

British Motor Club of Utah

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10TH Annual British Field Day

It's that time of year again for all British car and motorcycle enthusiasts to dust off their cars and bikes, tune them up, get them running again and out of the garage. All British cars and bikes in any condition, restored or under repair, are welcome. This is not a car show strictly for flawless and gorgeous vehicles. So, if you're thinking "my car isn't in good enough shape", think again. As long as you can get it there under its own power or by any other means, we'd love to have it included in the show. The more the merrier!

For the brave of heart, we will have the gymkhana racecourse set up again this year on 3rd South between 3rd and 4th West.

During the event there will be music,

laughter, car and bike shoptalk, drawings for raffle prizes as well as an auction for the quilt that displays the T-shirt designs from the 1st through 9th British Field Day events. This is a one of a kind quilt made to help raise additional funds for the Center for Family Development. Trust me—you don't want to miss the opportunity to bid on this one.

Proceeds from this event will be donated to The Center for Family Development. Since 1981, the Center for Family Development has helped more than 13,000 people significantly improve their ability to understand and effectively cope with abusive relationships. Every year more than 900 families or 3,000 individuals in Utah seek guidance from the Center.

Seventy-five percent of the Center's clients are family members directly affected by abuse. Through education and treatment, families and individuals can learn to avoid the repetitive cycles of abuse and put their lives back together.

So, please, help support us in this very worthwhile cause and get your cars and bikes out and come join the fun:

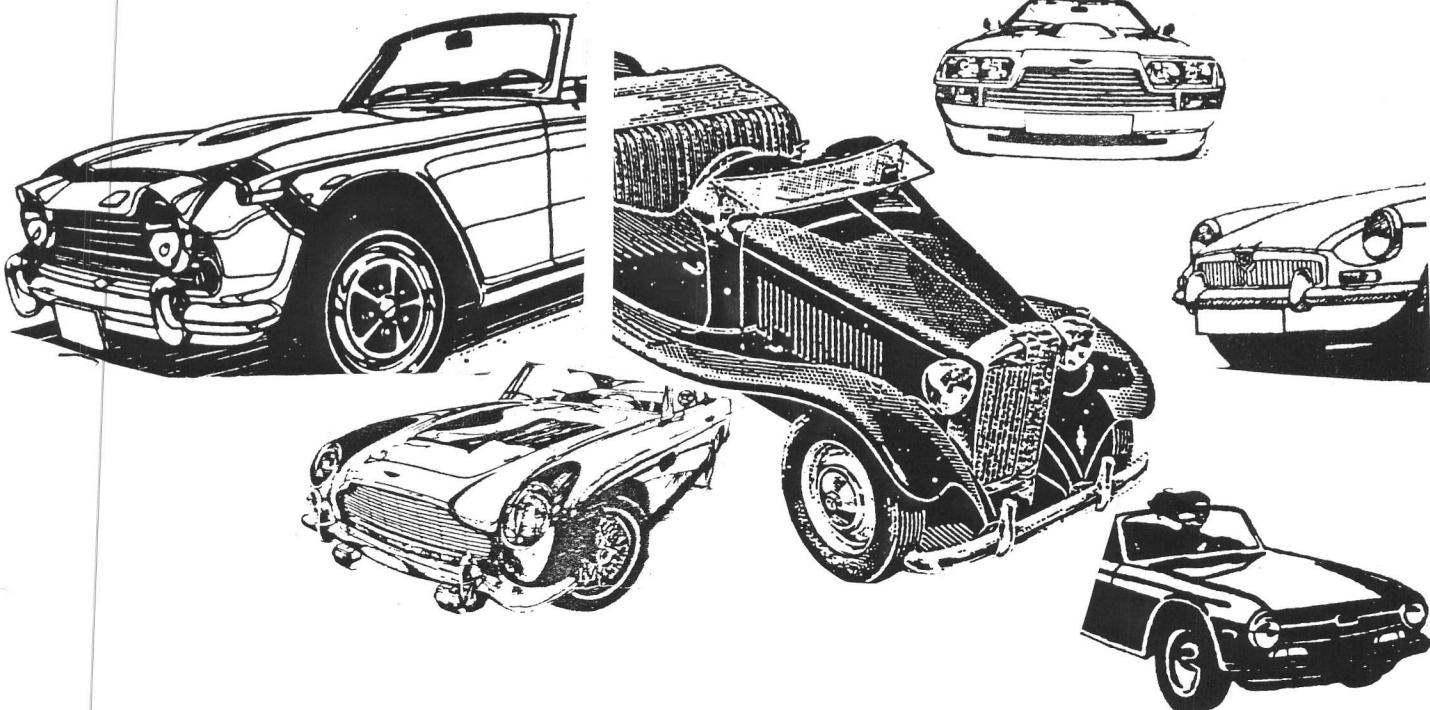
Saturday, June 9th

Pioneer Park

300 South 300 West, SLC

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Don't miss out on the fun, fun and more fun!



Sand in your shoes

That's what you may have gotten if you went along for the May Antelope Island run. Or maybe a nice tan.

The weather was just gorgeous as we took off for the island. Joe Chou led the group from the first meet-up point at South Towne Mall to the second meet-up point behind the capital. There was some sort of bike event going on at the capital which caused a lot of confusion since the entrance to the parking lot was blocked off by cones. It was fun seeing who would chance it by going through the cones and who played it safe by going around to the other entrance.

At the sound of Floyd Inman's TD horn, we headed out Victory Road to get onto I-15 and head up toward the third and final meet-up point. After turning off the freeway a bit too soon, we toured up Main Street in Layton to Antelope Drive. A quick left turn onto Antelope Drive, followed by a right turn, put us into the parking lot just west of the Burger King for the final meet-up point. There, several folks from the northern areas met us for the rest of the run.

After a few minutes, we headed for the island. The drive was leisurely all the way to the "toll booth" to pay our \$7 (it's gone up \$1 since last year) per car to get across the causeway. After paying, we waited for a few moments to get gathered up for the drive across the lake. Once on the island, we enjoyed the short but winding road to the beach. We were disappointed to find all the shelters were already taken, but a quick check at the next cluster of buildings along the beach revealed the pavilion was completely empty and ready for us.

During lunch, we enjoyed the good-natured discussion of how our cars were (or weren't) running, and so forth. After we finished lunch, we planned to raffle off three ice cream cake gift certificates provided by Joe Chou—but no raffle tickets. After several minutes of confusion, plus a couple of false starts, we tore up scraps of paper and made tickets from them. Joe's daughter drew out the

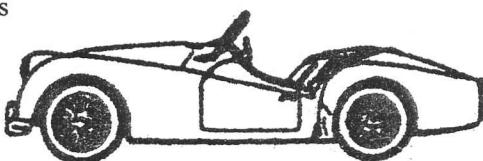
winners, and three lucky BMCU'ers took home a treat and the club netted \$50 for the bank account.

Several folks then walked along the beach or looked at the cars in the parking lot. With a blast from Floyd's car horn, we started up and headed around to the other side of the island.

The last stop on the island was the old Garff ranch house. It was the "headquarters" for the ranching operation that lasted from the 1800's until about 1980. The historic buildings are preserved for visitors to walk through, including a spring house, root cellar, bunk house, a huge barn, corrals, and lots of old equipment.

From there, the threat of rain caused the group to split up and head for home. A few of us followed Steve Nelson to his house to look at his latest project, an MG TF that he had stripped down to the frame and tub. Hopefully, we'll see that car at the next Antelope Island run or BFD.

We had a good turn out, with over 20 cars, including: Dan and Sharon Forster; Gary, Sandy, and Daisy Lindstrom; David and Ann McLean; John Progress; Steve Nelson and Kylin, Kenzie; Dan and Sandy Davis; John Bauernhuber and Toni Leyba; Mitch and Diane Johnson; Mike and Becky Chambers; Mike and Susan Cady; Sherre and Marv Marcus; Norm and Carole Miller; Floyd Inman; Bill and Julie Van Moorhem; Bill Robinson, Joe Chou and daughter; Bill Walton; Nathan Massie; and Jon and Susan Hermance.



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.

June 1, 2, 3. Run to Jackson Hole with the Jag club. Contact John and Liz Green, Farmington, UT for details.

June 9. British Field Day. This is a big event! Sharon Forster, 966-6463. See the article in this newsletter.

June 18-22. GoF West in Napa Valley, CA. 707-963-2313.

July 2-6. MG2001 in St. Paul, MN. www.MG2001.com.

July 3, 4. Sandy Fourth of July parade and car show. Bill Robinson, 947-9480.

July 14. Drive to Trial Lake. Doug Wimer, 435-654-2117.

July 19. Club 90 night. Bill Robinson, 947-9480. This date will change due to a change in Bill's business schedule. Look for a new date in the next newsletter.

August 4. Heber Valley Parade, and a ride on the Heber Valley Railroad. Doug & Ilene Wimer, 435-654-2117.

August 11. Social at Bruce Shilling's, 486-0425. This date was switched with the Heber Valley Parade listed above.

August 18. Alpine Loop run. Karen Bradakis and Sharon Bailey, 364-3251 or 264-1971.

August 22-25. VTR (Vintage Triumph Register) National Convention, Breckenridge, CO. www.VTR2001.com.

September 3. Miner's Day Parade in Park City. Floyd Inman.

September 16. Run and picnic up City Creek Canyon. Marty Van Nood, 467-0525.

September 29. Mt. Nebo run. Gary Lindstrom, 532-1259.

October 20. Tinker Day. Mark Bradakis, 364-3251.

October 27. End of Season Dinner. Gregg Smith.

November 10. Tech Session. Mike Bailey.

December. No event.

January 19th or 26th, 2002. Pot-luck dinner and business meeting. Karen Bradakis, 364-3251.

February, 2002. Because of the 2002 Winter Olympics, there will not be an event this month.

Left over parts

Don't forget the British Field Day this month, on June 9th. If you can get there early to help set up and so forth, the effort would be greatly appreciated. This is the tenth year of this event. Lots of work has gone into the organizing and putting on of this event and we can all certainly thank the BFD committee for their work.

MG lives! After picking up some of the bits from the Rover Group-BMW unraveling, MG Rover has a working development strategy for its new lower-medium car. The final details will be hammered out soon, but so far here's the expected outcome.

The British car maker has identified four options for the new model, slated for introduction in 2003-2004. It will replace both the Rover 25 hatchback and the 45 sedan. The options are:

1. Develop a brand new platform in cooperation with another carmaker.
2. Develop a brand new platform with the help of a supplier.
3. Shorten the Rover 75 platform using MG Rover resources.
4. Shorten the Rover 75 platform with the help of a supplier.

MG Rover officials have said they could use a supplier such as Magna International

or Mayflower as a partner in the development of the new car. MG Rover CEO Kevin Howe said his preferred options would be to shorten the Rover 75 platform and use it as the base for the new car. "I'll be enticed by that route," said Howe. But MG Rover will only choose that option if the costs are right, said Howe. Shortening the Rover 75 platform would have the advantage of giving MG Rover more control over its new model. It would not have to depend on another carmaker's design.

Rob Oldaker, director of product development, said the company's main concern behind the idea of a shortened Rover 75 platform is the cost of materials. How and Oldaker were interviewed in the English midlands at the launch of MG Rover's new MG car lineup. The company introduced three new models at Longbridge, coded named X10, X20 and X30. They are based respectively on the Rover 75, 45, and 25. MG Rover will begin building the new MGs in the summer, and they will be launched in the autumn. There will be three basic variants of each car, known internally as Entry, Core, and Ultimate. The Ultimate version of the X10 will feature a 375 hp V-8 engine. For this model, the Rover 75 platform will be radically reengineered for rear-wheel drive.

The new MGs will use technology derived from MG Rover's motor sport program. The MG brand will stand for affordable performance, while the Rover brand will stand for luxury. Oldaker said the MG range will be "raw and focused driver's cars." Roughly 25 percent of the 200,000 units to be built annually at Longbridge will be MGs. The rest will be Rovers.

MG Rover also unveiled the MGF Trophy, a high-end version of its two-seat open-top sports car. For the Trophy, the power output of the MGF's 1.8 liter VVC engine has been boosted from 143hp to 160hp. The new car has a claimed top speed of 225kph.

Also in the news is a new MG entry into the LeMans 2001 24-hour race. The car is a LMP 675 class called MG-Lola, an open

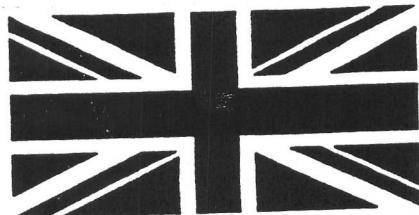
cockpit design with a two-liter engine developed by AER. Lola is the car's designer, with design sketches resembling the Lola B2K/40 SR2 sports car. Lola Cars Ltd. is one member of the consortium that took control of MG Rover from BMW last year.

And Bentley, the decidedly up-scale car maker, now under the Volkswagen umbrella, also unveiled a race car for LeMans. Competing in the LM-GTP class, this car is named the EXP Speed 8 prototype racer. It will be powered by an Audi V8, similar to the engine that won last year's LeMans. Bentley says it will finish the car in BRG for the race.

Ed. note: Many thanks to the Arizona MG club and the South Alabama British Car Club newsletters for the above information I gleaned from them.

How many of you have turned to eBay for tools and car parts? I've been looking at a few items—it's certainly fun to look, since the variety of items always just astounds me. I even managed to buy a few things: a carpet kit for my B (imagine buying a carpet kit for a car that so desperately needs bodywork), some vintage car ads, and a brand new drill. My results? The carpet kit is definitely on the "cheap" side, (probably akin to the 'economy' sets from the mail-order suppliers), the ads were neat originals from vintage magazines, and the drill was brand new in the box for a bit over half the cost of Home Depot. So far, all the sellers have been honest, courteous, and good to send emails informing me of the status of payment receipts and shipping. Has anyone had a problem with car parts or accessories bought over eBay?

I hope to see you all at the BFD!



Autojumble

For Sale: Three Morris Minors:

1959 Woody

1969 Woody (parts car)

1960 Saloon

These are all projects and includes numerous extra parts including a rebuilt 1275 motor and a ribcase transmission. Would prefer to sell together but will entertain offers for all or part. Contact Bill at 486 5049 days or 364 1816 evenings or at grovers@aol.com.

Wanted: Anyone interested in parting with an MGA roadster or Austin Healy, please contact Wim Dons at 1-505-891-6183 in New Mexico.

Exchequer report

No report this month.



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