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BMCU at Heber Air Show

Saturday July 8th was an opportunity for the BMCU to attend a new event (for us). The Heber Valley Air Show was a combination of vintage cars, motorcycles and various types of aircraft including some first rate war birds from World War II and the Korean conflict.

We met at Mike Cherry's place first to gather all the classic cars that were to be displayed; Mike has a first rate car museum there. Then we proceeded to the airport. Car pilots were allowed to park on the flight line between the planes on display.

Because of our positions near the runway we were in the best seats in town for the

flying portion of the air show! You cannot help but get goosebumps when an old war bird with a huge Rolls Royce or Allison engine roar by! Those few members who attended had a great time!

A special thanks and recognition should go out to Kendall and Connie Dewsnup for making it all the way across the state from the Delta area! Also in attendance were Doug Wimer and Mitch and Diane Johnson. There were a few other Britmobiles there that were not associated with the BMCU, a Morgan and a nice looking Midget.

--Mitch Johnson

Concours d'Elegance Benefiting the Salt Lake Area Senior Centers

Once again, we need your help and support! As you know, the 35th Annual Concours d'Elegance Car Show will be held, at the South Towne Exposition Center, 9575 South State, Sandy, Utah on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 25, 26, and 27, 2006. We scheduled the show this year for August, rather than

October, hoping that this would make it more convenient for you and the public.

Last year's show was the most successful ever in our thirty-four year history. We were able to donate \$45,000 to the senior citizen centers, our traditional charity. Last year we also had more

antique, classic, sports and hot rod cars at the show. Thank you for your support.

We are expecting this year's show to do even better as we are expecting to attract 20,000 to 30,000 paying visitors over the three-day show. This year we are excited to have the support of more sponsors and car clubs.

Many of the past participants in the Concours, who were initially opposed to the new location and format, were pleasantly surprised last year to find that weather was not a worry, security was tight, and the entire weekend was devoted to enjoying fine automobiles and the companionship of fellow hobbyists. Many of our participants left their cars for all three days and returned to the Exposition Center only when they desired.

Once again, the Concours, the senior citizens centers, and the future of this aspect of our hobby need your help. Please make a commitment and calendar to bring one or more of your collector cars to this show in August.

If you have any questions, or if we can provide any other assistance, please contact any member of the Concours d'Elegance Executive Committee. See you in August!

Sincerely yours, *Ardell Brown, Chairman, Concours d'Elegance Executive Committee.*

**Approached
A crossing
Without looking
Who will eat
His widow's cooking?
-- Burma-Shave, 1942**



Gathering of the Faithful West 2006 attendees
overlook the Columbia Gorge

See <http://www.gofwest2007.com/Fall2006Gazette.pdf> for full report

Annual Alpine Loop Run and Raffle Saturday August 19

Long ago and in another time, a few friends who were followers of the Queens own best, got together to polish their bonnets and watch some Castrol drip from their rear oil seals, when they unanimously decided that they should in fact drive these cars somewhere! With this stroke of genius the Alpine Loop Run was devised, and the British Motor Club was conceived. (True story)

Some of these old grey beards are still with us, and decree every year that the Run shall continue. And so it shall.

This year the run will be on Saturday August 19. Arrive at 9 AM for a 10 AM departure, at the southeast corner of South Towne Mall. As with previous years stragglers and those of the far south inclination, may meet up with us at around 10:30 at the Alpine Chevron and coffee exchange.

We will depart there for a scenic tour of the Alpine Loop, ending in Heber for the now famous (and infamous) Alpine loop Raffle and Picnic. This raffle is guaranteed to be conducted as adver-

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Rob Green rips up the Miller Motorsports Park track in his Caterham Super 7 on Lap-ping Day, June 24, 2006. For story and photos see our online 2006 Events link.



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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August 12-13, 2006: Healey Days. Don & Marian Coleman, 801-942-5259.

August 19, 2006 (note date change): Alpine Loop Run and Raffle. Larry, Mary and Suzanne Bishop, 801-558-5688. See article on this page.

August 24—26, 2006: Senior Citizens Concours. Ron Gunderson, 801-262-4999. See article on p. 1. Details on <http://www.concoursutah.com>

September 4, 2006: Miners Day Parade, Park City. Floyd Inman, 435-654-7086. See article on p. 4.

September 16, 2006: State Street Cruise, Paul Jaroch, 801-644-4130 and Joe Chou, 801-557-4620.

October 8, 2006: Fall Colour Tour: Cache Valley. Elizabeth Jaroch, 801-644-4130.

October 19-22, 2006: Triumph Fest, Mitch Johnson, 801-547-1087.

October 28, 2006: End of Season Dinner, Jeff Porter, 801-466-9839.

November 11, 2006: Tech Session, TBD.

December 2006: no events

January, 2007: Tech Session, TBD.

February 2007: Annual Meeting and Pot Luck Dinner, TBD.



Cache Valley Cruise In July 1

Of the truly popular and well attended car shows that I know of in the genre of "classic, antique, hot rod and custom" three come to mind. Long Beach has Belmont Shore, Costa Mesa has the Orange County and Logan has the Cache Valley. Remarkable collections of hardware, all.

Motoring north this year from BMCU for the event were Mitch and Diane Johnson in their white Triumph Spitfire, Dawn and Kimberly Owens the "Mini-Girls" in Kimberley's beautiful cobalt blue Mini-Cooper and me in my red C-280 Benz-O-Matic.

Departure point was Grounds for Coffee out on 89 in Layton. I suggested that location due to the convenient gas station and mini mart right there and we'd be headed in the right direction.

Saturday July 1st. had glorious weather, warm not hot with temps in the low 80's, so far. Out on the highway we're passing lush agricultural areas up to Uintah and once past Ogden the scene continues, overlooking Willard Bay to the west and down into Perry. Maddox is the land-

mark where 89 heads east toward Mantua, north to the 5,800 ft. summit then down to Wellsville and Logan. Like Trappers Loop this is not any place you want to exceed the speed limit. My friend the Porsche Club trip planner made that abundantly clear. I think she was "detained".

The Logan / Cache Valley Fair Grounds is the site of this event and I have never been successful in finding it on the first try. This time I got the address from their site, or I thought I had the address. We get there and it's a residential area with no fair grounds in sight. I hale a passing bicyclist who points south and calls out "three blocks, there's a car show there". Arriving, it becomes clear why I have trouble finding it. When they built it there was probably nothing else around it. Well, there sure is now. You don't see it until you're right upon it.

Last year a buddy had his 912 there and the year prior there was a handsome Ferrari Mondial. The owner seems so happy that I knew what it was and was interested. That was it for imports.

Well, it was a bit different this year. Somebody "let the cat out of the bag" and there were actually quite a few Britmobiles for us to enjoy and not a slouch in the bunch. One Austin Healey was positively Concours. Now they don't park these cars in any particular order so when we came upon a British car it was a pleasant surprise. Lots of food vendors this year with interesting treats like Hawaiian rib slices and other vendors included the widow and family of the late Ed "Big Daddy" Roth with all the Rat Fink gear, great stuff from the 60's. Of course I got a shirt with a skeleton on a chopper. Outrageous! Mrs. Roth invited us to visit so we'll follow up on that.

The ride back south was the same gentle cruise and once to Maddox Mitch went to I-15, I went back on 89 and the girls had left a little earlier.

Yes, it's mostly Chevy-Ford-Dodge "Detroit Iron" but I never tire of the beauty and preparation that goes into these cars. And this year there was a nice showing of British beauties. Lovely day.

--Paul Jaroch

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tised, completely, until the last goodie finds a new home.

This event truly is one of the high points of the club season, and one of the mainstays of the club monetarily, so please plan on attending. A special bonus this year is a continuation of the run after lunch and raffle to the Radisson Hotel in Park City, where the Wasatch Mountain Jaguar Register will be holding their annual nationally sanctioned concours. Questions can be answered by Larry and Mary Bishop, 801-321-0482.





Despite the Heat: Trappers Loop a Big Success!

Saturday, July 15th began as a fantastic day to enjoy the weather, the scenery, some good friends and LBC's. Twenty-two cars showed up for the annual run to Trappers Loop carrying nearly 40 people. We met at Hogle Zoo and spent a little time catching up and getting acquainted with the members of the Italian Motor Club of Utah who brought a Fiat 124 and an absolutely beautiful Alfa Romeo GTV 1750 along for the ride.

We then tooled on up Emigration & East canyons, once again dodging the bicyclists all along the way. (This must be the favorite weekend for cyclists in these canyons.) We arrived in Morgan just as the weather would really begin to heat up and stopped for a drink and to give everyone a chance to stretch their legs. I think we created the first mass traffic jam of English cars ever seen in this fair town, but a number of people came over to ooh & ahhh over our little mobile museum and offered some very nice comments.

It was after we left Morgan that we had evidently unknowingly created a new event within the event. Our Governor General apparently had some unfinished business in the loo of the Chevron station. Everyone else was outside standing around discussing the heat and ready to get going again. It looked as if everyone was there, so we all left, not knowing that poor Mitch was not with the group. We have now created "ditch the Gov." as the latest way to entertain ourselves at all future events.

(Sorry Mitch, I really didn't know!)

We headed toward Snow Basin after leaving Morgan and it was on the way up the hill on Trappers Loop that I was passed by a screaming blur of red motion that left me thinking, I could've had a V-8, that told me that Mike Scoggins' engine rebuild, balance & overdrive rebuild on his TR6 was money well spent. They were waiting at Snow Basin and had been there for some time by the time we arrived.

It was a nice jaunt down SR226 to Pine View Reservoir and on to The Oaks where the staff once again did an admirable job of seating and feeding us in a timely manner. Our thanks goes out to them.

Triumph was the dominant marque this year with 9 cars present including 3 TR6, 3 Spitfires, a TR4, a TR250 and a TR7 Spyder. MG's were represented by 4 MGA's, a Midget and a BGT. A nice surprise was the presence of 2 Lotuses, a '77 Elise and a newer Elan. We also had a newer Mini and the aforementioned Italian contingent.

A special thanks goes out to Gar Hendry and his family who represented the Great Basin Rovers and agreed to be the chase vehicle at the last hour, driving their '97 Land Rover Discovery.

In attendance were: John & Barbara Progress, Mike & Mary Scoggins, Mitch & Greg Johnson, Rob & John Foye, Larry & Margaret Farrington, Steve

Miller & Mary Rook, Kirsten Larson & Per Erjen, Roger Dotson & Jamie Monroe, Kent & Janet Topham, Mark Bleiweiss, The Prochaski's, Chuck Easton, Mike & Becky Chambers, John Perry, Rich Davis, Jeff Greenland, Clayton & Sharon Merchant & Gar Hendry & Family. Representing The Italian Motor Club of Utah were Grant White, Ronan Glon & Jamison Pexton.

Thanks to everyone who attended and to those who were unable to make it, you were missed!

-- Clayton Merchant

Let 'em Roll Down Hill In Park City September 4, 2006

It doesn't feel like summer is coming to a close, yet next month we will once again take the leisurely ride down Park City's Historic Main Street and on to City Park for the Annual Miner's Day Parade and Picnic. This year's spectacle will take place Monday, September 4, gathering at the top of the street around 10:00 AM.

For those of you that have never brought your LBC's out for this event, we begin at the top of Main Street and head down the hill (usually with engines off) to the base of Lower Main, then over to Park Avenue and down to the Park.

For those that don't bring their own lunch and/or beverage, the Park City Rotary Club will have their barbecues full of burgers and dogs. Soft drinks and beer will also be available.

Don't miss this wonderful outing in the cool of the mountains. For additional information, call Floyd Inman at 435-654-7086 or drop an e-mail to floyd_inman@msn.com.





Butlerville Parade and Car Show

Here is a riddle. What do 7, 38, & 98 have in common? The answer is: There were seven BMCU cars in the parade and car show. The BMCU was the 38th entry in the parade, and the temperature at parade time was 98 F.

The Second Annual Butlerville Days Celebration was held the afternoon of July 24th. Even though our cars had their cooling systems severely tested, no one had to drop out or be towed before we finished the parade and gathered in Butler Park for the Show portion of the event. All of us were VERY happy to see the top of the hill so that we could coast, motors off, the final ¼ mile to the finish, a la the Park City Miners Day Parade.

We had the most attractive cars in the parade and many of the "dignitaries" walked by our staging position and "selected" the car in which they wanted to ride! Even though we had not planned on this, John Hermance, Mike Scoggins and Gary Lindstrom came through and were gracious to give parade rides to these people/bee (see above).

The parade route was lined with parents and lots of kids who cheered with yells of "cool car, neat car, haven't seen one of those in a while, and sweet ride." We also had candy given to us by the organizers

to toss to the spectators.

Once we had assembled on the show grounds and got the club banner erected, we took advantage of the air conditioning, food, and drinks that were provided to us for our participation. We also enjoyed the Black Hawk Helicopter display and flight demo, the low fly over of a KC-135 tanker, the "waterfall" that the fire department made from the top of their aerial ladder, and the live entertainment. The Car Show was a success as we had MG's, Triumph's, Sunbeam and even a Metropolitan on display for a year spread from 1948 - 1979. Throughout the Car Show we had a steady stream of people enjoying and asking questions about the wide diversity that BMCU has. The awesome fireworks at the end of the day were the perfect ending for the celebration.

Participants in this year's parade were Robert Rawlings & family, John Hermance, Roger & Jill Davis, Michael Scoggins, Terry Rees, Mitch & Diane Johnson, and Gary "the Bee Keeper" Lindstrom (Margaux wisely stayed home). Put next year's parade & car show on your calendar because this event is growing and you'll want to be a part of it!

-- Roger Davis

Autojumble

Square Eye Sprite: It hasn't been run in a while, but reported to have been in good shape when it was put into storage. Seller is leaving the area, and is motivated to sell; make a reasonable offer. Contact Walt at 801-265-9715 or biken-bowl@peoplac.com.

I'm looking for an original **Austin Mini**. Possible trade for one of my current project cars: either a 78 MGB or a 67 Sprite. My wife is finally bitten by the British car bug and it's the original Min she wants. John Ross gone2d-dogs@yahoo.com.

Anyone interested in a really nice, 1997 sapphire blue, magnolia interior **Jaguar XK8**? The car has just over 15k original miles and is in Bristol condition in all manner! I have owned the car since December. This is a sweet running vehicle and I am reluctant to part with it but have too many cars already. Direct inquiries to Steve at 801-225-2738 or oldpub-losteve@aol.com. The car is in the Provo area.

1974 1/2 TR6: Dark blue, black interior, overdrive. 135k miles. Very solid running and, dare I say it, reliable, car. Mechanicals professionally redone 1989 and repainted/very limited rust resolved 1992. Bought from daughter of original owner (Virginia Beach Virginia) in 1990. Driven about 1-2k miles year. Making room for new Lotus Elise. \$11,000 801 949 3285.

1973 Triumph TR6 for sale—Very good condition, pimento color with black interior Asking \$15,000. Car was at British Field Day. Ron Rowley, ronrowley@earthlink.net.

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Newsletter Now Mailed Only To Renewed Members

As discussed in the June and July newsletters, your Board of Governors has decided to relinquish the club's second class postal permit, and mail the newsletter by first class mail. The second class permit required a minimum mailing of 200, which resulted in mail copies to some members who were reading the newsletter online, and didn't particularly want paper copies.

Using the 2006 response cards and recent member sign ups as a basis, the mailing list was pruned from about 245 to about 140. This will result in not only postage savings, but printing savings as well.

Nevertheless, the board does want to

Exchequer Report

As of July 21, 2006

Beginning balance
(from previous report) **\$1408.06**

Income:	
Member's contributions	43.00
Merchandise sales	171.00
Pre-sales (key fobs)	180.00

	394.00

Expenses:
None since last report

Current balance **\$1802.06**

mail paper copies to everyone who desires to receive one. If you are one of these members, and your address has been a casualty of the *Big Prune*, let Gary Lindstrom or Bruce Schilling know, and your address will be reinstated in the mailing list.

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