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Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner February 9

Feb. 9th was a beautiful day for a change and maybe that is why there was such a small turn out for our Pot Luck dinner? So everyone went home with a door prize donated from such generous folks as Moss Motors, Victoria British, LBC car Co., Advanced Distributors LLC along with a generous gift certificate of \$50.00 from club member Alan Ireland at the Acme Burger in SLC. The club exchequer kicked in two \$25 gift certificates to Lamb's Grill.

Many ideas were discussed, and the prototype of the new BMCU ball cap was on display, and lots of good food was on offer by our creative members.

The BMCU Board of Governors was the first order of business. Larry

Bishop stepped down with a gratitude of thanks and a round of applause from the membership. With Larry's vacancy it was proposed that Paul Jaroch be nominated to fill the position. Without a hesitation Paul was accepted and welcomed to his new position. Paul brings a wealth of experience and most of all a great love and enthusiasm for this group to the board. Paul will also be starting a new duty we've thought of, he is now the NAMGBR liaison for the BMCU. This should help the communication between us and our national sponsor. The rest of the board has graciously volunteered to stay on for another season!

Next we hashed out to the best of our ability the upcoming years driving events. With just a few folks

there it was hard to get very much input and volunteers for the different events, so we will be asking for help throughout the coming season. Most of last years events will be the same, as they seemed to be popular traditions with the club.

One difference will be the Alpine Loop. This year the Board of Governors are declaring a "dividend" as Gary L. put it. We are asking that on this years Alpine Loop run that nobody bring their lunch. We will be providing a full blown BBQ picnic lunch for the group in Heber. More to come! The events have been posted on the Lucas Calendar.

Special thanks go to Bill Davis for securing St. Paul's once again for this all important event. And thanks to all who participated, including Michael Scoggins, Paul Jaroch, Rob Foye, Mitch & Diane Johnson, Andrew Frink, Larry Bishop, Barry Engstrum, Roger & Jill Davis, Kevin & Marie Cowan, Mark & Karen Bradakis, Pugs & Diane Pivrotto, Bob & Dixie Jahnke and Gary Lindstrom.

Here's to another great year!

-- Mitch D. Johnson
Governor General

**Train wrecks few
Reason clear
Fireman
Never hugs
Engineer**

-- Burma-Shave, 1951



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

Mar. 15: St. Patty's Day at Acme Burger Co., Pugs Pivirotto, 801-486-0547. See article this page.

May 3: Antelope Island Run, Michael Scoggins, 801-295-1732.

May (TBD): Living Traditions Festival, Pugs Pivirotto, 801-486-0547.

May 24-26: Memorial Day Run to Jackson, WY, Bob Jahnke, 801-583-3021 and Jon Hermance, 801-583-5846.

June 21: British Field Day, Liberty Park, Bill Davis, 801-484-2858.

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

July 6-10: [Gathering of the Faithful West](#), Monterey Bay, CA, Mike Campbell, 619-425-0600.

July 13: 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. (TBD): Eden Valley Balloon Fest.

St. Patty's Day Lunch and Dust Off Run March 15

Saint Patrick's Day is the club's traditional opening of the driving season, and 2008 will honour this tradition.

We'll start with lunch at Acme Burger (275 S. 200 W., 801-257-5700), BMCU member Alan Ireland's fine new establishment in downtown Salt Lake City, starting at 11:30am.

Thereafter, weather permitting, we'll do a Dust Off Run to a location known only to the organizers. Who knows, we may even stop for a farewell toddy after the tour and the associated road side repairs, this being the first run for our Britmobiles after a long winter's nap.

Aug. (TBD): Senior Citizens Concours, Thanksgiving Point.

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

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

Sept. 20: State Street Cruise and Dairy Queen Fest, Paul Jaroch 801-710-8796 and Paul Chou.

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

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

Some logistics:

1. There is alas no free parking at Acme Burger, but there is a reasonable pay lot just north of it, and the usual SLC first come first served street parking in the vicinity.
2. Alan plans to reserve tables for the group if at all possible, but he'll need plenty of advance notice. Consequently, please RSVP to us by email to jpivirotto@FirstIndustrial.com or by phone to 801-486-0547 by Friday March 7.

Should be a great event!

-- Pugs and Diane Pivirotto

Triumph Is Pick of Online Voters New York Times Feb. 17, 2008

GAVIN RHODES was surprised that his black 1959 Triumph TR3A won the Collectible Car of the Year contest on nytimes.com.

At a time when American muscle cars have become treasured icons and Italian sports cars are, well, Italian sports cars, Mr. Rhodes, 33, didn't think his froggish little roadster stood a chance.

"I was up against a Ferrari," he said, adding that the contest "really represented the whole spectrum of classic cars. Some people use them every day. Other people have several million-dollar cars that are trucked around from show to show. I was amazed."

A total of 558 cars were entered in the contest, and 4,500 votes were cast by

readers of nytimes.com for the 30 finalists, which had been chosen by the staff of the Automobiles section in November. As winner, Mr. Rhodes will receive \$5,000 and a tro-

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*Financial Report***2007**

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Balance Sheet
December 31, 2007

Income Statement
Period ending 12/31/07

<i>Assets</i>		<i>Revenue</i>	
Cash on Hand	\$3,242	Member's Contributions	886
Intangibles (Good Will)	5,000	Merchandise Sales	332
Inventory		Advertising Sales	850
Shirts(T) 70		Raffle (Alpine Loop)	596
Shirts(G) 137		Interest Income	7
Decals 226			----
Badges 398		Gross Revenue	\$2,671
Brackets 113			
Fobs 22			

	966		

Total Assets	\$9,208		
<i>Liabilities & Equity</i>		<i>Expenses</i>	
Member's Equity	\$9,208	Operating Expenses	
		Newsletter & Calendar	1,257
		Inventory	512
		Administration	283

		Total Expenses	\$2,052
		Profit (loss)	\$619

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phy; the other finalists will receive a prize package valued at \$50 and passes to the New York International Auto Show in March.

The outcome of the competition revealed

an automotive counterculture of sorts: the enduring affection for classic British sports cars, warts and all.

And there were warts, including a weakness for rust and glitchy electronics. Like all but a handful of British carmakers, Triumph passed through several owners; ultimately, it kicked

the can in 1984. Today, [BMW](#) owns the rights to build cars under the Triumph name, while a private company with no relationship to BMW or the original owner sells Triumph

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Autojumble

For sale: Rare 1938 Triumph Dolomite, one of 4 or 5 in the world. Inquiries and viewing can be done by contacting Mr. Edward Gibson, (USA) (205) 467-7456.

For sale: '57 MGA. Ran when parked. Always garaged. One rusty rocker panel and one rusty fender. A little front end damage. Bumper & 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.

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://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.

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, davidann@uofu.net.

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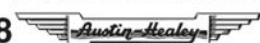
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Exchequer Report

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placement TR3 that was in better condition than the yellow car. A year and a few setbacks later, they finished the second car, the summer before Mr. Rhodes's senior year of high school.

Today he lives in Brooklyn, where he and his wife, Michelle McDevitt, own Audible Treats, a music promotion and marketing company.

But the heady price of nearby garages — around \$300 a month, Mr. Rhodes said — means that the Triumph is still at his father's house in New Mexico. He said he returned two or three times a year to drive the car and keep it in running order, but he was looking for an affordable way to keep the TR3A closer to home.



This Month's Featured Member Car

Drew Frink's 1962 Triumph TR4.

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sport motorcycles that look like anime robots.

The TR3A, built from 1957 to 1961, was the most elegant of Triumphs, before they became boxy and, later, wedgelike. Mr. Rhodes got his more than 15 years ago for \$4,200. It was his second.

His first was a 16th-birthday gift from his father, Jim, a gearhead with his own crazy way of souping up old cars. Past projects included a 1959 Jaguar Mark I sedan that used a Buick V-6, and a 1932 Ford pickup with a Corvette engine. Mr. Rhodes recalls that the first car he drove to high school was a Sunbeam Tiger, a British roadster powered by a factory-installed Ford V-8.

"There was a coolness factor," Mr. Rhodes said about driving his father's cars, but his birthday present was, he felt, more of a "loaded present." "It was a wrecked car," he explained. "It had like

mice in the trunk.

"It meant so many weekends with my dad, working on it. As a teenager, you have some tension with your father — it was a bittersweet gift."

It took them two years to restore the car. They painted it a bright canary yellow and even installed a few aftermarket parts, including a racing seat with a four-point safety harness. It ended up keeping Mr. Rhodes from being seriously injured.

Four months after finishing the car, Mr. Rhodes collided with a drunken driver. "I T-boned him, luckily," he said. Had he arrived at the intersection a second later, the drunken driver would have hit the TR3's flimsy driver's side door. The seat kept him from being thrown around inside the car.

Mr. Rhodes and his father found a re-