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## *The License Plate Says It All — British Vehicle Owners Bask In Glory At British Field Day 2007*

This year's British Field Day — the 16th annual, if T-shirt chronology can be trusted — was a big success by all accounts.

This was the second year at its Liberty Park venue, having out grown its Pioneer Park space. The weather was again fabulous, even a mite cooler than last year, with ample sun, shade and breezes.

The turn out of cars, motorcycles, and spectators was terrific. Over 100 British cars were counted, led by what seemed to be every Austin

Healey in Salt Lake and neighboring counties. A fine turn out of MGs, Triumphs, Jaguars, Minis, Sunbeams, Lotuses, Morgans, and even a Turner and Anglia populated the green.

Jon Hermance as usual presided over the autocross, which amused and impressed the crowd with exhaust roars, tire squeals, and flying traffic cones from time to time.

Special crowd pleasers were Haruo Miyogi and Ron Christensen in their Sprites, Bill Rhinehart in his

Mini, and an unknown adventurer in an "experienced" but very ambulatory Ford Anglia.

After the autocross course was cleared, Floyd and Kathy Inman, Susan and Alison Hermance, and Sharon Bailey used the venue to test out the funkhana for the MG T-series Gathering of the Faithful this month at the Canyons in Park City (see the Lucas calendar on p. 2).

Since British Field Day is run by an independent organization, we don't have a list of the BMCU participants. However, the following faces were seen in the crowd: Floyd and Kathy Inman; Mike and Sharon Bailey; Jon, Susan and Alison Hermance; Rob and Nan Green; John and Liz Green; Dave and Carol Marks; Ron Christensen; Bob Jahnke; Mike and Susie Cady; J. and Kay Jennings; Drew Frink; Doug and Ilene Wimer; Diane Pivrotto; Gary, Sandy and Margaux Lindstrom; Clayton Merchant; Bill Rhinehart; Larry and Margaret Farrington; Bob and Beverly Wadman; Duff Lawson; Bill Davis; Mark Bradakis; Wade Ashby; John and Barbara Proggess; Steve Nelson; Mike Scoggins, and Ken and JoAnn Borg.

Apologies to those we missed!

***If you  
Must sample  
Her "pucker paint"  
Better drive  
Where traffic ain't  
-- Burma-Shave, 1949***

## Trappers Loop Run Saturday July 14

Everyone get your cars ready for another of our great scenic drives through Emigration Canyon, East Canyon, Morgan Valley and Trappers Loop on Saturday, July 14.

We will again meet at Hogle Zoo at 9:00 am for an approximate 9:30 am departure. As usual we will proceed up Emigration Canyon over to East Canyon, thru Morgan Valley where we will stop for a short break. From there we will go

along the old highway to Mountain Green, up Trappers Loop, turn left at the summit down past the Snowbasin Ski Resort to Pine View Reservoir and on to the Oaks for lunch.

After lunch everyone is on their own to proceed home. If you have any questions call me at 547-0259. This is one of our clubs favorite runs so make plans to join us for a great time!

— John Progress



### Parade and Car Show at Daybreak June 16, 2007

New BMCU members Michael and Devra Kelly invited BMCU members by email to participate in a parade and car show in the Daybreak community in South Jordan on Saturday June 16.

Daybreak is a new development by Kennecott Land Corporation that features old style neighborhoods with community centers and well dispersed green space.

Like most community events the parade entries were eclectic, to say the least — dog strutters, pom pom brigades, com-

mercial floats and kids in all kinds of conveyances. Classic cars included 30's through 60's Cadillacs and Packards, as well as a drop dead gorgeous custom coachwork Rolls Royce.

At the end of the parade route the classic cars were displayed in one of the neighborhoods, near a park with a bandstand with a very enjoyable oldies combo. Besides the Kellys, BMCU members Ron Christensen and Sandy, Gary and Margaux Lindstrom participated.



### *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.

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**July 2-6:** Gathering of the Faithful West MG meeting, Park City, UT, Floyd Inman, 435-654-7086, floyd\_inman@msn.com. See article in June issue. Car show is Tuesday morning July 3.

**July 14:** Trappers Loop Run. John Progress, 801-547-0259, johnprogress@comcast.net. See article this page.

**July 16-20:** MG 2007 NAMGBR Annual Meeting. See <http://www.mg2007.org/>

**July 17-21:** Vintage Triumph Register National Convention. See article in June issue.

**August 11:** Alpine Loop Run & Raffle. Mary, Larry & Suzanne Bishop, 801-321-0482, larrybishop2@comcast.net.

**August 19:** Eden Balloon Festival Car Show. Bob & Bev Wadman, 801-745-0599.

**August 25:** Senior Citizens Concours, Ron Gunderson, 801-262-4999. See article in June issue

**Sept. 3:** Miners Day Parade, Park City, Floyd Inman, 435-654-7086.

**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.





## Checker Kaysville British Car Show June 23, 2007

I was approached earlier in the year by my local Checker Auto part store's Manager Randy Mills about the possibility of having a British Car show at his store to show off the cars and show a little appreciation towards us and his customers. We set a date and sent out e-mails. We had a pretty good turn out for such short notice, the weather turned out to be super even though the hottest day yet was predicted.

Randy provided lots of cold drinks and food from the grill. There was plenty of shade and soft grass and chairs to hang out and just shoot the breeze with each other. We had around 15 cars show up and the locals were very impressed! It was said that even though most of our events are "driving" events, it was nice this time to just hang out and get caught up with the latest news and gossip. Cars

represented were MG: TF, 2 A's, MGB-GT and a sweet Midget. Triumph: TR-4, 2 6's, 7 and 3 Spitfires. An old Mini and a new Mini. And a Lotus 7. We basically owned that parking lot!

You might have thought we were slowing down business for Randy because of the lack of parking for his customers but he claims we actually attracted more and the day was a success. Randy was also very generous and provided each owner with a car care "gift". I'm guessing about \$35.00 worth of goodies to keep your car at it's best (not yours Nathan!). This Checker store is always proactive with items for our Alpine Loop raffle prizes.

-- Mitch D. Johnson

**'59 TR3A Hub cap needed:** with the blue and red globe in the center. Jim Welch jim@statewideslc.com, 506-5060.

**Wanted:** 25D Lucas distributor for '72 MGB. Mike Brenchley, 801-621-MIKE.

**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](mailto:davidann@uofu.net).

## Autojumble

**For sale:** MGB aftermarket hard-top, good glass and rear seal, door seals tired, \$125. MGB rubber bumper disc wheel rear axle complete with sway bay, 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 [odernheimer@juno.com](mailto:odernheimer@juno.com)

**Available August 1, 2007:** Dry, secure storage for one car, \$47.00 per month. Located at 1050 South 316 West (Brooklyn Ave) by Cummins Diesel. jonathan.hernance@atk.com, 801-583-5846.

**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.

**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](mailto:mightymg@hotmail.com)

# What Does WD-40 Mean? Where Did It Come From? What About That Python?

WD-40 was invented in 1953. According to the company that makes WD-40: WD-40 literally stands for water displacement 40th attempt. That's the name straight out of the lab book used by the chemist who helped develop WD-40 back in 1953. Norm Larsen, was attempting to concoct a formula to prevent corrosion, a task which is done by displacing water. Norm's persistence paid off when he perfected the formula for WD-40 on his 40th try.

WD-40 was invented by the three founders of the Rocket Chemical Company of San Diego, California. The team of inventors were working on a line of industrial rust-prevention solvents and degreasers for use in the aerospace industry.

WD-40 was first used to protect the outer skin of the Atlas Missile from

rust and corrosion. Norm Larsen repackaged WD-40 into aerosol cans for consumer use and the product was sold to the general public in 1958. In 1969, the Rocket Chemical Company was renamed after its only product WD-40.

Two of the craziest purposes for WD-40 include a bus driver in Asia who used WD-40 to remove a python snake which had coiled itself around the undercarriage of his bus, and police officers who used WD-40 to remove a naked burglar trapped in an air conditioning vent.

In 1993, WD-40 Company celebrated its 40th anniversary by breaking the \$100 million sales mark. That year the company was also listed among the Top Ten Most Profitable companies on the NASDAQ exchange. WD-40 was



found to be in 4 out of 5 American households and was used by 81 percent of professionals at work. Sales had grown to more than one million cans each week.

Very few brands will ever match the popularity of WD-40. In fact, the variety and uniqueness of uses for WD-40 proved so popular that The WD-40 Book, (Bad Dog Press 1997) featuring many user testimonials and the wacky humor of the Duct Tape Guys, was published in 1997. But WD-40's literary legend doesn't end there.

The familiar blue and yellow can has been featured in other books ranging from *The Big Damn Book of Sheer Manliness* (General Publishing 1997), *Polish Your Furniture With Panty Hose* (Hyperion 1995), *WD-40 for the Soul: The Guide to Fixing Everything* (TV Books 1999), and *Talking Dirty With the Queen of Clean* (Pocket Books, 1998) to college textbooks.



A scene from British Field Day 2007. Photo courtesy of Drew Frink.

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*This Month's Featured Member Car*

1955 Jaguar XK140 Drop Head Coupe of Ken and JoAnn Borg  
Shown at the 2007 British Field Day

## Exchequer Report

*As of June 27, 2007*

**Balance last report \$2,860.48**

Income (none)

### Expenses

Administration	
JoinBMCU cards	74.98
Newsletter	73.62
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	148.60

**Ending balance \$2,711.88**

## MG's Sell Well At Texas Collector's Auction

*From the July 2007 issue of Sports Car Market Magazine.*

**#2246—1935 MG NB Magnette Air-line coupe.** S/N NA0848. Eng. #1112AN. Red & black/red & black leather. RHD. Odo: 5,531 km. Paint virtually flawless, panel fit near perfect, all brightwork appears newly minted. Upholstery and wooden dash show no flaws. A beautifully restored concours-ready example. Cond. 1. **Sold at \$398,750.**

**#2256—1936 MG SA tourer.** S/N SA0432. Eng. #QPHG685. White & tan/tan leather. RHD. Coachwork by Charlesworth. Non-original paintwork is metallic and nearly flawless. Interior shows tiny trouble spots when inspected closely. Dash and instruments appear close to perfect, chrome plating has no issues. Cond. 2+. **Sold at \$116,600.**

**#2257-1938 MG SA Tickford drophead coupe.** S/N SAAH957. Black/tan cloth/tan leather. RHD. Coachwork by Keller. Paintwork deep and lustrous, panel gaps and body lines straight. Most interior woodwork excellent, minor flaw on the driver's door evident. Upholstery shows very slight wear. Brightwork nearly perfect. Wire wheels show beautifully. Cond. 1. **Sold at \$118,800.**

**#2264-1950 MG TC EXU roadster.** S/N TC9064. Eng. #XPAG9767. Red/red leather. RHD. Odo: 26 miles. Paint perfect, chrome excellent, glass appears new. Original export items include full width bumpers, twin Lucas Windtone horns, and gold pearl-finished steering wheel. Period accessory engine-turned generator case and dash face look excellent. Cond. 1. **Sold at \$81,400.**

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