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Mountain Green and over to Snow Basin, down to Pine View Reservoir and on to our final destination at the Oaks for some good lunch time fare.

Upon our arrival at the Oaks, we again found ourselves short of expected arrivals. Roger and Jill Davis were MIA. Others from the group informed us that they had turned off and had headed towards Huntsville at the Pine View junction. As we waited for our tables at the Oaks, Roger and Jill arrived with a tale of gasoline leaking from under their car faster than they could put it in. They had turned off to go get gas as they were running on empty and that they would have to forego lunch at the Oaks....(again) and were going to head straight home to get the Sunbeam fixed. We decided that wouldn't do. Roger and Jill had missed the Oaks last year due to another obligation and I wanted to be sure they could join us this year.

Trappers Loop Provides Excitement

July 13th dawned a beautiful day for a drive and thirteen cars showed up to take advantage of the weather and the views. We left from Hogle Zoo a little after 9:30 AM and weaved our way through the cyclists up Emigration and East Canyons and then up to Morgan. It was about halfway down East Canyon when the group was passed (at a goodly rate of speed) by a bright yellow Porsche Cayman headed the other direction. This would become important about 20 minutes later.

We wound our way down into Morgan where we stopped for a breather at the Phillips 66 station and as we began to take inventory of the group, we noticed that we were missing some people that we shouldn't have been. You see Mike and Sharon Bailey in their TC had told us that they would be turning off for breakfast in Emigration Canyon and Craig Bartholomew had told us that he would not be going the distance either, so their

absence was expected, but in addition to these folks and noticeably missing was the bright yellow TR6 driven by Keri Bruce. We waited a few minutes and then saw the Triumph coming into view. It was at this time that Keri related his experience of meeting the local Weber County constabulary on his way into Morgan. It seems that someone had called the police with complaints of a bright yellow car doing 140 mph through the canyon!!! Keri kindly explained to the officer that he was with the BMCU on a club jaunt and that his car was certainly not capable of those types of speeds. The officer seemed to accept his explanation and turned him loose without further delay. Whew!

The group was joined in Morgan by Duncan & Sandy Held in their beautifully original Jaguar Series I E Type coupe and we then traveled up through

A group of us went out to diagnose the Sunbeam's problem and Roger did most of the dirty work. He found that the rubber fuel line had been rubbed nearly completely through by the u-joint after having replaced the line recently. Long story short, four of us were able to come up with a fix that was capable of getting them home without further leaks. Roger was able to take a sink bath in the restaurant, bringing stares from everyone working there, but he and Jill were able to enjoy lunch none the worse for wear except for a club shirt which will need replacing.

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**Twinkle, twinkle
One-eyed car
We all wonder
Where
You are
-- Burma-Shave, 1950**



Small, Dedicated BMCU Group Enjoy GoF West 2008

A small but dedicated group from the BMCU met in Springville, Utah on the Fourth of July for the 855 mile trek to Monterey, California for the Annual GoF West. And to the surprise of this writer, all were on time for the departure.

Our route took us across the Nevada desert via Highway 6 to Tonopah, where we spent our first night. Enduring the drive were David and Carol Mark trailering the MG TD; Floyd and Kathy Inman (with granddaughter Kyleen) pulling Hyacinth; and the traditionalist, Gary Lindstrom driving his MG TD. This was to be the longest leg of the drive and by the time we reached our destination all were ready for a cold one.

Being the 4th, we encountered several celebrations along the road, including the Parade in Delta.

Day two was to be a rather scenic, yet short 225 mile run. And the first part proved to be just that. Highway 120 from Benton, California to Lee Vining has got to be one of the most enjoyable, and beautiful stretches of highway you could ask for a drive in a LBC. However, driving past Lee Vining to Bridgeport, then over Sonora Pass is where we encountered our most difficult stretch of road. Beautiful, yes; steep, yes.

Bridgeport presented \$5.29 per gallon gas, and Sonora Pass presented a 26% grade. Yes, I said 26%. And the grade went on for about 15 miles up and another 26% grade down for about 20 miles. This was the first time I had ever seen a grade that steep, no less drive it. And not surprising, the TD fared better than the two gas guzzlers pulling trailers. Coming down the west side of the pass Gary overheated his brakes a bit, but David and Carol were in for a complete brake replacement.

After finally conquering this hill (9,790 feet) we continued along to Jamestown, California where we had to fight a third world war over our room reservations then enjoyed a wonderful Italian meal and some fine (and deserved) wine.

Our third day was uneventful (other than Floyd getting us lost a few times), bringing us into Monterey around noon where we met up with David and Muriel Machovec who had driven down from Oregon, and Jon and Susan Hermance who had flown over. Jon's excuse was that he was flying to India immediately after the meet and couldn't afford to miss his flight.

Orientation that evening provided us with a review of what was to be ex-

pected over the next four days.

Day One of the GoF West began with the Car Show where David and Carol Marks walked away with an award for the TC. The event was held at the Monterey County Fair Grounds a bit over half mile from the hotel. It was a very nice venue with about 150 MGs parked in a grass field.

That evening brought on the annual Auction Dinner where a large number of items donated from various individuals and companies that support the GoF West. Prior to the auction we held the Second Annual Whitworth Derby where small wooden cars race across the floor.

Day Two took us on a Rallye along the beautiful Monterey / Carmel coast, then up into the hills of the Carmel Valley and back to the coast. About 70 miles in all where most, if not all of us got lost at least once. That evening we were on our own, so Gary took the group to the Elks Lodge where we infringed (crashed) a birthday party in progress. The pizza set the stage for another Italian meal. When in doubt about where to eat, just ask the bar keep at an Elk's Lodge.

Day Three brought out the bargain hunters for our Swap Meet. It also brings out the brave of heart for the Funkhana where Floyd and Kyleen won the event last year, but didn't fare so well this year. Kyleen, however, took a second run with Steve Currie (our photographer) at the wheel of Hyacinth and took second place. At least a BMCU car brought home an award even if it wasn't driven by a BMCU member.

That evening we held our Awards Banquet where the plaques were presented to all of the winners, including Gary, who won the Long Distance award for the furthest distance traveled in a pre-1956 MG to the event.

Day Four brought the entire group together for our Winner's Circle before departing for home. The three of us headed out in different directions with the Inman's headed for San Francisco; Marks' and Gary headed for Reno where

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Reminder: Senior Citizens Concours At Thanksgiving Point August 23

This year's event will be a one day outdoor show held on the grass at beautiful Thanksgiving Point in Lehi. Join us for an evening of fun and a free dinner on Friday evening for pre-registered vehicle owners. Additional tickets are available for only \$10.00.

Our goal is to raise money for the Operation Kids charity and put on a car show event that both the car owners and general public will enjoy. Featured cars will be Larry H. Miller's Cobra Caravan, including

Cobra, GT 40, and Daytona coupe vehicles. Vehicles can be placed all day Friday August 22. 24 hour security will be provided.

Registration forms are available at www.concoursutah.com, or call Ardell Brown Classic Cars, 801-255-1602. Registration deadline is August 15. Entry fees are \$30 for judged vehicles and \$20 for display only vehicles.

— Ron Gunderson

Autojumble

For sale: 1973 Triumph Spitfire; new alternator carb and tires. I was going to restore it but don't have the time to. It runs and is registered I drive it around a little bit right now. Am asking \$2,000 but am flexible. Its a fun car as most of you know. You can call me at 801-309-9855 or e-mail to romeo_popa_delta@yahoo.com. I am in Ogden.

For sale: 1980 TR7 Roadster. Engine runs, but needs attention. Electronic ignition is good, 1/2 is new. Electric fuel pump is new. Tires are at 50%, 22k miles on them. Body is in fair condition. The interior is in good condition. All of the wiring works but it needs attention. The top is in good condition. The clutch and pressure plate have 9k miles on them. Manual choke. The odometer reads 52,000, but it is probably not accurate. I can deliver it if desired. Make me an offer. Greg Fisher, gfinwyo@hotmail.com, 307.389.0832.

Wanted: Starter in operating condition for an Austin-Healey 3000 BT7. Bob Jahnke, 583-3021, bobjahnke@aol.com.

For sale: 1976 TR-7 coupe. This car has a "Johns' Cars TR-8 conversion"

which consists of a 231 ci V-6 Buick, 200-R4 4speed auto trans, Buick drive-shaft and u-joints, specially wound front coils, solid urethane bushings, sway bars front & rear, gas struts & shocks, new tires, air conditioned, headers & scavenging exhaust. I have receipts for a ton of money that has been invested in this car. Many extras are included. This car will outperform the standard TR-8's with the 215 ci engine. \$4,000.00. Don Colman 801-942-5259.

For sale: 1991 Lotus Elan. We both love the car, but our first baby is due in January and while we can still drive it through the rest of summer we fear that fall/winter won't be the best time to sell a convertible. The car has a new clutch, fixed/updated exhaust system (so it's not totally original). It has a big trunk for a two seater convertible and it is definitely the funnest car I have ever driven. Here's a photo. Asking \$16,000. Donovan, rogers6311@comcast.net

For sale: 1963 TR3 titled as TCF129L. I am moving to Florida and I am too old for that kind of road trip! Plus to truck it down is just too much \$ I have owned it for 30 plus years. 5 good wire wheels, top, tonneau, a few extra parts, solid body, needs TLC, no side curtains. Starts and runs. rebuilt clutch cylinder and master cylinder. \$8,000 obo. Tom Little. 801 554

3114 (6/1/08).

For sale: I am selling my 1974 chrome bumper MGB roadster. I'm asking \$5,999. Contact me at ross-beecher@msn.com or 801-510-6713.

For sale: 1963 TR4. Cream coloured surrey top but I have only the hard top. The interior was redone before I purchased it and is saddle colour (tan). The dash looks to be original and is in very good condition. There is no visible rust; body damage and drives well. Located in Pleasant Grove, Utah; photos available. Asking \$11,500. Charmaine, 801-361-3354.

For sale: 1974 MGB roadster, demask red, which is comparable to burgandy. Great condition, both mechanically and bodywise. Runs amazingly well. The engine has mostly stock parts, new carburetor parts, new fuel pump, starter, distributor, master/slave cylinder for the clutch, new clutch and throw out bearing, and other parts. The interior is in GREAT shape. All the gauges work well, and the console is fitted with a new MP3/CD player with new speakers in the door. All the parts on the garage shelf are included: original Lucas headlamps in new condition, a rebuilt starter, rebuilt master clutch cylinder, original block bumper pieces, and other parts. rossbeecher@msn.com, 801-771-2418.

For sale: 1979 MGB Roaster convertible. Excellent condition. White with black top. Unique engine, O series prototype. Factory overhead cam. Rostyle wheels. low miles, original paperwork, British Heritage (certified) \$13,000. Can be seen at British Field Day. J. Hansen 801-401-8386 or puphead@comcast.net.

For sale: 52 MGTD. Beautifully solid Montana car; mechanically excellent. Runs and drives great. Has a very nice soft top and side curtains. Sacrificing at \$11,250. For further info call Troy at 801-364-2572.

For sale: TR2 "small mouth" front clip. Has some surface rust, no dings, head-

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Michael Scoggins 1954-2008

Michael Scoggins, BMCU Membership Director, passed away tragically on July 18. The following is a tribute by Paul Jaroch.

Travels with Michael

It's the tour to Jackson Hole and I'm new to the BMCU. We're sitting on a rock planter at a rest stop up on our way to Evanston with a distinctive looking chap. He asks what I did and I respond that I was retired from the Dept. of Defense in aerospace. So what do you do? I make violins. Huh? "Check out your bad self", says I. And so I met Michael and Mary Scoggins.

As with other wonderful members of the BMCU Michael, Mary and I became fast friends enjoying so many memorable drives, and there's Mary's comic relief side that so delights us all.

There was the beautiful run to Laughlin for the Triumphest traveling the old highway south and up over a spectacular mountain pass. At the awards dinner he and Mary are sporting formal attire. Mike's in a tux Agent 007 style, but playing with the Salt Lake Symphony that's his "work clothes".

MINI Cooper run to Bear Lake. Trees

whizzing by rather fast, I glance at the center mounted speedo and we are cooking along at 95 on this two lane road, and so is everybody else. I'm a little concerned and hanging on but figure hey, Michael's at the wheel. We're good.

At the runs prior to and since Michael and I were together for them, two happy Roadstermen in his happy Triumph TR-6.



The paper stated that the service would be private but I felt close enough and was told, "Michael wants you there". Mary's brother and son who I know are there and always pleasant. Michael's family is very nice and glad for my presence especially his sister Patricia. Mary walks to and

sits on a chair in front of a little box on the ground that is now Michael. An Episcopal minister read and poured a handful of soil on the little box and that was it.

So, he drove out in his way and in memory of his friendship I'll always be there for Mary and family.

Good by Michael, I'll see you on the other side.

— Sparky (Paul Jaroch)



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

Aug. 4-8: North American Triumph Challenge, Ypsilanti, MI, Patrick Barber, 313-383-4041.

Aug. 16: Alpine Loop Run and Raffle. See article on p. 5.

Aug. 23: Senior Citizens Concours, Thanksgiving Point. See article on p. 3.

Sept. 1: Miners Day Parade, Park City, Floyd Inman, 435-654-7086. See article on p. 5.

Sept. 13: Historic Races, Miller Motorsports Park (hosted by Wasatch Mountain. Jaguar Register). Glen Hawkins, 801-253-9878.

Sept. 20: State Street Cruise and Dairy Queen Fest, Paul Jaroch 801-389-8940 and Paul Chou.

Sept. 28 (Sunday): Fall Colour Tour to Wolf Creek Pass, Gary Lindstrom, 801-532-1259.

Oct. 2-5: Triumphest 2008, South Lake Tahoe, CA, Mitch Johnson, 801-547-1087.

Oct. 25: End of Season Dinner, MacCool's, Layton, UT, Mitch & Diane Johnson, 801-547-1087.

Nov. (TBD): Tech session.

Dec. (TBD): Holiday Get Together.

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GoF West 2008 Cont'd from page 2

they parted company, as David and Carol stayed for a visit with relatives and Gary headed across the Nevada desert.

But for the California fires with all of the smoke; the fried brakes, and a few times where we lost our way this was one enjoyable GoF West, and we would encourage all MG owners in the BMCU to mark their calendars for next years event to be held in Squaw Valley, California June 22 to 26. This is a full day's drive closer and with luck it will be fire free.

— Floyd Inman

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A good time was had by all despite the unexpected visit from the Sheriff's dept. and the breakdown. The weather was extremely cooperative, it was a cool summer morning and it didn't start getting really warm until we headed for home. The views were excellent as always on this run, and due to our late spring it was still very green.

If you weren't with us, you were missed and we hope you will join us on our next drive!

Attending were Larry & Margaret Far-

ington, Mike & Becky Chambers, Roger & Jill Davis, John & Barbara Proggess, Mike & Sharon Bailey, J. & Kay Jennings, Rich Goodman, Keri & Kirsti Bruce, Andrew Frink, Chris Jones & wife Tess, Craig Bartholomew, Roland & Sandy Held and Clayton & Sharon Merchant.

--Clayton Merchant



Mark Your Calendar For Miner's Day in Park City Sept. 1

Fall is just around the corner and there is no better way to welcome it than a day in The City of Park.

Labor Day, or as we refer to it, "Miner's Day" has become a tradition for the BMCU, and let us not forget this year's event. We will meet at the top of Swede Alley around 10:00 AM (or 9:00 for those that want to enjoy a bit of breakfast) for our fuel saving trip down Main Street and into City Park for a picnic of whatever you bring, or indulge in the burgers and brats provided by the local Rotary Club. They also sell beer!!!!!! And soda.

Over the past fifteen (or more) years we have endured a low of 3-1/2 cars (the late Bill Plummer arrived at the middle of the parade) to as many as thirty cars. It would really be a thrill to see forty or more of our little toys prance down the street to the cheers of all. So, let us mark our calendars for a trip up the hill and out of the heat on Monday, September 1, 2008.

Any questions and/or comments contact me at floyd.inman@msn.com

-- Floyd Inman

Alpine Loop Run and Raffle Saturday, August 16, 2008

Folks the time has come!

The BMCU's 20th anniversary and this years Alpine Loop and raffle are soon to become a reality.

First order of business is food. This year the BMCU board will be providing the lunch at the Heber City park. I need to get a rough idea as to how many folks will be having burgers and how many would like franks? I'll take your emails and tally the information prior to heading off to do the grocery shopping. Please keep in mind that it is against the law to bring alcoholic beverages to any parks in Heber, that's all I'm saying about that. We will also be providing sodas, water and sides.

Second, there has been mention of naming one of the annual events in memory of Michael Scoggins. I very nice gesture indeed, but those of us who knew Michael well have talked it over and we believe that he in his quiet way would probably not go for it, and as Paul said: with his twisted sense of humor would probably make it rain that day anyway! It will be nice at the Heber picnic to raise a glass of remembrance to our comrade.

He would of liked it that way.

Third, if you know of, or have any donations to add to our raffle stash, the more the merrier!

Fourth, we will also be unveiling the new BMCU T-shirts (20th Anniversary edition) and hopefully the new Golf shirts too!

Date and time: August 16th, 9am at South Towne Mall (106th South exit on I-15) for a 10am departure. For those who are coming from southern locales, we expect to stop at about 10:45am for bio reconditioning at the C-store in Alpine just before SR 92 enters Alpine Canyon (I forget which oil company operates it).

A small group of volunteers will make their way to Heber ahead of the rest of the group to hopefully have lunch hot and ready as the cars roll into town.

-- Mitch D. Johnson
BMCU Gov Genr'l (for now)

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This Month's Featured Car

Jason Underwood's 1971 MG Midget, displayed in front of the Seagrave Medic Ladder truck he works on for the Unified Fire Authority.

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light inner rims, and crank socket. TR3 standard transmission. Not seized, but condition otherwise unknown (no over-drive). TR2-3 radiator, no obvious leaks, looks OK. Pierced for crank. Pictures on BMCU *For Sale* web page. Don Latham, email djl<at>montana.com or call 406-626-4304.

For sale: Two TR-6's. Please call Seymour Isaacs 435-649-9709 or 435-640-5957. (1) TR-6 1975, completely restored, custom red paint, upgraded suspension, matching custom build trailer, 5 speed, 85,873 miles. (2) TR-6 1974 dark green, 17,077 miles. Photos available on BMCU web site *For Sale* page.

For sale: '57 MGA. Ran when parked. Always garaged. One rusty rocker panel and one rusty fender. A little front end damage. Bumper and grill missing. Car located in Nampa, ID. Make offer. Wil-

ton Freeman, at 208-466-7977(H) or 208-880-0845(C).

Wanted: TR-3 or MGA 15 inch wheels (stamped metal / disk) plain 4 lug nut type. Almost any condition even lightly rusted. Call or E-mail 298-8924 beachbumbarry@msn.com.

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://unable.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@unable.com.

Exchequer Report July 22, 2008

Beginning balance
(from last report) \$3,874.60

Income

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| Merchandise sales | 107.00 |
| Member donations | 30.50 |
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| | 137.50 |

Expenses

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| Newsletter 7/08 | 34.44 |
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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.