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Antelope Island Drive May 5

It was dark and cloudy morning ... The annual drive to Antelope Island was well attended considering the weather; overcast, windy, and cold with the threat of rain. Rob and Mary Foye in their TR4 were the only souls brave enough to venture out with the top down. The rest of us were playing it safe and staying warm.

After the usual pleasantries were exchanged we departed from the State Capital Building and headed up victory road to Beck Street, then up to towards Bountiful, Farmington, Kaysville, and Layton via HWY 89 instead of hitting I-15 as in years past. The drive is scenic with rolling hills, old small down towns, and loads of old stone homes dating from the early 1900's.

The northern contingents were waiting at the designated rendezvous spot on Antelope drive. Again after more pleasantries, the now complete group of 11 cars rolled out towards the guard station on the causeway to the Island. Paying our

\$9 fee we drove the 7 miles to the island to be meet by the annual Antelope Island Road Bike Race. In past years when I was racing bikes I road this race a few times. Sometimes it's warmish others cold and rainy. You never know this time of year. They were all bundled up in their winter gear riding the northwest portion of the Island in circles for a proscribed time. With a 30 mph wind out to the north and 40 degrees they didn't look like they were having much fun. In the best of times it is a hard race, this year looked miserable.

We then headed out towards Fielding Garr Ranch driving a bit over the speed limit of 25 mph. That road deserves to be driven at a much higher rate of speed, but being the leader and not wanting to get a ticket I kept the speed down. Buffalos were spotted on the hills on the way in and out with a jack rabbit or two. There was even a nest of owls in the barn at the ranch. I'm happy to say that the animals stayed away for our vehicles.

Lunch was eaten not at the picnic tables under the trees but in a building that one of the docents let us use. No chairs were available so everyone stood. After driving we didn't hear any complaints. Mary was unable to attend but in her typical fashion as a first grade teacher she had a 10 question quiz prepared concerning the Island. They were written out with prizes furnished for the correct answer. Some prizes were even for the girls in the group. All the prizes had little notes attached referring to some aspect of our hobby or our old British reliable cars.

Every one had a great time with no mechanicals that I have heard about. Paul Jaroch was in attendance but instead of his now dead red Mercedes, was in his new 1980 black MGB. It was great to see him with a big smile on his face. Also in attendance were Mitch & Diane Johnson, Mike & Devra Kelly, Paul Jaroch with Wiley the dog, Barry Engstrum, Rob & Mary Foye, Jonathan Hanson (BAHC), Dawn & Chad Owens, Jon & Susan Hermance, John & Barbara Progress, Larry Farrington, John Perry and Michael Scoggins.

The day was great, always fun getting together with the group. I still get excited seeing the string of British Iron driving in a single column knowing I'm part of this quirky hobby and club. It is always so much fun.

-- Michael Scoggins

**He saw
The train
And tried to duck it
Kicked first the gas
And then the bucket
-- Burma-Shave, 1949**

British Field Day at Liberty Park Saturday June 9th 9:00 AM - 3:00

British Field Day will be held at Liberty Park again this year. It is time for all British car and motorcycle enthusiasts to get their rigs out of the garage, clean them up and get them running as well as can be expected. All British cars and bikes in any condition from 100- point restorations to works in progress or an old daily beater are welcome. The more the merrier! All the British car/bike clubs are participating. Don't let those other marques make your club look like slackers. Call your fellow club members and get them to the event!

For the brave of heart, we will have the road course set up again this year on a closed access road inside the park. It promises to be as noisy and challenging as previous years!

During the event there will be music, shop talk, bench-racing, catching up with old friends, drawings for raffle prizes and more. Liberty Park has many amenities. There is a remodeled food concession stand, one of the largest and best playgrounds in the city, the Tracy Aviary and a small amusement park with a Ferris wheel and merry-go-round. Even if your family doesn't share your passion for LBCs (little British cars), there will be plenty for them to do while you are getting your fix!

Proceeds from this year's event will be donated to The Food Pantry of Saint Paul's Episcopal Church. In recent years we have raised enough money to pay for 80% of the Pantry's yearly cash budget! The Pantry is providing volunteers to assist with the event so the organizers can have more time for some fun, too!

Liberty Park is located between 500 East & 700 East and 900 South & 1300 South. The BFD event will be held in the northeast quadrant of the park. Enter off 1300 South and drive east and north about a quarter of the way around the park. You will see the event on the left.

Please help support Saint Paul's food pantry by bringing your cars and bikes out to join in the fun. Registration starts at 8:00 AM and we hope to have most bikes and cars in place by 9:00. The registration fee is \$10 per bike or car. A \$5 donation is requested per adult. Kids 12 and under are free

Saturday, June 9th, 2007, Liberty Park 700 East 1300 South, SLC 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Check out the BFD website at www.britishfieldday.com. Hopefully it will have been updated by the time you look.

New Join BMCU Cards Available

Our trusty all-purpose cards inviting new BMCU members have been restocked — see image below.

These are particularly handy for sticking under windshields of unsuspecting Britmobiles seen around the Salt Lake Valley and throughout the state on our outings.

If you'd like a supply contact Mitch Johnson, Michael Scoggins, or Gary

Lindstrom (see contact info on page 6), or ask for some whenever you see one of us at a club event.

—Gary Lindstrom



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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June 9: British Field Day. Bill Davis, 801-486-5049, GBRovers@aol.com. See article on this page.

July 2-6: Gathering of the Faithful West MG meeting, Park City, UT, Floyd Inman, 435-654-7086, floyd_inman@msn.com. See article on p. 4.

July 7 (tentative) Cache Valley Cruise In.

July 14: Trappers Loop Run. John Progress, 801-547-0259, johnprogress@comcast.net.

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

July 17-21: Vintage Triumph Register National Convention. See article on p. 5.

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 on p. 4.

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.



Memorial Moab Day Run

Last year's Memorial Day Run to Moab was such fun that it was decided to reimplement the specification (geek talk) this year, with pretty much the same route, attendees, motels, and diversions. The only differences were one more dog, warmer weather, and no mechanical problems other than a wayward fuel line (fixed at the rendezvous), and a lost MG TD wheel cover (still rolling somewhere near Price?).

The rendezvous at Hogle Zoo roused an Austin Healey 3000, 2 MG TDs, an MG TF, an MGB, a TR3, 2 TR6s, 2 Spitfires, and two support vehicles, with the Green's non-BMW Mini joining in Heber. The route took us through Heber, Duchesne, Helper, Green River and on to Moab. Traffic was light on the way down, though the same route on the way back collected lots of "Bubbas in duallys pulling trailers pulling boats" as one participant noted.

The weather was cool at the start but warmed up about 30 degrees south of Price, to mid 90s upon arrival in Moab. The Arts Festival was in full swing in the town park, and BMCUsers naturally congregated at the Vine Street Designs art glass booth, Sharon Bailey proprietor. Live music and tasty food added to the ambiance.

We were delighted to see another British car club in town, from Colorado, including MGs, Morgans, and an Austin Healey or two. There was even a local lady from Castle Valley driving a Spitfire that limped into town (the car, not

her), expiring (again, the car, not her) in front of Pugs --- who must have had Spitfire Sucker written all over him. He and Mitch, among others, provided first aid to the car, which more properly speaking needed the radiator cap jacked up and the rest of the car replaced under it. Nevertheless these Good Samaritans got the car running to Castle Valley standards, and she (the car, actually) limped back home.

There are of course lots of interesting side trips to make from Moab, and many were sampled throughout the weekend, including Dead Horse Point (can't beat it), along the Colorado River to Dewey and Cisco, Castle Valley and the La Sal Loop (which was an out and back trip due to the Mill Creek Bridge being out), and Arches National Park.

An interesting diversion from Castle Valley is the Gateway Road toward the Colorado state line, sampled by Gary and the Greens (a new eco-savvy rock group?), who were rewarded by a spectacular wild flower meadow at the summit where the paved road ends.

One change from last year noted by many was the lessened demand at restaurants, and generally more elbow room in town. The shared guess of the group was that gas prices, which were about \$1/gallon higher than last year, were a factor.

Attendees included Jon and Susan Hermance (trip leaders); Mike and Alison (Hermance) Magruder, Dan, Laura

Autojumble

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

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.

More free Spitfire parts: See <http://forums.britishmotorclub.org/viewtopic.php?t=151> or call Mark Bradakis, 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.

(Hermance), and Rookie Maitzen; Pugs Pivrotto; Rob and Nan Green; Michael, Courtney and Douglas Scoggins; Bob and Dixie Jahnke; Mitch and Diane Johnson; Kevin and Maree Cowen; Mike, Sharon and Scooter Bailey; and yours truly.
— Gary Lindstrom

30 Days and Counting For The Gathering Calling on All MG Owners to Help Out

When we agreed to sponsor the Gathering of the Faithful (GoF) in Park City it seemed like a long way out. Well, it is now only 30 days out and closing fast, and as always we can use your help. Each and every activity is chaired by a member of the BMCU, and all can use your help.

From the Hospitality Suite to the Funkhana volunteers are needed. Jon Hermance, chair of the Car Show will need help; David Mark, chair of the Flea Market will need help; Sharon Bailey, chair

for the Funkhana will need help. We will need people at the Registration area, the Rallye, and at the banquets.

We have over 90 couples registered and intend to show them all the friendliness, the hospitality, and the beauty of our mountains.

Even if you do not drive an MG, come on up for the car show on July 3rd. Jon may even put you to work.

For more information call or e-mail



Floyd Inman at 435-543-7086, 801-557-9740 or Floyd_Inman@msn.com.

June 16th Celebration at Daybreak

The Daybreak Community, in South Jordan, is having a community parade, antique and specialty auto display and a rock band with festivities on June 16th.

Guests (that's us) can stay for the luau with food and entertainment, that evening, and there is a \$10 charge for the food.

If you'd like to strut that British stuff and wow them, let me know and I'll fill out

an application for our group to participate in the parade.

If you have a fishing pole and license, the community has a lake with some pretty nice fish in it, too.

Daybreak is a Kennecott development located west of Bangerter Highway/11400 S.

Love to have you come,

—Mike Kelly

CONCOURS D' ELEGANCE CHARITY CAR SHOW

I guess you've all heard that the Concours will be held outside on Saturday 8/25/07 at Thanksgiving point this year. All entries will get one free dinner on Friday evening 8/24/07 with a cruise and live music and guest speakers. (Extra dinner tickets are only \$10 bucks) Cars can be placed all day Friday or early Saturday. Please check our website — www.concoursutah.com.

Contact me for questions. I would like to see a big turn out along with the Jag club together.

—Thanks, Ron Gunderson
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A Sad Note Passing of Kent Thomas

The BMCU lost one of its own this past January with the passing of Kent Thomas.

Kent was a long time member of the BMCU and was most frequently seen at British Field Day in his beautiful red MGA Coupe in which he took a great deal of pride. He had been a great help to many club members in the restoration of a number of cars that are currently seen at club events.

His wife recently stated that she enjoyed reading the BMCU club newsletter and that Kent really enjoyed being a member of the club. He will be missed. We wish his family only the best and will remember him fondly.

— Clayton Merchant

Vintage Triumph Register National Convention July 17 - 21, 2007 Sheraton Park Ridge Hotel Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

The Vintage Triumph Register 2007 National Convention will be held this year at Valley Forge, PA. The Planning Committee is pleased to announce that noted automotive author, Graham Robson will be the 2007 Honoree! This year's theme is "TRIUMPHS FORGE AHEAD" as the convention will be held from July 17, 2007 through July 21, 2007.

In the last 35 years, Robson has lived "by the pen" and "by the voice", not only writing but commentating, presenting, and organizing events of all types. He became engrossed in the "classic" car

scene in the early 70's, writing his first major book on Triumph sports cars in 1973. In recent years Robson has done video commentaries, script writing, video treatments, etc. and has finally found time to become involved in the motor club scene. Now, he is President of the British TR Register and flattered to be an Honorary Member of several other clubs.

Plan to meet this world renowned Triumph rallyist, engineer, and author. For complete convention information go to www.VTR2007.com.



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BMCU At Living Traditions Festival May 19, 2007

The BMCU, which has a few living traditions of its own, had a small but enthusiastic representation at the Living Traditions Festival in Salt Lake City's Washington Square on Saturday evening, May 19.

The big innovation this year was wrist bands for beer consumers, which permitted those so inclined to range free over the premises rather than being penned up in a sinners' purgatory. All

very progressive and welcomed.

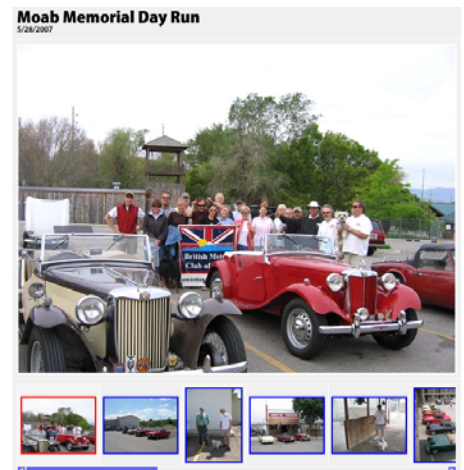
Pugs and Diane Pivrotto arrived early and decamped at a prime table 'twixt the north stage and the Uinta beer truck.

Soon joining them were Mark and Karen Bradakis, Gary and Sandy Lindstrom, Paul Jaroch, and Michael Scoggins. As they say in the society pages, a good time was had by all.

Now Playing On a Computer Near You BMCU Event Slide Shows

Yes friends, Johnny Depp and Keira Knightley have nothing on us — we too are now playing in feature films viewed around the world!

As shown below, photos from BMCU events are now displayed in [slide show format](#) on the BMCU web site. You can step through the photos clicking on the thumbnails under the large photo, or sequence through them automatically by clicking the play icon (right pointing small triangle) on the lower right. Enjoy!



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This Month's Featured Member Car

1956 Nash Metropolitan of Robert Rawlins
Shown at the 2006 Butlerville Car Show.



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