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Huntsville Drive, BBQ and British Squadron Rendezvous April 7

What a great day it turned out to be for an early spring drive! This run started out from last year's impromptu "send off" drive for me prior to deploying to the Persian Gulf. It turned out to be such a fun package with places seen and people met along the way, we decided to make another go of it. Along with an invite from the owner of the "Yukon Grill" to come up and have a show and shine along with that he would fire up his world famous BBQ/Smoker grill to put on a fantastic feed for us.

So with that going for us, one day at my job (Flight Line Tech at Hill AFB) I was watching the Royal Air Force airman out working on their British Fighter jets (Tornados). And I thought "We should ask them if they would be interested in

coming along for the drive and picnic to see some vintage British Iron and meet some folks who actually appreciate the likes of Lucas, Girling, BMC and BL."

So there I am wandering into the Hornets nest of the RAF maintenance hub of activity, looking for someone of importance, but came across Chief Technician Dave (Lenny) Henry anyway. (Sorry Lenny!) After shifting a few brain cells around so that we might actually understand each other we hit it off quite well! The Brits were very excited to see that there was a group of Colonials dedicated to keeping the Britmobiles on the road. Lenny suggested we should make arrangements to allow our cars onto the Air Base and

actually get clearance to drive them out onto the active flight line for photo opportunities! I thought to myself and said to him "yeah right!" But with Lenny's insistence and only one day to pull it off, I began making phone calls.

After hitting several dead ends and almost hanging it up, things started to look

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**From
Bar
To car
To
Gates ajar
-- Burma-Shave, 1941**

Antelope Island Run

May 5

It is time again for our annual trip out to where the brine flies live; yes you guessed it [Antelope Island](#). The cruise date is Saturday May 5th and since this is my first job as tour guide we will mix it up a bit this year.

The drivers who live south should meet at the northeast parking lot behind the capital building at 9:30 for a 10:00 departure. We will then head up Beck street and instead of getting on the freeway heading north, we will take Hwy 89 through Bountiful and up into Farmington, we will then take Hwy 107 or Main street north past Lagoon up to Kaysville staying on Main Street, then up to Layton to Antelope Drive where we will turn West on Antelope Dr by the Kmart and meet at the first small stripe mall west of Main on the North side of the street. It is about 20 miles up and should only take 45 minutes or so.

For those in parts north the rendezvous will be at said strip mall at

about 10:30 for an expected departure of 11:00.

We then head out to the Island. The cost per vehicle is \$9.00. We will take in the sights and head out to where the buffalo play and have lunch at the old farm on the east side of the island. Bring a lunch and drink and put on your rhino packages (bumper reinforcements with off road lights, head light protectors and role cage if desired and any other paraphernalia) for the unexpected large wild life that lives on the Island.

Entertainment will be provided by Mary Scoggins. Bone up on your Antelope Island facts as there will be a quiz with prizes. Any questions email me at stradi@xmission.com. See you on Saturday the 5th.

-- Michael Scoggins



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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May 5: Antelope Island Run. Michael & Mary Scoggins, 801-295-1732, stradi@xmission.com. See article on this page.

May 19: Living Traditions Festival. Pugs & Diane Pivrotto, 801-486-0547, jimp@corp.firstindustrial.com. See article on p. 4.

May 26-28: Memorial Day Run to Moab. Jon Hermance, 801-583-5846, Jonathan_Hermance@atk.com. See article on p. 5.

June 9: 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 7 (tentative) Cache Valley Cruise In.

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.

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

August 25: Senior Citizens Concours, Ron Gunderson, 801-262-4999.

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promising. I knew there would be folks that I was not going to be able to contact until the morning gathering at the Kaysville Checker Auto parts store. I was nervous that we would choke out his parking lot and have customers complaining, but it turned into a quick mini car show for all and the Checker folks there are actually British Car Fans! Several of them actually own Triumphs.

Now off towards Hill AFB because some fast talking at the main gate to the base was in order. Everyone who braved to follow me to the gate got in! Now heading down the main drag at Hill, we were getting plenty of looks and questions shouted "Hey, is there a car show today?". We arrived at the flight line gate met by our British friends and after a quick tire check for stuff you don't want to end up inside a jet engine (rocks, screws and nails) we were guided/posed in front of an impressive example of British aviation engineering, the UK's Tornado (tail number 007). Lenny and his mates lined us up for a fantastic group shot and then we broke into several small groups shots (MGA's, Spitfires and TR6's).

The Brits quickly figured out who our "Cheerleader" was and soon had Mary Scoggins on top of the wing posing with two airmen and the Union Jack. After that our RAF friends gave us a quick tour of the aircraft. Everyone was having a great time and mostly on their best behavior (Mary?). So after we sorted thing out, we were now ready to continue our drive. Lane Farka, a rather enthusiastic MG driver offered to lead us through an alternate but much more pleasant drive off the base and then towards the canyon (which is always what

we are about!).

By the time we arrived at the Yukon Grill we were several hours behind our original time schedule, but the owner was most patient with us and was glad to see us. A glorious feast followed, our RAF friends who followed along seemed to enjoy it as well. After lunch folks started parting ways to head off to other Saturday plans, a few including our new RAF friends ventured towards the Shooting Star Saloon to visit the Dog. I hope I speak for everyone I saying that we really had a great day! And I had one of the best birthdays that I can remember!

Unfortunately, I have to report one misfortunate thing. On the way home from Huntsville traveling south on Harrison Blvd. in Ogden Paul Jaroch was in the wrong place at the wrong time. While sitting in the intersection waiting to turn left towards his home, a fugitive running from the law going in excess of 100 MPH on a Kawasaki Ninja motorcycle collided into the front right corner of Paul beautiful Mercedes. Paul is doing fine, just glad he wasn't in a roadster!

Folks who signed the attendance list were: John & Barbara Progress, Terry & Lien Rees, Mike & Becky Chambers, Steve Nelson, Jeff Greenland, Brian Elkins, Lane Farka & Zack, Clayton & Mrs. Merchant, Larry Farrington & Stephanie Arceneaux, Mike & Mary Scoggins, Mitch & Diane Johnson, Rich Goodman, , Kevin & Marie Cowan, Drew Frink, Chris Jones, Pugs & Diane Pivrotto, Paul Jaroch, Bob Wadman and Roland Held, Floyd & Kathy Inman.

-- Mitch Johnson

Autojumble

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 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.

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BMCU Night At The Living Traditions Festival May 19

It is once again time for the annual three day [Living Traditions Festival](#) at the City and County Building in the heart of Salt Lake City. Various members of the BMCU have been attending this event for a number of years and the tradition continues on May 19th.

Pugs and Diane Pivrotto will once again

be the unofficial hosts of the Saturday night activities. The festival is free and parking is available across the street at 400 South and State Street for a nominal fee or you can usually find a parking spot on the street in the adjacent neighborhoods. Ethnic food from around the globe can be purchased at

the festival as well as liquid refreshments.

The line up for this year has not yet been announced, or at least not yet posted on the internet as of the date of this article. However, the Saturday night band is usually great entertainment and has historically performed on the North stage. The Piv's will be hanging out in the refreshment garden on the north end of the grounds. Hope to see you there.

-- Pugs and Diane Pivrotto





Auto Jumble and Tech Session

Saturday, April 21st wasn't the warmest, sunniest spring day we've had along the Wasatch, but it was still pleasant. A tray sprinkle of rain didn't slow things down at the swap meet and tech session held at Bailey's shop in Murray. A number of folks arrived with treasures to offer and a number of folks showed up looking for

deals. Many bits departed the premises under new ownership.

At 11, Pat Wright from Redline Oil gave a talk on various lubrication issues. He gave away stickers and information and a few samples of their product to an appreciative audience. The

smoke filling the shop was not from some British iron burning oil, but from some charcoal getting ignited. The offending combustion device was moved to adjust for the shifting breeze, and the talk continued.

After the tech session various food and beverages were sampled, as a couple of grills were fired up, bags of chips and tubs of beans and salad were opened, as folks cooked up what they had brought for the picnic portion of the day.

Attending the event was Mike Bailey, the host, of course, Mitch Johnson, Jon Hermance, Gary Lindstrom, Dion Dostaler, Sue Cogger, Mike Odernheimer, Larry Farrington, John Progress, Paul Jaroch, Dave Marks, Jim Stover, Geoffrey Co??, Duff Lawson, Dan Forster, Rob Foye, Ed Oblad, Marty van Nood, Rob Green, Eric Achter, Steve C??, Bob Allred, and yours truly.

--Mark Bradakis

LAST CALL: Memorial Day Run 2007 New York Tokyo MOAB, AGAIN!

A block of rooms was being held at the Bowen Motel www.bowenmotel.com 435-259-7132 for BMCU members to reserve through April 30, 2007. By now the Bowen is most likely full for the nights of May 26 and 27. If you're too late, you may well have to find a motel or campground in Moab on your own.

BMCUers making this tour will meet at the Hogle Zoo parking lot at 8:00 Saturday morning May 26. We ill try to leave around 8:30.

Most people will be returning home in their own time on Monday May 28. Any uestions, concerns or motels found with rooms available may be communicated to jonthan.hermance@atk.com or 801-583-5846.

--Jon Hermance



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Exchequer Report

As of April 22, 2007

Balance last report \$3,057.24

Income

Merchandise sales	93.00
Member contributions	46.82
Interest	0.60

140.42

Expenses

VTR insurance	90.00
Newsletter	148.10
Admin	28.50

215.69

Ending balance \$2,981.97

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New Department This Month: Featured Member Car

Paul Jaroch's 1980 MGB LE

Dog Starts Car After Eating Chip — BBC News

A breakdown patrol man who came to the rescue of a woman motorist has managed to get her car started using her dog.

Juliette Piesley, 39, had changed the battery in her electronic key fob but was then unable to start her car.

When AA (editor's note: like our AAA) patrolman Kevin Gorman arrived at the scene in Addlestone, Surrey, he found its immobiliser chip was missing.

Ms Piesley said her dog George had

eaten something, and realising it was the chip, he put the dog in the front seat and started the car with the key.

Mr Gorman said: "I was glad to get the car started for the member.

"They will now have to take George [the dog] with them in the car until things take their natural course.

"It is the first time that I have had to get a dog to help me to start a car."