

# British Motor Club of Utah

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## British Field Day June 21, 2008

The weather was perfect, the turnout was good, and the Hermance rally course was the most challenging in BFD history.

We even had good food. The St. Paul's crew showed up in force and cooked up a storm. They even had to make a Costco run to buy more hamburgers and they still ran out of them!

Back to the rally set up -- Jon pondered and fiddled with cones in his usual way and came up with a diabolical course. The diabolical part was curbs! The course was set up so that they loomed large in your sights. You had to be very very careful.

We did sell raffle tickets and will be having the drawing shortly and we'll announce the results in the August newsletter.

For the first time in several years we also

did an official 2008 BFD T-shirt. It is a take off on the British Bulldog motif and it is a beaut! If you couldn't make the event or didn't get around to getting one. We have limited amount of them still available Contact Bill Davis at 860-6975 to purchase one. Cost is \$15.

The event was a financial success as usual and St. Paul's Community Outreach fund is better off to the tune of \$2,000 or so.

—Bill Davis

**Speed  
Was high  
Weather was not  
Tires were thin  
X marks the spot  
-- Burma-Shave, 1948**

## Trappers Loop Run Sunday July 13

Lets Go Trapping!!

Trappers Loop that is.

It's again time for the British to re-take trappers rights and leave our oil spots in Weber & Ogden Canyons. Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 13th.

We will meet once again at the east end of the Hogle Zoo parking lot between 9:00-9:30 AM for a departure shortly thereafter.

We'll cruise up Emigration Canyon over to East Canyon and down into Morgan where we'll stretch our legs and grab a drink/snack at the Chevron station and then head on up to Mountain Green.

We will then take SR-226 (provided it is clear and open) up past Snow Basin, then down the canyon on the greatest road for our LBC's around, where we will come out at Pine View Reservoir and then down Ogden Canyon where we will again this year enjoy some fantastic outdoor fare at The Oaks eatery. (hopefully not much wait, just like last year.)

At that point we will disband and the rest of the day is yours!

Hope to see you all there!!

--Clayton Merchant

*Scenes From British Field Day*  
— contributed by Drew Frink and others





## Autojumble

**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/upgraded 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. ross-beecher@msn.com, 801-771-2418.

**For sale:** 1979 MGB Roaster converti-

ble. 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:** 1969 TR-6. Factory wire wheels, overdrive. This is a good one. \$12,000 o.b.o. Contact; Dan Forster, Hm. 966-6463 Wk. 715-2410.

**For sale:** TR2 "small mouth" front clip. Has some surface rust, no dings, headlight inner rims, and crank socket. TR3 standard transmission. Not seized, but condition otherwise unknown (no overdrive). 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.

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**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. Wilton 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 [beachbum-barry@msn.com](mailto:beachbum-barry@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



## 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](http://www.britishmotorclub.org/lucas.html)

**July 6-10:** Gathering of the Faithful West, Monterey Bay, CA, Mike Campbell, 619-425-0600.

**July 13 (Sunday):** Trappers Loop Run, Clayton Merchant, 801-451-5899. See article on p. 1.

**July 28—Aug. 2:** Jaguar Clubs of North America Western States Meeting, Grand Junction, CO, Steve Kennedy, 303-489-3955.

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

**Aug. 16:** Alpine Loop Run and Raffle.

**Aug. 15-17:** Eden Valley Balloon Fest.

**Aug. 23:** Senior Citizens Concours, Thanksgiving Point. See article in June newsletter

**Sept. 1:** Miners Day Parade, Park City, Floyd Inman, 435-654-7086.

**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.

## Highland Games and Scottish Festival June 14, 2008

What more can be said except the that weather was finally nice, the grass was green and soft and the sounds of bag pipes rang through the air!

and you'll see a couple of Lassies trying to make off with my car!

Folks who made the trip included Mitch and Diane Johnson, Kathy and Floyd Inman, Darron, Tammy, Elle and Cate Inman, Scott and Reegan Sjuquist, John Progross, Clayton Merchant, Roger Davis, Barry Engstrum, Rob and

What a great day to take a nice drive to Thanksgiving Point, park the car on a soft green uncluttered hill (you had to see the parking lot!) and spread out the blankets, setup the chairs and enjoy the day.



There was much to see, do and drink (sorry not that kind of drink, this is Utah county!). There were Kilts a plenty, music and dancers. Check out the photos

Nan Green, Don and Jan Schroeder, Clyde L. White, Pugs and Diane Pivroto, Dylan Thurston, Gary Lindstrom.

-- Mitch Johnson

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## Tire Age

From the Texas Triumph Register *Bluebonnet*  
June 2008

Tire deterioration due to aging rarely becomes an issue on cars driven every day. However, most of our Triumphs get limited use. It could be decades before the tires exhibit significant tread loss due to mileage.

Age-related tire degradation is a significant problem for RVs, boat trailers, airplanes, and classic cars. This type of deterioration often occurs from the inside out and there may be no visual clues to the breakdown of the tire.

Tires, like bananas, should have a “Use By” date. Tires deteriorate due to ultraviolet light, atmospheric ozone, heat, and limited use. Remember the earliest cars with white tires? This is the natural color of rubber.

Manufacturers add carbon black to absorb UV radiation. The carbon black is sacrificial and as it is consumed the rubber gradually “grays.” (Compare the color of a new tire with one that has been in use for several years.)

Ozone dries and cracks rubber. To aggravate matters, the Houston region is considered an Ozone Non-Attainment area and has one of the highest atmospheric ozone levels in the country.

Vehicles with limited use often are parked in one position for extended periods causing a “flat spot” on the tires, stressing that part of the sidewall and preventing the normal flow of protective waxes in the tire that comes with regular use.

Tire dressings and “protectants” generally do not have UV stabilizers and the products can actually increase the rate of tire degradation by stripping away the protective waxes added by tire manufacturers. There are also “sunblock” products available on the internet that claim to protect tires of little-used vehicles.

The Ford Motor Company recommends that you get rid of tires after six years

of use due to atmospheric degradation of the rubber. The Safety Research & Strategies group had, as of December 2006, documented 108 incidents in which tires older than six years experienced tread/belt separations — most resulting in loss-of control crashes. These accidents caused 85 fatalities and 115 injuries. Also beware of using a “brand new” spare tire that has been stored for years. The same caveats on aging apply.

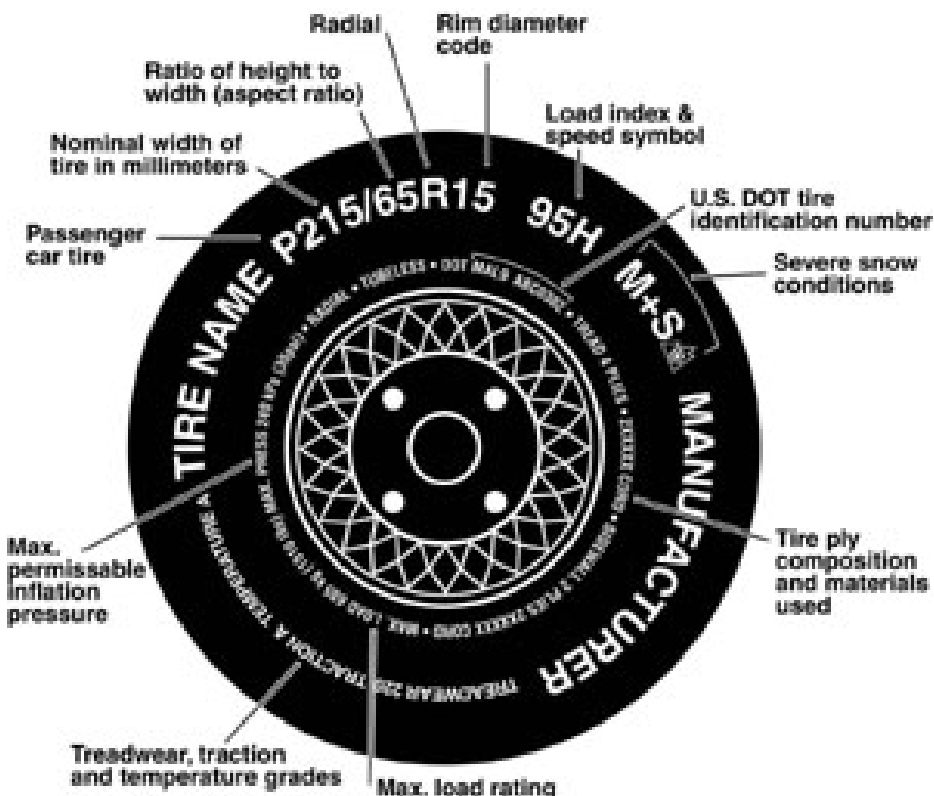
**Tech Tip:** The next time you check the tread depth and air pressure on your Triumph tires, why not also check the age of the tires? For tires manufactured since 2000, look at the last four numbers on the DOT ID number. (This number is only stamped on one side of the tire and it could be the “inside”).

The last four digits refer to week and year of manufacture. For example, the numbers 3208 mean that the tire was made in the 32nd week of 2008. It may be time to retire those original Michelin Red Lines to a museum!

Sources:

[www.epa.gov/ozone/designations](http://www.epa.gov/ozone/designations), *Houston Chronicle* 4/2/08,  
[www.teammiata.com](http://www.teammiata.com), Rubber  
Manufacturer’s Association.

— Jeff Harris



## Lucas Calendar

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**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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## *This Month's Featured Car*

Dan Kasha's 1971 Fiat 500L about to dock with a Mother Ship.

## *Autojumble, cont'd from p. 3*

<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](mailto:hegg@unabled.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. Ask-



## *Exchequer Report*

*June 18, 2008*

Beginning balance  
(from last report) \$3,909.21

Income  
Interest 1.43

Expenses  
Newsletter 6/08 36.04

Ending balance \$3,874.60

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ing \$1,500. David Pendell, 801-ART-1706, [davidann@uofu.net](mailto:davidann@uofu.net).

*Formation flying at the  
2007 Trappers Loop Run*