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## Empire Defended At Chilly Saint Patrick's Day Parade



Seventeen cars and their stalwart owners represented the BMCU at this year's St. Patrick's Day parade on March 11. In contrast to previous years, when odds-defying fair weather greeted paraders, this year the weather gods got revenge in the form of cold temperatures and even snow flurries. Due to an early application, an early (or at least earlier) parade number was obtained, and the fleet was rolling by 11:10am.

The crowds throughout Gateway Center were thinner, but just as enthusiastic as always. Some fair young lady even tried to enter one member's car, but her offer was declined -- for traffic safety reasons, no doubt. After the parade a warm up lunch was enjoyed at Sam Granatos, though some members elected to visit another venue where cold barley water is served.

A goodly representation of British marques and models were present,

including a TR3, a TR4, 2 TR6's, a TR7, an MG-TC, TD, YB, and 2 TF's, 2 MGA's, 3 MGB's, and an Austin-Healey 3000 Mark III, plus a Mercedes Benz 300D escort.

Attending were: Gary, Sandy and Margaux Lindstrom; Riley Nevins; Dan Forster; Paul and Elizabeth Jaroch; Mike, Sharon and Scooter Bailey; Dave and Carol Marks, Marie and Kevin Cowan, John Progress; Jon and Susan Hermance; Floyd Inman; Doug Wimer; Dennis Hoagland; Clayton Merchant; Wade Ashby; and Steve Nelson.

**You can't reach 80  
Hale and hearty  
By driving 80  
Home from the party**

**-- Burma-Shave, 1940**

## BMCU Financial Report For 2005

Prepared by MD Van Nood, MBA  
Chancellor of the Exchequer

### Balance Sheet

Assets	
Cash on hand	\$1,578.60
Intangibles (goodwill)	5,000.00
Inventory	
Polo shirts	302.41
T-shirts	160.00
decals	258.82
badges	447.66
brackets	112.56
Total inventory	1,281.45
Prepaid expenses	50.00
Total assets	7,910.05

### Income statement

Revenue	
Members contributions	\$1,735
Merchandise sales	850.00
Advertising sales	175.00
Interest	4.26
Total revenue	2,764.26

Operating expenses	
Purchases	189.00
Administration	7.00
Newsletter	2,015.29
USPS	187.00
Insurance	150.00
Merchandise cost	266.39
St. Pat Day parade fee	120.00
Total expenses	2,934.68
Net profit (loss)	(170.42)

## BMCU Boogies At Beach Party



*Karen Bradakis preps Chez Fat Chance for the Beach Party  
— and look what she got!?!*

A rollicking crowd turned out for Mardi Gras at the Fat Chance Garage party February 25, 2006. The good times rolled, even as glasses were lifted in honour of the survivors of Katrina's gift to the Crescent City.

The Mardi Gras theme was amply represented in the fine dishes brought to share, including red beans and rice,



gumbo, jambalaya, and many delicious shrimp concoctions.

BMCU faces in this multi-constituent party included Pugs and Diane Pivrotto, Gary and Sandy Lindstrom, Floyd Inman, Mike and Sharon Bailey, Ron Christensen, Rob and Nan Green, and of course Mark and Karen Bradakis.

## Plans Progressing For GoF West 2006 Trip

The Gathering of the Faithful West 2006 will be held in Welches, Oregon (Mt Hood) from July 3 through July 7. This is the largest gathering of T-series MG owners in the western US and Canada. Spectacular prewar cars are typically also represented, along with fabulous, sedans and variants (custom coachwork cars).

Those of you that are interested in joining us should plan on leaving Salt Lake City July 1, returning July 9.

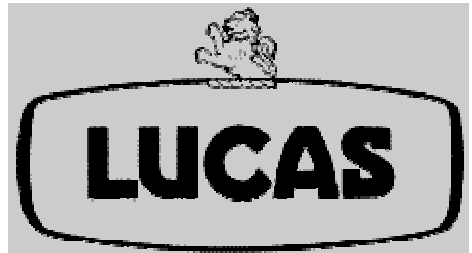
The trip will take us to Winnemucca the first day, then off to Klamath Falls for the second night where we meet up with Bill and Julie VanMoorhem. They and a couple friends will join us for the drive to

Welches.

For the first time in the GoF history, MGA's and B's are being encouraged to join us. So, if there are any of you BMCUers out there that would like to take the trip . . .

We will be making hotel arrangements soon, so if you think you might enjoy the trip with us, please contact Floyd Inman at 645-654-7086 or [Floyd\\_Inman@msn.com](mailto:Floyd_Inman@msn.com) as soon as possible.

Also, event registration information can be found at [www.gofwest2006.com](http://www.gofwest2006.com)



### *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 22, 2006:** Auto Jumble at Bailey's Service. See article on p. 3.

**May 7, 2006:** Antelope Island Tour. Nathan Massie, [nlmassie@mmm.com](mailto:nlmassie@mmm.com).

**May 27—29, 2006:** Memorial Day Run to Moab — Jon and Susan Hermance, 801-583-5846.

**June 24, 2006:** British Field Day. Bill Davis, 801-484-2858.

**July 15, 2006:** Trappers Loop Tour. Clayton Merchant, 801-451-5899.

**August 24—26, 2006:** Senior Citizens Concours. Ron Gunderson, 801-262-4999.

**August 26, 2006:** Alpine Loop Run and Raffle. Larry, Mary and Suzanne Bishop, 801-558-5688.

**September 4, 2006:** Miners Day Parade, Park City. Floyd Inman, 435-654-7086.



Yes friends, a mobile casket at the St. Patty's Day parade. Frog eye headlamps would be a nice addition.

## AutoJumble April 22 at Bailey's Service: Trash Bought, Classics Sold

*Alchemy: An imaginary art which aimed to transmute the baser metals into gold.*

Here's your chance to practice a bit of ancient alchemy this spring. On Saturday, April 22, the BMCU will host a swap meet at Bailey's Service, 187 West 4800 South in Murray. Gather up all the, uh, fine treasures you have stashed away in various dark and dank locations and haul them down to the swap meet. With throngs of British car enthusiasts swarming about you'll have no trouble selling those rusty, base metal artifacts for a golden sum!

For those wishing to offer parts, show up around 9 am with your stash. Space will be available on a first come, first served basis. If the weather cooperates there should be a fair amount of space outdoors, otherwise we'll have to squeeze folks into limited space inside Mike's shop. You'll need to bring your own tables, chairs and such. For BMCU mem-

bers there will be no charge for space to sell your stuff, commercial vendors will be asked to provide a \$25 donation to the BMCU coffers.

Those folks wanting to just pick and choose from the fine array of rare and classic hardware offered can show up around 10 am or so. We expect the festivities to carry on until 3 or 4 in the afternoon. If you work up a bit of an appetite drooling over that NOS back-fire frobulator bracket offered only on the '54 model, John Perry at J Burger and the Hansens at Skool Lunch have generously offered to donate various victuals.

This should be a good time for all, a chance to make a great deal on whatever you might need to get the car ready for summer. If things don't go well with the offering of your treasures, the dumpster out back will be available. -- Mark Bradakis

## McEligot Rules For Safe And Sane Car Club Outings

- Select a recognized tour Leader (not necessarily the first car) who knows and coordinates what is meant to go on, passes the word, etc.
- Do not exceed the speed limit -- it gives our sports cars a bad name (and wears the low displacement engines).
- Keep the car behind in sight to make sure it is not having problems, particularly at turns; slow down as necessary; stop if necessary.
- On two-lane roads, leave sufficient space ahead so tractor trailer (or pickups with boat or camping trailers or RVs) can pass and pull in safely.
- Cell phones, CBs, etc. - exchange numbers, call signs, whatever with others before departing, particularly with the Leader. If

available, first and last cars and leader would be the logical ones to have communications. There are styles of CB now that can be handheld. Even the most complicated antenna/power supply installation won't take more than two hours unless you have a positive ground car. Across long distances, the car-to-car chatter can be the best part of the trip.

- If (intentionally) leaving the group for some reason, coordinate with tour leader and possibly others in advance to avoid uncertainties and wasting others time/miles.
- With large groups, subdivide into smaller groups of three to five cars based on performance or attitude or such, each with its own recognized Leader who understands the route, plans, etc.

## Autojumble

**2 TR3 Project cars** - Must sell ASAP - Lindon, UT - \$6000 in new parts, 2 rebuilt engines, 3 Transmissions - 1 overdrive, 2 powder coated frames - 1 very good body - \$14,000+ invested. First \$6,750 takes it all. Info/pictures at [www.vtr.org/classifieds/detail.php?siteid=1284](http://www.vtr.org/classifieds/detail.php?siteid=1284) AND [www.orbizon.com/tr3](http://www.orbizon.com/tr3) Dan (801) 824-4700.

**Allard J2X replica hinges needed**—I need 8 hinges (4 left, 4 right) for an Allard J2X replica that I'm trying to build. This is #30 of 30 built in Cokato, MN before the factory shut down. It sat as a basket for over 20 years. Many parts are gone. Photos are available by email request. Mel Stark, Marshall, WI, [nnt\\_north@yahoo.com](mailto:nnt_north@yahoo.com).

**1967 Sunbeam Alpine for sale** — almost completely restored. 1725cc engine that totally rebuilt with 3/4 cam. Runs well; brakes done a while back with new master cylinder. Needs a heater motor and wind screen washer parts. The tires are good on spoke rims. The spare rim needs tuned up. Boyd S. McNeil, [bmcneil@trilobye.net](mailto:bmcneil@trilobye.net).

- Look behind before pulling back on the road - and allow plenty of room to start up on a highway.
- Do not stand on the roadway during breaks; people get run over that way.
- During daylight, turning on headlights normally indicates a problem, emergency or need for stop -- mechanical, need for restroom, pulling into gas station, etc. On two lane roads it may be appropriate to have lights turned on continuously for safety with flashing them serving as an indication of a problem, at the Leader's discretion.

— to be continued in May newsletter

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## MG Badges Stolen

Club member Rick Malsed of the 11,000 mile MG fame (see Nov. 2004 newsletter) reports that his winter home in Palm Springs was robbed March 6-7.

Among the many possessions stolen were about 250 car grille badges, mostly MG. Rick asks for help in two ways.

First, if you sold him a badge in the past, please contact him so he can procure a replacement. Secondly, keep an eye out, e.g., on eBay, for large collections of MG badges being unloaded under mysterious circumstances.

Contact Rick at 760-320-1222 (collect calls OK).

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As of March 21, 2006

Beginning balance  
(from last report) **\$1,527.31**

### Income:

Contributions	\$ 541.00
Ad sales	50.00
Interest	.70
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	591.70

### Expenses:

Feb. newsletter	\$ 130.00
Potluck venue	70.00
Insurance	100.00
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	280.00

Ending balance **\$ 1,839.01**

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