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Heber Valley Parade

Don't forget the Heber Valley Parade coming up on Saturday, August 4th. The parade runs down Main street—a short, fun parade.

We will meet at the Smith's grocery store at the north end of Main street in Heber (just as you enter town on east bound I-40) at **5:00 pm** (please note that this is a different time than listed in last month's newsletter) on Saturday, August 4th. The parade starts about 6:00 pm, but like most parades, there's some gathering up time involved. After the parade, we can meet somewhere for dinner if the group wants to do so.

For more information, call Doug Wimer at 435-654-2117.

August Social

It seems we have a social in the months that start with an A. Bruce Schilling will host a social at his home at 4:00 pm on Saturday, August 11th at 917 East Mill Creek Way (917 E and about 3495 S) in Salt Lake City.

Bruce will provide the grill and the burgers, but asks that guests bring burger fixins', salads, desserts, and other side dishes. Please call Bruce at the phone number listed below, or use email at partsmaster@sisna.com, to RSVP and to let him know what you are bringing.

Come join the fun and great conversation with the club! For more info, call Bruce at 486-0425.

The 14th Alpine Loop Run

We will meet at the South Town Mall (southeast parking lot) on Saturday, August 18, at 9:00 AM for a 10:00 AM departure (those BMCU'ers in Utah county can meet us at the Chevron station in Highland at about 10:30-10:45). The early meeting allows time to buy raffle tickets, chat, and still have a cool run to the top of the Loop.

The run begins at the South Town Mall, onto the I-15 frontage road, and onto Utah Highway 92. Utah 92 takes us east into American Fork Canyon and past Timpanogos Cave. The road climbs steeply from there. At the summit we drop down past Sundance Ski Resort and into Provo Canyon. We'll drive past Deer Creek Reservoir and into Heber City. Here we meet at the park behind the city hall (not the city park visible from I-40) for lunch and the raffle. We then leave Heber, climb past the Jordanelle Reservoir and through Francis, Kamas, Oakley, Peoa, Brown's Canyon, and into Park City. Tradition makes us cruise down Main Street. We then leave Park City and after the final stop near the K-Mart, we break up and head onto I-80 for home.

Everyone should bring some sunscreen and a picnic lunch (or buy lunch in Heber). You may also want a chair or a blanket to sit on in the park, as there's just a few picnic tables. If you have questions, contact Karen at 364-3251.

Ride on the Heber Valley Railroad.

Along with the Alpine Loop Run, we have a unique opportunity to ride the Heber Valley Railroad. Doug Wimer, who volunteers with the Railroad, can get tickets for those who want to ride the train while in Heber for the Alpine Loop.

However, you must call Doug at 435-654-2117 and reserve a spot on the train by August 13 at the latest. Doug needs to know how many tickets to get; Doug will use his "in" at the Railroad to get low or (maybe) no-cost tickets for those wanting to ride. Call Doug and he can give you the details when you RSVP for the train ride.

Raffle. Along with the run, we hold a raffle. The raffle is a major source of funds for the BMCU, so please buy tickets. If you or your business can donate something, we would love to have it. Bring the items to South Town Mall on the 18th or contact Karen Bradakis at 364-3251 or KBRADAKIS@rmcoeh.utah.edu. You can purchase raffle tickets when we meet at the Mall and just before the raffle in Heber.

Healey Days. Another unique opportunity along with the Alpine Loop Run is the annual Healy Days sponsored by the Bonneville Austin-Healey Club. This event happens that same Saturday (August 18th). While the details of this event are still being planned, in years past, the BAHC held a car show on Saturday afternoon with separate awards for Healeys and other British cars.

Some of the BAHC members, including Sandy and Dave Maxwell and Julie and Don McElligot, are planning to join the Alpine Loop and then head to Healey Days afterwards.

This year's Healey Days is being held at the Heber Valley Airport with a car show and a barbeque in the Strauchen's hangar.

For times and other details, call Dil Strasser (801-581-1544) or Dave Maxwell (801-943-4803).

Never too old...

By Bill Robinson

As you have read in last month's newsletter, the 10th annual British Field Day was our most successful ever. While this event is a joint effort by several clubs, the BMCU members are very involved with the effort and success of the event. A very special thanks is due all the BMCU members who make this work.

While watching cars go through the course at the BFD, I noticed a thin, elderly gentleman easing toward me on one of those electric scooters made to give folks mobility who would not otherwise have it. It was Bus Richmond, a long-time British car enthusiast. Bus told me he is probably the oldest member of our club, as he just turned 91 in April. He said although he is no longer able to drive his British car, he was not about to miss attending our club's biggest event. Despite the warm day, Bus had a great time and it touched me that, at 91, he thinks enough of our club and our cars to come to the BFD.

I asked Bus if he wanted to run his electric scooter through the course, but he declined, saying he did not want to embarrass the others with a better time!

Sandy 4th Show

By Bill Robinson

As the sun rose over the Wasatch Front, preparations were already well under way for the Sandy City 4th of July Vintage Car Show. Cars started showing up about 7:30 AM. It was obvious that we were going to be treated to a real scorcher. Bob Mikesell was there bright and early with his yellow Spitfire. He was soon joined by Bill Robinson and Mitch Johnson, also in Spitfires. A bit later, Marv and Sheree Marcus rolled in with their Jensen Healey and the big Jensen Interceptor. Finally, club newcomer Ron Dickinson joined us in his sweet, right hand drive Mini.

The show was significantly smaller this year, but the BMCU had a nice turnout and one British car won a first place award. Our BMCU cars were simply in a "Foreign" classification. Bob Mikesell won first place with the Spit and also snatched up second with his custom Porsche 914.

The rest of us went home with a dash plaque and a helluva sunburn. Congratulations Bob and thanks to all the others who supported this event.

Spitfires Rule At Kearns Parade

By Bill Robinson

OK, so the Kearns Hometown Days Parade is not the biggest event on the Wasatch Front in July, but they invited the BMCU to participate in their parade and we added it to the web site calendar. Bright and early, a few of us showed up ready to roll. Bill Robinson, Mitch Johnson, Bob Mikesell and his wife were there, all in Spitfires. The Spits made up the total BMCU contingent, although a couple others had registered and didn't make it. The weather was cool and rain-threatening.

Kearns is a funky little town and this was a funky little parade. There were some really nice floats from some surrounding communities and organizations and, of course, the Magna Queen and her attendants in the back of a pickup. Honest!

Only a few other classic cars were in the parade. The Spits were all lined up in a row down the parade route and the crowd sure liked them. Comments were heard such as "That's an old MG!" and one guy was telling his kid that these were old Fiats! Oh, well. Anyway, thanks to Bob, Mitch and Bill for showing up and doing the parade. The Kearns folks genuinely appreciated it.

Club 90 Night Successful Again

By Bill Robinson

For the third year, the BMCU Club 90 night in Sandy was fun for those who dared to venture out. This year's turnout was a little smaller than last due to the weather, but those who came out were treated to a good time. This year we shared the venue with other car enthusiasts.

Some were restored classics, while others were highly customized or even hand-built cars. Cars worth up to \$100K were there

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.

August 4. Heber Valley Parade. See article in this newsletter. Doug & Ilene Wimer, 435-654-2117.

August 11. Social at Bruce Shilling's. See article in this newsletter. 486-0425.

August 18. Alpine Loop run. See article in this newsletter. Karen Bradakis and Sharon Bailey. 364-3251 or 264-1971.

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

August 27-30. Jensen Nationals-West "Jensens by the Bay", San Diego, CA. www.jentlefolk.com or call Sheree or Marv Marcus, 268-6254, or e-mail at Shermarinc@aol.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.

under the watchful eye of their owners. All the drivers checked out each other's cars and many compliments about the British cars were to be heard. Club 90 offered a great steak dinner to all participants at a great price and no one left hungry!

BMCU participants were Bill Robinson in his Spitfire, Bob and Evangeline Mikesell in a big Jag, Bruce Schilling in the TR2, Marv and Sheree Marcus in their nice Jensen Healey, Bob and Fran Riemenschneider in their Mini, Bill Walton in his beautiful MG and Roger Davis and his wife (sorry, I didn't write down her name) were there in a good looking 67 Alpine. After dinner, the evening climaxed with a nice little thunder shower and everyone pretty much scattered. I found out that my wipers actually work and Bruce found out that he should find a frame for his top! It was a fun evening and the BMCU was well represented among the nearly 100 cars.

Trial Lake

By Doug and Ilene Wimer

Amid sunshine and shadows, a group of 12 cars gathered at the Wal-Mart store at Kimball Junction in Park City, looking forward to a great ride up to Trial Lake in the Uintas. After parking the cars just below the Trial Lake Dam, we took a quarter-mile hike, following the Provo River to a group of rock shelves, like giant steps, with water from Washington Lake cascading down, giving everyone a chance to step, jump, or wade from one rock to another, until we found a dry ledge that would accommodate all of us for lunch.

We had a relaxing lunch with lots of chatter, after which the group took their leave and headed back upstream to the cars. We drove through the camping area at the lake, and then headed back down the highway, stopping in Kamas for an ice cream cone and a visit to a local antique shop. The scenery was great and the ride pleasant with some sun, beautiful clouds, and a few drops of rain. No deer or other wild animals were seen, except Elle said she saw a bear.

Enjoying the day were: Dave Marks, Floyd and Kathy Inman with their daughter-in-law Tammy and granddaughter Elle, Julie

and Bill VanMoorhem, Denise and Barry Blackett, Gary and Sandy Lindstrom, Bob, Valerie, and Justin Lux, Kevin McCloskey and Rocky Snow, Bill Walton, Jon and Susan Hermance, Don McElligot and Shawn McElligot, and Doug and Ilene Wimer.

2002 Jensen Western Nationals

By Marv and Sheree Marcus

We'd like to host the 2002 Jensen Western Nationals in the Salt Lake City area. The Nationals feature cars made or modified by the Jensen Factory: the Austin-Healey, Sunbeam Tiger, Volvo P-1800, and the more commonly known (to Jensen enthusiasts) Jensen-Healey Roadster, GT, Interceptor, 541, CV-8, and FF.

For those not familiar with this event, it is a gathering of friends (with or without Jensens) for a few days of driving activities, sightseeing, shopping, meals, and sharing knowledge and experiences. Each Jensen National has had its own special touch in concert with its specific area. But the real value of these events are the friendships and camaraderie that is cultivated. We look forward to this event every year and have traveled to different locations throughout the nation. We thought it was time others should experience what we have in this area.

We would like to include everyone interested in participating in any aspect of this event—idea sharing, planning, participating, etc. We are planning a little get together at our home on August 3 at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested or know anyone who might be interested please contact us (Sheree & Marv Marcus) at 268-6254 (home) or e-mail us at Shermarinc@aol.com.

GoF West 2001

This year, the Gathering of the Faithful West 2001 was held in Napa, California. The GoF is basically for pre-1957 MG's.

The BMCU was well represented. We had 1 TF, 4 TD's, 1 Y-Type, 2 TC's, and 1 Magnette.

The trip started off with a great dutch oven breakfast prepared by chefs' extraordinaire Kendall and Connie Dewsnap and Kevin Chapman. The breakfast was in the Delta City Park as we traveled across Highway 50, the loneliest highway in America.

The car show was something to behold. It's a real sight to see 48 MG TC's in one spot, or (in the pre-war class) 2 SA's. The MG SA was the most elegant MG ever built, and it is also quite rare. Approximately 370 were made between 1936-1939.

Kathy Inman picked up first place in post war variant class. Floyd and Kathy were also awarded the Santa Barbara Cup for accumulating the most points in all the activities, like the Pinewood Derby, Rallie, The Funkana (in which they also took first), and the Car Show. Busy Couple! Dave Machovec took second place in the Photo Class. Don Bailey received a merit in the TC class.

It was a great trip. The best part was the evenings, traveling to and from Napa when everyone was enjoying each others' company around the pool, in the bar, or around the cars and trailers out in the hotel parking lot.

The group included John and Susan Hermance, Dave and Carol Marks, Dave and Merial Machovec, Floyd and Kathy Inman, Don Bailey, Steve and Cheryl Bender, Gary and Sandy Lindstrom, and Mike and Sharon Bailey.

BMCU on the Web

Check out the BMCU web site!

www.redwoodmusic.com/bmcuindex.html

This is the temporary home while we get a permanent domain and address.

Find the latest newsletter, upcoming events, pictures, and other club information on this web page.

Want to add something? Send an email to brobinson@redwoodmusic.com. Photos should be in JPEG format, or send prints to Bill Robinson at 2681 East Snow Mountain Drive, Sandy, UT 84093. Include a SASE and your photos will be returned to you after scanning. Comments and contributions are always welcome.

Autojumble

For Sale: 1979 and 1980 MGB's for sale. Both need restoring and T.L.C. Great project or parts cars. \$1,000 for both cars. Please call Wade at 435-393-4918.

For Sale: Classy 79 Midget, new paint and other extras, \$2,895 or offer. Call 435-657-9742.

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