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Joe Chou tells the story of the little MG TD that could ...

State Street Cruise and Dairy Queen Fest

It's Saturday the 16th of September and we wake to two inches of snow on our deck up here at 5,000 ft. Snow that turns to rain and wind for the rest of the day, hardly groovy cruising weather. But once at the staging area behind the Capitol in the vicinity of "Gravity Hill" I'm told, the rain has stopped and it's just wind with the clouds roiling about in the sky and 49 degree temps.

Our pretty cars begin to arrive with their enthusiastic drivers and passengers. Roger arrives signaling that it's time to go. We roll out the parking lot and it turns calm, and we beginning turning heads as we turn left and down the hill, under the Sea Gull and south. Folks on

the street are taking notice and wave in approval. "Nothing like the smell of 40 weight in the afternoon".

We managed to stay together, hitting the lights just so, on down to 9400 and our destination. Joe and crew were their normal hospitable selves and always a pleasure to be with. Food was good, as usual at Joe's Dairy Queen and topped off with what has become his signature for us, a delicious ice cream cake decorated with a TD motif.

So what started out in questionable weather turned into a pleasurable drive in calm conditions with our wonderful BMCU camaraderie for all.

Attending were Gary, Sandy and Margaux Lindstrom, Roger and Jill Davis, Kevin Cowan, Wade Ashby, Rondo Rawlins, John Perry, Michael and Mary Scoggins, Paul Jaroch, and Joe Chou.

-- Paul Jaroch

New BMCU Service Your Emailed Tech Questions Answered

We all love the wit & wisdom of Bob and Ray, the Tappet Brothers on National Public Radio's *Car Talk* program.

Did you know there's a similar service for British car owners run offered by Dim and Dimmer, the Lucas Brothers? Just email your questions to dim+dimmer@autox.team.net, and watch for them to be answered in the BMCU newsletter. Here are two for starters.

Q.: I am an avid Ebayer, and I have lately noticed BSW Whitworth taps & dies for sale at good prices. Should I bid on them? -- *Tapped out in Taylorsville.*

Dim: Sure, go ahead, Tapped -- you can use the taps like my brother does, to ream out ear wax compacted by lube drips from hours spent under your Britmobile rear end.

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**Her chariot
Raced 80 per
They hauled away
What had
Ben Hur
-- Burma-Shave, 1950**



Mary Scoggins at the Oct. 1 Autojumble, saying *I thought we were going to brunch at Snowbird?!?*

AutoJumble at Bailey's Service Shifts Stuff Around, Fills Tummies

It was a crisp fall Sunday morning on October 1 when tables, chairs and barbeque were set up for this season's second Autojumble at Bailey's Service in Murray.

lots of MGB parts, some MG T-series parts, miscellaneous parts for other British marques, and even a blasting cabinet and a bike rack. At least three cars were also on sale.

Some great stuff was for sale, including

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Back to Mount Nebo Fall Colour Tour 2006 October 8

It's been suggested and seconded to renew the BMCU tradition of returning to circumnavigate Mount Nebo for this year's Fall Colour Tour on Sunday, October 8th. As in the past we'll rendezvous in the parking lot of the R.C. Willey Clearance Outlet 9000 South and Redwood Road at about 8:30 AM, due to the distance.

We will then go south on Redwood to Lehi (SR-68) and continue south along

the west side of Utah Lake to Elberta, then go east on US-6 to Goshen, then south through Goshen canyon on SR-141. This is a great road if they have filled the potholes.....:^).

We will then proceed along the west shore of Mona Lake and on into Nephi and Walker Bros. Phillips 66 / Wendy's truck stop at SR-132, where we will stop, rest, grab food at Wendy's for those who didn't bring a lunch. Thereaf-



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 8, 2006: Fall Colour Tour: Mount Nebo. Paul Jaroch, 801-644-4130. See article this page

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

October 28, 2006: End of Season Dinner, MacCool's Pub, 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.

ter we'll go east on SR-132 until you come to the turn for Nebo loop and then north onto the Mt. Nebo Loop, stopping at Bear Creek for a picnic and continuing over the loop which emerges at Santaquin canyon in Payson. From there it is everyone on their own tour for the trip home.

It's a great drive, likely to be a little chilly at the higher elevations, or a LOT chilly. Like a good motorcyclist, wear all your gear. You can always remove as needed.

With appreciation to Clayton, Gary and Mitch in the planning,

-- Paul Jaroch

End of Season Dinner and Birthday Party

This year's End of Season Dinner and 50th Birthday Party will be at MacCool's Pub in Foothill Village at 6:30pm on Saturday, October 28. This is safely three days before Hallowe'en, so there won't be any pressure to wear costumes (whew!).

MacCool's is a British pub offering tasty vittles from the homeland (theirs, not ours), and liquid refreshments of many kinds, both with and without ethanol. They are offering to set aside a private room if we promise to have thirty or more participants, so please email your intentions to attend and count in your party to webmaster@britishmotorclub.org.

MacCool's is investigating whether they can reserve a parking area for our British cars -- stay tuned to learn more on this.

The 50th Birthday part celebrates all British cars in the club with a *born on* date in 1956. A quick scan of our membership list show about ten of this vintage. If you are lucky enough to own one of these, please drive it to the event if possible, or if not, bring a part of it to be venerated in the shrine that will be respectfully set up for the event.

--Jeff Porter

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Coffee and pastries courtesy of Mike Bailey and Mark Bradakis helped open sleepy eyelids.

As the sun warmed the proceedings, folks trickled in, and some deals were struck. Items seen being packed in buy-

ers cars included the blast cabinet and a luggage rack.

Late morning the barbeque was declared ready, and Mark set up a delicious spread of Hoosier-que sandwiches, which turned out to be pulled pork, made from Boston butt pork shoulders. Beans, chips, pickles and drinks rounded out the spread. Yum!

Faces in the crowd included those of Mike Bailey, Mark Bradakis, Gary Lindstrom, John Prograss, Steve Nelson, Dave and Carol Marks, Drew Frink, Terry D. Rees, Robert Labra, Rob Foye, Keri Bruce, Larry Farrington, and Michael and Mary Scoggins. Apologies if you stopped by and we missed you in the list.



Mark sets up lunch at the October 1 Autojumble at Bailey's Service.

Autojumble

59 TR-3A - Bright red. Dealer restoration in '04. New wire wheels. More recent transmission rebuild, new clutch, new tonneau. If you've been to recent BMCU outings, you've seen it. \$16,500. Bob Jahnke, 583-3021.

Wanted: early MGB flywheel (three main engine). For sale or trade: later model MGB flywheels, a good MGA flywheel, a new MGA pressure plate and clutch disk including release arm and release bearing. Roger Dotson, 801-361-3508, Rfdotson@aol.com.

75 to 79 Midget parts: lots, including seats, windshield and frame, door with glass, drive line, rear end, front end, etc. Terry Rees, treesvwbug@peoplepc.com.

Selling: 2 TR10's, 4 door, in SW Montana. \$1,200 for the pair. Phil Waltner, paws@bmt.net.

Wanted: MGA exhaust manifold in good condition. Roger Dotson, 801-361-3508, Rfdotson@aol.com.

77 Mini for sale: Professionally rebuilt in the last 6 months with less than 2000 mi. Way too many new items to list. Asking 16, 500.00 OBO. This mini is fast, and dare I say cute. 801-808-1456 or ryan@slcmini.com Pictures and Details at: www.slcmini.com

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.

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 oldpueb-losteve@aol.com. The car is in the Provo area.

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Dim & Dimmer — cont'd from Page 1

Dimmer: Don't listen to my brother, who wouldn't know a BSW tap from a tap dancer. Actually, even though we talk a lot about Whitworth fasteners for our 50's and earlier cars, in reality Whitworth a.k.a. BSW threads aren't used on them. Instead, our cars use BSF threads -- the necessary wrenches are Whitworth sized, but the threads are BSF, not BSW.

Q. What's a bypass thermostat, and why should I care? -- *Bypassed in Bingham*

Dim: Bypassed, bypass thermostats are very important -- 4 of them are used when a cardiologist gives you a quadruple bypass operation.

Dimmer: You dummy! The only ticker you'll ever operate on is a Lucas fuel pump. A conventional thermostat blocks engine coolant flow to the radiator until a set temperature is

Exchequer Report

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Income	
Bank interest	.68
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Newsletter (3 issues)	414.00
Current balance	\$1,388.74

reached. A bypass thermostat does this too, but when it opens it also cuts off flow to a coolant bypass circuit.

If your car has a coolant bypass pipe, and you use a regular thermostat, cooling efficiency is significantly reduced, because a significant amount of engine coolant (perhaps 25%) at operating temperature is short circuited around the radiator. Ask any MGA or XK Jaguar owner!

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