

British Motor Club of Utah

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Bein' green

By Bill Van Moorhem

Come March 17th, everybody is Irish. No matter what your heritage, St. Pat's Day is the perfect excuse to be don your green.

One of our favorite club activities is the St. Pat's Day parade in downtown Salt Lake. Maybe it's the crazy antics of all the parade entrants and spectators. Maybe it's the comradery of the BMCU folks who gather and wait for our turn to drive the parade route and honk and wave. Or maybe it's just the whole St. Pat's atmosphere. Whatever the reason, this club favorite happens this month.

The parade starts at 10:00 on Saturday, March 17th and the parade organizers, the Hibernium Society of Utah, would like us in place at 9:00. For all the folks that make the parade each year, please note: **THE ROUTE HAS CHANGED.**

The parade starts at 6th East and 3rd South and runs west on 3rd South to State Street. The Siamsa (after parade party) is at the Gallivan Center.

We will get grouped up on 3rd South between 6th and 7th East. There was a good bagel place on 6th East and 4th South. I think it was sold, but if it is still there, that may be the place for breakfast.

After the parade, we will take all interested people to the Wasatch Grill, roughly 2200 South and 11th East (across 11th East from the Sugarhouse liqueur store—the parking is either on the east side of the Grill building, or in the bank parking lot just north of the restaurant) for brunch. We will need to get a count of those going to brunch so we can call the Wasatch Grill and warn them that a group will be coming. So, we'll take a count as

Don't forget your postcard

Attached to the February newsletter was a postcard..did you fill it out and send it in? If not, your days on the newsletter mailing list are numbered.

See, the postcard is the way we separate the folks who want to get the newsletter from those who don't. If you want to stay on the mailing list, send the card in. Everyone who doesn't send in a card is taken off the list.

Along with the postcard, it's also a good time to send in a few dollars to help keep the club running, especially if you haven't been to many of the club events during the year to drop a few greenbacks into the club donation can. Remember, this loosely organized club does not collect dues. It does cost us to mail the newsletter each month, so the only way we keep in the black is by the contributions of the group.

So, find that postcard and send it in today!

the group gathers Saturday morning and call Wasatch Grill before we go through the parade.

Now, remember to bring green and white crepe paper, and balloons, shamrock cut-outs, and such (don't bring British flags, though, as they are not a welcome sight for the Irish-for-a-day crowd!). I will bring the green hair spray. All beards and mustaches must be green, even Marty's!

One final note: the details about the parade, such as the route, frequently change right up to the day before the parade. Be sure to check your email on Friday the 16th, or call Bill Van Moorhem at 582-9223 for more information.

Message from the Guv

By Bill Robinson

Thanks for the vote of confidence in choosing me as Governor General for 2001. Of course, since no one else offered to take on the job, it was a quick "election." No dimpled chads, and no recounts necessary.

As you probably know, Andy Lindeman, our Governor General for the year 2000, took an out of state job late last year and said farewell to the club. We certainly appreciate his efforts during his tenure, and wish him well in his new endeavors.

Our February Potluck was very well attended with many new faces. This annual kick-off event is one of the most important things we do since it sets the pace for the entire year for our club. Everyone's input is welcome and valuable.

We had an extensive business meeting and have come up with a calendar that has more events on it than in some past years. We heard so many great ideas, it was impossible to choose which event might be better, so we scheduled almost all of them! There will be some months with lots to do. Try to attend as many events as you can. They are all guaranteed to be fun and, of course, ANY excuse to drive your Britmobile and hang out with such an exclusive bunch of people should be exercised.

I look forward to meeting all the club members at the events throughout the coming year, and I encourage you to help the club by volunteering to help this all-volunteer group make 2001 a banner year!

Big business

In the midst of all the fun we have during the year, the February Pot-Luck dinner and business meeting is one of the most crucial things the BMCU does: we elect our officers, discuss club business, plan our calendar for the year, and have a bit of fun.

Officers

The officers for the year, called the Board of Governors in our non-profit organization charter, includes:

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

All these folks received a round of applause for volunteering their time to keep the club running. When you see them at an event this year, give 'em a pat on the back.

Club business

Marty reported on the club finances—looks like we're in the black. Our major source of income was donations, but we also got a few dollars from the sale of club regalia (the club shirts, and Mitch Johnson's BMCU key chains). Our major expense was the newsletter. As long as we continue to get donations, make a few \$\$ from the sale of regalia, and keep our newsletter cost low, the club can stay solvent.

Speaking of regalia, Bill Robinson reported that included with the initial set up to make the club shirts, we got the club "logo" digitized—it's now in a digital format for the embroidery machines and can be resized to fit onto other items. Bill proposed that our next item be a baseball cap with the BMCU logo on it (OK, it does not have to be the exact colors of Nathan's cap—that was just an example!). The price would be \$12.95. More details will be included in a future newsletter.

Another item discussed was grille badges. Several years ago, the club found a vendor to make grille badges. After the initial

order, we gathered up enough interest to place another order, only to find out our vendor was no longer in business or no longer made that item. After an extensive search, we have found another vendor. However, instead of the brazed-on mounting studs, this badge attaches with either double-stick tape or with two holes in the bottom of the badge. After some discussion, the group decided to go for the badges with the two-hole mounting method. More details will be in a future newsletter, but it appears we have finally found the answer to our badge prayers!

Calendar

Most of the discussion centered on the year's calendar, which we affectionately call the Lucas Calendar (i.e., doesn't always work, especially after dark).

As mentioned in the Governor's message, we almost had too many ideas. In some cases, other companion car groups in Utah, who have members who are also BMCU members, had events going on that could be of interest to BMCU'ers. Rather than try to decide what would be the best event, we will include all of them on the calendar in the hopes that folks will choose the ones that appeal to them and participate. For example, there's more possible overnight trips on the calendar this year than just the Southern Utah run that we have held successfully the past few years.

The calendar is shown in the Lucas Calendar column that starts on this page.

The fun

Just in case you were wondering, we didn't let the fact that the February Pot-Luck is serious club business keep us from having fun. We had a small TV/VCR going and watched a video containing vintage MG production video. There was a table containing information about various national club events for the year, as well as information about the North American MGB Register (NAMGBR), which we are affiliated with. And everyone was happy to share their tales and pictures of events during the year 2000.

Did I mention the food? Wonderful main dishes, delicious appetizers, and sinful

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 17. St. Pat's Day Parade in downtown Salt Lake City. See article in this newsletter. Bill Van Moorhem, 582-9223.

March 30, 31, and April 1. All British Marque meet at Lake Havasu City Az. Rich Timian at DACbert@aol.com.

April 7. Garage Tour. We need a volunteer for this event.

April 14. Social at Pugs and Diane's house. Pugs Pivrotto, 486-0547.

May 20. Ogden run with Jag club.

May 12. Run to Antelope Island. Joe Chou, 944-4357.

May 26, 27, 28. Southern Utah Run. Sharon Forster, 966-6463.

June 1, 2, 3. Run to Jackson Hole with the Jag club.

June 9. British Field Day. Sharon Forster, 966-6463.

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.

August 4. Social at Bruce Shilling's. 486-0425.

August 11. Heber Valley Parade, and a ride on the Heber Valley Railroad. Doug & Ilene Wimer, 435-654-2117.

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

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

September 15? This date is not confirmed. 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

desserts. That alone was worth the price of admission! All in all, it was a wonderful chance to get to know each other and have some great fun.

Attending were: Dan and Sharon Forster, Mike and Becky Chambers, Mitch and Greg Johnson, Joe Chou, Kendall and Connie Dewsnup (all the way from Delta!), Dave and Muriel Machovic (all the way from Idaho Falls!), Pugs and Diane Pivrotto, Doug and Ilene Wimer, David and Carol Marks, Bill and Julie Robinson, Mark and Karen Bradakis, Marty Van Nood, Mike Johnson, John Bauernhuber, John and Liz Green, Mike and Susan Cady, Jon Hermance, Bill and Julie Van Moorhem, Gregg Smith, Gary Lindstrom, Mike and Sharon Bailey, Stephen and Cheryl Bender, and Nathan Massie.

I hope I got everyone listed—if not, please accept my apologies!

Left over parts

Another February Pot-Luck has come and gone, and there's a full roster of events for the rest of the year. There's volunteers for most of the events, but look over the calendar and if there's any events missing a name, that means you can volunteer to lead and organize the event. It's simple, easy, fun, and it helps the club. And that means we all benefit.

Speaking of volunteering, don't forget to give your thanks to the folks who keep the club running and the newsletter going out on a more-or-less timely fashion: the Board of Governors, Newsletter Editor, Bruce Schilling, and Pugs Pivrotto. If you can donate some copying time, that would be a wonderful help to the club. Our major expense is the mailing cost for the newsletter, and we keep things running on a shoestring by getting our copying for free.

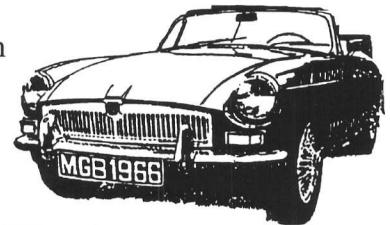
Have any items you'd like to donate to a worthy cause? Terry Sanders, representing the GoF West for 2001, would like to hear from you. As part of the GoF, there's an auction that helps to cover the costs of hosting such an event. Besides

car-related items, the GoF auction organizers would like to have items that might appeal to spouses/significant others who tag along in support of the MG enthusiasts. You can contact Terry at taterry@aol.com. If you donate before March 31st, your name will appear in the printed program.

Why is there a large "ad" for the NAMGBR in the newsletter? Since a large portion of the club is made up of MGB and Midget owners, you can help the club out

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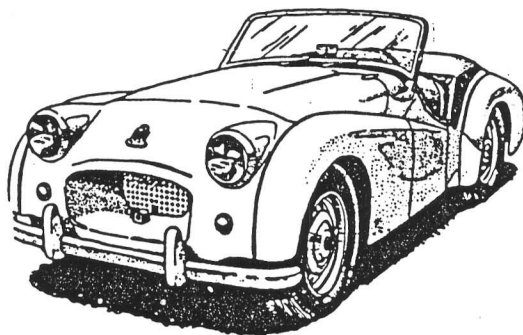
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by joining the NAMGBR. How does this help us? By affiliating our club with the NAMGBR, we get club support from them, including notice of club events, and event insurance. The Register also helps its members with things such as an annual membership list (great for those times when you're driving cross-country and need help), a parts/supplier directory, and discounts on things such as classic car insurance. If you have a 'B or Midget, I encourage you to join.

Exchequer report

Beginning balance	\$2134.24
Interest	+2.51
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Member Contributions (Pot Luck)	+40.00
Ending balance	\$2179.26



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