

# British Motor Club of Utah

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## Fall Tinker Day

Something a little different this year is planned for Tinker Day. Still the same concept, we'll just be trying a new location. We'll give Pugs a chance to show off his recent acquisition, a hangar at Bountiful Skypark. On October 20th, starting about 10 am or so, we'll gather at the hangar to chastise Pugs for having so many Cadillac's, and then folks can tinker with their cars, or watch others get dirty, or whatever. If the weather is reasonably decent, you can expect to find some sort of munchies on the grill around noon or so. Bring some of your favorite beverages. It should be fun!

Getting there is fairly simple. Take I-15 to the Woods Cross exit, number 318. Go west a hundred feet or so to the T, turn left.

This road will curve around and you will be on 2600 South. Well, it may be a bit confusing, as some signs on the south side

use North Salt Lake coordinates and claim it is 1100 North. You'll go over some railroad tracks and come to a 4 way stop. Continue straight (more tracks) to 1560 West, about 0.6 miles from the stop sign. Turn right, and continue along the road. You'll come to a spot where you will need to go left or run into a building. Go left. Ahead of you will be another building, again do not run into it, but turn right this time.

This building is the first of three, Pugs' place is in the second. Go along the east side of these buildings, avoiding the planes. There's a little gap between building two and building three, you can sneak through there to the west side. If you miss it, just go all the way around the north end of building three. Pugs' hangar is number 28, on the west side of the buildings, facing the runway. Chances are you'll see some Caddies or a Triumph or two parked out front. And please park in

the designated spots, don't block the path of the airplanes.

Pugs' hangar is not as well equipped with tools as the Fat Chance Garage or Mike Bailey's shop, so you may want to bring what you need with you. If you get lost on the way, or need more info, feel free to call Mark Bradakis at 558-8817 or Pugs Pivrotto at 301-9365. Those are both mobile numbers, so we should be able to answer that morning.

## End of the season dinner

The BMCU End of Season Dinner will be at Famous Dave's on Saturday, Oct 27th at 6:00 pm SHARP. Famous Dave's is located at 1166 E. Fort Union Blvd in Midvale. From I-215, take the Union Parkway exit and head south. Then make a left onto Fort Union Blvd and a quick right into the restaurant parking lot. Don't be late because this place fills up quickly but the food is worth it. Consider the Citysearch review:

"Famous Dave's is a theme restaurant all the way, from old license plates and graffiti on exposed brick walls to boats hanging from the ceiling. The food is BBQ and it's all good. Wings, ribs, brisket and chicken, with four sauces varying in heat and spice. Chopped pork and barbecue chicken are moist and tangy, fries perfectly crisp. Coleslaw, buttery corn on the cob and roadhouse beans round out the mouthwatering sides. Dave's "world-famous" bread pudding is an enormous slab of rich, warm bread drowned in vanilla ice cream, whipped cream and a maple-syrupy nectar. Full bar is available."

It would be helpful if you paid with cash since it might be a problem to get separate checks.

## Miner's Day parade

We had a good turn out for the Miner's Day parade on Monday, September 3rd. While it was a bit warm, the downhill course along Main Street kept the cars from getting overheated.

Those BMCU'ers who attended included: Mitch Johnson and Shelley, Joe Chou, Jake and Robyn Voelckers, April Voelckers, Bill Walton, Doug and Ilene Wimer, Kathy and Floyd Inman and friends, Bill and Julie Van Moorhem, Jon Hermance, Bill and Julie Robinson, Kent Jensen, Chris Jensen, Mike and Valerie Denoso, Gary Lindstrom, and Dennis Hoagland. Hope we got everyone listed.

## State Street Cruise Night

Somewhat of an impromptu event, a bunch of folks showed up for the State Street Cruise night on Saturday, September 22. We met at the State Capitol building and hung out for about 45 minutes waiting for everyone to show up. And show up they did. We left the Capitol at 6:45 with 11 cars and headed down State Street all the way down to 90th South. Why, that's so far south for some, they expected folks to be talking with accents! Along the way we were joined by a fire truck and ambulance.

All of a sudden there were sirens and red lights flashing all over us, but they kept going. In my mirror I saw a TR6 with a bra that had not been at the Capitol and was later not at the Dairy Queen, so I am not sure who it was. Maybe the sirens scared him off. The cars were organized in true BMCU fashion - sometimes we were single file; sometimes we were taking up all 4 lanes and weaving about was encouraged.

Once at 90th South, the group headed over to Joe Chou's Dairy Queen drive in. There we had some great food and Joe kicked in dessert in the form of a custom decorated ice cream cake featuring British cars on the top. The cake was so frozen there was a battle to get it cut. For awhile it looked like the cake was going to win. Jon Hermance attacked it with a big knife and the knife broke! Then Joe appeared with some

Klingon looking weapon and cut the thing to pieces! It was great cake and everyone had a piece or even two. Then we moved on to our small raffle for the evening. Prizes were 2 framed BFD 2001 posters donated by Julie & Bill Robinson, a cast metal model of a Spitfire donated by Joe Chou and the grand prize was for a Dairy Queen ice cream cake, also donated by Joe and won by Bill & Julie Van Moorhem. We raised \$28 for the club - not a huge amount, but appreciated all the same. The group had some good Saturday night fun and everyone went their separate ways by about 9 PM.

Participants who signed in (a couple didn't) were Tim & Susan Furner, Sharon & Mike Bailey, John & Becky Cedarlund, Elliott Cheney, Bill Robinson and friend Brian Bristo, Stan Jenkins, Jon & Susan Hermance, Bill Walton, Bill & Julie Van Moorhem, Nick Nichols, Larry & Deb Gobelman, Mitch & Diane Johnson and Joe Chou. Sorry if we missed any names.

## On Top of (and Around) Old Smoky

The annual BMCU circumnavigation of Mt. Nebo had a new feature this year -- smoke and haze from a wildfire on its west slope. The significant extent of this blaze was in full view as the caravan emerged from Goshen Canyon and headed toward Nephi. All roads were open, though the traffic of cars, hikers and cattle were all much decreased from prior years. As customary, the group lunched at Bear Canyon picnic area, after dodging (not quaffing) wild turkeys on the approach road -- another indication of the scarcity of people in those parts due to the fire.

The lower lookouts definitely offered reduced visibility due to haze, but the upper ones nearer the crest were clearer due to northerly winds.

Foliage color was subdued as predicted, due to the dry conditions this summer. As one club member remarked, "the leaves seem to be turning directly from green to dead this year." Despite these sub par conditions, the group was in good spirits, buoyed by the good weather and an impromptu alpen horn solo played on an

## 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.

**October 20.** Tinker Day. Mark Bradakis, 364-3251. See article in this newsletter.

**October 27.** End of Season Dinner at Famous Dave's. Gregg Smith. See article in this newsletter.

**November 10.** Tech Session. Mike Bailey.

**December.** No event.

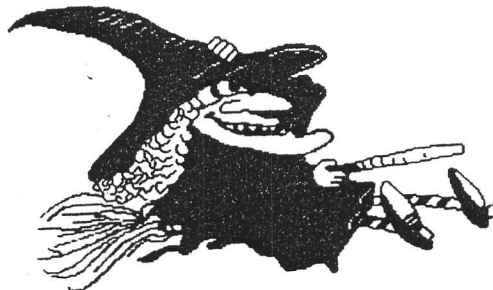
**January 19th or 26th, 2002.** Pot-luck dinner and business meeting. Karen Bradakis, 364-3251.

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

orange plastic traffic marker. Our descent was slowed by inattentive bicyclists, who became much more attentive after some close proximity double clutching.

Attending were: Joe and Ben Chou, Kent and Chris Jensen, Chris and Brandon Shell, Nicolas S. Nichols II, Kendall and Connie Dewsnup, Bill and Julie Robinson, Bruce Schilling, Bill Walton, Bob and Valerie Lux, Ken and Pat Gleason, Jake and Robyn Voelckers, Mitch and Greg Johnson,

Bill and Julie Van Moorhem, Jon and Susan Hermance, and your leaders, Gary Lindstrom and Robert Kedzierski.



## Last chance for autocross!

In spite of the recent heat wave, summer is indeed coming to an end, and along with it the motorsports season. The Utah Region of the SCCA [ [www.utahscca.com](http://www.utahscca.com) ] will be holding the last two autocrosses of the season, one at the E Center in West Valley on October 14th and the final event of the year at the Golden Spike Arena, north of Ogden, October 21st.

Intermountain Vintage Racing [ [www.team.net/ivr](http://www.team.net/ivr) ] also has two more events on the slate. The first is the weekend of October 6/7, the last, if the weather holds, will be October 27/28. Both IVR events are run on a 0.8 mile track laid out on the old Wendover airfield. If you'd like more information, call Mark Bradakis at 801-558-8817.

## Left over parts

Like that bucket you have in the garage to put all the parts you have left over from your car repairs, this column is the "catch-all" for items that I don't know what else to do with it.

Club affiliation. As you know, the British Motor Club of Utah is affiliated with the North American MGB Register. This affiliation hooks us up with a national organization for things such as events,

parts sources, etc., plus a great listing of members/member clubs across the country—might come in handy if you're touring across country and need some help (and what Brit-car owner doesn't from time to time?). Plus, our affiliation provides us with event insurance. So, if you have an MGB, MGBGT, Midget, or 1100/1300, or you would just like to receive the *MGB Driver* member magazine, you can join by paying \$25 annual dues to:

North American MGB Register  
PO Box MGB  
Akin, IL 62805

Club Regalia. There's still an opportunity to order club shirts. If you haven't seen these, they're heavy-weight knit shirts with the club emblem on the left lapel and a "road" motif down the right side. These shirts are a great way to show off the BMCU—I try to wear mine at every event I go to.

The shirts sell for \$35 each, and you can get them in sizes S to XXL. We like to get at least a dozen paid-for orders before we can order from the vendor, so order 'em now! They make great holiday gifts for the person who has almost everything, plus they store neatly in the dresser so there's no fear of adding to the stuff in the garage.

Speaking of garage, the BMCU trades newsletters with several other clubs across the country, and one of the clubs is the

Southern Alabama British Car Club (SABCC). I got one of their newsletters earlier this summer, and one small article caught my attention: the writer told of befriending a cricket in his garage. He never saw the critter, but he was always reassured by the occasional chirp it made, even as the writer was banging around in the garage, fixing the car, welding, all the stuff you do in a garage.

Well, one day as he was working on his car, he dug down to a box of stored parts on the shelf, and heard the chirp. Wanting to see this unknown yet familiar friend, he carefully opened the box where the chirping emanated from, only to discover...

...a discarded smoke detector putting out its low-battery signal.

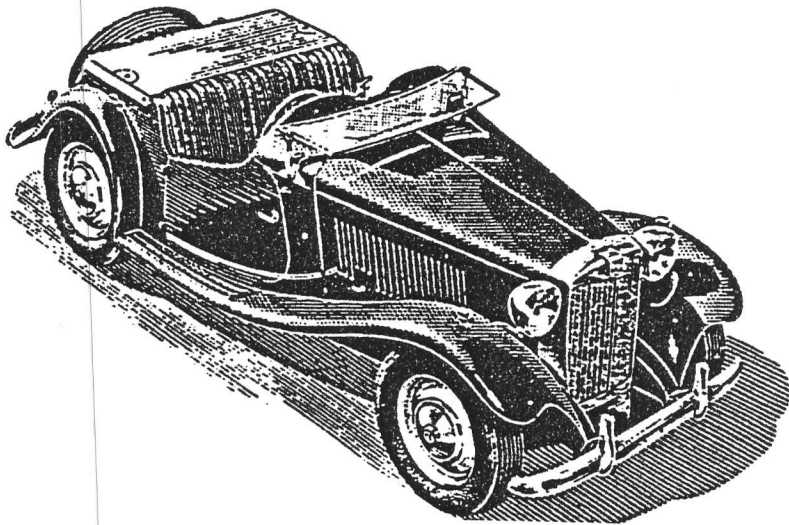
## Autojumble

Four MGB's for sale. Two 1972 models, one for restoration, 50k miles, runs well. Spare car for parts. \$2,000 OBO for both. Two 1974 MGB's, needs more work than 1972's. All are titled, chrome bumper, dual carb, precatalytic converter, wire wheel models. Bob Wager 801-455-4400



## Exchequer report

No report this month.



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