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Moab With Gust-o!

The weather report said cool, overcast, and windy as the 2006 BMCU Memorial Day Expeditionary Force rendezvoused at Hogle Zoo Saturday May 27. Lined up for inspection were two TR3's, one TR6, one MG TC, one MG TD, and a Toyota Land Cruiser mother ship. After exchanging cell phone numbers, off we went on our appointed route: up Emigration Canyon, onto I-80 to US 40, whence to Heber, where we met the Greens in their shiny green Mini Cooper.

After stocking up with munchies for the ride, we re-joined US 40 through Heber City, over Daniels Summit, and on to Duchesne. At that point the tour turned into a familiar BMCU fire drill, with the lead car missing the turn onto US 191, and traveling on to Roosevelt before sheepishly returning to Duchesne and the correct road south. Meanwhile the Jahnkes in their lively TR3 had separated

from the group, missed the rest stop in Duchesne, and had the timidity to follow the correct route, which gave them 30 minutes of wait time in Helper. The Greens for their part had linked up with a modern red Mini, and were dog fighting their way through the canyon to Helper. The laggards made a leisurely run over to Helper, enjoying the spectacular scenery and the fierce headwind. The Hermance family played tag team driving their three vehicles, with the Land Cruiser passing time playing tumbleweed demolition derby.

All was made right in Price with a stop at a decent restaurant featuring "Mexican American seafood", whatever that is. The remainder of the trip through Green River to Moab was pleasantly uneventful, though many were thankful for the overcast skies and cool weather -- it was even reported

that some heaters were turned on -- imagine that, on a Memorial Day run to Moab!

Moab, as expected, was filled to the gills with art festival patrons, bikers, car nuts, hikers, jeepers, and foreign tourists. At our motel two British couples introduced themselves, remarking "it's great to see our old cars being loved and cared for!" In fact, they turned out to hail from Coventry (the Holy City), home of Triumphs, Jaguars, and other beloved marques. They themselves were of course touring in a massive Cadillac "saloon".

One of the many "updates" to Moab in recent years is the availability of some very good restaurants, which the group enjoyed the two nights in town. On Sunday subgroups were formed to visit Arches National Park, including a hike to Delicate Arch (where alas no one was climbing); along the Colorado River over Dewey Bridge to the booming metropolis of Cisco on I-70; Dead Horse Point (can't beat it), and through Castle Valley over the La Sal loop to Spanish Bottom south of Moab.

The most exciting mechanical moment on the trip involved the Scoggins TR6, which developed a rattle in its nether regions, soon diagnosed to be clutch related. Getting worse to the point of undriveability, a survey was made through

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**Don't stick
Your elbow
Out so far
It might go home
In another car
-- Burma-Shave, 1941**



The Island Drive Sunday May 7

What a gorgeous day. From the time we gathered at the Capitol until we put the cars away into the garage, we just could not have asked for a better day. Not only was the weather great, but we didn't have any bugs to contend with, either. I don't know if it was the slight breeze, or the earlier-in-the-month timing of the event, or maybe the midges don't fly about on Sunday. Whatever the reason, the lack of bugs and the great weather made for a wonderful drive.

The Salt Lake bunch included 12 cars, plus a few other club members who stopped in at the Capitol to see us off. It was fun leading the pack from Salt Lake up I-15 at a steady 55 with little traffic for us to worry about. We were able to 'fly in formation' without any non-Brit cars getting into the line. It looked and felt just like a parade.

Another three cars joined us in Layton at the meeting point behind the Burger King. After a bit of talk and looking at the cars, we had Jon Hermance sound the horn and we drove out to the island. It was there that we learned that the causeway fee is now \$9 instead of last year's \$8. But no one complained, probably because it such a nice day.

After we crossed the causeway, we drove to the Garr ranch for lunch. I was looking forward to that road over to the ranch. It's smooth but twisty, with a few hills, made just to order for our cars. But to my disappointment, we got behind someone who obeyed the 25 MPH speed limit. And there was just enough oncoming traffic and bicycle traffic to keep us from passing. So the whole group of us had to follow along. I nearly cried. On the plus side, Roger Davis reported seeing some antelope, and someone mentioned that they rebuilt an SU during the slow drive.

At the ranch, we pulled a few picnic tables together and had lunch. After lunch, we played a rousing game of Great Salt Lake trivia, which included a few new questions along with the ones from previous years. The commotion got the attention of the ranger, who helped flesh out some of the more sensational trivia questions, such as the story of a certain prisoner who was banished to an island, and who disappeared a few weeks later. Some think he died in the harsh climate. Or drowned trying to swim to shore. But it's entirely possible he bought a basket-case MG, retired to the



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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June 24, 2006: British Field Day. Bill Davis, 801-484-2858. See article p. 4.

July 1, 2006: Cache Valley Cruise In. Paul & Elizabeth Jaroch. See article p. 5.

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.

garage to put it together and hasn't been seen since.

After leaving the ranch, we headed around the island in a clockwise fashion --- and caught up with the same slooow pickup that we followed to the ranch. We visited Buffalo Point, then drove past the beach, and finally, back to the marina and onto the causeway for the drive home.

Sharing the fun were Clayton and Sharon Merchant, Barb and John Progress, Michael and Mary Scoggins, Nathan Massie, Paul and Elizabeth Jaroch (and Wiley), Roger and Jill Davis, Kent To-pham, Rob and Nan Green, Jon and Susan Hermance; Brandon and Shellie Prusse, Mike and Sharon Bailey, Larry Farrington, Rich and Don Goodman, Becky and Mike Chambers, and Pam and Kimberly Owens (the Mini Girls).

— Nathan Massie



BMCU Night At The Living Traditions Festival

A fine time was had by all the BMCUers who acted on Pugs and Diane Pivrotto's invitation to join them for a night out at the Living Traditions Festival Saturday May 20 on the Salt Lake City and County Building lawn.

Safely ensconced in the beer and wine garden by the main stage, good music and a few jokes (even some new ones) were shared, aided by good international food, and even a few servings of the garden's namesakes. The headliner act was

the Dirty Dozen Brass Band from New Orleans, who gave testimony to the spirit and resilience of that great city. Other attractions included traditional crafts of many lands, music workshops, and even a bocce ball court.

Enjoying the outing were Dan Forster, Mike and Sharon Bailey, Jon and Susan Hermance, Dave and Carol Marks, Mark and Karen Bradakis, Gary Lindstrom, and of course Pugs and Diane Pivrotto.



Car Theme Songs

— From
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Jaguar

Walking Man James Taylor
Why Can't The English Rex Harrison
Money Pink Floyd
You Don't Own Me
and *Rust Never Sleeps* Neil Young
Boom Boom Out Goes The Lights
Pat Travers
Here Comes The Night Van Morrison

Jaguar XKE

Unforgettable Nat King Cole

Jaguar XJS

19th Nervous Breakdown
Rolling Stones

Jaguar XJ8

Only In My Dreams
Shayla

Rolls Royce

That'll Be The Day Buddy Holly
Get Off My Cloud Rolling Stones

DeLorean

The Old Dope Peddler Tom Lehrer
Highway To Hell
AC/DC
Cocaine
Eric Clapton

Range Rover

Nature Trail to Hell in 3D
Weird Al Yankovic

Austin Healey 3000

Magic Carpet Ride Steppenwolf

Nash Metropolitan

Splash Splash I Was Takin' A Bath
Coasters

MGs

I Go Walkin' After Midnight In The
Moonlight
Patsy Cline

British Field Day at Liberty Park Saturday June 24, 9:00am - 3:00pm



Jon Hermance starts an autocrosser at the 2005 British Field Day

That's right folks the biggest change to the British Field Day this year is the location. The British Field Day will be held at Liberty Park. So it's again time for all British car and motorcycle enthusiasts to get their rigs out of the garage, clean them up and tune them so they're running as well as can be expected. All British cars and bikes in any condition from 100 point restorations to works in progress or an old daily beater are welcome - it just needs to be British!

So, if you're thinking "my rig doesn't look good enough", think again. If you can get it there by driving, trailer or tow strap, it belongs in the show! The more the merrier! All of the British car/bike clubs are participating, so don't let those other marque's make your club look like slackers, call your fellow club members and get them to the event!

For the brave of heart, we will have

the road course set up again this year on a closed access road inside the park. It promises to maybe be a little longer and surely a bit more challenging than previous years!

During the event there will be music, laughter, shop talk, bench-racing, meeting new people, British specialty vendors, catching up with old friends, drawings for raffle prizes etc. Liberty Park has many amenities. There is a newly remodeled food concession stand, one of the largest and best playgrounds in the City, the Tracy Aviary and a small amusement park that has a Ferris wheel and Merry-Go-Round. Even if your family thinks you have a terminal case of the British car disease and doesn't share your passion for LBC's (little British cars), bring the family and come on down anyway. There will be plenty for them to do while you are getting your fix!

Proceeds from this year's event will again be donated to The Food Pantry of Saint Paul's Episcopal Church. Last year we raised enough money to pay for 80% of their yearly cash budget! The Pantry is providing volunteers to assist with the event so the organizers can have some fun too!

The event will be located in the northeast quadrant of the park. The easiest way to get there is to go to the corner of 7th East and 13th South, drive west one block on 13th South and make a right hand turn at the south entrance into the park. When you have gone about a quarter of the way around the park, you will see the event on the left.

Please help support Saint Paul's food pantry by bringing your cars and bikes out to join in the fun. Registration starts at 8:00 AM and we hope to have most cars in place by 9:00. If you can't get out of a honey-do-project and are delayed, no worries. Come late! The registration fee is \$10 per car or bike. A \$5.00 donation is requested per adult. Kids 12 and under are free. There will be a family pass available this year.



There will be a lunch meeting of all those interested in helping host the *Gathering of the Faithful 2007* at noon Saturday June 10 at The Canyons in Park City. Contact Floyd Inman at 435-654-7086 for details.

Cache Valley Cruise In — Saturday July 1

June 29 to July 1 is the annual Cache Valley Cruise In and an opportunity for us to "motor" locally and have some fun. Now, this event doesn't draw imports, it's a Chevy-Ford-Dodge & Hot Rod event and a BIG deal up there and fun nonetheless. Elizabeth and I have gone twice and had a blast. We will be going up on Saturday the 1st of July.

I figure those of us interested in such foolishness could join on Saturday at our usual meeting place at Checker Auto Parts in Kaysville or out on 89 at Grounds for Coffee, 1480 N. US Hwy 89, Layton, just north of Kaysville. I'm thinking meeting around 9:00 am, either place as we decide. I mention the coffee place as it's right on 89 and there's a Sinclair station right there: fuel of both types.

Heading up old Hwy 89 is always a nice ride through the old farmlands toward Brigham City and the ride up through Sardine Canyon is a gentle tour to

Logan. Notice Maddox Ranch House on the left in Perry. (Nudge, nudge, wink, wink) (Maybe later?)

The car show is at the Cache/Logan fairgrounds, just west of downtown Logan. Parking is on the street, catch as catch can. The event is pretty loose. I'll get the precise location. I think the Masonic Lodge in town is having a bar-b-que as well, open to all. I'll firm that up.

So, please refer to www.cachevalley-cruisein.com for all the details, and yes, they actually give the car away.

RSVP to me so I know what we are doing. Don't want us all running all over the place.

Smiling,
Paul & Elizabeth Jaroch
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Send Your Response Card To Keep Receiving The Newsletter

Many BMCU members prefer reading the newsletter online, in color, and don't care to receive a printed black and white copy in the mail. Your Governors are speculating that this has negatively affected the response card return rate, which was lower this year. In fact, we

are near the point where purchasing our second class mailing permit doesn't make sense. Rest assured we won't stop mailing out the newsletter, but don't be surprised if yours stops coming if you haven't returned your response card!

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the bell housing inspection port, and lo! it was determined that the fly wheel was separating from the crankshaft end. Since remedying this involves a gearbox-ectomy, the TR6 was hitched to the Land Cruiser for a close-couple escort back to Salt Lake.

On a lesser scale, the two TR3's were the subject of continual choke fiddling, in an attempt to attain that sublime moment when the mixture is just right. All this fussing inspired the mantra for the weekend: *you can't be too rich or too lean!*

After farewells Monday morning, the group subotted according to vehicle speed and schedules back home, but a final rendezvous lunch was enjoyed in Duchesne before attacking the final leg.

Enjoying the run were Gary Lindstrom, Bob and Dixie Jahnke, Michael and Mary Scoggins, Rob and Nan Green, Mike and Alison (Hermance) Magruder, Dan, Laura (Hermance), and Rookie Maitzen, and trip leaders Jon and Susan Hermance.

Autojumble

Needed: MGB hubs—I need a pair of front wire wheel MGB hubs; also a 60 spoke wire wheel in good condition I can powder coat to match. Jim Munter, jmunter@xmission.com.

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

Jaguar '69 XKE 2+2 project car—97K miles Autumn Red (Maroon), Std Trans, Good Body (Min Rust) Car was stored for 20 Years because engine swallowed a valve. The engine and trans are out of the car. I have 2 extra 4.2L engines with Auto trans that will come with the car the engines are complete. The original engine needs to be rebuilt. In Woods Cross Utah. (801)298-8924 - Pick up only. For pictures email request to beachbumbarry@msn.com.

1979 MGB Roadster convertible—White. Excellent condition. Unique engine O series prototype. Rostyle wheels, low miles, original paperwork from British Motor Industry Heritage Trust (Certified). One of only 5 produced for testing. \$17,000. J. Hansen 801-401-8386.

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Armed Forces Day Car Show May 20

Armed Forces Day was a big success again this year for the Troops and their families. There was a healing field of flags display, food and lots of military stuff to look at. The car show was a little sparse, but there was a lot of other things going on that day. The free concert and fireworks were great.

Thanks to everybody who helped out.
--Ron Gunderson

Exchequer Report

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	130.84
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