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Oops!

In our haste to get out the September newsletter, we didn't give credit to a few folks who contributed to the August Alpine Loop run. We'd like to correct this oversight. With the donated items becoming prizes for the raffle, and the raffle adding \$\$ to the club's account, we owe more than a small amount of thanks to everyone who contributed. The contributors we missed last month include:

Moss Motors
Engle Imports of Kalamazoo, MI
C.A.R.S. of Goleta, CA

Also, special thanks to club member Bruce Whilling who requested the donations for the event.

Want to say thank you to the companies who helped us this year (and for years past)? Be sure to send them your business the next time you need a part or service for your British car. And thank Bruce the next time you see him at a club event.

Our sincere thanks to those listed in this article and those we listed last month for their continued support of our club.

Don't put the car away just yet!

Just because the days are shorter and the temps a bit lower doesn't mean the driving season is completely over. There's still October, which is often a Brit-car friendly month (read "top down for a few more weeks...").

This month is packed with planned events and a special event that many in the club have asked about, so mark these dates on your calendar now.

All aboard!

As you may know, club member Doug Wimer works for the Heber Valley Railroad. At the Alpine Loop and other events, club members have asked Doug about getting tickets for a group of BMCU'ers to ride the train.

You may remember the Heber Valley Railroad as the Heber Creeper. This railroad travels from Heber, along the west shore of Deer Valley Reservoir, down Provo Canyon, past Soldier Hollow, and finally back to Heber. The train is a wonderful attraction for train buffs or anyone who appreciates a ride on a mechanical marvel.

You can choose to ride the entire route, which is about 12-15 miles (about 3½ hours) or just ride to Soldier Hollow and back (about 7 miles in 1½ hours).

Doug can use his "in" at the HV Railroad to get us some discount tickets. However, he needs to get a good count of the folks who want to ride so that he can make the arrangements..

So, here's the important info: the event is planned for **Saturday, October 14**. Call Doug Wimer at 435-654-2117 by **Thursday, October 12** at the latest and RSVP. Doug has to get an accurate count to reserve tickets, so no call, no tickets. While you're on the phone with Doug, you can ask about the particulars such as cost (normally about \$19 for adults, but we hope to get a substantial group discount), the departure time, and directions to the station if you need them.

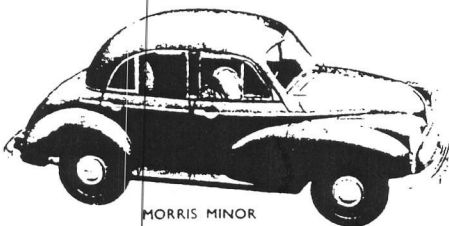
This is a great opportunity, so don't miss out!

Tinker Day

Another season, Labor Day has come and gone, winter snows will soon slip into the valley. But there's still plenty of glorious days fit for top down motoring. Then of course, there's **Saturday, October 21st**. Great weather? Fat Chance! Be prepared for rain, snow, sleet, tornado, flood, whatever, as that day marks the annual Fall Tinker Day at the Fat Chance Garage.

Okay, I'll admit it, last year we had wonderful weather for the fall Tinker Day. But who knows how it will go this year, as we will be trying something a bit different. Rather than trying to crowd into my dingy little shop, we'll be meeting at Mike Bailey's new repair facility. Clean, well lit, and less of a parking problem. Mike's garage is at **217 West 4800 South**. We'll start at 10:00 am and finish up about 2-3:00 PM.

For those of you who have never attended Tinker Day, it is a chance to show up with or without your car, or maybe some broken bit that needs work, perhaps just a few questions about a current project, or maybe you want to get a head start on getting your car tuned and prepared for cooler weather. Of course, all are welcome to attend and offer their advice on whatever project other



members drag in. If you have further questions, call Mark Bradakis at 801-558-8817, or email mjb@autox.team.net.

So remember Saturday, October 21st, 10 am to about 2 or 3 PM. Mike's new shop is just a few blocks west of his former location at the Sinclair station on State Street. And maybe if the weather looks good, I'll throw some chicken wings or ribs or something on the BBQ so the Lucas bits won't be the only things smoking!

End of the Season dinner

It's a club tradition to mark the end of the driving season with a night out. This year is no exception, only this year the event will have a bit of Halloween flavor, too.

The End of Season dinner and Halloween party will be held Saturday, October 28th at 6:00 p.m. until??? It will be at Fiddler's Elbow Pub on 2100 South and Highland Drive. If you haven't been to the Fiddler's Elbow, it's behind Salt Lake Pizza Company and First Security Bank, on the northwest corner of 1100 East and 2100 South. The parking lot is to the north of First Security Bank and the Soup Kitchen.

The menu covers sandwiches, salads, and a good selection of medium priced entrees. Most importantly, there's various brews as well as soft drinks available. In fact, the establishment boasts of its large selection of beers on tap. However, wine drinkers beware: there's none of the vintage juice to be had, only beer.

Plan to join us that Friday and enjoy each other's company as we celebrate another great driving season.

For more information, contact Sharon Bailey at 262-9361.

British cars shine "Under the Stars"

Wasatch Rods & Customs Car Club held their 12th annual charitable "Under the Stars Car Show" in Clearfield, Utah on Saturday, August 19th.

The BMCU was represented by four members with a total of six cars. Four out of the six British cars took awards. Not bad when you consider there were over 400 cars of all types and sizes entered in the show. Award winners were Michael Brenchley with his '59 Nash Metro named "Tinkerbell," Robert Mikesell with his 1976 Spitfire, Robert Vargas in his '52 MGTD, and Dan and Sharon Forster with their '69 Triumph TR6.

Even though this is not a "British" show so to speak, it is a really fun show with various types of entertainment throughout the day and evening.

The British cars were very much respected, admired and appreciated by spectators, judges and even the rod and customs car owners.

Next year we need a larger representation of the fine British cars that are owned by members of the BMCU and take even more of the awards! And, since Clearfield is right in their backyard, this is a great opportunity for the northern exposure members of the club to get their cars out of the garage and have a good time together. See ya'll there next year!

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 14. All aboard the Heber Valley Railroad in Heber. Call Doug Wimer, 435-654-2117, by October 12 to secure your place on the train.

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

October 21. Fall Tinker Day, at Mike Bailey's garage (see article in this newsletter). Mark Bradakis, 364-3251.

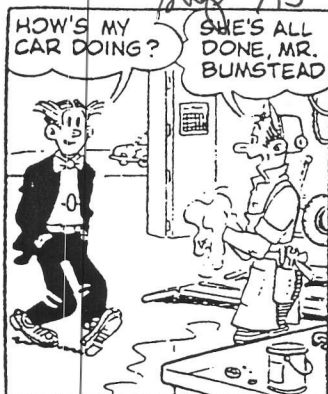
October 28. End of the Season dinner at Fiddler's Elbow (see article in this newsletter). Sharon Bailey, 262-9361.

November 11. Tech session hosted by Redline Oil. To be held at Mike Bailey's garage. More info in next month's newsletter.

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.



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We need a volunteer to make the arrangements for the February Pot-Luck. All it takes is someone to answer the phone calls when they come in, and make sure we don't all show up with the same dish (or in my case, the easy way out—chips and dip). Can anyone help us out?

Many of you know Pete Gerity, one of the founding members of the BMCU. Pete has relocated to New Mexico, but wanted to stay in touch with the BMCU. If you need to reach Pete, his contact info is:

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We hate to see Pete move from Utah, but we wish him well and hope to see him in the usual Brit-car circles. Maybe we'll plan an extra long road trip for the club....

Don't forget that we're still taking orders for the BMCU club shirt. If you haven't seen one, it's probably because you haven't been to a recent event! There's always a few folks who wear them to events.

To order a club shirt, call Bill Robinson at 947-9480 or 947-5750, or call Nathan Massie at 486-2935. Once we get a dozen pre-paid orders, we'll send the order off to the manufacturer.

Finally, congrats to Mike Bailey and his dad—they took first place at the Senior Citizen's Car Show with their new MG TC. Way to go Mike!

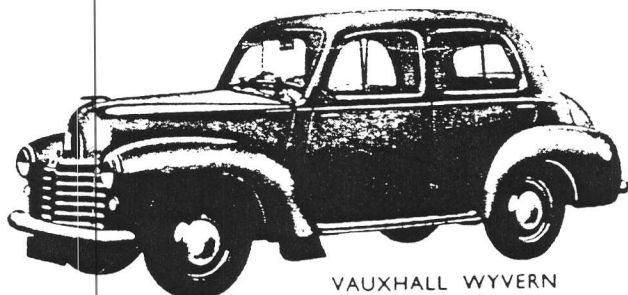


Triumph vital stats

	TR3	TR4-4A	TR250	TR6	SPIT	GT6
Displacement	1991cc	2138cc	2498cc	2498cc	1200-1500	1998cc
Bore	82mm	86mm	74.7mm	74.7mm	69.3mm	76mm
Horse Power	95@4800	100@4600	117		75	
Point Gap	.015"	.015"	.015"	.015"	.015"	.015"
Dwell	60	60	35	35	60	35
Plug Gap	.025	.025	.025	.025	.025	.025
Timing	4BTDC	4BTDC	4ATDC	4ATDC	13BTDC	4ATDC
Firing Order	1342	1342	153624	153624	1342	153624
Valve Clear	.010 cold	.010 cold	.010 cold	.010 cold	.010 cold	.010 cold
Oil Cap Engine	13.2 pt	13.2 pt	9.64 pt	9.64 pt	9.64 pt	9.64 pt
Oil Cap/Trans with O.D.	1.8 pt 4.2 pt	1.8 pt 4.2 pt	1.8 pt 4.2 pt	1.8 pt 4.2 pt	1.8 pt 2.85 pt	1.8 pt 2.85 pt
Rear Axle	1.8 pt	1.8 pt	3.0 pt	3.0 pt	1.2 pt	1.2 pt
Cooling Sys.	16.8 pt	16.8 pt	13.2 pt	13.2 pt	11.4 pt	13.2 pt
Fuel Cap		14 gals	14 gals	13.5 glas	10 gals	11.7 gals

Exchequer report

No report this month—editor's fault again!
I mistakenly deleted the email, then ran out
of time to get the updated info before press
time.



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