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BMCU Violates State Street No Cruising Zone Again

Despite prominently marked signs prohibiting cruising on State Street, BMCU once again proudly paraded down Salt Lake's main drag, from the Capital to Sandy, destination Joe Chou's Dairy Queen. (OK, the Mayor defines cruising as passing the same spot 4 times during the sensitive hours of 10pm to 2am, so we were officially innocent.)

Many traditions were renewed, including nice weather, a good turn out, shouts from passing cars of "had one of those, never shoulda sold it", and Joe's Alaskan cuisine, featuring a graphic rendering of

an (?) MGB. We're sponsoring Joe for a TV show, tentatively entitled *North-ern Exposure Meets Emeril*. Joe donated a nice die cast Spitfire model to raffle, and another attendee donated 3 large jugs of Zymol car wash.

Participating were Gary Lindstrom, Mitch and Diane Johnson, Larry and Mary Bishop, Mark and Joyce Noeltner, Kaye and Kent Thomas, Roger and Jill Davis, Bob and Orlinda Mower, Rich and Velma Reeder, Jon Hermance, Clayton and Sharon Merchant, Bob and Dixie Jahnke, Joe Chow.



Thanks, Joe! ! !



BCMUsers admire the Hermance's new family addition prior to the start of the Park City Miner's Day Parade.

End of Season Dinner To Be Held Oct 23

It's time for the BMCU End of the Season Dinner and we're going back for a repeat visit to Rib Alley. That's right - they serve RIBS as well as other traditional American fare. The event begins at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 23rd. They are located at 533 South and 500 West and there's plenty of parking right out front. Getting there can be tricky because 500 West is divided into north and south one-way streets. Rib Alley is on the northbound side so allow time for proper navigation (call Rib Alley at 359-9926 if you're really lost). Finally, it's nearly impossible to run separate checks for a large group so bring pockets full of hard cash in small bills. See you there!



Our LBCs are once again a hit at the Park City Miner's Day Parade.

Another Great Labor Day at Park City Miner's Day Parade

Another beautiful day in Park City was enjoyed by a small, but enthusiastic group of BMCU members.

The day started with the usual social hour at our usual spot (that is what the Park City Rotary Club refers to our spot at the top of Main Street). Most all of the BMCU participants were on time, which in itself is a very strange situation that we had to deal with.

The Parade was delayed about 15 minutes due to the "Rolling of the Balls", a Park City rendition of the Running of the Bulls. But as soon as the crowds moved to the sidewalks the Parade began.

We ended the Parade with our usual reserved spot at the City Park where the

music blared and the Games began. The one late arrival was Doug Wimer (without Ilene). Apparently he had left her with the TC over on Highway 40 due to – now hear this – a breakdown of the MG. Definitely a first for Doug.

We took care of his problem while the rest of the group enjoyed refreshment, burgers, and hot dogs.

Gary, Sandy and Margaux Lindstrom; Kathy, Floyd, Tammy, Darron, Elle, and Cate Inman; Julie and Bill Van Moorhem; Susan and Jon Hermance; Kathy and Steve Dougherty; Rob and Nan Green; Bob Jahnke; Roger and Jill Davis; Rich and Bridget Goodman; Jake Voelckers. Left on the Highway – Doug and Ilene Wimer.



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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October 2: Fall Color Tour to Mount Nebo. Bill Walton.

October 23: End of the Season Dinner. Gregg Smith.

November 13: Tech Session. High Performance Coating (HPC) for heat/durability. Mitch Johnson.

December: No event.

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

February 12, 2005: Potluck and Business Dinner.





Many BMCUers were among those who wished the Van Moorhems happy trails at a farewell picnic.

Van Moorhems Head for Orygun

Under towering elm trees in Murray Park on Sept. 25, a group including many BMCU members gathered to bid a sad farewell to Julie and Bill Van Moorhem, who will move to Klamath Falls, Ore., this fall. The weather was perfect for the event with mild temperatures well into the evening hours.

The Van Moorhems' many friends, some of whom remember them from the BMCU's early years when Bill and Julie were founding members, reminisced, shared potluck fare and signed a photo/memory album for the departing pair to take with them.

While the party was held for saying goodbyes, everyone enjoyed the opportunity to meet one more time with a couple who has been a big part of the BMCU since its beginning and has greatly contributed to the club's success.

BMCUers spotted in the crowd included Susan Hermance (the event's organizer) and Jon, Gregg Smith, Doug and Ilene Wimer, Mike and Susan Cady, Gary, Sandy and Margaux Lindstrom, Dave and Carol Marks, Mike and Sharon Bailey, Rob and Nan Green, Bruce Schilling, Dan and Sharon Forster, Mark and Karen Bradakis, Kendall and Connie Dewsnup, J. and Kay Jennings, and, of course, Bill and Julie Van Moorhem.

What Does Bill Robinson Do With His Time???

Here's something to try while that cold one is getting colder in the fridge. Be sure you don't read the bottom until you've worked it out! This is not one of those waste of time things from Bill Robinson.

1. First of all, pick the number of oil pots your British car leaves on the garage floor per week. (Try for more than once but less than 10).
2. Multiply this number by 2 (just to be honest).
3. Add 5. (for Sunday).
4. Multiply it by 50, We'll wait while you get the calculator.
5. If your car has already had its birthday this year add 1754. If it hasn't, add 1753.
6. Now subtract the four digit year that your car was "born".

I know you're curious at this point, but just play along a little more. You will end up with a three digit number.

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The next two numbers are the age of your British car.

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71 TR-6: runs and drives but needs restoration. It has a hard and soft top, no overdrive. \$1500 or offers/trades/parts for MGA or MGB. Roger Gissemann, RGissemann@slco.org, W-269-7531 or H-278-4767.

In order to increase the reliability of my car, a Morgan, I am searching for a **new carburetor**. Please provide me with any leads for this particular part. Side wrapped SU 4 carburetors with intake and exhaust manifold, TR2 or TR3. Victoria Bond, victoria.l.bond@aexp.com.

Dry, secure, unheated space for one car, \$47.00/mo. jona-thermance@atk.com or 801-583-5846.

I need some help finding a **rebuildable 1500 motor**. Does anyone have one or know someone who might have one. Thanks — Roger Gissemann, RGissemann@slco.org. W-269-7531 or H-278-4767.

1970 MGB-GT, \$450.00 or more as I fix things. Very complete unchanged car. Absolutely straight except for garage ding damage to the aluminum hood. Now has air where once there was rust in many of the usual non-structural areas which can be fixed with Moss repair panels. Near perfect rust free doors. Missing a fuel gauge. Brakes, suspension, wire wheels, hubs, motor and transmission mounts, cooling system, electrical, interior and paint all need reconditioning or replacement. Excellent sounding engine, serviceable exhaust system. jona-thermance@atk.com, residence 801-583-5846, 1437 East 900 South, SLC,

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Last Call For Grille Badges

As mentioned on the last page of our Sept. newsletter, we are finalizing an order for grille badges. These have the BMCU logo in full color enamel, with two mounting holes on the bottom, suitable for a badge bar.

We've gotten a great price, at \$25 each. Contact Mitch Johnson immediately at (spitfiresrule@msn.com, 801-547-1087) how many you want, and put a check in the mail for the amount (316 W. Mutton Hollow Rd, Kaysville, UT 84037.

We're only going to be able to fill pre-paid orders

autox.team.net Back On Line

This last week or so has just been too interesting. As many of you had noticed, the autox.team.net servers just disappeared about a week ago. My DSL line died. I should have realized I was going to be in trouble when I finally got to a real person at Qwest, I gave them the details, I hear their keyboard clatter for a bit, and then "Oh. Wow. You're on THAT hardware."

So now the DSL line is off the old CAP hardware at their end, and on newer, faster DMT hardware. It did entail me purchasing a new DSL modem, no big problem, but waiting over a week to get back on the air **was** a problem. It took them two days just to figure out they couldn't fix the old hardware - sheesh. And for a day or so while they were mucking with it, the voice line (FAX machine) went away. What fun.

If you appreciate having the lists back, and you've got some extra in your Paypal account, feel free to buy me beer for my troubles ;-). Use donations@autox.team.net as the address.

Thanks for your patience, I **really** hope nothing like this ever happens again.



Beautiful Hudson Hornet racer on Display at "Rebels With A Cause"

"Rebels With A Cause" Great Success For Art's Kids

The first annual "Rebels With A Cause" '50's Car Show, Bar-B-Q, Auction, and Fund Raiser for Art' Kids was held Saturday, September 11 at "The Garage" near the Heber Airport, and the BMCU was represented at the event by Queen Kathy and Hyacinth.

She took your Editor along in case something broke.

Art's Kids is a non-profit organization that utilizes a variety of artistic mediums to encourage self-awareness and socialization through creative expression for children with diverse backgrounds, ages, special challenges and pressures. With the creative process and small dynamic groups, they promote self-motivation, individuality and self-esteem without a pressure for perfection or finishing a product. The expressive arts help children connect, and acts as a catalyst to open the creative spirit inherent in every child . . . so that child can thrive into adulthood, resilient and joyful.

Art's Kids provides a network of support, free of cost, to all six Summit County Elementary Schools. Guidance counselors agree that only 50% of the children who could most benefit are currently served, and Art's Kids are attempting to correct this.

The evening started off with cars lining

up, refreshments (including cocktails) being served, silent auction progressing, some really great food being served, live auction, "horse racing" with Para mutual betting allowed (albeit against the Utah code), and awards being presented.

As the University of Utah was playing football in Tucson that evening, Queen Kathy naturally bet on the Red Horse. She won, doubling her initial investment. By the way, she and Hyacinth also won the People's Choice Award.

This is a great charity and a wonderful event that we might want to consider as an unofficial event for the club in future years.

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Cats Leap in Park City During Western States Jaguar Meeting

Yes friends, the semi-annual Western States Jaguar Clubs of North America meet took place in Park City under beautiful fall weather Sept. 13-17. About 65 cars were present, either by the honorable means of driving to the event, or ... riding regally in a trailer.

Highlight of the event was the appearance of the only XK180 concept car in the US -- one of two remaining in the world. This is a spectacular experimental vehicle that resembles a 500 hp recumbent skate board.

Fun events included a rally / tour through Deer Valley, Heber, and Kamas; a tight autocross ("slalom") course at Deer Valley, a tour of '02 Olympic Venues, a concours at the Homestead, and two banquets (Western and formal awards).

The two largest contingents were from California and Utah. The San Francisco club make favorable comments comparing our event with the previous Western States meet, which they hosted at Lake Tahoe. The local delegation did very well in all events, including winning prizes in slalom and concours (see photo of Art Pasker's lovely Mark V Judges Choice Trophy car).

Pride and pleasure at the event's success were tempered by the sad announcement on the closing day that Jaguar was downsizing, including abandoning Formula I racing, and terminating production at the original plant at Browns Lane, Coventry (the "Holy City" to Jaguar lovers).

Ah well, even Leonardo da Vinci passed away, eventually.



Art Pasker's lovely Mark V won the Judges Choice trophy at the recent Western States Jaguar Meet held in Park City.



John Green rips up the slalom course during the Western States Meet Competition

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Articulated lorry - This is a trailer truck. Nothing to do with being well-spoken of course! Usually shortened to artic.

Banger - An old car. Your first car is usually an old banger. Not to be confused with a kind of sausage!

Drunk in charge - In the same way that you have DWI and DUI offences for "driving while intoxicated" and for "driving under the influence", we just have "drunk in charge" (never shortened to DIC for obvious reasons!). All three are best avoided in both countries oc-cifer!

— To be continued ...

Exchequer Report

As of May 25, 2004:

Beginning balance (from last re- port)	1,820.09
Income:	
Members' contributions	\$ 510.00
Advertising Sales	100.00
Merchandise Sales	331.00
Interest income	\$.43
	941.43
Expenses	
Purchases:	
Poles	19.19
Shirts	274.92
Decals	316.41
	\$ 610.52
Printing & Mailing	\$ 139.00
T-shirts	310.00
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Ending balance	\$1,702.00

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