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Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner

The BMCU Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner will be held 6pm Saturday February 10 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 261 South 900 East in Salt Lake City. This year there will be a church service in session (starting at 5pm), which we'll need to be careful not to disturb. For the same reason parking in the church lot across the street is likely to be limited, but there's plenty of on-street parking nearby, on 900 East and 300 South.

At this annual meeting we will handle organizational matters such as electing officers, reviewing and we hope approving Marty Van Nood's financial report for 2006, and planning 2007's events.

Please bring something tasty to share, as well as any photos or other souvenirs from club doings in 2006 and past years.

--Bill Davis, 801-486-5049

Millstream Auto Museum Tour

What a great day to get together and share a common love of the Automotive World!

Saturday January 20th was not as cold as the days before, but it was still very nippy. There was a super turnout to visit with Jack Smith and his collection of fine cars and memorabilia. Jack treated us to a few stories of how it all started for him and some Polaroids of his new warehouse being built in Willard. His new place promises to be much larger and better suited to display the rest of his collection said to be spread around the Ogden Valley.

to Rooster's for lunch, always a popular spot for us to visit.

Thanks to Jack Smith for inviting us to drool over his babies.

-- Mitch Johnson



I would estimate that we had nearly 30 folks brave the cold to start the year off with our first BMCU event. There was so much visiting and reuniting that we (OK, I forgot to pass around the clipboard sign in sheet to list those who were in attendance -- sorry!). But, my propane shop heater was a big hit with the ladies! The event was topped off with a pleasant visit

Car Bands

Booker T and the MG's
Marva Wright and the BMW's
Martha and the Van-della's
Ronny and the Daytona's

—What others can you contribute?

**On curves ahead
Remember, Sonny
That rabbit's foot
Didn't save
The bunny
-- Burma-Shave, 1950**

British Field Day Committee Members Needed

The British Field Day is looking for a few good men or women to help organize this event. We are in our 16th year and if you have ever been to the event, you know that is a jolly good show! In the past couple of years, several of our long time committee members have retired and/or moved on to less interesting activities.

Here is some information about the committee and some of the qualifications required. The British Field Day committee is an independent organization and is not officially affiliated with any other organization but includes members from the British Motor Club of Utah, The Utah British Bike Club, the Bonneville Austin Healey Club, the Great Basin Land Rover Club, The Fish & Chips Appreciation Society and possibly a few others that I can't remember off hand. We also have members not in any of the preceding groups.

The qualifications to be on the committee are as follows: the time to sit around and eat pizza, drink a beverage of your choice, talk about British cars or motorcycles or anything else that people want talk about. We also usually eventually get around to talking about organizing the BFD.

You should not be a type A personality or a person that gets irritated by obvious lack of efficiency and focus since we are not a particularly efficient or focused. We meet somewhere around 8 or 10 times prior to the event usually on Wednesday or Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00. We could do with less and did at some point. At that time our chosen leader was a real live project manager in real life and had us whipped into shape to where we had the event organized in 5 meetings! Our then leader moved to Alaska and we soon lapsed into our previous lackadaisical ways.

We have nothing against being efficient or focused but no one currently on the

committee knows how or cares but we are not opposed to some one with this ability. We may actually conspire to draft you into a leadership position if you aren't careful!

You should not feel guilty if you don't actually do anything. We realize that it may seem intimidating to come into a new group and feel like there are expectations to actually produce or contribute something. Fear not, the BFD has always had a policy that you can contribute as much or as little as you like and as little can include nothing. If you want to come and do nothing but contribute some conversation and check us out until you feel comfortable (or not), that is OK. The BFD is very casual - you are a member when you say you are.

Anyone interested should contact me at 801-860-6975. I will also be attending the BMCU pot luck dinner on Feb 10th at St. Paul's church if you want to chat about it in person.

— Bill Davis



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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February 10, 2007: Annual Meeting and Pot Luck Dinner, see article on p. 1.

February 24, 2007: Fat Chance Beach Party, see article on p. 3.

July 2-6, 2007: Gathering of the Faithful West MG meeting, Park City, UT, Floyd Inman, 435-654-7086.

July 16-20, 2007: MG 2007 NAMGBR Annual Meet, Dan Shockey, 408-923-3927.

August 18: Eden Balloon Festival Car Show, Bob & Bev Wadman, 745-0599.

August 25, 2007: Senior Citizens Concours, Ron Gunderson, 262-4999.





Two eras of BMCU Governors General at *Triumphfest 2006*
Mitch and Diane Johnson, and Juls and Bill Robinson.

Autojumble

Free Spitfire parts: 2 each doors from 1979 Spitfire 1500; 2 each doors from GT6; 1 each big chrome bumper with over riders from 1500 Spit (year?). Mitch Johnson, 801-547-1087.

More free Spitfire parts: See <http://forums.britishmotorclub.org/viewtopic.php?t=151> or call Mark Brada-kis, 801-364-3251.

For sale: Lime Green MG Midget 1500; 4 MGB SU carbs good shape \$75.00; BGT tail light lenses \$5.00 each; early MGB clutch and Flywheel \$50.00; 3 MG steering wheels, 1 is a custom wheel w/ mg center cap \$25.00 each; 1500 SU intake manifold, and exhaust manifold \$75.00; 2 MGB SU manifolds \$50 each; MGB lever arm shocks \$25 each; MGB exhaust manifold. \$25; 1500 Spitfire midget Stromberg carb and manifold, great running shape, with filter \$50.00; MGB GT Weber carb, manifold, and KN \$150.00; early MGB starter \$25. Lane Farka 801-390-9757, mightymg@hotmail.com

1973 MGB Owned since 1974. Body work done, no rust, partially in primer (originally red), one dent from a tree branch, broken windscreen. Engine tired but runs. Interior black, racked dash. Asking \$1,500. David Pendell, 801-ART-1706, davidann@uofu.net.

1978 MGB Roadster: Red, black Interior, 93,000 miles. Hard top and soft top in great condition. Well maintained and have service records New brakes and shocks. Newer stereo with CD player. Wood steering wheel. Custom nose protector. Tracy Zeller, 636 East 650 North, Centerville UT 84014, home 801-992-3149, cell 812-209-9401.

1960 Morris Minor: 2 door Saloon 95% complete but is a project. Has running 948 engine. Rebuilt smooth case transmission with less than 500 miles on it. Has minor corrosion issues but this vehicle is not a rust bucket. Most everything is there and would be a relatively easy restoration. \$1,500 or best offer. Contact Bill at 860 6975.

Annual Fat Chance Garage Beach Party: Cabo, Baby!

Snow piles up on the gray and grimy streets, bitter cold under too few glimpses of a tired and anemic sun, a typical winter here in the Salt Lake valley. Must be time for the annual Fat Chance Garage Beach Party!

So turn your thoughts toward warm Pacific breezes gently wafting over white sand beaches, lazy days in a hammock with a festive tequila concoction close to hand, nibbling on fresh tortillas filled with shrimp, crab and other gifts from the Sea of Cortez, spiced with zesty flavors of the Baja peninsula.

Yes, the Beach Party is coming up, Saturday, February 24th. An evening of fun and frolic, good food and friends. Dust off that sombrero and those sandals, or maybe just pick up some tacky, shapeless floral garment at the nearest DI.

If so inclined, bring along a potluck dish to share, of Mexican influence or not, beverages for you and the kids to your liking. If the weather is suitable, there will be a pile of slow-smoked pulled pork along with various taco, burrito, etc. fix-ins' on hand.

See you at the party, amigos!

What: Fat Chance Garage Beach Party
When: Saturday, Feb. 24th, 7 pm
Where: 739 South Park Street (540 East) Salt Lake City.



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A Zone of the Vintage Triumph Register

A Peerless Find

Club members Bob and Bev Wadman are the proud owners of a 1957 Peerless, similar to the photo below.

What's a Peerless?!? The full story is on http://www.tr-register.co.uk/peerless_warwick.htm, but here's a hint. Peerless was a brass era American make whose "lorries" were made in England for WW I.



The marque was resurrected in 1956 by James Byrnes, an avid motor racing enthusiast who wanted a racing car built to his own specification. He selected TR3 components deployed on a rectangular steel frame, with a "shapely aluminium body".

The Wadmans' car has been humiliated by an engine change, and they are looking to put it right by installing a TR3 engine. If any club members can help them find one, please contact them at 801-745-0599m or rbwadman@msn.com.

We'll all be eagerly watching the progress of this commendable project!

Exchequer Report

The BMCU financial summary for 2006 will be presented at the Potluck Dinner — see you there!

—Marty Van Nood

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