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The BMCU was well represented at the Park City Miner's Day Parade. Here the cars line up for the start of the parade. Story on Page 2

## A Letter Home: From Bill and Julie Van Moorhem

Dear Folks:

There is British car life after Salt Lake City. As some of you know Julie and I moved to Klamath Falls, Oregon last November, after commuting between SLC and K-Falls for about three and a half months.

We have had an active B-car summer and fall.

In June the TD was first in class at the Klamath Kruise. The Klamath Kruise is big (500+ cars) hot-rod and '50's Chevy show here. Not too

much competition in the "Foreign" class, nine cars, including one other TD and a B. The kruise part is an endless circling about downtown Klamath Falls (like cruising State Street). This occurs after the show and seems to go on for hours. We circled until I started to get dizzy, which was not too long. The best thing about the show was the names of B-Car owners that we collected.

Over the weekend following the 4th of July we attended the Portland Historic Races. This is a vintage

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## BMCU Hallowe'en Party Chez Pivirotto Saturday October 29

Q.: What do you call a witch's garage?

A.: a broom closet.

Q.: Why did the ghost go into the bar?

A.: to get some boos.

Q.: Why are demons and ghouls always together?

A.: because demons are a ghouls best friend.

OK, enough already! This year's End of Season event will be a bit different -- a Hallowe'en Party at the Pivirottos', featuring outfits relating to British cars.

Come as a car part (remember Mike Bailey as a dip stick a couple of years back?), car model, tool, maintenance aid (crank?), British car trait (oil puddle?), or famous Brit (we know we have at least one Queen in our midst). Prizes will be awarded for the best Theme Costumes.

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### Memories!

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## Fantastic Turnout for Park City Miner's Day Parade

What a great turnout we had for the 2005 edition of the Park City Miner's Day Parade and Picnic. Over 25 cars arrived on upper Main Street around 10:00 AM for our annual cruise down the street and into the City Park.

As in past years, the Park City Rotary Club provided the BMCU with a great starting position — right behind the Police and Fire Department as the first entrant. Also, as in past years, they provided reserved parking for us in the park.

With a huge crowd lining the street on a perfect weather day in the mountains, most of us coasted down the hill to the park where picnic lunches and beverages of every type showed themselves. Several newcomers to the BMCU showed and were overheard saying this would be the first on many outings with the

group. For those that did not come up the hill, you missed a great experience, those that did show up, we thank you.

Attending were: Gary, Sandy and Margaux Lindstrom, Bob and Dixie Jahnke, Roger Dotson and Jamie Moore, Susan and Jon Hermance, Andrew Frink, Rich Goodman, Kevin Pack, Ralph, Jean and Ben Hottinger, John and Joy Roberts, Steve Miller, Rob and Nan Green, Kathy and Steve Dougherty, Sheree and Marv Marcus, Kathy and Floyd Inman, Jim Revel and John Travis, Bob and Pat Markmann, Steve Nelson, John and Barbara Progress, Clayton and Sharon Merchant, Roger and Jill Davis. With such a great turnout we may have missed some of you folks. For this we apologize.



### *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 Colour Run to Monte Cristo. John Progress, 547-0259.

**October 29:** Hallowe'en Party, Pugs and Diane Pivrotto's, see Page 1.

**November 19:** Tech Session.

**January 14, 2006:** Tech Session.

**February, 2006:** Annual Pot Luck and Business Meeting.



Roger Dotson wowed the crowd with his MGA trailer rig at the Park City Miner's Day Parade



BMCU at the park

## Babbu English . . .

Back home on the subcontinent, Indians refer to their civil servants as Babbus – a term connoting, well, views similar to the ones we hold for our own beloved government toilers.

India has 14 official languages, one of which is English – sort of. The following was sent by our correspondent in Chennai (formerly Bombay), quoted verbatim from two questions on a driver's license application:

-- Are you able to distinguish with each eye (or if you have held a driving license to drive a motor vehicle for a period of not less than five years and if you lost, the sight of one eye after that said period of five years and if the application is for driving a light motor vehicle other

than a transport vehicle fitted with an outside mirror on the steering wheel side) or with one eye, at a distance of 25 meters in good day light (with glasses if worth) a motor car number plate?

-- Are you so deaf as to be unable to hear (and if the application is for driving a light motor vehicle, with or without hearing aid) the ordinary sound signal?

All this goes to show that English is no longer the international language – instead the international language is now English as spoken by non-native speakers.

## GoF West 2006 to Roll at Mt. Hood

The GoF West is hosted in 2006 by Club T MG of Portland, Oregon. The event will be held at the fabulous destination resort, the Resort at the Mountain, 35 miles east of Portland in Welches Oregon, on the foothills of Mount Hood. Mount Hood is Oregon's tallest alpine peak at 11,235 feet and it dominates Portland's eastern skyline. The setting for the GoF West is perfect for scenery, amenities, fine food, and room to stretch out and relax, or be as active as you choose.

All of us at Club T MG are looking forward to meeting you. At the GoF West, you will be able to participate in many events and you can relax at the Resort, learn from the tech sessions, and enjoy the view.

If you are even thinking of going it would be wise to make hotel reservations now, as rooms will be limited. Call the hotel direct at 800-669-7666.

## Autojumble

**Car wanted:** We are starting to get serious about looking for my first British car. I want to get an older mini that I would use as a daily driver. If anyone has any leads on where to look, we'd appreciate it. Dandy and Megan Taylor dhnmtaylor@xmission.com.

**'75 MGB parts for sale:** 1. Complete engine and trans. Engine is tired and needs rebuilt but it still runs. Engine and trans are still in car so you can come drive it around the block and see what you think. 2. Rubber bumpers. Still in decent shape. Front has turn signals. 3. Windshield assembly. This is still on the car but is in good shape. The rubber gasket between the frame and body will need to be replaced. Side windows and vent windows may also be available. This car and the parts are located in Lehi. Call me if you want pics or more information. I am open to offers for all or part. I also need a trunk/boot lid. Joe Weight, 801-766-1442.

**1967 MGB-GT for sale:** Last of the original dashboard, wires, rare factory overdrive. Needs restoration but is complete. \$1500 firm. For further information call James McCloud at (801) 427-7600.

**For sale in Las Vegas:** 1971 TR6. ZERO rust. 45,000 miles which I believe are original. The car sat for quite a few years (15)? It has newer glossy signal red paint and the frame was removed and painted as well. Pretty much everything on the car is new or in excellent shape. The transmission is the A type overdrive. The engine has about 500 miles on it. It has an aluminum flywheel, 9.5 to 1 compression and a fast road cam. For more details call 702-203-2160.

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**1979 MG Midget;** new tires, medium blue paint, needs some TLC. Call Dean Anderson at 801-966-6520

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## State Street Cruise and Dairy Queen Extravaganza

One again the BMCU cruised in broad daylight (twilight, actually) down the State Street No Cruisin' Zone, right under the nose of His Honor Rocky the Flying Mayor. There was plenty of space to rendezvous at the State Capitol northeast parking lot, and over a dozen cars appeared (plus one gathered along the way). After alerting Ben Chou of the number of seats to reserve at the restaurant, the troop proceeded down State Street in a stately manner, except for detouring around an ugly accident at Eighth South St. Once back on the planned route the trip was uneventful, except for the usual shouts of "I once owned one of those" from passing cars, followed closely by "Never shoulda sold it".

Turning east at 90th South, we soon arrived at Joe Chou's Dairy Queen, with Joe Himself guiding us into his parking lot for an impromptu car show. A large table was reserved for club members, and even a four legged member was allowed in and treated to an ice cream cone by Joe's daughter Ruby.

The highlight was Joe's creation of a special cake featuring three national flags: the US and British for obvious reasons, and the Chinese flag, in honor of the recent purchase of MG Rover by Nanjing Automotive and Shanghai Automotive Industry Corporations. Adding to the fun was a raffle of prizes left over from the Alpine Loop raffle, which were awarded to folks who had birthdays closest to randomly picked dates.

Attending were Gary, Sandy and Margaux Lindstrom, Wade Ashby, Marty Van Nood, Larry and Mary Bishop, Mike, Sharon and Scooter Bailey, Michael and Mary Scoggins,

Paul Jaroch, Clayton and Sharon Merchant, John and Barbara Pro-gess, Mike and Becky Chambers, Denise and Barry Blackett, Rose Armstrong and Bill Brinn, Jonathan and Susan Hermance, Bob and Dixie Jahnke, and Joe, Ruby and Ben Chou.



Margaux and Scooter talk shop



Above: Once again, Joe Chou demonstrates his artistry for the Annual BMCU State Street Cruise. Below: The group meets for their cruise down State Street to Joe's Dairy Queen.



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race well worth seeing and it will be on the weekend following the Portland GoF next year.

In July the Klamath Basin British Touring group (based on the names we collected) had its first event, a run to Crater Lake. Five cars including two other TD's made the run. A number of people in the BMCU suggested we start the BMCO here, but that is the name of a club in Eugene.

Also in July we took the TD to the coast for the Portland Club T-MG Rendezvous. We had joined that club in the spring. We were third in the TD class of about 25 cars, not bad when you don't know anyone. There were a surprisingly low number of T cars there for a T club.

In August, the KBBT had its second event, a run to Lava Beds National Monument in California for a picnic lunch. Again there were five cars.

Over the Labor Day weekend we took the MGA to the Portland All British Field Meet. We were entry number 620 and there were 700+ cars registered, plus about 200 cars in the vintage races that also occur that weekend. This all occurs at the Portland International Raceway. The scale of this event is incredible. A huge "people's choice" show, an autocross course, a rally, a huge swap-meet, dinners, and the vintage races going on in the background. Twenty-nine clubs take part. I sent the program to Jon Hermance, if anyone is interested. The A did fine up and back until we were about two miles from the house when the generator light came on, shades of Sedona last year, and we limped home (ask Gary Lindstrom about Sedona). This occurred with the new Moss generator, from India, that I bought

last October. Moss has offered to replace the generator.

In September the KBBT went to Ashland for lunch at a brew-pub there. We had nine cars for this trip. It was raining lightly when we left K-Falls and continued most of the 75 miles over the southern Cascades to Ashland, but it was a great drive, hilly and twisty. While we were eating the sky cleared and the drive back was even better than the drive to Ashland. This will definitely become a KBBT classic.

In October the KBBT is going to the Merrill Potato Festival for lunch. Can you top that name?

We will likely have a End-of-the-Season dinner in early November and a Pot-Luck in January or February. Sound familiar?

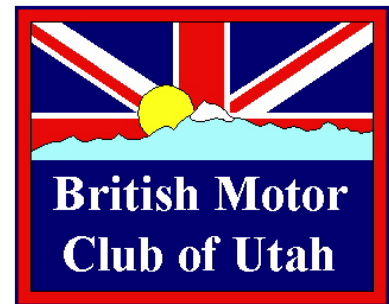
I think at least one of the TD owners in K-Falls will go to the GoF with Julie and me next year. He tells me he seldom drove the TD over 100 miles a year until I ap-

peared. He drove 150+ miles on the Ashland Trip alone this year. He had been having overheating problems, but we seemed to have that fairly well worked out. If the BMCU comes up to the Portland GoF via K-Falls, and that will likely take three days with no tour of the coast, we will go up to Portland with the group. If some of you would like to tour the coast, and it is very worthwhile, add a few more days and we would love to join you.

Happy British Motoring,

—Bill and Julie

P.S. Julie has a yard list of 80+ bird species.



## Hallowe'en Party October 29

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If you have a great costume idea that doesn't necessarily align with a British car theme, not to worry -- wear it anyhow, and complete for prizes in our General Category.

Just like our club policy on member's cars, all costume efforts will be appreciated and honored -- so don't be shy!

The party will get underway about 7pm at Pugs' and Diane's, 1419 South 900 East, phone 801-486-0547. Some basic drinks and munchies will be provided, but if you have something you especially like to drink, please bring it -- as well as a snack or dish to share.

Pugs and Diane would appreciate an RSVP by phone sometime that week.

## Exchequer Report

As of September 26, 2005

Beginning balance  
(from last report) **\$2,023.19**

### Income:

Contributions	\$ 44.00
Sales	\$ 35.00
Interest	\$ .36
	<b>\$ 79.36</b>

### Expenses:

Newsletter Expense	\$ 152.00
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