

# British Motor Club of Utah

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## Tinker Day

We originally planned to have a rolling garage tour this month. However, because of the timing and the lack of a volunteer to organize the event, there will be a Tinker Day instead. Hopefully, this newsletter will get to you in time for this event.

So, on Saturday, April 7, from 12:00 noon until 3 or 4:00, we will have a Tinker Day at Bailey's Service. The address of Bailey's Service is 217 West 4800 South, Murray.

Be sure to bring your car (or pieces of it), your parts, and your tools. Mark Bradakis is planning to bring his grill, so there will likely be some BBQ chicken or wings or some such. You'll have to supply your own drink.

For more information, call Mike Bailey at the shop at 743-2875, or call Bill Robinson at 947-9480.

## Tax Day social

Last year's Tax Day social was so successful that Pugs and Diane Pivrotto have volunteered to host it again.

Pugs and Diane will host the social gathering at their house on Saturday, April 14. The address is 1419 South 900 East. Plan to be there at 11:00 am. You can park along 900 East, or around the corner along Browning Avenue.

If you were able to make the social last year, you know how it works. If not, here's the plan: we'll meet at the Pivrottos' and enjoy some food and good company, and if the weather is nice, maybe take a quick drive up East Canyon.

Mike and Diane will provide some snacks, but please bring your favorite snack dish. Also, if you are so inclined, it's BYOB.

You can call the Pivrottos' at 486-0547 to ask questions, get directions, or let them know what dish you are bringing.

## Green everywhere

Of course! What other color could there be on St. Pat's Day?

We had a good turn out of cars and drivers for the annual St. Patrick's Day parade in downtown Salt Lake City, which this year happened to actually be on St. Pat's Day. And not only were there green balloons, streamers, clover leaves, hats, and the like, but lots of green beards and mustaches as well!

As usual, the club endured the anti-British raving from the announcer as we made our way along the route. This year's route was different from last year, but it didn't seem to detract from the festivities any.

After the parade, a group of BCMU'ers went to Rocky Mountain Grill and enjoyed a wonderful lunch. Attending were: Gary Lindstrom, Jon and Susan Hermance, Brent Anderson, Pugs and Diane, Steve Nelson, Bill Robinson, Brad Parkin, Bill and Julie Van Moorhem, Bill Walton, Mike and Sharon Bailey, Art Evdasin, Dave and Carol Marks, Kathy and Floyd Inman, and Steve and Cheryl Bender. Hope we got everyone listed!

## 4th Annual Southern Utah Run

By Sharon Forster

*Ed. Note: This run is scheduled for Memorial Day weekend in May, but since this event includes overnight stays, you need this information now so you can get your reservations. Don't wait—if you plan to go, make your reservations now!*

It's that time of year again! We'll meet at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 26th at the McDonald's, second Lehi Exit off of I-15. At 9:00 we'll head South on I-15 to Highway 6, Price Exit; heading East on Highway 6 we'll pick up Highway 89 at Thistle. Highway 89 from Thistle to Ephraim is known for various art shops, antique shops and a couple of wineries. At Mayfield we'll take scenic Highway 137 across the Manti La Sal National Forest to Ferron. (I'll be checking to make sure this highway is open since it is normally closed during the winter.) If the road is not open yet, we'll head east out of Ephraim passing Joe's Valley Reservoir and coming out in Orangeville.

We'll then proceed south on Highway 10 to Fremont Jct. (I-70) where we'll pick up Highway 72. Continuing south on Highway 72, we drive to Loa. At Loa, we'll head east on Highway 24 to Torrey where we'll be staying for the night.

Capital Reef State Park is less than 20 miles from Torrey and is a beautiful early evening drive.

Sunday morning we'll head South out of Torrey via scenic Highway 12 through Boulder, stopping at the Anasazi State Park. We'll continue on Highway 12 through Escalante and into Bryce Canyon. From Bryce Canyon, we'll go through Red Rock Canyon on Highway 12 and on into Panguitch where we'll be staying for the night.

Monday morning we'll head north on Highway 89 through Richfield, Salina, Manti and picking up Highway 132 at Pigeon Hollow Junction. Highway 132 is a scenic drive taking us west to Nephi. At Nephi, some folks usually choose to take I-15 on into Salt Lake while others opt for heading west through Mona and taking the west side of Utah Lake on into Salt Lake.

For those of you who may not have joined us in past years, we make frequent stops along each daily route for sightseeing, hiking or trail walking, picturing taking, shopping for antiques or whatever else anyone wants to do. Very informal, no tight or rigid schedules.

I have reserved 9 rooms under the British Motor Club of Utah as follows:

Saturday - May 26th - Torrey  
Wonderland Inn  
\$64.00 night plus tax  
1-800-458-0216

Sunday - May 27th - Panguitch  
Best Western  
\$65.00 night plus tax  
1-435-676-8876 (Colleen)

Please call each of the hotels and let them know how many of the 9 rooms you need. They will take your name and your credit card number to hold a room or rooms in your name. On May 11th I will be calling to cancel any of the 9 rooms that have not been reserved by folks in their own names with their own credit card. So, please make your plans and get a room reserved prior to May 11. I'd appreciate it if you'd let me know if you are planning to attend so that I can make sure we don't leave Lehi without you. Please either call me at 801-966-6463 or e-mail me at forstersf@cs.com.

## Wanted: BFD help

By Sharon Forster

Last year's British Field Day was a great success and we're looking forward to this year's Field Day being even more successful. As most of you probably know, the proceeds from the British Field Day go to several non-profit organizations in the valley. Therefore, the more help we get from members of the five clubs (British Motor Club of Utah, Utah British Bike Club, Bonneville Austin Healey Club, Wasatch Jaguar Registry and the Great Basin Land Rover Club) that are hosting the event, the less our expenses in putting on the event will be. Thus, the more money we will have to contribute to some very important and needy organizations.

This year's event will be held on June 9th. The organizing committee is working hard planning and organizing in preparation of the event. But, we need your help. We would very much appreciate it if each and every one of you would select one (or more) of the following areas to help us out:

**Raffle prizes.** Are you an owner or do you know the owner of a store or business that you could persuade to donate an item or a gift certificate? These don't necessarily need to be car related either. We are trying to increase the quantity of raffle prizes for this year's event. We will be drawing and calling out the winners at the event. In addition, we will be announcing the donor and will list all donors in the program (great, inexpensive advertising for the donors). We anticipate the more prizes, the more tickets that will be sold and therefore the more money available to donate to our worthy causes. We will make arrangements to get the prize donations from you.

**Ads.** Again, are you an owner or do you know the owner of a store or business that you could persuade to be a corporate sponsor or to place an ad in the program? The cost of a corporate sponsorship includes your logo placed on the posters that are distributed around town, your logo on this year's T-shirt and a full page ad in the program. In addition, there are varying rates for a business card size ad, half page or full page ad in the program.

**Registration volunteers.** We are looking for "a few good men and women" who would be willing to help us out at the registration table the morning of the event, as well as at the admission entrances during the event.

**Printing.** We are trying to find the least expensive way to get the printing of the color posters, flyers and programs done this year. Does anyone know someone who owns or works for either a printing company or a quick print shop that would be willing to donate their printing services or who would be willing to give us a heck of a deal on all of our printing needs? We would be willing to give them the same advertising benefits as a

## 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.

**April 7.** Tinker Day at Bailey's Service. See article in this newsletter. Call Mike Bailey at the shop at 743-2875, or call Bill Robinson at 947-9480.

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

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

May 20. Ogden run with Jag club.

**May 26, 27, 28.** Southern Utah Run. See the article in this newsletter. Sharon Forster, 966-6463.

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

**June 9.** British Field Day. See the article in this newsletter. Contact 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](http://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.

August 18. Healey Days 2001 in Heber City. Maybe a tie-in with the Alpine Loop?

**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 21-23.** Northwest Austin Healey Meet at beautiful Lake Chelan, Washington. Contact Joyce Toms at StevenFT@aol.com or (360)-876-8236.

**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.

corporate sponsor. i.e. logo on the posters, T-shirts and full page ad in the program.

Even if you can't help out on any of the above, you can help by getting your British car or bike out of the garage and entering it in the car show.

We had a great turnout last year. Let's have an even greater turnout this year! The more cars and bikes we have showing, the more spectators are going to be willing to pay the entrance fee to come in and see our gorgeous cars and bikes.

We would very much appreciate any help you can give us to help make this an even more successful event this year. Please contact Sharon Forster at 801-966-6463 or forstersf@cs.com for more information or to let her know how you can help.

Thanks for your help!

## Vintage Vanity in Utah

By Gary Lindstrom

Given that many of our cars have reached a "certain age" (40, to be specific), and many of us feel the need to wax poetic as well as wax coachwork, here is a primer on how to get vintage license plates (formerly "horseless carriage"), and/or get our own clever words on our licenses. I offer this information having recently navigated both those obstacle courses for my TR3—now sporting vintage plate "TR3".

First let's consider rules governing vintage plates. In addition to being 40 years old (the car, not the owner), the owner must sign an affidavit certifying that the car is operated "for participation in club activities, exhibitions, tours, parades and similar uses and not for general daily transportation". You must also attest that the car will carry a current safety inspection whenever on the road. After paying a one-time fee, you have permanent plates free from annual renewals for as long as you own the car.

Cars 20 years old can get Special Interest plates, which unlike vintage plates do require annual renewals.

Vanity plates (known to the state as "personalized") have additional rules (and costs). For ordinary format plates (e.g., "Ski Utah" or "Centennial"), seven characters are permitted, plus one dash, period or apostrophe. The law allows the DMV to refuse requests "that may carry connotations offensive to good taste and decency or which would be misleading" (presumably "Lucas" would not pass muster). You are allowed 3 ranked choices, and no Virginia, you can't easily find out what has already been taken, unless you visit a DMV office in person.

Personalized plates have a one time fee of \$55, but do not exempt you from customary annual renewals.

What if you want both vintage and vanity? A helpful(?) DMV staffer in the Rose Park office told me firmly that such do not exist. However, she was wrong (I was shocked to

learn this!). The catch is that due to the logo space on the plate, only 5 characters are allowed. The one time fee is \$125. Once you get your choice approved, and you wait about 4 weeks, you will get a post card announcing your winning entry, instructing you to pick up your plates at the DMV office you designated. You will need to surrender your car's existing license plates and registration form.

A helpful on-line resource is <http://www.dmv-utah.com/>.

## Left over parts

Many thanks to everyone who helped get the March newsletter out. It takes about three of us to accomplish the task, but since it's our main source of communication to the club, we make every effort to get it out. Thanks to Bruce Schilling and Pugs Pivrotto for their help getting the newsletter done.

Our condolences go out to Bill Van Moorhem, whose father passed away last week. Bill has been a major contributor to the club's success, and we want to say that our thoughts and prayers are certainly with him.

Our very own Mark Bradakis (aka Associate Editor and brew-master?) has won the 2000 President's Award of the Austin Healey Club Pacific Centre (aka AHC USA). The announcement is in Ried Trummel's column in the March AH Mag. Congratulations, Mark.

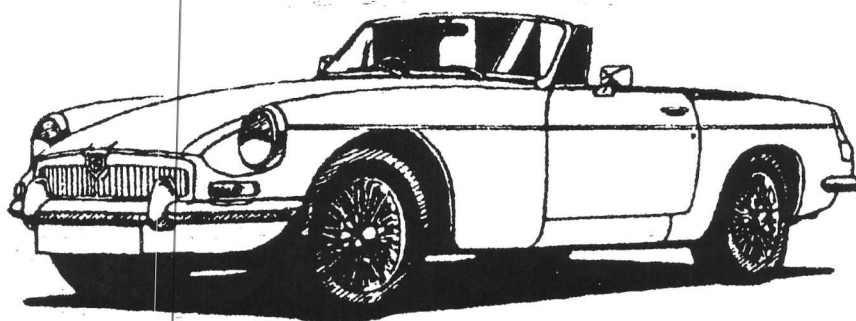
Don McElligot has suggested that since the Healey Days 2001 is on Saturday, 18 August, at Heber City, perhaps the Alpine Loop tour can be coordinated to some mutual benefit. Several BMCU'ers have AH's and have attended past Healey Days, so maybe we can get information out to the group for others to attend both events. Does anyone know the schedule/meeting times for the Healey Days event?

Have you ordered your BMCU shirt and hat? We are still taking orders for them. These are great regalia items that you'll want to wear to every event to show your support for the BMCU. And who knows, maybe at one of the events you'll get



interviewed by the local news, and you'll be ready with your BMCU wear.

To order, send me an email at [nlmassie@mmm.com](mailto:nlmassie@mmm.com) and I will send you the order form.



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