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Other attractions were also taken in, including a famous establishment just east of the Kamas Fish Hatchery — see photo on page 5.

Every year at the club's annual planning meeting pleas are heard for scheduling Sunday events in addition to our more common Saturday events. This was one such, and from all indications, it's a popular idea.

Special guests at this year's event were members of the Wasatch Mountain Jaguar Register, several of whom participated and expressed appreciation.

At the start a statistical anomaly was observed: all the Britmobiles were either red or yellow! But then the Jensens' blue TR250 appeared, snapping the skein, as hack sportswriters are wont to declaim.

Braving the elements were John and Barbara Progress, Michael Scoggins, Susan and Jon Hermance, Chad Derum and Jamie Hughes, Roger and Jill Davis, Paul Jaroch, Larry and Margaret Farrington, Pugs (in sandals) and Diane Pivrotto, Terry Rees, Keri and Melanie Bruce, Kent and Kathy Jensen, Clayton Merchant, J. and Kay Jennings, Janet and Kent Topham, Dan Schweikert, Mike and Susan Cady, John Whitney, and your trip leader and obedient scribe.

—Gary Lindstrom

Fall Colour Tour Features White

They say you shouldn't wear white after Labor Day, but the Uinta Mountains don't read fashion magazines, it seems. This year's annual Fall Colour Tour on September 30 was on a spectacularly sunny day preceded by wind, cold, rain and snow — depending on your altitude.

The altitude of Mirror Lake, our destination, is 10,200 feet, so there was ample white stuff to highlight the beautiful fall colours on this tour. Our traditional destination has been the Nebo Loop, which is always impressive, but the wildfires this summer led us to try this new locale, which turned out to be highly rewarding.

Twenty-five brave souls (or silly folks who believe newspaper weather forecasts?) gathered at Hogle Zoo for the trip up Emigration Canyon, to I-80, to US-40, where we rendezvoused with three cars with five more folks. Then it was on to

Wanship, Kamas, and Mirror Lake.

While regrouping in Kamas we saw an ominous sight — a DOT snow plow and salter descending from the Mirror Lake Highway. Fearing we might be turned back, the group headed onward, reassured by the kindly forest service fee collector who told us that the highway was clear and open.

And so it was, though a bit damp in spots. At Mirror Lake a festive picnic lunch was conducted on several tables near the lake (and in the sun), with only a few snowballs being tossed from table to table.

The return trip was made in smaller platoons, so that lovely but small overlooks could not be overlooked (can you parse that?), including Provo River Falls below Trial Lake — see photo above, taken by Roger Davis.

***Sleep in a chair
Nothing to lose
But a nap
At the wheel
Is a permanent snooze
-- Burma-Shave, 1945***



A KBriTS Run To the Coast

Editor's note: This is a report on a recent event held by our sister club in Klamath Falls, OR, founded by our co-founder Bill Van Moorhem.

Perhaps some day the two clubs can rendezvous for a joint outing!

Five B-cars and their people gathered in Klamath Falls, Oregon on a Friday morning for a trip to the southern Oregon Coast - one TR-6, two MG-TDs, one MGB and one MGA. Two of these cars were owned by members of both BMCU and KBriTS (Klamath British Touring Society): Mike and Sharon Bailey with their TD, and Julie and I with the MGA. The rest were KBriTS members. This was the first overnight trip for KBriTS, but all of the folks were experienced B-car travelers: their cars were in good condition, there was a place for everything, and everyone appeared prepared for the anticipated cool and damp weather.

The Cascades were just in front of us, but since the mountains only involve about a 1000 ft. climb, this was easily done. The first stop was in Jackson-ville. This town retains much of its 1900 flavor and we could have spent

the afternoon there, but the coast called. After lunch we took a route that avoided the interstate, following twisting roads, often times with big pines arching over the road. Before reaching the coast we crossed into northern California with a stop to look at the Redwoods. We then headed north near the coast for our first overnight in Brookings. We had a bit of liquid refreshment (following BMCU tradition), took a walk on the beach, and headed off to a fresh seafood dinner

The next morning was a bit foggy, but we decided to return to the Redwoods to walk around a bit among the trees. After our walk we headed back north along the coast under a, now, blue sky. The rocky coast and the ocean are visible at least half the time from the road. We lunched at the harbor in Port Orford, then to Cape Blanco for a visit to the light-house, and, finally, to Bandon. The motel there over looked the old town and the mouth of the Coquille River. After bit of liquid refreshment, we headed off to another great seafood dinner. Sunday, we drove to the beach at the mouth of



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.

www.britishmotorclub.org/lucas.html

Oct. 11-13: Triumphest 2007, Laughlin, NV. Mitch Johnson, 801-547-1087.

Oct. 27: End of Season Dinner. Pugs and Diane Pivrotto, 801-486-0547, see article on p. 5.

Nov. 17: Tech Session. TBD

December: Holiday Get Together. TBD.

Jan. 12: Tech Session. TBD.

Feb. Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner. TBD.

the river and the entrance to the Bandon Harbor to watch the massive waves there. Heading back to Klamath we followed a route that was mainly two-lane roads that twisted and turned through the Coast Range and the Cascades. Everyone greatly enjoyed the trip and plans are underway for another coast trip next year. Come and join us.

— Bill Van Moorhem





Park City Miner's Day Parade -- A Tradition!

Miner's Day in Park City is becoming one of the premier events of the BMCU Calendar, and this year we demonstrated the reason. Great weather, a great crowd, a great turnout, and to top it all off we won the best non-commercial entry award.

The day began at the top of Main Street where we gathered, talked a little car talk, drank a little coffee and watched the annual "Rolling of the Balls" down the street. As the parade started we were greeted by an enthusiastic (and appreciative) crowd with most rolling along with engines turned off. And with 20-25 cars we were very well represented.

The end of the route was City Park where most of us gathered for a picnic of Rotary Club burgers. A few drivers missed the turn into the park (we won't mention which Y-Type), but we had our reserved parking in where blankets were spread.

Unfortunately, we did not take names of those attending, however, we received a thank you for the large attendance from the Rotary, and they emphasized their desire to see us again next year. A great bigatta boy to all.

--Floyd Inman



Autojumble

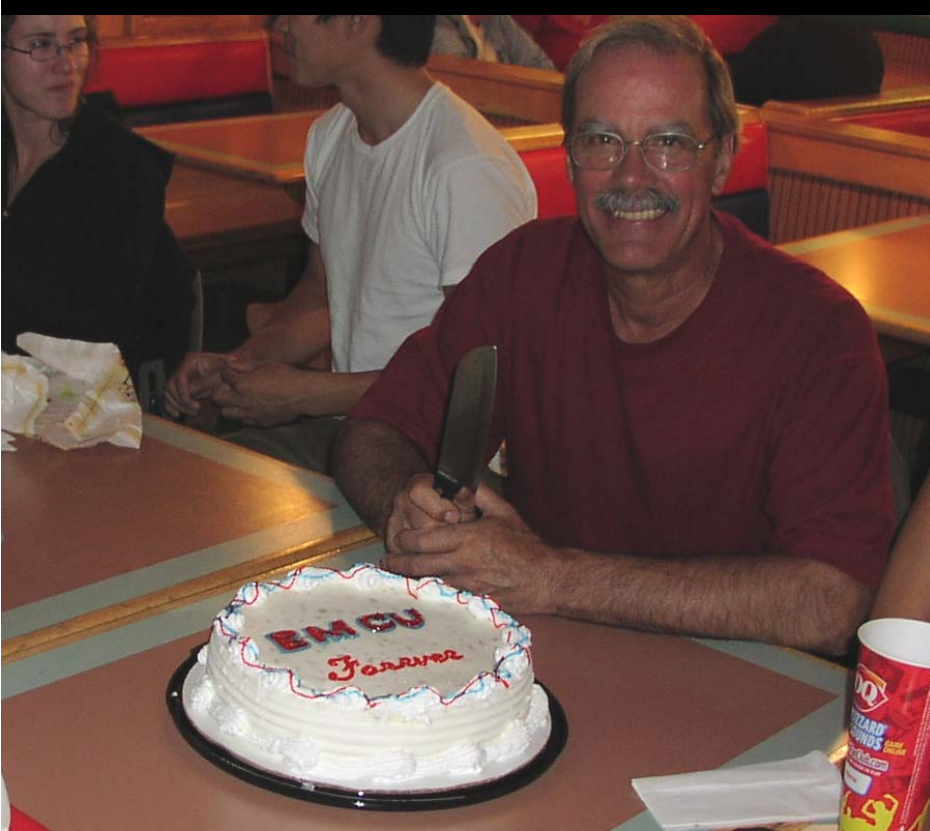
For sale: I've finally got around to finishing out some spring cleaning and have all of my TR7 parts collected. You can see the on <http://unabled.com/tr7/>. I don't have a price set on any of them - just have a look-see, email me with any questions, and make a reasonable offer. They're all in Farmington if you want to come by and inspect anything - just let me know and I'll give you my address. I work on 33rd South and 7th East if that's more convenient to you - let me know what you want me to bring in to inspect. Jeff hegg@unabled.com.

For sale: I've decided that it is time to sell my beloved Tillie. She's a sweet '67 SWB Series 2A Land Rover. If you, or anyone you know, is interested drop me an email. I have photos I can send you and if you are in the market for a great 4WD vehicle you are welcome to come check her out. Hazel McKenna, hazel.mckenna@gmail.com.

For sale: Movie Star Mags for your MGB. These wheels and tires (205/50/14) were used in the filming of a locally made movie that featured an MGB. They have less than 50 miles on them so are in as new condition. Original cost was \$1200.00. Asking \$600.00 or offers. Please contact Hafdis at 801-949-4073. Photo on <http://www.britishmotorclub.org/sales.html>.

1970 MG BGT For Sale. Fully restored in 1997 and garaged since. Excellent running condition, show quality. Overdrive (in 3rd and 4th gear). Beautiful paint, straight body, only surface rust on very few underside places. Interior is clean with excellent seats. Has served as my daily driver. Some non-original modifications were made during restoration: paint color; soft vinyl on the seats isn't original style but of very high quality (most think its leather); Weber carb (original functioning SUs come with sale); larger new headers and manifold; steering wheel; and Minilite wheels. All else is stock. Reason for selling: I need a TR6. Asking price reduced to \$7,000. Call Chuck at 801-910-2263.

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State Street Cruise and Dairy Queen Extravaganza September 22

It's early afternoon and Sergeant Mitch Johnson calls to report the Doppler radar picture showing a large cell hanging just west and moving east toward our location. "Are we still a GO?" "Roger That", says I. And so begins our annual State Street Cruise down the 90 blocks from the Gravity Hill area of the capitol to Joe Chou's Dairy Queen restaurant in Sandy.

We originally had quite a few cars and folks planning on the Cruise but the rain kept a few of the Little British Cars at home and under cover. That's quite understandable as a few do not have hoods over their cabins. Those that did make the scene were Michael & Mary Scoggins in their Mini Cooper S, Mitch & Diane Johnson in their Spitfire, Larry & Margaret Farrington in their TR-6, Jon & Laura Hermance in his '53 MG TD, Roger & Jill Davis in their Honda Prelude and me in my space shuttle.

The sky was steel gray and a light rain was falling at the staging area overlooking Memory Grove but the temperature was a pleasant 64 degrees and would

remain that way for the next few hours. The drive under the Great Seagull and beyond to Sandy was a cruisin' 30 mph. Traffic was light and at that velocity I saw restaurants that I hadn't noticed before.

Once up the hill to the Dairy Queen Joe had his orange MGB out front and welcomed us in for this annual gathering. His daughter Ruby was at the counter and joining us too. We met his neighbor Wendell, who is purchasing Joe's TD and will of course be part of our group now as well.

The dessert Joe provided this year was a wonderful cookie dough ice cream cake. Jon did the honors and it vanished, as if by magic. We stayed long and visited well, rain falling gently outside. And this is the fabric of our club, the camaraderie we enjoy based on the hand made and enduring novel cars from England that we so enjoy.

-- Paul Jaroch

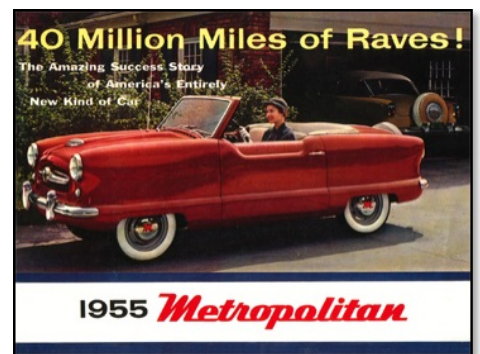
Fun New Web Site For Austin Lovers

Club member Douglas King, owner of the terrific '65 Vanden Plas (Austin) Princess featured on our web site's Vanden Plas photo gallery page, reports the creation of a terrific new web site collecting facts and memories about the Austin marque in its many incarnations.



Sections include History of the Austin, photos of Lord Austin's Office (shown above), the Car Assembly Building, the War Years, Aircraft Production, the Longbridge Factory, Wolseley, MG Nanjing (new owners of the marque), Nash Metropolitan, Brochures for Austin, Rover, and MG, and many more fun features.

Check it out for yourself on <http://www.austinmemories.com/>



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End of Season Dinner Saturday, October 27

It's been a great year of club driving events, but now's the time when many of us tuck our Britmobiles away for the winter. We'll celebrate this passage at our annual End of Season Dinner 6:30pm on Saturday October 27 at MacCool's Irish Pub in Salt Lake's Foothill Village Shopping Center.

Last year MacCool's did a terrific job accommodating our large and sometimes rowdy crowd. The food and drink are good, too!

The night being only a few days before Hallowe'en, everyone is asked to bring or wear something really scary. It could be a repair bill, a high school photo, or a truly outlandish outfit, such as Michael Scoggins' tux

last year.

We'll also observe the long standing tradition of honoring fiftieth birthdays of member cars. So, if you own a 1957 model, be sure to bring some tribute to the car, e.g., a removable part, photo, or -- what a thought -- maybe even the car itself.

MacCool's is a very popular spot, and it fills up quickly on a Saturday night. We've told them to prepare for 35-40 of us, but if you straggle

in you may not be seated with our group.

Pugs and Diane Piviroto are organizers for this event, which is always a great time. Call them at 801-486-0547 with any questions.



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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 od-ernheimer@juno.com

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

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.

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This Month's Featured Member Car

Roger and Jill Davis' 1966 Sunbeam Alpine
On this year's Fall Colour Tour

BMCU Web Site Wins VTR Award

Courtesy of a nomination by our Governor General Mitch Johnson, the BMCU web site won a club award at the 2007 Vintage Triumph Register conference in Valley Forge, PA.

This is a nice honor for our club and all its members — especially Mark Noeltner who created the web site, Mark Bradakis who hosts it, and all of you who keep it current and active by your contributions.

VTR 2007 WEBSITE AWARDS – FIRST YEAR WINNERS INDIVIDUAL

Herman van den Akker, "Welcome to HVDA Triumph Transmission Conversions,"
www.hvdaconversions.com

Bob Danielson, "Bob's 1975 TR6," <http://tr6.danielsonfamily.org>

James Svehla, "Jim's Triumph Site," www.geocities.com/britishiron2000

Joe Curry, "International Triumph Spitfire Database," <http://members.cox.net/spitlist/>

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Triumphs Around the Chesapeake, Ltd., www.tracltd.org, Gary Klein, webmaster

British Motor Club, www.britishmotorclub.org, Gary Lindstrom, webmaster

Tidewater Triumph Register, www.tidewatertriumphs.org, William "Skip" Paetz, webmaster

Southern California Triumph Owners Association (SCTOA), <http://web.mac.com/sctoaa>, Jim Funkhouser, webmaster

Exchequer Report

As of September 28, 2007

Balance last report \$3,293.82

Income	
Contributions	16.00
Interest	1.35
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	17.35

Expenses	
Newsletter	75.51
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Ending balance \$3,235.66

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