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Attractive group of BMCUers attended the St Patty Day Parade

Armed Forces Day Car Show To Aid Military Families

The Armed Forces Day charity car show will be held at Murray Park on Saturday May 21st from 10am to 4pm, along with the other events including rides for the kids, vendor booths military vehicles, a field of 1,500 flags for all of the soldiers killed in Iraq and many other events including a fireworks show that evening. All proceeds will be donated to the families of our military personnel serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

For further information please contact Ron Gunderson at 801-262-4999 or Maj. Ronald McLean at 801-268-0395, ext. 247.

Tour of DeWayne Ashmead Collection

Ever wondered what a stock, unrestored, 2000 original miles 1949 MG TC looks like? Or maybe a 1921 Alvis/ABF Race Car driven by Major Harvey at lemans and Brooklands.

Well, wonder no longer, as we have been graciously invited to view DeWayne Ashmead's auto collection on Saturday, April 9th, at 10 am. I had the chance to view DeWayne's collection last year, and believe me it is not to be missed.

In addition to the MG and Alvis, DeWayne's collection includes a 1951 Allard K2 Roadster, a 1954 Nash Healey, a 1958 AC Bristol "Cobra", a 1967 Sunbeam Tiger Mark II, a 1974 Jaguar E-Type Series III and a 1983 De Lorean. And that's just the British Marques. He has approximately 40 cars in his collection, some unrestored and some that have been shown at Pebble Beach and Meadowbrook. All are rare or have something about them that makes them rare and interesting.

His collection is located at 181 North Angel Street, Kaysville, Utah, so to get there from I-15, Use Exit #331 (Kaysville), Go West on 200 North (1.5 miles), then left on North Angel Street (.1 mile). His shop, Meadowbrook Restorations, has white pipe fencing with swing gates under an arch at the end of 200 North street.

We'll meet you there at 10 am on Saturday, April 9th. If you have any questions, Give Larry or Mary Bishop a call at 801-558-5688. See you there!

Memories!
AROUND THE CURVE
LICKETY-SPLIT
BEAUTIFUL CAR
WASN'T IT?

Burma Shave

Cabin Fever Chased at Umpteenth Annual St. Patty's Day Parade

Cob webs, dust mites, and oil gremlins were chased from about two dozen Brit-mobiles (plus one Benz-o-matic) at the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 12th. As predicted by the Farmer's Almanac, it was a blue bird day with lots of sun and fresh air to enjoy as the BMCU troupe cooled their heels and radiators until we had the honors of rolling next to last past the reviewing stand. — the customary tribute from our Irish friends.

An added bonus thanks to Ron Gunderson was a television film crew (OK, there was one multi-talented lady doing it all) taping for a show featuring the BMCU to run on a car show on KJZZ-TV (more details on this as we learn them). Beau-coup footage was shot, including interviews, folks scrambling in, out and under cars, a parade lap around the parking lot, and opening and closing group shots (look for all the green hair and beards). The taping provided entertainment while we waited for our turn in the Parade.

As per last year, the parade route took us through the middle of The Gateway where absolutely huge crowds cheered as

they enjoyed our lovely little British cars. There were times when the parade almost came to a complete stop as the crowds pushed into the street.

After the event a pleasant lunch was had by many attendees at Granato's Italian Deli on 300 West.

Enjoying the outing were Gary, Sandy and Margaux Lindstrom, Riley Nevins, Paul and Elizabeth Jaroch, Mitch and Diane Johnson, Floyd, Tammy, Darron, Cate and Elle Inman, Ray Agutter and Carol Sonntag, Ron Gunderson, Ed Nielson, Dennis Hagland, Steve and Kathy Dougherty, David and Carol Marks, Robert Vargas, Mary and Larry Bishop, Bob and Dixie Jahnke, Doug Wimer, Steve Nelson and Kenzie Long, Brad Parkin, Stand and Mary Lou Jenkins, Jon and Susan Hermance, Steve Bender, Sheree and Marv Marcus, and Ron Christensen.

It was very enjoyable event that all BMCU members should look forward to attending next year.



New Seatbelt Technology



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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April 9: Tour of DeWayne Ashmead's classic car collection. See article on p. 1.

May 15: Antelope Island Run. Yes, this is to be held on a Sunday. Contact Nathan Massie 801-486-2935.

May 21: Armed Forces Day Car Show. See article on p. 1.

May 28-30: Annual Memorial Day Run to Jackson Hole. See article on p. 3.

June 4: Annual British Field Day, Pioneer Park. Bill Davis, 801-486-5049.

July 11-15: GoF West 2005. Contact Floyd Inman 435 654-7086

August 20: Alpine Loop Run.

August 26-28: Concours d'Elegance benefiting senior citizens.

September 5: Miner's Day Parade, Park City. Contact Floyd Inman 435-654-7086

September 17: State Street Cruise Night.

October 2: Fall Colour Run to Trial Lake (possibly) Contact Doug Wimer 435-654-2117

October 29: End-Of-Season Dinner

November 19: Tech Session

January 14, 2006: Tech Session

February, 2006: Annual Pot Luck and Business Meeting

Six Solid Roadsters — from *Sports Car Market Magazine*, April 2005, by Gary Anderson

Are you looking for a classic sports car to drive to fun places, or for a car to have fun with when you want to drive?

If you're interested in vintage sports car driving for its own sake, for the sheer thrill a classic car can bring when you take it out for a bit of exercise regardless of where you are actually heading, then any of the following British roadsters should fit the bill.

1963-1967 MGB

Good-to-excellent examples that don't require any major work can be found in most areas for \$8,000 to \$14,000, and in proper condition, they're almost trouble-free. The most desirable models are the "pull-handle" chrome bumper models from the mid-60's, with piping trimmed leather upholstery. While they built them through 1980, from 1968 on they became progressively less interesting due to smog and safety regulations.

1969-1974 Triumph TR6

The six-cylinder Triumph, restyled from the TR250 by Karmann, is the most comfortable model of the Triumph line, far more so than the TR4. In terms of cost for condition and performance, the TR6 is probably the best bargain among British sports cars now. Look for one that has been restored to factory specs with relatively few upgrades. Good examples are pretty easy to find at \$10,000-\$15,000.

1955-1961 Triumph TR3

The TR3 is a sports car for the real purist, with the distinctive quirkiness of styling and handling that set sports cars apart from the herd in the '50s. They're far more interesting than the TR4, with knuckle-dragger low doors, limited weather protection, ox-cart suspension and heavy steering, making this car a true character-builder. These cars are treasured by their owners, so they don't come on the open market very often, but excellent drivers can be bought for \$15,000-\$20,000.

1955-1962 MGA

The MGA is attractive in an almost Italian way. Handling is exceptional, well beyond what would be required by the engine's unexceptional power. MGAs are really beginning to come into their own and prices are starting to go up into Healey territory. Go for the plain vanilla 1500 or 1600, skipping the rare Deluxe and expensive, finicky Twin-Cam. Good drivers are available for \$18,000-\$25,000.

1964-1967 Austin-Healey 300 Mk III (BJ8) convertible

Yes, Austin-Healeys have recently been selling for record prices, but don't be deceived by the headlines. While pristine, just-restored cars from two or three top restorers get all the auction attention, there are always a reasonable number of good-looking, solid performers for sale in the club magazines for \$30,000-\$45,000. The purists like the true roadsters with their pup-tent tops and sketchy side curtains, but your significant other will be happier with convertibles. These were available in the last three years of production and have roll-up windows and more luxurious interiors.

1968-1971 Jaguar E-type Series II

The Jaguar E-type is still the "ultimate crumpet catcher". Sure, you can find examples selling in six digits, but if you want a driver instead of a collectible show piece, they're still affordable, more or less. Skip the numbers-matching trailer queens, and instead look for a good buy in a nice Series II. You'll give up the faired-in headlamps and dainty bumpers, but you'll get a solid 4.2-liter engine with all the performance you can handle, and the improved cooling system is really a plus. With some patience, a good-looking roadster can be found for \$35,000-\$50,000.

Autojumble

MGB parts: I need to get rid of these by April so they're going dirt cheap: front rubber bumper; 2 rear rubber bumpers; 2 early exhaust and 2 intake manifolds; wire wheel wire wheel rear end; 2 front hubs; pair of biscuit seats; PS door with glass; 2 headlight buckets and trim rings; 2 valve covers early short block 18GB I think etc, etc. -- Jake, 1-801-356-6969, 434 N 100 W, Provo.

72 MG Midget. Restoration is 97% complete and the man has done an excellent job of it, inside and out. Mag wheels, 39,000 miles, Chrome bumpers, hardtop, reddish-orange color (new paint) with tan/black interior. Asking price is \$5500.00. Gil, 277-4945, 6200 South 2300 East area.

Memorial Day Run to Jackson WY — Make Your Hotel Reservation!

By popular demand, we are returning to Jackson WY over Memorial Day weekend. Departure will be Saturday morning May 28, and return Monday afternoon May 30. Full particulars will appear in the May issue.

Travel will be via Evanston and north on the sports car lovin' highway that wanders back and forth over the UT/ID—WY border.

We'll be staying at the same hotel — the (dog friendly) Antler Inn in downtown Jackson. They have reserved a block of rooms, but only till April 28. Call and reserve yours, using group ID BMCU. The rate is \$72, and the phone is 1-800-4-TETONS (1-800-483-8667).

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More Deep Thoughts . . .

- 1) "My parents didn't want to move to Florida, but they turned sixty, and that's the law." --Jerry Seinfeld
- 2) "Remember in elementary school, you were told that in case of fire you have to line up quietly in a single file line from smallest to tallest. What is the logic in that? What, do tall people burn slower?" -- Warren Hutcherson
- 3) "Bigamy is having one wife/husband too many. Monogamy is the same." -- Oscar Wilde
- 4) "Suppose you were an idiotAnd suppose you were a member of CongressBut I repeat myself." --Mark Twain
- 5) "Our bombs are smarter than the average high school student. At least they can find Afghanistan." --A. Whitney Brown
- 6) "Ah, yes, divorce....., from the Latin word meaning to rip out a man's genitals through his wallet." --Robin Williams

Exchequer Report

As of February 27, 2005:

Beginning balance
(from last report) **\$1,450.73**

Income:

Contributions	\$ 47.00
Sales	\$ 70.00
Interest income	.48
	\$ 117.48

Expenses:

Jan & Feb newsletter	\$ 213.00
Insurance	\$ 50.00
USPS	\$ 37.00
State of Utah	\$ 7.00
	\$ 307.00

Ending balance **\$ 1,261.21**

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