

# British Motor Club of Utah

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## Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner February 10

The mood was convivial and the larder was bountiful as this year's Annual Meeting and Potluck dinner on February 10 at St. Paul's church in Salt Lake City. Mitch Johnson began by thanking the past year's Governors, especially Bruce Schilling, who is retiring as Membership Director after 12 faithful years of service. A new slate was elected with Michael and Mary Scoggins stepping in as Membership Directors.

Marty Van Nood praised club members for their loyal and generous support (see p. 2). He remarked that the club has never been on such sound footing as it is now. This year's renewal drive coupled with the December color calendar was instrumental in this success. Grateful acknowledgement was made to all 2006 advertisers, especially Mike Bailey, who was lead sponsor on the calendar. Discussion then turned to planning activities

for 2007. Many old favorite events were scheduled again, plus some new events, including the Cache Valley Cruise In, Eden Balloon Festival Car Show.

Special thanks go to Bill Davis for making arrangements at St. Paul's. Attending were: Mitch & Diane Johnson, Paul Jaroch, John Progress, Susan & Jon Hermance, Barry Engstrum, Bill Davis, Liam Davis, Larry & Margaret Farrington, Kevin & Marie Cowan, Gary & Sandy Lindstrom, Floyd & Kathy Inman, Doug & Ilene Wimer, Bob & Dixie Jahnke, Michael & Mary Scoggins, Mark & Karen Bradakis, Mike & Sharon Bailey, Marty Van Nood, Rose Armstrong, Bill Brinn, Steve & Chris Abner, Bill & Robyn Rhinehart, Fred & Darlene DeSanlo, Andrew & Jenny Frink, Clayton & Sharon Merchant.

## Red Faces on a Green Day

A former German dictator once famously dismissed the British as "a nation of shopkeepers". Well, we now have conclusive evidence that the title rightly belongs to the Irish, the local arm of whom have caved to the "safety" concerns of the merchants at the Gateway project.

Indeed, the Utah Hibernians, proprietors of our beloved St. Patty's Day Parade, have decreed that car clubs this year will be limited to three (yes, 3) vehicles. That's probably enough for the *Impoverished Ferrari Owner's Club* (IFOC), but no way adequate for the BMCU, who have accordingly responded *No Way!*

Consequently, plans for our outing on March 17 have summarily been reformulated as an impromptu tour ending at a commiseration fest at MacCool's Pub in Foothill Village, site of our very successful End of Season Dinner last October.

Rob Foye (583-3608) has graciously agreed to lead this outing, and urges everyone to get their Britmobiles cranked up for an ice breaker tour. Rendezvous at 10:00 am at the Kmart shopping center on Parley's Way near the east I-215—I-80 junction. Bring your Irish decorations and garb just like you would have for the parade past *Victor's Undies* and the other shops at Gateway, and we'll have a grand outing irregardless, as they say in Utah.

**Little Bo-Peep  
Has lost her Jeep  
It struck  
A truck  
When she went to sleep  
-- Burma-Shave, 1948**

## BMCU Annual Financial Report for 2006

### — by Marty Van Nood

It was just a couple of short years ago when I was experiencing fiscal heart attacks and suffering from budgetary nervous breakdowns. This condition had me throwing hissy fits and regularly declaring that "...the sky is falling!" At one point I called for an emergency meeting to right the ship.

Well, now here we are. The world condition is awful what with terrorism (both internationally and now locally, as well) and will probably continue. We have an environmental crisis in global warming. Our government leadership seems hopelessly out of touch. And that will probably continue too.

In the face of all this bad news it is with great pleasure that I can let you all know that I am just fine...and so is our club. The turnaround has had its share of growing pains, but it appears that we are on the right path to preserving our little organization for the benefit of us all.

Our treasury has dollars in it. Not a lot, but enough to stop the heart attacks. We have inventory in our quar-

termaster depot and the prospects for the immediate future look promising.

You, the member, are responsible. Without your continued support, where would we be? Thank you all for, not only staying involved by coming to meetings/events, but by your generosity. The BMCU leadership has worked hard to offer merchandise for your enjoyment. Has turned out a regular newsletter to keep us all up to date on current events and with ads of interest. However, the one overwhelming area where we have surpassed all expectations is in member contributions.

As you are aware, our club prefers to NOT CHARGE DUES! It is only through your individual generosity that we manage to stay afloat.

I want to personally thank you all. It is a privilege to be your Chancellor of the Exchequer. I have held this position for many, many years now and it is still fun to do. I look forward to the future with anticipation of the great times still ahead.

## BRITISH MOTORCAR CLUB OF UTAH

### BALANCE SHEET December 31, 2006

ASSETS		LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Cash on Hand	\$2,934	Member's Equity	\$9,328
Intangibles (good will)	5,000		
Inventory:			
Polo shirts	200		
T-shirts	100		
Decals	247		
Badges	415		
Brackets	113		
Fobs (old)	25		
Fobs (new)	294		
	1,394		
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$9,328</b>		



### 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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**March 17:** St. Patty Day Tour & Pub. Rob Foye, 801-583-3608, rfoye@wwdb.org, see story on p. 1.

**April 7:** Huntsville Show & Shine BBQ. Paul Jaroch, 801-644-4130, bughous@msn.com.

**April 21:** Tech Session by RedLine Oil, Swap Meet, and Funkhana Trial Run. Mike Bailey, 801-743-2875.

**May 5:** Antelope Island Run. Michael & Mary Scoggins, 801-295-1732, stradi@xmission.com.

**May 19:** Living Traditions Festival. Pugs & Diane Pivrotto, 801-486-0547, jimp@corp.firstindustrial.com.

**May 26-28:** Memorial Day Run to Moab. Jon Hermance, 801-583-5846, Jonathan\_Hermance@atk.com. See article on p. 4.

**June 9 (tentative):** British Field Day. Bill Davis, 801-486-5049, GBROvers@aol.com.

**July 2-6:** Gathering of the Faithful West MG meeting, Park City, UT, Floyd Inman, 435-654-7086, floyd\_inman@msn.com.

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

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





## Beach Party Soothes Winter Woes

As advertised, snow piling up on the gray and grimy streets, bitter cold under too few glimpses of a tired and anemic sun, and a typical winter in the Salt Lake valley meant it was time for the annual Fat Chance Garage Beach Party at Mark and Karen Bradakis' cozy abode on Saturday, February 24.

The need to party was heavy on Mark's mind given the debacle foisted on his web sites (including that of the BMCU) by Aros Net, a local Internet Service Provider now relocating to Mogadishu (see article below).

Howsoever, as they say in Utah, a hearty

herd partied on, and a great time was had by all, aided by Mark's impeccable 'que skills. Long distance award went to Drew Frink, who traveled all the way from Midway to aid in the revelry.

## WWeb Site WWoos

The BMCU web site, and the many others run by Mark Bradakis under the team.net banner, were abruptly severed from the Internet on February 16 courtesy of Aros Net, his Internet Service Provider. This took down the BMCU email and forum groups as well.

As of this writing connectivity has still not been restored, though Mark is working feverishly to port the site to another ISP (goodbye, Aros Net). For this reason this month's newsletter is being mailed to all members who renewed this year, even if they indicated email only in their renewal form.

## Autojumble

**2 post frame auto lift:** For sale for best offer. Cost over \$4,000 new. Buyer must disassemble and remove. Jim Revel, 435-640-3347.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## Exchequer Report

*As of February 24, 2007*

Balance last report	\$2,694.63
Income	
Merchandise sales	120.00
Member contributions	625.00
Ad sales	50.00
Interest	.49
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	795.49
Expenses	
Merchandise	424.09
Newsletter	170.95
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	595.04
<b>Current balance</b>	<b>\$2,895.08</b>

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## Memorial Day Run 2007 New York Tokyo MOAB, AGAIN!

Moab Utah will be a popular place over Memorial Day weekend. Lots of art, Jeeps and LBCs will be there. A block of seven rooms is being held at the Bowen Motel [www.bowenmotel.com](http://www.bowenmotel.com) 435-259-7132 for BMCU members to reserve through April 30, 2007. Make your reservations soon for the nights of May 26 and 27. Don't forget to say you are with the BMCU or the Bowen may tell they are full.

The holiday rates at the Bowen Motel are \$91.00 a night. Pets cost \$10.00 more a night or they can stay in the car. You are welcome to find other rooms in Moab. If you find some rooms, please let Jon Hermance know where they are so he can pass the information on to anyone who hasn't found a place to stay.

Participating BMCUsers will meet at the Hogle Zoo parking lot at 8:00 Saturday morning May 26. We will collect and

distribute cell phone numbers and try to leave around 8:30. The route is currently planned to be East Canyon to Hwy 65. South on 65 to I-80 and east to Silver Creek Jct. At Silver Creek Jct. we will take Hwy 40/189 south through Heber past Strawberry reservoir to Duchesne. From Duchesne we will take Hwy 191 south through Price to Green River. From Green River there will be a short stretch of I-70 east to Crescent Jct. where we will turn south on Hwy 163/191 to Moab. The distance is approximately 270 miles.

Sunday morning there will be groups forming to maybe just hang around town or go into various National Park areas or take a tour a group particularly enjoyed in 2006 along the Colorado. The return trip on Monday will be back along the same route, however there will be the "freeway option" for any who prefer traveling more quickly. Any questions, concerns or suggestions may be communicated to [jonathan\\_hermance@atk.com](mailto:jonathan_hermance@atk.com) or 801-583-5846.  
—Jon Hermance

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