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Rumble In The Jumble April 22

April is always a tough month to schedule a club event, since April showers bring May rust worms, and we often still haven't defrosted from our stoic St. Patty's Day Run.

In the past we've done Poker Runs, Car Museum Tours, and Tax Day Socials -- this year we took a page from the MG T-Series Gatherings of the Faithful and held a swap meet, ahem, Auto Jumble, at Baileys Service in beautiful suburban Murray City, organized by Mike Bailey and Mark Bradakis.

Despite our fears, the weather was fabulous, and there was a great turn out of sellers -- and even a few buyers. Pugs reported selling a Triumph hardtop along with other valuable stuff, and was heard to proclaim "next time drinks are on me", or was it "next time shrinks for me"?

Rich Sanders did a brisk business clearing out leftovers from his TR4 restoration project, while several complete (more or less) rolling chassis received calculating looks from

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BMCU Delegation To Qatar

Greetings from the land of the never-ending heat wave!

It's been 22 days since I've seen anything green or alive. There is not much here but sand and rocks. My days here are what we like to refer to as "Groundhog day". If you have seen the movie, you will understand the comparison. I am currently working the midnight to noon shift, so I don't get too much of the heat until it is time to head back to the barracks and hide under the air conditioner (yeah Air Force!). I was delighted to inform Pugs the official name of our community restroom facilities is truly called the "Cadillac". Pugs, I'll never look at your cars the same again!

I'm thinking some of you folks would have a hard time here because even though Muslim countries usually forbid the consumption of alcohol, Qatar has made an exception for a small

area of the base. BUT, you can only have three beers per day. No exceptions! And you thought Utah was bad! And for folks like me who do not partake, if you get caught "buying your buddies a drink" it is a major infraction! So, I chose not to even get a "Beer card" so to not tempt myself as to wanting to reward one of my Airmen with a tasty cold one.

It is now looking like my tour here will only be lasting until June 6th. That is good news for the Johnson family since 60 days is much better than 140. But still about twice as long as Diane has ever been without my daily wit and charm. So, I am hoping to see you all at the British Field Day this summer.

Take care and God Bless,
Mitch D. Johnson
Governor General (Deployed)

**They missed the turn
Car was whizz'n
Fault was her'n
Funeral was his'n
-- Burma-Shave, 1941**

The Island Drive Sunday May 7

No, British cars don't float. Lucky for us, there's an island that's close to home, and it's connected to the mainland by the Davis County causeway. Mark your calendar now--it's time for the annual Antelope Island drive, on Sunday, May 7th. This is one of just a few Sunday events for the club. It's a great drive, and a great excuse to get your car tuned up and ready for the driving season.

Similar to last year, we'll take an anti-clockwise route around the island. Here's the schedule for the drive:

- 10:00 am: For BMCU'ers in the SLC area, gather at the state capitol, in the north side parking lot, at 10:00 am on Sunday, May 7.
- 10:30 am: Leave the Capitol and head north, by way of Victory Road, and onto I-15 NB to Layton, where we'll get off at exit 335 (Antelope Drive). Watch for the brown signs directing you to Antelope Island State Park.
- 11:00 am: If you live in Davis county, or other parts north of SLC, meet us west of the Burger King on the NW corner of the intersection of Antelope Drive and Main Street in Layton. That's just past the second light west of I-15. If you left the house in a hurry and didn't pack your lunch, buy it here, before you get to the island. There's only one food establishment on the island, so it's best to take a lunch with you.
- 11:30 am: Westward ho! out to the island. If you missed us at the two meeting points along the way, just

remember that once you're on Antelope Drive, stay on that road and head west until you reach the Great Salt Lake. You can't miss it.

Once we cross the causeway, we'll head past the marina, bear to the left and head over to the Garr Ranch for lunch. There's shade and picnic tables there, and the Ranch is an interesting look into a 100-plus-year-old working ranch with a house, barn, bunkhouse, blacksmith shop, and old equipment. Plus, you'll get a bit of a history lesson in the form of a Great Salt Lake trivia contest.

The drive to and from the ranch is a wonderful, twisty road that's way fun in a little Brit car. Keep a look out for buffalo, deer, and who knows, maybe even the island's namesake antelope.

After lunch, we'll head back toward the main road, then go to Buffalo point, past the beaches, and the visitor's center. After we stop at the visitor's center, we'll head home.

What to bring: Bring a picnic lunch, drinks, and \$8 per car for the causeway fee that goes to Davis County to pay for the causeway maintenance. Also, it's been known to rain on us, so don't forget your rain jacket just in case!

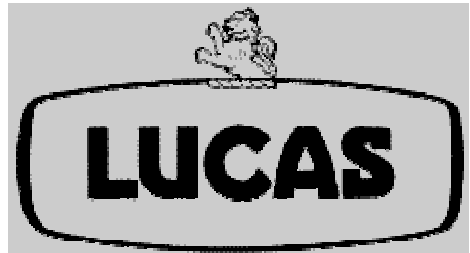
If you need more information, call Nathan Massie at 801-486-2935, or call the Antelope Island information line at 801-773-2941.

So get that car ready....and see you on Sunday!



Left: BMCU'ers assemble prior to departure on Mitch Johnson's Farewell Departure Run, April 8 (story on p. 3).

Right: A Lucas engineered barbeque at the Yukon Grille in Huntsville, fresh from emissions certification by Baileys Service.



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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May 7, 2006: Antelope Island Tour. Nathan Massie, nlmassie@mmm.com. See article on this page.

May 20, 2006: Armed Forces Day, Ron Gunderson, 801-262-4999. See article on p. 4. **Same day:** *Living Traditions* night — see article on same page.

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.



Impromptu Huntsville Tour and Governor General Send Off

April 8, 2006

By Paul Jaroch

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Announcement: The message went out for the Governor General Send Off Drive earlier, a little tour for Mitch who is going on a larger military "tour" in the Middle East for the summer.

Meeting: The meeting place was at Checker Auto in Kaysville, known to all of us. Those attending and driving were Mitch & Diane Johnson in their Triumph Spitfire, Pugs & Diane Pivrotto in their Crossfire, Larry Farrington in his TR-6, John Progress in his red MG-A, Rich Goodman in his black TR-7 and Paul, Elizabeth & Wiley Jaroch in their Benz-O-Matic diesel. Those sending Mitch and the drivers off were Dawn & Kimberly Owens, our "Mini Girls" and Gary Lindstrom, our esteemed past Governor General.

Leaving: This was a "no plan" tour, just get out and drive our cars with Mitch and go where anyone cared to go as a group. Come to find out this "play it as you go" no plan tour was a lot of fun. There at Checker we voted to tour up to the Trappist Monastery in Huntsville and lunch at the Shooting Star also in Huntsville. We proceeded east to 89, then north to the mouth of Ogden Canyon.

Ogden: Once on the canyon road we turned into Rainbow Gardens for a pit stop and to tour the gift shop. The Ogden River is full, rushing and loud.

Ogden Canyon: Beautiful drive up the canyon in the shadows of the new spring growth following the Ogden River up to Pineview Reservoir and around to the Huntsville / Monastery intersection. Right turn and on through cow and horse country. This is rural here and folks stop and wave as we all motor by. Not much else going on up here. It's nice pasture land and the new growth in the fields smells sweet.

Trappist Monastery: Arrive and purchase honey, jams and cereal, most produced right there on their farms. It's sunny and warm and oh, so quiet. That's why it's a "monastery" I suppose. Motored back on by the same waving folks and into downtown Huntsville.

Shooting Star: Arrived at 11:30, sign on door indicated they opened at 12:00 noon. The owner opened the door and told us we were a "little early". OK, let's burn some time. We strolled around the corner and toured downtown Huntsville by foot around the Yukon Grille and the little gift shop. Didn't see a soul, or but one car other than us since we arrived 11:50 we started to turn around and return the 25 yards to the Shooting Star for a burger at the oldest continuously operating tavern in Utah.

Pugs looks down the street and sees a car, then we see about 12 more following. They pull up to the Shooting Star and across the street and all occupants just pile out of their cars and walk right into the establishment, and we were waiting for noon like we were told!! Some of us know the legendary cooking facilities at the Star and figure right then and there that our chances of getting a meal would be about an hour out. We go back to the Yukon Grille to see what it's all about. It's open and only a couple of customers. This may be OK. At least we'll get served something, it seems.

Yukon Grille: Rustic and nice. Food is fresh and good. Appetizers are shared all around of battered mushrooms and onions. Conversation, camaraderie, and story telling ensues. Owner is quite the car fan and offers his establishment to us for any future mass attendance and bar-b-ques. Suggests a "Buff & Shine".

He'd like to have our Brit-mobiles parking all around his place.. Says he'll make the food rates "right". The evening prior he hosted 150 Ski Patrol employees. The smoker out back was still warm and smelling oh, so GOOD.

North Ogden Divide: Beautiful drive up through the farming country of Eden and onto the grade up to the North Ogden Divide. Snow on both sides of the road and it's warm outside. Windows are all down and the sunroof open on the "Matic". We climb a steep grade but on a safe, good road. Once at the divide we are treated with a spectacular view of the North Ogden Valley and the Lake. I'm surprised at the elevation we are at as I look out west and below down the mountain.

Down the mountain: Careful speed. Rock debris and water from the melt off are on the road while I'm enjoying the view as I can.

Depart for home at North Ogden: Stopped at the intersection at the base of the grade to regroup, shake hands, hugs all around for our GG and best wishes for a safe and speedy return. New road takes some west right out to I-15. Mitch, Diane and we go south on Washington into Ogden, 89 and home. Kaysville to North Ogden: 65 miles Time: 6hrs, including all stops

Fun: a most enjoyable local run and right here around the corner

Conclusion: Short runs like this even just around Pineview and back to the Oaks restaurant I think may be a fun consideration for us. Local around Salt Lake as well. You wouldn't have to prep too much, just crank and go. Larry said that we needed to have more of these things. This run was on a short fuse, attended by only a few, six cars, but it was a BLAST.

Armed Forces Day May 20 Murray City Park

Armed Forces Day honors our military sacrifice for freedom. This event helps to raise money for the families of the troops overseas that are having financial trouble during this time.

On Saturday May 20th. 2006 at Murray Park the event will start at 10:00am to 5:00pm. There will be military vehicles, food vendors, a field of flags honoring the soldiers that gave their lives and other events thru the day.

There is no charge for club members to put our cars in the event. We can park on the grass and enjoy the event for a very good cause to show our support. I would like to have the BMCU and the Jaguar Club together for a great car show.

PLEASE RSVP; Ron Gunderson at

rgpi@comcast.net or 801-262-4999.
Thanks for your support.

Postscript from Governor General Mitch Johnson: Last year we had a pretty good turn out for the Murray Armed Forces day (Support the Troops) event/cause. Unfortunately I will not be able to attend do to geographical conflicts. I would like to give my support to this event and ask everyone to attend in my stead. I can't tell you how much it means to a service member to get support from fellow Americans.

It really helps make it worth while when you are walking through the airport and total strangers come to you and say "Thanks!" or ask if they can give you a hug!



Would you buy a key fob like this in enamel and leather for \$10? If so, tell your governors, who are deciding whether to stock them.



Leaders Needed For Two Events

Our Board of Governors has been asked for BMCU participation in two upcoming events:

- The Utah Scottish Festival and Highland Games June 10, and
- The Sandy City Fourth of July Parade

The club has participated in both events in past years, and they have been good fun. However, we've learned in the past that a leader is necessary to rouse the troops and make sure the club has a good showing. If you'd like to lead either of these, contact a Governor.

This annual performing arts event honors ethnic traditional and contemporary customs. Performing artists include craftspeople, dancers, musicians and even chefs (yum!).

Pugs and Diane Pivrotto (those party animals) are great fans of this event, and are organizing a BMCU night Saturday May 20. The featured performers are The Dirty Dozen Brass Band.

Living Traditions Festival May 19 - 21

Salt Lake City and County Building

If you'd like a fun, low cost (entry is free) night on the town contact Pugs or Diane at 486-0547 to get directions. In fact, why not make a day of it, taking in the Armed Forces Day car show in the afternoon, and Living Traditions in the evening? You might even catch Mayor Rocky on the washtub bass.

Details are available on <http://www.ci.slc.ut.us/arts/livingtraditions/>

McEligot Rules For Car Club Outings — Cont'd From April Issue

- Do not trust internet route plans -- that convenient road may be gravel, dirt, construction or a muddy bog (or non-existent?). If the route has not been checked by driving, check on good maps. Possibly contact state highway department about uncertainties.
- Provide sufficient route details in advance so participants understand routes, stops, etc.
- If changing from original plan, make sure all participants understand the deviation and its checkpoints; not all road maps have the same features.
- Keep group loosely together -- if we did not want to travel together with colleagues, we could tour in cooler Idaho, Wyoming and Montana alone.
- Review "Guidelines" at drivers/navigators meeting before charging off down the road.
- First car -- wait until those behind are ready before blasting off.
- Define before leaving each stopping point what the next stopping point will be -- figure a stop every 90 minutes or so is a comfortable rhythm. That way the group can get divided up and even out of sight of one another (it happens) without panicking. Once you arrive at the stopping point, you'll be surprised how fast the group re-groups. However, when following this plan, you definitely need a reliable car bringing up the rear as a sweeper. Having a reliable car in the rear as sweeper gives the folks some reason for coming along who might otherwise opt out of the tour because their car isn't running perfectly that weekend.
- Do not, under any circumstances, try to stay grille to tail lights on the whole tour -- that tends to cause attempts at passing, etc. that can be really risky. If a car cuts in between you and the next guy, just leave enough room for him to keep on moving up the line.

AutoJumble —cont'd from p. 1

those needing yet another project. John Progress arrived proudly on his Honda Gold Wing (not Gull Wing), while Steve Nelson reported the unhappy news that his MGA developed worrisome engine noises enroute.

It was generally agreed that this sort of early season event is just what's needed to clean out garages, or at least rotate the treasures from one garage to the next. Spirits were elevated by tasty food for the event was generously donated by John Perry of J Burger, and the Hansens at Skool Lunch.

Those seen in the crowd included Steve Nelson, Don Bailey, Pugs Pivirotto, Paul Jaroch, John Progress, Larry and Mary Bishop, Louis Perez, Dennis Hoagland,

Doug Wimer, Duff Lawson, Dan Forster, Joe Chou, Rich Sanders, Wade Ashby, Gary Lindstrom, Mark and Karen Bradakis, and host Mike Bailey.



Rich Sanders mans his kiosk at the April 22 AutoJumble

Autojumble

2 TR3 Project cars - Must sell ASAP - Lindon, UT - \$6000 in new parts, 2 rebuilt engines, 3 Transmissions - 1 over-drive, 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 AND 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.

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.

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BMCU co-founder Pete Gerity sends this photo from his new home in Placitas, NM. OK, it's his beloved Alfa Romeo, not a Britmobile — but as they say about people, aren't our cars all the same under the skin?!?

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**No report this month — watch
for an update next month.**

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