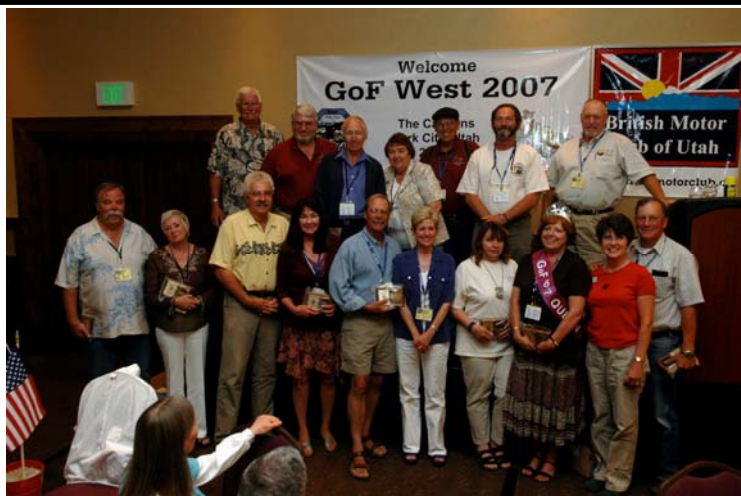


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Left: BMCU committee members at GoFW07. *Front row:* Mike and Sharon Bailey, Dave and Carol Marks, Jon and Susan Hermance, Muriel Machovec, Kathy Inman, Barbara and John Proggess. *Back row:* Floyd Inman, John Seim, J. and Kay Jennings, Steve Nelson, David Machovec, Roger Dotson. *Not pictured:* Doug and Ilene Wimer, Gary and Sandy Lindstrom. *Right:* Dave and Carol Marks won the High Point trophy at GoFW07 in their beautiful black 1946 MG TC.

BMCU Takes Gold at GoF West Held in Park City

A few months ago the publicity chair for the GoF West 2007 wrote an article that began "Tick, tick, tick. The clock is running." Well, the clock ran and the alarm sounded, and we held one of the most enjoyable Gatherings that I have ever been involved with.

The Canyons Resort in Park City was the venue for the July 2-6, 2007, edition of the Gathering of the Faithful West, and the BMCU came away with most of the gold.

The weather was wonderful, and the MGs were in top shape. Monday brought most of us together with the Registration and Orientation Cocktail Party where the week's activities were described in detail. Plenty of food and beverage seems to bring out the best out, and this event was no exception.

Tuesday we held our annual Car Show with Jon Hermance at the helm. Again,

weather and venue were fitting for this event and the cars sparkled. Around 80 cars were displayed in the Plaza area of the resort with great fanfare.

Even "Scooter" (Mike and Sharon Bailey's dog) brought his car. Warren Wendt tried his best to disguise his Mini as an MG with his decorated car cover, but I don't think he fooled anyone.

Later in the day Mike Bailey sponsored two technical sessions, the first on lubricants with representatives from Red Line offering their thoughts. The second was described as a free-for-all with no subject, but rather an open forum on any subject the attendees wanted to discuss, and it seemed to be a great success with many subjects talked over and just as many opinions.

That evening found us once again around the refreshment table for the

prelude to our annual Auction Dinner where many wonderful items had been donated by both our vendor community and our membership. Prior to dinner being served we held the first annual GoF West Car Race, with seven entrants and a few wagers the event went forward (and occasionally backwards) to the cheers of the observers.

John Seim (GoF's standard auctioneer) conducted a lively (and profitable) auction where most went away with some

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**If daisies
Are your
Favorite flower
Keep pushin' up those
Miles per hour
-- Burma-Shave, 1959**

Senior Citizens Concours August 25 at Thanksgiving Point

As reported in the [June newsletter](#), the annual Salt Lake Concours benefiting senior citizens has a new format and venue this year.

Actually, the format is the old original one dating back to its glory days as a one day event on the lawns of the University of Utah campus. The venue though is indeed new: the fairgrounds at Thanksgiving Point in Lehi.

The main event is Saturday August 25, though participants can place their cars the Friday before 10am to 6pm, or Saturday from 7am onward. Round the clock security will be provided by Thanksgiving Point.

Also on Friday is a pre show cruise and poker run starting at 7pm, followed by a dinner with live music. Each entrant will get a free dinner ticket and dinners are only \$10 but the deadline for dinner registration August 20.

Concours committee and BMCU member Ron Gunderson has picked out good spots for the BMCU and our sister club, the Wasatch Mountain Jaguar Register. See www.concoursutah.com or call Ron at 801-262-4999 for more details.

Registration is \$30 for judged cars and \$20 for display only cars -- all tax deductible.

Alpine Loop Run & Raffle August 11

In the [January 2007 Newsletter](#) Bill Van Moorhem recounts how the BMCU was formed as a result of an Alpine Loop drive in summer 1998. That means — *ta dah!* — this is years run is the twentieth edition of this epic event!

In Bill's words, "*At that time Alpine was a rural community and the Alpine Store was a tiny, rather seedy, Mom and Pop operation, with farmland on the other three corners. We stopped there for gas and a pit stop, before heading over the loop. Although the store and the intersection have changed, the stop is still made*"

Indeed, we'll be recreating the run pretty much as we have done for the past few years — rendezvous at 9am in the east parking lot of South Towne Shopping Center at 90th South between State Street and I-15. There we will ogle the terrific raffle prizes (more on this later) and retail lots of tickets, and depart at 10am.

Then we'll sortie down State Street shun piking I-15 over Point of the Mountain to Lehi, whence we'll head east to our secondary rendezvous at the Alpine

Chevron station, about 10:30am Lucas time. After input and output (computer talk), we'll head up the canyon past Timpanogos Cave. At the toll station remember the magic words "transit only" to waive the park fee — unless you're feeling munificent!

Once we've summited, rolled past Robbie Redford's resort, and joined the Provo Canyon highway, it's on to Heber City where we'll picnic and dispense the raffle prizes on the green space at 100 West and Center St..

Speaking of which, Larry, Mary and Suzanne Bishop have been strong arming lots of suppliers and benefactors, so great stuff will find new homes. Rumor has it this may even include a coveted GoF West 2007 tweed cap!



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 year's complete schedule and latest information.

www.britishmotorclub.org/lucas.html

August 11: Alpine Loop Run & Raffle. Mary, Larry & Suzanne Bishop, 801-321-0482, larrybishop2@comcast.net. See article on this page.

August 19: Ogden Valley Balloon Festival Car Show. Roland Held, 801-745-1188. See article on p. 4.

August 25: Senior Citizens Concours, Ron Gunderson, 801-262-4999. See article on this page.

Sept. 3: Miners Day Parade, Park City, Floyd Inman, 435-654-7086. See article on p. 5.

Sept. 22: State Street Cruise and Dairy Queen Extravaganza, Paul Jaroch 644-4130 and Joe Chou.

Sept. 30: Fall Colour Tour. Gary Lindstrom, 801-532-1259.

Oct. 11-13: Trimphest 2007, Laughlin, NV. Mitch Johnson, 801-547-1087.

Oct. 27: End of Season Dinner. Pugs and Diane Piviroto, 801-486-0547.

Nov. 17: Tech Session. TBD

December: Holiday Get Together. TBD.

Jan. 12: Tech Session. TBD.

Feb. Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner. TBD.



Trappers Loop Run Saturday July 14

The Trappers Loop run was a cool ride on a hot day!

This Saturday, July 14 turned out to be a beautiful day for a great ride in our little LBC's. We had a great turnout of 19 cars and over 30 people who gathered together to enjoy the beautiful scenery and milder temperatures of our Northern mountains. We met at Hogle Zoo at about 9:00 am and everyone had a chance to chat for a while before we left at 9:30am. There were some minor delays for roadwork up Emigration canyon but from there the road was clear for the rest of the trip.

There did not seem to be as many bicyclists this year as in the past but we did meet a large number of sport motorcyclists enjoying the day going the opposite direction. We picked up an additional Triumph TR6 as we passed East Canyon Resort on our way to Morgan and another new club member in his Spitfire met us at the Morgan Chevron station at our usual rest, stretch and beverage stop. There was a small gathering of motorcyclists there and as we gathered in the parking area the cameras came out and people started taking pictures of our little cars and telling stories of their parents and relatives who used to own this car or that car. Everyone sure seems to enjoy seeing our little cars!

From there we proceeded along the frontage road to Mountain Green and up the Trappers Loop to the Snowbasin turnoff. From there it was a twisty, fun and interesting ride down the old, original ski resort access road to Pineview reservoir, where we met up with Roland Held in E-

type Jaguar. We proceeded on to the Oaks restaurant where the staff did their usual admirable job of getting us all seated and serving us lunch. They really are a great bunch of people!

After lunch people said their good buys and headed off in different directions home and an end to a great day of scenery, fun mountain roads and meeting some new members. It seems as though our club is attracting some new young members and this is great for our club and our hobby.

Our LBC's were represented by 2 MGA's, 6 Triumph TR6's, 2 Triumph Spitfires, 3 MGB's, 1 MGBGT, 2 MGTD's, 1 MINI and 1 Jaguar XJS. The drivers and co drivers were John & Barbara Proggess, Clayton & Sharon Merchant, Tony Walker, Brett Finley, Jim Stover, Jon Zaremba, Layne Taggart, Lori Wooton, Mike & Becky Chambers, Rob & John Foye, Chuck & Jack Easton, Marty Van Nood, Gary Lindstrom, Nick & Amanda Thomas, Chris Jones, Duff Lawson, Ray Lawson, Chris Dunbeck, Larry & Margaret Farrington, Bill Brinn & Rose Armstrong, Ian Hueton, Chad Derum and Mark Bradakis. My apologies if I missed anyone.

Thanks to everyone who joined us for a great day, and for those who were unable to be there, we will do it again next year and hope to see you then. A special thanks to our new club members and hope to see you at the events we have scheduled for the rest of the year.

— John Proggess

Autojumble

For Sale: Pertronix Ignitor electronic points for TR3. Model LU142AP12, for positive ground TR3 (and possibly other applications). I love these things, but bought the wrong polarity. Never used. The Roadster Factory discounts these to \$100, but I'll take \$75. Gary, 801-554-3823.

1970 MG BGT For Sale. Fully restored in 1997 and garaged since. Excellent running condition, show quality. Overdrive (in 3rd and 4th gear). Beautiful paint, straight body, only surface rust on very few underside places. Interior is clean with excellent seats. Has served as my daily driver. Some non-original modifications were made during restoration: paint color; soft vinyl on the seats isn't original style but of very high quality (most think its leather); Weber carb (original functioning SUs come with sale); larger new headers and manifold; steering wheel; and Minilite wheels. All else is stock. Reason for selling: I need a TR6. \$9,900 or best offer. Call Chuck at 801-910-2263.

For sale: MGB aftermarket hardtop, good glass and rear seal, door seals tired, \$125. MGB rubber bumper disc wheel rear axle complete with sway bar, offer. MGB rubber bumper front suspension subframe, clean, offer. 4 synchro non-OD tranny, \$100. Complete '73 GT cloth/vinyl Navy seat set with headrests, offer. Disassembled but complete '65 5-main short block in good shape, offer. 4 usable 60 spoke wire wheels with tires mounted, no loose spokes, offer. Mike, 435-640-0451 od-ernheimer@juno.com

1966 MG: 100% ORIGINAL chrome bumper Model MGB. No rust. Dark Garnet in color, tan top, red interior. Almost fully restored new carpet and top. Needs work on carburetors. New items: convertible top, king pins, rear end, tires, oil pump, carburetors rebuilt but seals dried out, major tune items, seat/upholstery (autumn leaf color), battery, shock absorber, brakes, front wheels (real wire spoke knock off). All front end bushings-upgraded poly. If interested called 643-9206.

Ogden Valley Balloon Festival and Car Show Saturday August 18

The successful and fun event previously known as the Eden Valley Balloon Festival has grown in name and scope to become the Ogden Valley Balloon Festival. This year's dates are Friday August 17 to Sunday August 19.

Although there is a small car show on Friday, the main event is the show Saturday 9am onward in the Huntsville town park — just up the street from one of our clubs favorite watering holes, the Shootin' Star Saloon (Utah's oldest).

The show organizers have promised a placement of our cars in the center of the

park — but with guaranteed drive in / out corridors for those who arrive after 9am or leave before the show officially ends (7pm). Since the park's trees are around the perimeter, umbrellas or other shade protection are recommended for those who like to sit by their cars.

The car show will be informal and eclectic, though a good turn out by the Wasatch Mountain Jaguar Register is expected. This won't be a judged show, but lots of interest by festival attendees is expected.

The park will also feature art exhibits, craft and food booths, entertainment on two stages, and a *plein air* painting competition.

Calm air permitting, the balloons will launch from Wolf Creek resort in Eden at 7am and be airborne for two to three hours. Another launch is planned for 6pm, with the added appeal of spectacular views of the propane burners firing into the colorful balloons.

It all adds up to a fun and relaxed event with a nice drive to and from, and interesting attractions at the venue. Full details on the festival are available at <http://www.ogdenvalleyballoon-festival.com/>.

See you there!

—Roland Held

Jack O'Dell, Designer Of Matchbox Toys, Dies at 86

Jack Odell, a self-trained engineer whose daughter's mischievous habit of taking spiders to school in a matchbox prompted him to make her a tiny steamroller as a substitute -- invention that led to Matchbox Toys, maker of 3 billion Lilliputian vehicles in 12,000 models -- died on July 7 in London. He was 87.

The steamroller, made of brass and painted shiny red and green, satisfied Mr. Odell's daughter, Anne, and so impressed her friends that Mr. Odell raced to meet their demand. It seemed a dandy toy: just right for a child's hand but hard to swallow, no batteries, violence-free, quiet and costing just pennies to make.

By the next year, 1953, the steamroller and vehicles like it were rolling off a production line in a small factory that Mr. Odell and a pair of partners had set up in a former London pub, The Rifleman. After the steamroller came a Land Rover, a London bus, a bulldozer and a fire engine. In 1954, the 19th vehicle in the series was rolled out: a dainty MG TD roadster, the first Matchbox car. The toys quickly spread to the United States where they typically sold for 49 cents.

They were finely wrought things. Mr.

Odell designed one machine to spray-paint tiny silver headlights on the models and another to mold interiors. All the dashboard dials were in precisely the right place. Some cars had more than 100 die-cast parts, including windshield wipers and ceiling hooks.

By 1962, he told The New York Times in an interview, Matchbox was knocking out a million toy automobiles a week, more than the number of real ones made by all the world's major automakers combined.

"We produce more Rolls-Royces in a single day than the Rolls-Royce company has made in its entire history," he said.

John William Odell was born into a poor family on March 19, 1920, in north London. During World War II, he served with the Royal Army in Africa and Italy, working as a mechanic. After the war, he found work at a small die-casting firm, sweeping the floors. Deeming the engineering work there mediocre, he figured he could do better, his son-in-law said, and decided to open his own shop.

Mr. Odell made his historic steamroller in 1952. It had to fit into a matchbox because of a school rule barring any bigger toy. (Spiders fit quite nicely.)

Vehicles kept coming, in both number and kind. A milestone came in 1953 when Mr. Odell designed a model of the coronation coach of Queen Elizabeth II. More than a million were sold.

His passion for detail was suggested by an oft-told story of how he had swooped down on a young engineer working on a tiny Ford Model T to say that the driver's seat, a centimeter wide at most, was not padded enough to be realistic.

"In my obituary," Mr. Odell said in 1969 as quoted by *The Daily Telegraph*, "I want it said I was a damn good engineer."

—Excepted from the *New York Times* Tuesday July 17, 2007, p. C19

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BMCUers get ready to rumble at last year's Miners Day parade.

Park City Miner's Day Parade A Tradition!

Some years ago the BMCU entered the Miner's (Labor) Day Parade in Park City. Three cars showed, and after the harassing of the Rotary Club people that we should spend more time recruiting members and less time in parades, a fourth BMCU member joined the parade. From that point we referred to the event as the three and a half BMCUer's Parade.

And with that a tradition was born.

Each year the BMCU participates in the Park City Miner's Day Parade, and each year we arrive with more cars than the previous. The embarrassment has long been forgotten and the event has become one of the main attractions for our club.

Once again we will participate in the event, and we would like to see a larger, and more enthusiastic group than in past years. We would like to show the Rotary that we did indeed recruit. Last year we honored the City of Park with around 25 cars; we would like to see 40 this year, and we cannot do it without your partici-

pation!

The date is September 3!

The place is the top of Main Street, Park City!

The time is 10:00 AM for an 11:00 AM parade down Main Street to the City Park.

As in the past, we will have "reserved Parking" at the park for a mini car show and picnic. Bring your food and beverage or buy it there. The Rotary will have burgers and dogs, soft drinks and beer. I will have a few bottles of Two Buck Chuck.

Let the BMCU show up in force! Let us dominate the parade with volume. Let us impress the local gentry with some great British engineering. Let us have a good time!

--Floyd Inman



Formation flying at the Trappers Loop rest stop in Morgan

BMCU at GoF West 2007 —cont'd from page 1

treasure that they still don't know how they have lived this long without.

Wednesday, being the Fourth of July, was a light day for activities. J Jennings and John Progress designed and ran a very scenic rallye. They had placed a marker at the ten mile mark. However, the efficiencies of UDOT had it cleaned out and they attempted to relocate the mark. I think they came close, but . . .

The attendees had the evening on their own, with a good number taking in the Utah Symphony's performance at Deer Valley.

Thursday morning brought about the Flea Market and Funkhana. We kept looking to Larry Long for his description of the events that led up to Hana Funk and her Funkhana. For the first time that we could remember, the Funkhana opened around 9:00 AM with a small lineup of cars, but as late as 12:15 PM that line had continued to grow without any letup. All comments were positive, especially on the creativity these ladies bring to the event. Many thanks to Sharon Bailey, Susan Hermance, Barbara Progress, and Carol Marks. Perhaps this is an indication that the men should keep their distance from the planning of this event and leave it to the talent.

And Thursday evening brought our Awards Banquet where all of the winners were recognized. BMCU winners included John Progress with a first place in the MGA division. Of course his only competition didn't appear until the end of the show, and it is questionable if Roger Dotson would have beat him out or not. The gold would have still been the BMCU's. The host and grand daughter (Floyd and Kyleen Inman) walked away with first place at the Funkhana driving the "Y" of all things.

However, the big winners were David and Carol Marks with their beautiful TC, placing very high in all three competitive events and taking the High Point Award. Congratulations Dave and Carol.

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This Month's Featured Member Car

Roger Dotson's 1956 MGA, complete with support trailer.

BMCU at GoF West 2007 *Cont'd from page 5*

The send-off on Friday morning was a wonderful continental breakfast and our

annual Winner's Circle.

The dates for the next GoF West will be July 6-10, 2008 in Monterey, California.



Scooter Bailey in a class of his own
At Gathering of the Faithful West, Park City, July 2-6, 2007 (photo Steve Currie)

Exchequer Report

As of July 24, 2007

Balance last report \$2,711.88

Income

Merchandise sales	153.00
Contributions	80.00
Bank interest	.71
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	233.71

Expenses

Newsletter	70.89
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Ending balance \$2,874.70

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