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Holiday Dinner December 22, 2007

Over the fields and through the woods to the Bayou we went for our British Motor Club of Utah Christmas dinner. The restaurant is garished with accolades yearly for their southern fare and this evenings offerings did not disappoint. From the balsamic vinaigrette to the chicken fried chicken and jambalaya, all were perfect.

Lively conversation was enjoyed over seasonal brews that you just can't get anywhere else. This was the Bayou and that's what Mark and his staff are famous for. The merry members included the Mitch & Diane

Johnson family, Gary & Sandy Lindstrom, Larry & Margaret Farrington, Roger & Jill Davis, Chris, Tess & daughter Jones, the Werner & Jou Jou Prochaska family, Michael & Mary Scoggins, Mike & Devra Kelly, Jon & Susan Hermance and Paul Jaroch.

—Paul Jaroch

**He lit a match
To check gas tank
That's why
They call him
Skinless Frank
-- Burma-Shave 1959**

Netiquette and Other New Year Resolutions

One of the great things about the BMCU is that its membership is, by and large, Internet savvy and makes good use of email and the web.

The good news is that by using email and the BMCU website we are kept better informed and socially connected well beyond the dreams of our Founders. The bad news is that indiscriminant use can make it go the way of Citizens Band radio.

This being the New Year, I'd say it's time to brush up on BMCU email and web features, and how best to use them.

Step 1: *Subscribe to the BMCU email list.* You can do this, or update the settings of your current subscription, by opening the following in your web browser: <http://autox.team.net/mailman/options/bmcu/<email>>, where <email> is your email address with "%40" replacing the "@" sign. Example: instead of `gary@cs.utah.edu`, use `gary%40cs.utah.edu`.

This page will ask for your password, which was generated when you joined the list, and is sent to you monthly in a reminder message. If you've forgotten that password or misplaced the reminder message, not to worry: click the *Remind* button and a password reminder will be emailed to you.

Step 2: *Use the digest feature.* This applies to those of you who have trouble digesting the flow of email to the BMCU list, which may or may not always be of direct interest (see Step 5 below). If you wish these were boiled down to one or

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Hill Aerospace Museum Tour November 17, 2007

With as nice of weather this November has provided, maybe we should have planned another drive! None the less we forged on with a tech session / field trip. The Aerospace museum at Hill AFB was selected along with a lunch time get together afterwards.

We met up at 10 am in the museum parking lot and there were actually several Britmobiles that showed up (great job guys!). After several hours of wandering and dreaming of days gone by, admiring the fantastic displays put together by so many volunteers. We headed down the road for some tasty south of the border lunch dishes at Burrito Grande in Roy.

Thanks to all that braved the nasty weather (not) to hang out with their BMCU cronies! Those who signed the list of attendance were: Mitch Johnson, Michael, Douglas Scoggins, Paul Jaroch, John Prograss, Gary Lindstrom, Steve Nelson, Mike Brenchley, Rick Purrington, Chris Jones, Larry Farrington and Mike Cady. Some of the attendees sidetracked after lunch over to Steve Nelson's house to check out his new MGA coupe and then for a quick service project to help Mike Scoggins move his TR3 body from the backyard to its new home on the completed frame.

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two messages a day, use the Digest option on your subscription, and your wishes will come true.

After submitting your password, you will be presented your BMCU email list options page. Scan down to *Set Digest Mode*, click the *On* radio button, then *Submit My Changes*, and you'll receive digested BMCU messages henceforth.

Step 3: Join the BMCU forum. Click the sixth link in the left frame on the BMCU home page, and you'll be taken there. This is the ideal venue for technical questions, random chat, etc. on our beloved Britmobiles. True, the traffic on the forums has been a bit spotty of late, but hey, it's like carrying a tray of water -- once a trickle starts, a flood can follow!



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

Jan. 12: Tech Session. See article on p. 3.

February 9. Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner, 6pm, St. Paul's Church. Details in February newsletter.

Step 4: Use the BMCU email archive, accessible by <http://autox.team.net/mharc/archives/html/bmcu/>. This records all message sent to the BMCU email list since June 2006, and is searchable. Very handy!

Step 5: (I'm saving the best for last) *Don't automatically use Reply-To-All when a simple Reply will do.* The BMCU email list (bmcu@autox.team.net) has over 250 entries, including active members, advertisers, lapsed members, and stray folks (it's open to subscription by anyone). If you believe most or many of this multitude are interested in your reply, go ahead and *Reply-To-All* including bmcu@autox.team.net. On the other hand, if you really want only to communicate with a message's sender, *Reply* directly to him/her is more, well, humane.

I've been messing around with computers so long that I can remember when getting an email was a thrill. Long since, email has lost its ability to enthrall me, and now it's just a tool, albeit an amazingly useful and helpful one. Let's keep it that way for all of us.

--Gary Lindstrom, BMCU Webmaster

January 12 Tech Session Kirkham Motorsports

Kirkham Motorsports was founded in 1995 with the mission to build the finest replicas in the world. It all began when brothers, David and Thomas Kirkham, were restoring their own Cobra, SX3104. At the same time, a relative bought and imported a Polish fighter jet and invited them to see this relic of the Cold War.

As the brothers looked at the airplane, they couldn't help but notice the striking similarities between it and CSX3104. They wondered if the people who built the plane could build an exact replica of a Cobra. They found the name of the manufacturer and sent them a fax. The simple note they scribbled read, "Can you guys build an aluminum bodied car?" Within 12 hours, they received he

reply, "No problem."

A week later, David was on an airplane to Warsaw with an English-Polish dictionary, a toy model of a Cobra, and a dream. He spent a week scouting the factory and exploring their manufacturing abilities. He saw a silent factory with idle machines. The enormous factory had produced aircraft for over 60 years. During the tour, David knew this was the place he wanted to build cars. After meeting with three generations of skilled craftsmen eager to make these cars, he forged some agreements and left filled with high expectations and enthusiasm.

Since that trip over 10 years ago, Kirk-

ham Motorsports has become one of the leading manufacturers in the component car industry. At the inception of the company, KM focused on building the most accurate replicas in the business. Kirkham Motorsports still offers incredibly accurate replicas, but technology and manufacturing techniques have evolved since the 1960's. KM is an engineering focused company and has been able to push the performance envelope without forgetting originality. [From the Kirkham Motorsports web site]

Kirkham Motorsports is located at 2575 W. 1680 N. in Provo, UT, and their phone is 801-377-8224. We'll rendezvous there at 10am, and have lunch at a nearby after the session. If anyone would like to car pool or travel together, contact me at 801-547-1087 or spitfires-rule@msn.com. Should be great fun!

-- Mitch Johnson

Autojumble

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 beachbum-barry@msn.com.

Wanted: Gas cap for a TR-6 or GT-6. Roger Gisseman, RGisseman@slco.org.

Wanted: Distributor for a late model Midget with Spitfire engine. Dean Anderson, 801-966-6520.

Wanted: Good MGB hood/bonnet, aluminum or steel. Rob Foye, 801-916-1949, rfoye@wwdb.org.

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.

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 mani-fold; steering wheel; and Minilite wheels. All else is stock. Any offer will

be seriously considered. Call Chuck at 801-910-2263.

For sale: MGB aftermarket hardtop, 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 odemheimer@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.

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, daviddann@uofu.net.

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This Month's Featured Member Car

Gary and Sandy Lindstrom's fondly remembered Hillman Imp, driven through Southern France and Spain the summer of 1975.

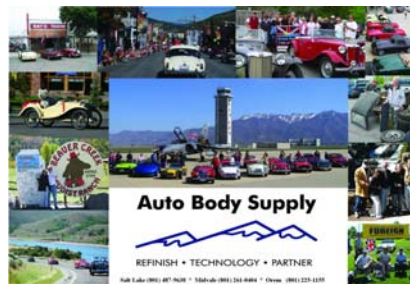
2008 Calendars Still Available

Did you get your spanky new BMCU 2008 photo calendar — see image at right? The calendar features full color photos of 2007 BMCU events, on glossy 11x17 inch stock.

Sincere thanks go out to the advertisers who underwrote production and mailing costs: Auto Body Supply, Victoria British, Bishop Restorations, and Bailey's Automotive.

These were mailed to all members who joined or renewed in 2007, plus any others who expressed a desire to have one.

A few are still available, so if you were missed, or want another, just let Gary Lindstrom know — see contact info in the Board of Governors roster in the right column on this page.



Exchequer Report

As of December 28, 2007

Balance last report \$3,110.09

Income

Bishop Restorations	100.00
Interest	1.14
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	0.66

Expenses

Oct. newsletter	74.87
Nov. newsletter	82.62
Calendar	380.66
State of Utah	7.00
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	545.15

Ending balance \$2,666.08

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