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50 Years of Austin Healey Sprite Grill Badge

This is my idea for the 50th Sprite anniversary: a grill badge in the traditional style. Base is metal, nickel plated and real enamel. Holes are drilled to put it right up the frogeyes grill.

Price is EUR 25.00 including nuts and bolts in stainless steel for fitting plus post and packing.

If you are interested, contact me. Happy Healeying from a Sprite MK 1 owner since 1981.

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Antelope Island Tour Saturday May 3

The day started out just a bit on the cool side, but soon blossomed into a full fledged warm beautiful day!

The Southern group after meeting up at the arranged spot, decided to expedite their route to the Northern meeting place by taking I-15 to Layton. In what could only be defined as precision timing, just as the group approached Kaysville the Governor General and daughter side kick pulled out onto the freeway and took the lead into Layton!

After some social catching up among members at the meeting place we decided it was time to head for the island. A vote was taken and since several folks were on a time schedule we opted to head to the Ranch first to enjoy lunch as a group.

Once again we enjoyed time talking, laughing and getting acquainted. Af-

ter lunch folks dispersed in different directions to make it a complete afternoon.

Folks attending who signed the clipboard: Mitch & Shelley Johnson, Dawn Owens, Larry Farrington & daughter Stephanie, Keri & Kacey Bruce, Rich Goodman, Chris Jones, John Perry, John Progress, Bob Jahnke, Steve & Chris Abner, Mike & Becky Chambers, Jon MacLean, Dan Schweikert and Ryan Duffy.

— Mitch Johnson

**You can beat
A mile a minute
But there ain't
No future
In it**

-- Burma-Shave, 1945



BMCU Night At The Living Traditions Festival Saturday May 17

This year's festival was more sparsely attended by both BMCUers and the general public, but nevertheless a fine time was had by all.

Once again the Pivirottos staked out a great table near the north beverage area and stage, where we enjoyed a Mexican combo from Veracruz, and an Irish trio with a modern twist.

The food on offer was ethnically diverse as one might expect from the theme of the festival -- at our



table Tongan, Native American, and Swiss goodies were sampled.

All in all it was a very pleasant evening, much enjoyed by all attending, which included Karen Bradakis, Gary and Sandy Lindstrom, Pugs and Diane Piviroto, and Jon and Laura Hermance.

-- Gary Lindstrom

Concours d'Elegance 37th Annual Charity Car Show Thanksgiving Point Saturday August 23

This year's event will be a one day outdoor show held on the grass at beautiful Thanksgiving Point in Lehi.

that both the car owners and general public will enjoy. Featured cars will be Larry H.

Vehicles can be placed all day Friday August 22. 24 hour security will be provided.

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



Miller's Cobra Caravan, including Cobra, GT 40, and Daytona coupe vehicles.

for display only vehicles.

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

Ron Gunderson

British Field Day at Liberty Park Saturday June 21st 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

British Field Day will be held at Liberty Park again this year. It is time for all British car and motorcycle enthusiasts to get their rigs out of the garage, clean them up and get them running as well as can be expected.

All British cars and bikes in any condition from 100- point restorations to works in progress, old daily beater or rigs for sale are welcome. The more the merrier! All the British car/bike clubs are participating. Don't let those other marques make your club look like slackers. Call your fellow club members and get them to the event!

For the brave of heart, we will have the road course set up again this year on a closed access road inside the park. It promises to be as noisy and challenging as previous years!

During the event there will be, shop talk, bench-racing, catching up with old friends, drawings for raffle prizes and more. Liberty Park has many amenities. One of the largest and best playgrounds in the city, the Tracy Aviary and a small amusement park with a Ferris wheel and merry-go-round. Even if your family doesn't share your passion for LBCs (little British cars), there will be plenty for them to do while you are getting your fix!

Proceeds from this year's event will be donated to Saint Paul's Episcopal Church's Community Outreach Fund. Their food pantry, which is the only one

in the state of Utah to be open on Saturdays, is one of the recipients of this fund. Saint Paul's is providing volunteers to assist with the event so the organizers can have more time for some fun, too! Saint Paul's also going to be providing food within the event this year. Get ready for fresh grilled hot dogs, hamburger, sandwiches maybe even donuts in the morning.

Liberty Park is located between 500 East & 700 East and 900 South & 1300 South. The BFD event will be held in the northeast quadrant of the park. Enter off 1300 South and drive east and north about a quarter of the way around the park. You will see the event on the left.

Please help support Saint Paul's Outreach Fund by bringing your cars and bikes out to join in the fun. Registration starts at 8:00 AM and we hope to have most bikes and cars in place by 9:00 and we encourage folks displaying vehicles to try to stay until 3:00 but if you can only make it for a couple of hours - that's fine too! The registration fee is \$10 per bike or car. A \$5 donation is requested per adult. Kids 12 and under are free.

Saturday, June 21st, 2007
Liberty Park
700 East 1300 South, SLC
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

-- Bill Davis

Autojumble

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.

\$8000 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: 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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Utah Scottish Association's Highland Games and Scottish Festival June 14, 2008

This year the Scottish Festival will once again be at Thanksgiving Point in Lehi, UT. Up to 12,000 are expected in attendance.

The festival features bag pipe bands, highland dancing, Scottish athletic competitions, Irish dancing, Scottish food, vendors, and entertainers playing everything from softer folk music to bag pipe rock.

The BMCU has been asked participate in the display of British cars, and all participants in the car show will be given complementary admission to the festival. In fact, as many as you can fit in your car will be admitted to the games at no charge.

A trophy will be awarded to the audi-

ence's favourite car. Cars should enter at the southwest gate of Electric Park in Thanksgiving Point (behind the movie theater).

The event begins at 9:00 AM, and will end at 6:00 PM. Participants are invited to stay for the Saturday night concert. So, dust off your bagpipes, don your kilts!

I'll be organizing the BMCU contingent, so contact me if you have any questions at 801-547-1087 or spitfires-rule@msn.com.

Directions and other information can be found at <http://www.utahscots.org/games.html>.

-- Mitch Johnson

Roy Checker Auto BMCU Gathering June 28

Folks, we've been invited this year to gather our little BritMobiles at the Roy Checker Auto store this coming June 28th. For those of you that were at last years Kaysville Checker auto gathering, you will remember a good time was had.

This is a relaxed small car show sponsored by the manager of the Roy store and a way to show appreciation to his customers and us. There will be free food and drinks, along with a generous "gift" package given to each driver/car that takes time to be there.

Also Diane Johnson is arranging for students from her Massage Therapy class to be on hand to help sooth any "Lucas" tension anybody may need help with! They do this for free and are getting experience for their certifications. So bring your lawn chairs and stories to share as we hang out and relax with good friends and possibly some new ones (heck, we recruited several new members on the Ogden/Huntsville run).

- When: Saturday, June 28th, 10am to 2pm

- Where: Checker Auto, 5881 south 1900 west, Roy, Utah 825-3066 (frontage road next to I-15)

-- Mitch Johnson



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

June 14: Scottish Highland Games, Thanksgiving Point, Mitch Johnson, 801-547-1087. See article at left.

June 21: British Field Day, Liberty Park, Bill Davis, 801-484-2858. See article on p. 3.

June 26-29: 50 Years of Spridgets, Lake of the Ozarks, MO, Jack Laird, jlaird237@cox.net.

June 28: [Checker Auto BMCU Gathering, Roy](#), Mitch Johnson, 801-547-1087. See article at left.

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.

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 on p. 2.

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Memorial Day Weekend Tour

Once again the BMCU returned to one of its favorite Memorial Day haunts, Jackson, WY, and had as great a time as ever.

It had been a rainy week and by Friday it was determined that the original plan to rendezvous in Huntsville with the northern contingent and travel over the Monte Cristo pass was infeasible since that road was closed due to snow. Consequently the route was changed to travel through Evanston to Woodruff and Randolph, and up to Star Valley, Alpine, and Jackson. The two contingents were united at the I-80 rest stop just passed the I-84 junction.

Differing speeds, stopping regimens, and sub-route preferences caused the group to dissipate on I-80, though all were reunited at a convenience store north of Evanston. Traveling north some took the

Lakeview route around Bear Lake, while others elected the more direct route through Cokeville, WY. In any case all arrived safely in Jackson in time for a nice dinner at the Gun Barrel restaurant, which features the friendly sign "Certainly we serve vegetarians -- what do you think cows are?!?".

Although it was a bit "moist" on the way up, the weather cleared beautifully on Sunday, and great photo opportunities abounded, especially for those who explored Grand Teton National Park. Shopping of course is feasible in any weather, and lots may be had in Jackson for art lovers, western wear lovers, curio lovers, and bar lovers.

Folks formed smaller groups for dinner Sunday evening, with enticing options for just about every palate and pocket

British Car Week May 31 to June 8

British Car Week is an annual British car driving awareness event promoting British cars on a world-wide basis. All owners of classic British cars are urged to drive their cars daily and renew their enjoyment of these fine machines.

If you're a British car enthusiast reading this, think about how you originally became interested in your favorite British car. Chances are, you caught a glimpse of one and it quickly swept you off your feet. Later, you somehow managed to

acquire one, and from that time on it has provided you with a lifetime of fun and entertainment.

If you had not experienced that opportunity, you wouldn't have known about the car, and would not have gotten bitten by the famous British car bug! Since these cars have become very rare on the roads today, it takes a special effort to create awareness for the general public.

book. The Hermances were treated to a special thank you dinner by their daughters at a lovely new upscale restaurant overlooking Jackson.

Most of the group returned on Monday morning, which was rainy but mild with light traffic except for the stretch from I-80 to Salt Lake, which is always busy it seems.

Thanks go out to Jon Hermance and Bob Jahnke, who made the arrangements and herded this bunch of cats through a very enjoyable weekend. Attendees were: Kevin & Maria Cowan, Margaret & Larry Farrington, Gary, Sandy & Margaux Lindstrom, Bob & Dixie Jahnke, Terry & Lien Rees, Keri & Melanie Bruce, Mitch & Diane Johnson, Kimberly & Dawn (The Mini girls), Jon & Susan Hermance, Mike & Alison McGruder, Laura & Rookie Hermance & Steven Little.

—Gary Lindstrom

Lucas Calendar

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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.

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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A Chapter of the North American MGB Register
A Zone of the Vintage Triumph Register



This Month's Featured Car

Jon Zaremba's 1979 MGB
Along the Colorado River outside Moab

Autojumble, cont'd from p. 3

For sale: 1969 TR-6. Factory wire wheels, overdrive. This is a good one. \$12000 o.b.o. Contact: Dan Forster, Hm. 966-6463 Wk. 715-2410.

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.

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.

Exchequer Report May 23, 2008

Beginning balance
(from last report) \$3,893.09

Income	
Ad sales	50.00
Contributions	25.00
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	75.00

Expenses	
Newsletter 5/08	58.88

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www.britishmotorclub.org

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.