

British Motor Club of Utah

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Taking care of business

The February event is the annual Pot-luck dinner and business meeting. We all enjoy the events during the year—drives, tech sessions, etc. The business meeting is a required part of our non-profit corporation status. We have to have a business meeting, discuss club issues, and elect a board of Governors. It is important that each of you attend and help elect club leadership that helps you get the most out of your club and help the club grow.

As part of the business meeting, we plan out the year's events. Please come prepared to discuss the events you'd like the club to participate in this year. And it's very helpful to get volunteers to lead an event or be on the Board of Governors. That's what keeps the club running: dedicated

It's post card time again!

Attached to this newsletter is a postcard. It's the time of year that we update the newsletter mailing list. And the way we do this is using the postcards.

The process is easy: to stay on the list, you must return the attached postcard by the end of February. If you don't return the postcard, you're off the list.

It doesn't matter if you've been a member of the club for 10 years or just started getting the newsletter last month. The only way to keep getting the newsletter and getting informed on club activities is to send in your postcard. So don't miss it—fill it out, put a stamp on it, and drop it in the Post!

individuals lending their talents and time for the good of the group.

Now, just because we call it a business meeting doesn't mean that it's a snoozer. In fact, it's great fun as we mingle, talk, and enjoy the wonderful food that everyone brings. Some of the dishes are old favorites, while some are new, but they're always delicious.

All the details

The Pot-luck is Saturday, February 17 at 6:00 PM. The location is the same as last year: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 261 South 900 East in Salt Lake City.

We will try to eat at 6:45 to 7:00, so please be there by then. If you didn't attend the Pot-luck in previous years, we'll be in the large meeting room on the second floor. It has a full kitchen so you can put the final touches on your culinary masterpiece.

Everyone that attends needs to bring something for the Pot-luck. You can bring that favorite dish, or things such as soft drinks, paper plates and cups, or something easy like chips and dip. Either way, please call Bill or Julie Robinson at 801-947-5750 (business line) or 801-947-9480 (home line) to let them know what you'll be bringing or to get an idea of what is needed (their preference is that you call the business line). That keeps us from getting a tableful of deserts and not main dishes, or a whole bunch of food but nothing to eat with.

Share your adventures

Bring all your pictures from the year: trips you've taken in your Britcar, that restoration project that's taking up your garage, snapshots from the year's club events, or videos that you bought at a British Car swap meet. We'll have a table ready to spread out the photos as well as a TV and VCR available to play videos.

Car sight-seeing

It was cold and threatening snow on Saturday, January 13th, but a good-sized group gathered at the capital in Salt Lake for the drive to Ogden to look at cars.

After a late start (my fault) and a bit of confusion about directions (my fault again!), we got to the Millcreek Motel and met up with a large number of folks who made it to Ogden on their own.

Just pulling into the Millcreek Motel you'd never realize the treasures in the large buildings near the motel. Inside the Millcreek Classic Car Museum were several examples of full and partially restored cars and trucks, and more "memorabilia" than you could image. Surely, if cars and car-related stuff is your pastime, this place was like a mecca.

Jack Smith, owner of the motel and museum, gave us a quick overview of the collection and how he got started collecting. Then, he let us roam about freely, looking and talking and taking in all the interesting sights.

Some of the highlights included several Ford retractable hardtops, Model Ts, Edsels, Cadillac, and some Metropolitans. The really unique items are the BMW Iseta (a two-person "bubblecar" that you enter into from the front of the vehicle) and an Amphicar, a German floating car/boat which revealed a Triumph engine in the boot.

Nearly every square inch of the walls contained signs, antique oil cans, pop bottles, models, tools, and other car-related items. Many of these items drew as much interest and comments as the cars did.

After taking in the cars in the museum, Jack invited us to roam about the back lot and see all the restoration "hopefuls." There were several unusual models, including a Henry J, a Crosley pickup, a Panhard, and a Lloyd car. I knew Crosley made radios and such, but I never knew the company made vehicles. And have you ever heard of a Lloyd?

After touring the museum and back lot, the group split up and went several ways as some folks headed to restaurant for lunch or headed home. Some of the group also went to the ClearBra product demonstration (see article below).

I hope I got down the names of everyone who attended this event—if not, my apologies: Dean and Collen Lowe, Erin Low, Lindsay Lowe, Gary Lindstrom, Mike and Travis Cady, Denise and Barry Blackett, Pugs and Diane Pivrotto, Bill Walton, Tustin and Ron Borg, Matthew Hansen, Garry Howard, Brownie Peterson, Mitch Johnson, Steve Nelson, Michael Brenchly, David Marks, Rick and Kris Nelson, and Nathan Massie.

Our thanks to Jack Smith for the wonderful tour of his collection.

ClearBra demo

After the museum tour, a small group gathered in Kaysville for a demonstration of the ClearBra product.

As its name implies, ClearBra is intended as rock-chip protection for your car. Unlike the familiar vinyl bras that strap to the front of your car, ClearBra becomes a part of your car that doesn't cause any "rubbing" damage to your paint. And it can be added to any area that needs protection: along the fenders, the rocker panels, or the top of the doors (so you don't damage the paint as you rest your arm). It can match any shape or contour; you can even remove it later if you no longer want it on your car.

The product consists of a two-layer clear protective sheeting. Steve Bennett, owner of a ClearBra shop in Kaysville, showed us how he applied the film to Mitch Johnson's Spitty. We watched a promo video, and then, as if on cue, a customer came into the shop, so we got a first-hand look at the

entire process. First, Steve cleaned the front of the customer's van meticulously. Then, he unrolled the ClearBra material and sprayed on a water/alcohol solution to deactivate the adhesive. He carefully aligned the material onto the van hood, and trimmed it to fit. Using a squeegee, Steve made sure the ClearBra material carefully fit every contour while the adhesive was still inactive. In a couple of places, he enlisted the help of a heat gun to get the perfect fit.

Once the water/alcohol solution evaporated, the ClearBra was in place. Finally, Steve shined the ClearBra to match the shine on the van. In all, about a 30-40 minute process.

The astonishing thing was that as Steve worked the material into place, it seemed to just disappear onto the van's hood, with only a barely discernible line across the hood at the material's edge.

Interested in this protection for your car? Steve would like to talk to about adding this protection to your just-restored Brit-car or the family van, and give you a quote. You can reach Steve at:

ClearBra
Steve Bennett
527 N Market Street
Kaysville, UT 84037
(801)544-7985 or (801)510-1660

End of the Season dinner

The End of the Season dinner was held at Fiddler's Elbow in Sugarhouse on Friday, October 28, 2000. A good-sized crowd turned out to celebrate Halloween and mourn the end of another driving season. Those who attended were: Gregg Smith, Bill & Julie Robinson, Andy Lindeman, Dan & Sharon Forster, Gary & Sandy Lindstrom, David McLean & Amber Wolf, Donald Bailey, Mike & Sharon Bailey, Bruce Schilling, David & Carol Marks, Jon & Susan Hermance, Bill & Julie Van Moorhem, and Pugs & Diane Pivrotto.

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.

February 17, 2001. Pot-luck dinner/business meeting, 6:00 PM at St. Paul's Episcopal church in Salt Lake. See article in this newsletter. Call Bill or Julie Robinson, 947-5750 or 947-9480, and tell them what dish you will be bringing.

Help needed

Sharon Forster is in the process of making a quilt to be donated as either a raffle prize or to be auctioned off at this year's British Field Day event to help raise additional money for the selected charity(s). This quilt is made up of t-shirts from all the years of the Field Day.

Sharon is missing the 1996, or 5th Annual, t-shirt. She does have all of the other years; however, if anyone has any of the following years' shirts that are in good condition, she would be interested in taking a look at them to see if they are in better condition than the ones she has:

1992 or 1st Annual shirt
1994 or 3rd Annual shirt
1995 or 4th Annual shirt

Sharon would appreciate everyone taking a few minutes to dig into their closets or dresser drawers and see what shirts they may still have. This is for a worthy cause.

Please send Sharon an e-mail at forstersf@cs.com or call her at 966-6463. Sharon will make arrangements to pick up any shirts you may have.

Left over parts

Thanks to Pugs for copying last month's newsletter and to Bruce for mailing it out.

Don't forget to send in your postcard by the end of February or you will miss out on the club events and news. Remember, no postcard, no newsletter!

Lots of email this month as the driving season starts ramping up.

Rich Timian, editor for the Southern California MG Club, reports that the SCMGC, along with the Arizona MG Club is planning an All British Marque event at the London Bridge in Lake Havasu City, AZ on March 30, 31, and April 1. The event will include car shows, a rally, a funkhana, an awards ceremony, and banquet.

For more information, you can contact Rich Timian at his e-mail address at DACbert@aol.com.

Tom Kullen, of the Utah British Bike Club, reports that after a recent meeting with the commissioners and attorneys, a race track in Tooele was unanimously approved. The contracts are signed-the deal is done.

Apparently, the plan is for construction to break ground in March. The track, officially named the Bonneville International Raceway, should be a first-class facility and a very safe track with grass and gravel run outs, a tunnel for active entrance to the infield (pits),

timing/press building, concessions, grandstands, even fiber optic and power in the pits, etc. It will be built to AMA specs for Superbike racing as well as various CART and Indy series races (40 ft wide and over two miles long) with no noise restrictions. The designer is out of Colorado-a bike racer and professional track designer who has designed 30-40 tracks in the US including Mid-Ohio.

Tom mentions that Jack Turner from AHRMA will bring the races back to Utah as soon as the track is ready.

There will be several track schools run and the MRA wants to hold races here as well. UHP has also contacted them and wants to rent the facility as soon as they can—Utah has passed a law requiring all police to have track time and the old facility can't handle the load.

Unfortunately don't look for any track time in 2001 as they will be using a special track-formulated asphalt and it has a longer cure rate. But it will give you plenty of time to build that track bike (or race car!).

The 2002 Healey International will be held in Lake Tahoe, CA from Sunday, June 23rd to Friday, June 28th, 2002. The OpenRoads Event registration fee is \$89 and you can register beginning on July 1 of this year.

The early publicity for this event will hopefully make it one of the biggest Healey events ever. It will be held at the Horizon Inn and Casino, Stateline, Nevada on the

South Shore of Lake Tahoe. The meet celebrates the 50th anniversary of the first Austin-Healey, the 100, and the popularity and longevity of all Austin-Healeys, Austin-Healey Sprites and Jensen-Healeys, as well as all Healeys built prior to 1952. Special room rates will be available at the Horizon for all attendees.

For more information about OpenRoads Healey International 2002, and for information on Lake Tahoe and the Horizon, go to the event web site at www.healey2002.com.



Autojumble

For Sale: 3 cars, all prices negotiable: (1) '62 AH Sprite with factory fiberglass body shell, no upholstery, engine or gearbox, \$200; (2) '76 MG Midget, runs, minimal rust, brake repairs needed, \$1,000; (3) '64 TR4A, IRS, engine head off, very minimal rust, \$1,500. Call Eric, 801-451-5081.



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