (Cadillac) and John & Susan's daughter, Laura and Bear, the dog, in the Toyota Land Cruiser "mothership".

## GoF West 2000

*By Floyd Inman*

Lake San Marcos, CA: For those MG owners out there that missed this event (and there were a bunch of you) do not feel too bad. Although this was a fun GoF West, it fell well short of others, especially the 1997 Park City outing. Attended by four BMCU families: The Marks, The Machovics, The Wimers, and The Inmans. It was as low a turn out as we have had in a while. We did very well, however, in taking home a few trophies. Dave Mark won the First Timer category with his beautiful TC; Dave Machovic placed second (behind Chris Nolan - a professional) in the Mechanic's Contest. Try as he may, Al Moss has been unable to deter David from re-starting the Bumble Bee. What we missed was Muriel's domination of the Lady That Drives The Furthest (I can't spell Saquagita). For some reason they didn't give the award this year - a sexist thing I believe. Be that as it is, Muriel would have won hands down. And we have been assured that it will be on next year's roster of awards. The Quail Inn was a great venue for the event. We had about 130 registrants that took most of the rooms, so every where we wandered we saw friends and cars. All of the normal events were held: Car Show, Rallye, Funkana, etc. However, they added the "Ashwood Derby" this year which was great fun. All registrants were sent a Pinewood Derby kit prior to their departure and were expected to build a competition car. About 40-50 actually did. I tried to

duplicate my TD, David Machovic did a great job copying Muriel's blue Magnette. Winning, however, was another thing. I think some of the Grouchy Ol Farts had their kids, or grandkids, build their models. Next year I would hope to see a very large BMCU turnout. It will be held in Napa, California June 18-21. Mark your calendars as the group over there have a great program lined up. Car Show will be held at Sabastiani Winery, they have dinner planned on the Wine Train, and I am certain we will see a super Rallye throughout the Valley. I will be getting a bunch of Registration Forms, so drop me a note to receive yours early. As always they will be printed in the Gazette.

## Autojumble

1973 Triumph Spitfire, very rough shape, engine and trans stored in back seat and trunk. \$50 (OBO) and you tow away. Call Gary Bahnmler, Work: 801-320-2328 7AM to 3PM, Home: 801-547-1990 after 4PM, or e-mail: GBahnUT@aol.com.

For Sale: 1973 MGB, red, 65K miles, body, top, and tranny in great condition. Recently renewed the registration with no difficulty passing emission/inspection. I've owned it since 1996 and kept it garaged with no winter miles. Must sell—this car doesn't get along with my Porsche and having two sports cars is killing my checkbook. \$3,000.00. Contact Rob Bach at email rbach20670@aol.com.

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