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## No, Bill and Julie, It Is The BMCU That Thanks You! ! !

**Many, Many Thanks  
Bill Van Moorhem**

Many thanks to Sharon Bailey and Susan Hermance for organizing a wonderful going-away party in October for Julie and me. We really enjoyed talking with many friends, some recent and some of many years.

Julie and I had the pleasure of taking part in the 1988 Alpine Loop as one of the five couples who drove the loop in British cars and during lunch decided to start a club that was named the British Motor Club of Utah. It has been an enjoyable 16 years, meeting many new friends and motoring in (and repairing) our cars.

The time has come for us to move on

following both our retirements in July. We are moving to Klamath Falls, Oregon, as soon as we can sell our house here. We will remain as members of the BMCU and hope to make the drive back occasionally for an event.

Many, many thanks to Sharon and Susan for the party and to everyone in the BMCU for a wonderful 16 years.

**Editor's Note:** It has been a real pleasure for all of the members of the BMCU to have known the two of you for all these years. We wish you the best of motoring your LBC through the mountains of Oregon, and it is we who will look forward to our meeting again.

## November 13 Tech Session: Powder Coating

—*Mitch Johnson*

November's Tech session should be a very informative one. We will meet at Steel Coatings, 410 south 2650 west in Salt Lake City. Times are November 13th at 10:00 A.M. Steel Coatings provide their customers with a wide range of powder coating services.

I know from experience you can show up with a box of dirty nasty looking parts, and a short time later you are presented with new looking more durable than new parts.

Lane will give us quick tour of their facilities, explain the benefits of powder coating and if you want to bring along a few of your projects that need that extra finish, he will be glad to give you a price estimate and suggestions of what will work out best. I myself will bringing along some items that need attention. He is taking time to come out on his day off to show us their process, so lets have a big turnout. Any questions can be sent to me via e-mail at [spitfires-rule@msn.com](mailto:spitfires-rule@msn.com)



High Country Tour farewell breakfast at Al Moss' home. Article on Page 3

### Thought Of The Month

Holding on to anger is like swallowing poison and waiting for someone else to die



Once again the Mt Nebo Run product spectacular colours for those BMCU members attempting the drive. Why is the bonnet open?



As always, the views are wonderful!

## Nebo Loop Was Another Crowd Pleaser

There was great weather and a good turn out for this year's fall colour tour on October 2nd, ably led by Bill Walton. The colour was better than in past years, due to more moisture this year. The main colour of the cars was red, and the most popular model was the TR6, with six in attendance, beating out the 3 MGAs.

The only hood raising ceremony was a cooling opportunity for Bruce's Jaguar, proving that despite recent proprietorship changes, it indeed has

British genes.

A good time was had by all, including Bill Walton, Mitch and Diane Johnson, Mike and Mary Scoggins, Larry Farrington, Wade Ashby, Chris Schell, John and Barb Proggess, Mike Sythus, Bruce Schilling, Julie and Don McEligot, Kendall Dewsnap, Clayton and Sharon Merchant, Brent Andersen, Don and Kimberly Owens, Ken and Patricia Gleason, Sally Marelus and Mike Pennington, and Bob and Valerie Lux.



## *The Lucas Calendar*

This calendar works about as well as its namesake, so use it with care. All events are subject to change. Check our web site for the latest information.

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**November 13:** Tech Session. High Performance Coating (HPC) for heat/durability. See article on first page. Mitch Johnson, 801-547-1087.

**December:** No event.

**January 15, 2005:** Tech Session. Dave Maxwell, on rust repair patches.

**February 19, 2005:** Potluck and Business Dinner.



# HCT Sedona? What Is This All About??

In 1978 the Santa Barbara MG club (The Special-Ts) organized a get-together at Morro Bay, California. The event was called HCT -- for Hearst Castle Tour, the tour being part of the package. Al Moss took over the event a few years later and ran it until 1983. The event was limited to 70 cars and was always over-subscribed.

For several following years the Arizona MG club and two Southern California clubs put on a "mini-GoF" annually, alternating between Arizona and Southern California. These, too, fell by the way-side some years ago and a cadre of MG enthusiasts from both states prevailed upon Al Moss (by then living in Sedona, AZ) to put on another "HCT-type" event.

Al kindly obliged, and the first "HCT in Sedona" was two years ago, with HCT now designating High Country Tour. This year's event was attended by BMCUsers Bill and Julie Van Moorhem and Gary and Sandy Lindstrom.

The weather and the trip through Southern Utah were glorious. A few "Wizard

Mechanic" problems surfaced along the way --- as tributes no doubt to Al, who is known for such devious competitions at GoF West events. At Sedona there were rally, concours, and funkhana events --- with special consideration given to "MGs in disguise" at the concours (octagon decorations pasted on rice burners, Detroit barges, and even a sweet Jaguar V12 E-type). Emphasis was on fun, with special respect given to folks who drove MGs to the event (as did the Van Moorhems and Lindstroms), by prohibiting car washing and providing a trophy for Best Bug Collection.

A special treat was a farewell breakfast at Al's home, where we got a close up look at Al's two Morgans, including a 3-wheeler that Al cajoled the AZ DOT into licensing as a motorcycle!

Al has promised to host a third AZ HCT next fall -- so if you're interested (and an MG owner), contact Al early to get on the list. Like the original Hearst Castle Tours, these HCTs are always over-subscribed.

## Autojumble

I'm looking for an **MGB roadster**, preferably pre-1970, not restored but reliable enough to be a nearly-daily driver, for under \$2K. Steve Abner, Steve.Abner@hill.af.mil, DSN 586-5917.

Anyone interested in a round wheel arch **MG Midget**? Various photos can be seen at <http://fatchancegarage.com/midget> If interested in this, oh, \$1650 project car (potential IVR racer?) Mark Bradakis, mjb@cs.utah.edu, 364-3251.

I've been working in Union Park and my son has decided to go to a charter high school at the Cotton Wood HS campus. Anyone know of a nice **3-4 bedroom home** with a large shop for sale in this area. I pay finders fees in British car parts!! LOL. John Ross, gone2d-dogs@yahoo.com.

Does anyone know of, or have access to the three flat/curved pieces of metal that slip into the forward lip of a **MK 1/2 Spitfire** convertible top (the part that tucks into the windshield top)? Mitch Johnson, 801-547-1087, spitfires-rule@msn.com.

John Prograss, jprograss@att.net, is looking for a **reamer** suitable for aligning rocker shaft bearings.

## Regalia Sales Helping Club

Marty Van Nood, our Esteemed Chancellor of the Exchequer, does a great job tending our club coffers, and keeping us legal with Higher Authorities --- mainly, the IRS. Your Governors acknowledge that the meager space we allot Marty each month for his report can lead to

cryptic results. So, from time to time, more detailed reports on particular topics will be given.

This is the first, on the subject of club golf shirts. As of 10/24/04, the club has procured 44 shirts for \$1,247.08, and sold 31 shirts for \$1,040.00, leaving an inventory of 13 shirts valued at \$455.00 --- OK, our profit motive is once again unmasked!

In future articles we'll give similar reports on other items in the BMCU Boutique, e.g., decals, T-shirts, and grille badges.

— Gary Lindstrom



This is the grille badge awarded to folks who aided and/or abetted Rick Malsed on his cross country trek. See article on p. 5.

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**European Caterham/Lotus 7 Group to Tour US – Day 14 of the Tour will take the group from Vail, CO to Moab, UT. Who would like to organize a group to meet them in Moab?**

## 'Twas a Dark and Stormy Night"

... when a cohort of stalwart BMCUers gathered at Rib Alley to celebrate another successful BMCU driving season. The turn out was modest, probably due to the weather and the distractions of World Series Game 1 and the thrill of watching the Utes wreak havoc over UNLV.

As was the case last year, the folks at Rib Alley did a great job keeping all the orders straight and keeping the food and drink flowing (especially the latter). We had the upstairs room all to ourselves (they probably learned

the wisdom of this last year), and a bonus of pumpkin pie was thrown in "because the pieces were too small".

Entertainment was provided by an electric Margaux belting out "Only You" with choreography, and Gary and Sandy Lindstrom, Larry and Mary Bishop, Gregg Smith (organizer), Jon and Susan Hermance, Michael and Mary Scoggins, Bill and Julie Van Moorhem, Mitch and Diane Johnson, Greg Johnson, and Bob Jahnke.



Finger lickin' good grub at the End of Season Dinner at Rib Alley

## Brit-speak for Yanks (cont'd)

Here is your handy Berlitz guide to the Queen's English, courtesy of <http://www.effingpot.com/>. The American's Guide to Speaking British — continued from last issue.

*Diversion* - Detour in America.

*Flyover* - No - not what happens in Star-sky and Hutch, when they drive too fast in San Francisco over bumps - this is an overpass.

*Ford* - If you see a sign saying "ford ahead" in England, it is not warning you that an American car is blocking a country lane. It is actually telling you there is a low water crossing ahead.

*Hooter* - The hooter is the horn on your car. It is also another word for a persons' nose. Therefore, if someone steps out in front of you in the UK, be sure to press the right one!

*Jam sandwich* - This is a motorway police car. It is called a jam sandwich because if it is white with a bright orange stripe along the side, that's just what it looks like. Obviously it is a bit bigger and has wheels and a couple of uniformed gentlemen inside it, but hey!

*Near side lane* - The slow lane to you, though to us, all your lanes are slow! (Sorry - couldn't resist it!).

*Pavement* - Pavement in English is sidewalk in American. The first chapter in the Texas driving handbook says that you must drive on the pavement at all times! Yikes!

*Pelican crossing* - The black and white bars across the road with a green and red

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**Rick Malsed and Maggie relax in Sedona AZ before tackling their final leg to home in Palm Springs**

## 11,000+ Miles in an MG TD

Those of us who are proud of our 1,000 mile dash plaques from GoF West trips are lightweights in comparison to the transcontinental trek of Rick Malsed and his loyal Shi Tzu navigator, MaGgie (yes, her name is spelled that way). The whole Rick Rig, including a 1952 MG TD, 2003 TD-BT (bedroom trailer), and of course MaGgie, circumnavigated the country through 40 states and parts of Canada, and hit all the big MG gatherings this summer.

Several BMCUers met Rick at the Harrison Hot Springs BC GoF West in July, which for Rick was a tune up before he departed from Seattle on the main run. Check out Rick's web site, <http://www.mg3club.org/rickontheroad.htm>, for links to photos, newspaper stories, and anecdotes from this epic trip.

And oh yes, Rick Likes Badges -- meaning, he is an avid car club badge collector and trader. If you are a kindred soul, contact Rick at [rickontheroad@mg3club.org](mailto:rickontheroad@mg3club.org). He's also looking for license plates including the letters "MG" from all 40 states they covered.

## Brit-speak for Yanks

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man lighting up to show pedestrians when to walk and when to stay.

*Saloon* - A non-estate car. You might call it a sedan. Saloon is also one of the bars in a traditional pub.

*Subway* - This is the tunnel that allows pedestrians to walk under a busy road. You would call it an underpass.

*Tailback* - To see a proper tailback in England, join the M25 at any point on a Friday evening. It means bumper to bumper but on the M25 there is no start or finish - it goes right round London. That's why they call it the "London orbital car park".

*Ton* - I remember telling my friends at the office that I was stopped doing a "ton twenty" up the M40 at the weekend. We use the word ton to mean one hundred miles an hour. Clearly a "ton twenty" is a hundred and twenty miles and hour. It's a long story but he even let me off! Lucky huh?

*Verge* - The grassy edge to a road. You park on the verge if you break down to

avoid being hit by the traffic.

*Zebra crossing* - Similar to the pelican but with flashing orange beacons on either side. If a pedestrian steps onto a pelican crossing, you should stop. Unless you are in London in which case your job is to kill them.



**Another MG TC now in the club -- pedal powered! Mike Bailey is the proud owner (couldn't get a photo of Mike in the driver's seat). It is believed that this is the car your Editor saw at the 2003 Beaver Days Car Show. It is definitely worth a look.**

## Deep Thoughts

1) When I die, I want to die like my grandfather-- who died peacefully in his sleep. Not screaming like all the passengers in his car." --*Author Unknown*

2) Advice for the day: If you have a lot of tension and you get a headache, do what it says on the aspirin bottle: "Take two aspirin" and "Keep away from children" --*Author Unknown*

3) "Oh, you hate your job? Why didn't you say so? There's a support group for that. It's called EVERYBODY, and they meet at the bar." — *Drew Carey*

4) "Instead of getting married again, I'm going to find a woman I don't like and just give her a house." --*Rod Stewart*

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## Exchequer Report

As of October 23, 2004:

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<b>Income:</b>	
Bank Error	\$ 3.00
Interest income	\$ .36
	<b>3.36</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Purchases:	
Shirts	159.84
Printing & Mailing	\$ 140.00
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<b>Ending balance</b>	<b>\$1,405.52</b>

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