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Oh, how the BMCU membership has grown from the nine who went on the first Loop run — *photo by Jim Stover*

## Alpine Loop Run and Raffle Saturday, August 16, 2008

This was the 20th Anniversary of the BMCU's initial event. We had Rich Holder, one of the originals on hand to send us off. What more can anyone say? The weather was perfect, traffic was entertaining, I'm told the food was acceptable and the facilities at Heber park were a nice change (shade, seating, tables and restrooms!).

I'm not 100% sure but I think this was our biggest turnout for the Alpine Loop run yet. Heber city allowed us to park on the grass creating an instant British car show in downtown Heber. The new 20th Anniversary T-shirt designed by our very own Larry Farrington was unveiled and became an instant success! If you wear XXL, XL or small shirts we still have some available. We may need to place another order for more sizes.

Here is an attempt to list everyone who was there: (please excuse misspellings since I am trying to read your handwriting!) Gary, Sandy, Margaux Lindstrom, Tim Furner, Larry & Margaret Farrington, Stephanie Arceneaux, Roger & Jill Davis, Clayton & Sharon Merchant, Jim

Stover & Linda, Barry & Denny Blackett, Keri & Melanie Bruce, Terry D. Rees, John, Tina, Barbara & Kim Proggess, Steven G. Nelson, Mark & Karen Bradakis, Dave & Anne Spendlove, Dee & Mary Ann Dostaler, Sue Cogger, Rich & Shirley Holder, Jon, Susan & Laura Hermance, Rondo & Barbara Rawlins, Rudy Vanderniet.

Mike & Becky Chambers, Duff Lawson, Chris Dunbeck, Rob & Mary Foye, Richard Weyland, Aaron Sphar, Marty Van Nood & Dublin, Paul Jaroch, Kevin & Marie Cowan, Don & Jan Schroeder, Layne Taggart, Jason & Stacy Underwood, Werner Prochaska, Bert & Sandee Cherry, Tony Earl, Rob & Erin Green, Floyd & Kathy Inman, Janet & Kent Topham & Daisy, Chris Jones, Gene & Matthew Holley, Patrick & Ken Gleason, Roger Dotson, Dylan & Jessamyn Thurston, Bill Beecher, Mitch, Diane & Shelley Johnson.

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Wendover, Hogle Zoo, Moss Motors, Apple Hydraulics, Tom's Import Car Sales, Antique Auto Battery Co., British Wire Wheel, Acme Burger Co., Kimberly Owens, Prestone Antifreeze, BMCU T-shirts, and several BMCU members who made on-the-spot donations we didn't get a chance to log.

I would like to thank all of the kind folks who helped put this fantastic event together. There is no way anyone could have pulled this off on their own. And thanks to everyone who came to participate! It takes super people like yourselves to make this club what a special group it is.

— *Mitch Johnson*

**20 miles per gal  
Says well known car  
To go 10,000  
Miles per gal  
Buy the half-pound jar  
-- Burma-Shave, 1935**



## Rain Doesn't Dampen BMCU At Miner's Day Parade

Once again the BMCU participated in the Park City Miner's Day Parade to the delight of those few that witnessed the wet, rainy weather.

Four members of our group endured the weather to coast down Main Street on

September 1 to the cheers of the few. With the weather as bad as it was, we were surprised to see anyone along the street, however, many of the brave hearted people of Park City did, indeed find cover along the route. Of the four members of the BMCU in attendance,

two actually drove their cars up Parley's for the event.

As is custom, the Park City Rotary Club reserved space for us in the Park where we usually hang out, eat burgers and talk about (what else but) cars. This year was a bit different as the weather suggested we get ourselves out of there and into a dry garage. We did, however, stop for a few minutes of chatter before heading out.

I would like to thank those that weathered the storm and came to the Parade. We would have liked to see many more of you, however, with the weather it is understandable. In fact, we were very pleased that we didn't fall below the 3-1/2 car mark.

Those in attendance included Jon and Susan Hermance: Floyd, Kathy, Darron, Elle, and Cate Inman: Bob Jahnke, and Jay Williams.

-- Floyd Inman

## Senior Citizens Concours At Thanksgiving Point

It's hard to believe, but this was the 37th Annual Senior Citizens Concours, held for the second year at the Electric Park Fairgrounds at Thanksgiving Point in Lehi.

Old timers will remember the many years this event was held on green sward of the University of Utah campus. Then perpetual construction, change of academic calendar with students arriving in mid August, and retirement of Randy Turpin, VP of Facilities at the U. -- a die hard car nut -- caused relocation to the South Towne Expo center in Sandy.

That locale and 3-day format proved to be expensive and unpopular, so a one-day format at the very congenial Thanksgiving Point site was adopted.

The day was beautiful, with blue skies and a few clouds, though shade was wel-

comed as the temperatures rose throughout the day.

This being Utah's premier general pur-



pose collector car auction, there were a wide range of years and marques present, with heavy representation by Corvettes, Mustangs, and muscle cars.

Nevertheless there was a good turn out of British cars, and plenty of time to relax, swap boasts, and share restoration tricks under the BMCU banner, which proudly stood on the infield of the foreign car area.

In the two classes of most interest to BMCU members Art and Martha Pasker took first in 1956 and Earlier Imports with their spectacular Jaguar Mark V Drop Head Coupe (see next page), and Bert and Sandee Cherry took first in Imports after 1956 with their gorgeous Jaguar XK150 Drop Head Coupe (shown at left).

Owners of British cars at the event included Gary and Sandy Lindstrom, Jim and Susan Revel, Mike and Susie Cady, Bert and Sandee Cherry, David and Carol Marks, Art Pasker, Wayne and Linda Mortensen, Steve Moore, Henry and Suze Moukoian, Charlene and Bo Faircloth, Lynn Wall, Reed Jensen, Annette McDonough, and Jim Thornton.

--Gary Lindstrom





Art and Martha Pasker's Jaguar Mark V Drop Head Coupe  
— see Senior Citizens Concours story on page 2.

## Autojumble

**Wanted:** For a 1500 Midget: (1) Rostyle Wheels (I need 3) (2) Headers - maybe 1500 Spitfire will fit (3) Down draft or side draft Weber and intake. Roger Gissemann, 801.598.7922 or rgissemann@slco.org

**For sale:** 1977 and 78 complete MG midgets with a ton of extra parts. Neither are running but at least 95% complete. \$2,000.00 OBO. Email to bhowden@arizonatile.com or leave message at 801-634-8687 and I will return your call.

**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 ro-meo\_popa\_delta@yahoo.com. I am in Ogden.

**For sale:** 1980 TR7 Roadster. Engine runs, but needs attention. Electronic ignition is good, ½ 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, g w f i n w y o @ h o t m a i l . c o m , 307.389.0832.

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

**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. 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,

## State Street Cruise and Dairy Queen Extravaganza

It's late in August now with temps in the 90's and all is well. But, if last year's event is any indication, here on the western edge of the Rockies the weather can turn exciting quick. But that little run turned out to be a BLAST.

So it's time again to trundle south on State Street under the great seagull for a little British roadster music, the aroma of Roger's 50 weight in the air and onto the Chou's family Dairy Queen restaurant in Sandy.

Come join our jolly members on Saturday afternoon September 20<sup>th</sup>. at 5:30 for a 6:00 departure. Meet at the Capitol, north east side at 500 N. & Capitol Blvd. in the employee's parking lot if available, on the street overlooking Memory Grove Park and "Gravity Hill" if not.

No hood (top) on your LBC, looks like rain? Bring the SUV. Just join our merry group. The season is winding down and fall is approaching.

Kindly R.S.V.P. so the restaurant can prepare.

Paul Jaroch  
bughous@msn.com  
801.389.8940

## Fall Colour Tour Sunday September 28

The frost is likely to be on the punkin's and carburetors as we take the road for our annual Fall Colour Tour on Sunday, September 28. The weather is typically sunny, bright and brisk, though last year's tour to Mirror Lake encountered some snow flurries along the way.

In the past we've often done the Nebo Loop, but this year we're returning to the Uintah's for this popular final driving event of the season. Our route will be from Hogle Zoo up Emigration Canyon and I-80 to Silver Creek Junction, where US-40 meets I-80 east of Park City. Then we'll go a short distance south on US-40 to the Kamas turnoff, which is SR-248 east. At Kamas we'll head south to Francis on SR-32. From Francis we'll travel east on the main attraction Wolf Creek Highway, SR-35, up over Wolf Creek Summit at 9,486 ft. Then on to the charming and friendly towns of Stockmore, Hanna, and Tabiona, which contrary to popular belief was named for the Ute chief Tabby-To-Kwanah -- not a Garfield-like cat.

A short distance after Tabiona we'll take the SR-208 cutoff to Fruitland, west on US-40 to Heber City, and on to I-80 and home. The total H2H (Hogle to Hogle) distance is estimated to be about 165 miles, which is a nice fall day's drive, though participants can make it any shorter distance they like by a suitably chosen U-turn along the way.

Rendezvous at the Hogle Zoo will be at 9am, with departure at 9:30am. We'll

decide then when and where to schedule stops, one of which is certain to be an al fresco lunch (weather permitting). Since it will be a Sunday in the wide open spaces, restaurant options will probably be limited, so a picnic lunch is recommended.

Folks from Summit County and beyond are welcome to join us anywhere along the way, though I would welcome an email (to [gary\\_at\\_cs.utah.edu](mailto:gary_at_cs.utah.edu)) or phone (801-554-3823) so we know to look for you.

--Gary Lindstrom



### 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)

**Sept. 13:** Historic Races, Miller Motorsports Park (hosted by Wasatch Mountain Jaguar Register). Glen Hawkins, 801-253-9878. See story on p. 5.

**Sept. 20:** State Street Cruise and Dairy Queen Fest, Paul Jaroch 801-389-8940 and Paul Chou. See story at left.

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

**Oct. 2-5:** Triumphfest 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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## JOINT EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT

### Wasatch Mt. Jaguar Register and British Motor Club of Utah

The local Jaguar club is inviting BMCU to “go to the races” at Miller Motorsports Park. The Jag club is having their annual Concours d’Elegance on the lawns and as part of that activity they have free tickets into the park during the Historic Car Races’ Heroes of Speed event. Tick-

ets are good for the entire day.

The gates open at 8 a.m. on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> and there are free tickets for the first 50 members of each club. See Glen Hawkins of the WMJR at the park gates for your free ticket.

## Are Your Tires Of A Certain Age?

Editor’s note: *The July newsletter carried an article Tire Age warning of the dangers of using tires over 10 years old. This article gives more detail on how to read a tire’s date of manufacture.*

### Determining the Age of a Tire — From [www.tirerack.com](http://www.tirerack.com)

When it comes to determining the age of a tire, it is easy to identify when a tire was manufactured by reading its Tire Identification Number (often referred to as the tire’s serial number). Unlike vehicle identification numbers (VINs) and the serial numbers used on many other consumer goods (which identify one specific item), Tire Identification Numbers are really batch codes that identify the week and year the tire was produced.

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) requires that Tire Identification Numbers be a combination of the letters DOT, followed by ten, eleven or twelve letters and/or numbers that identify the manufacturing location, tire size and manufacturer’s code, along with the week and year the tire was manufactured.

### Tires Manufactured Since 2000

Since 2000, the week and year the tire was produced has been provided by the **last four digits** of the Tire Identification Number with the **2 digits** being used to identify the week immediately preceding the **2 digits** used to identify the year.

Example of a tire manufactured since 2000 with the current Tire Identification Number format:



In this example DOT U2LL LMLR 5107 says “manufactured during the 51st week of 2007”.

While the entire Tire Identification Number is required to be branded onto one sidewall of every tire, current regulations also require that DOT and the first digits of the Tire Identification Number must also be branded onto the opposite sidewall. Therefore, it is possible to see a Tire Identification Number that appears incomplete and requires looking at the tire’s other sidewall to find the entire Tire Identification Number:



The use of a partial Tire Identification Number on the one sidewall (shown above) reduces the risk of injury to the mold technician that would have to install the weekly date code on the top

sidewall portion of a hot tire mold.

### Tires Manufactured Before 2000

The Tire Identification Number for tires produced prior to 2000 was based on the assumption that tires would not be in service for ten years. While they were required to provided the same information as today’s tires, the week and year the tire was produced was contained in the **last three digits**. The **2 digits** used to identify the week a tire was manufactured immediately preceded a **single digit** used to identify the year.

Example of a tire manufactured before 2000 with the earlier Tire Identification Number format:



Here DOT EJ8J DFM 408 means “manufactured during the 40th week of the 8th year of the decade”.

While the previous Tire Identification Number format identified that a tire was built in the 8th year of a decade, there was no universal identifier that confirmed which decade (tires produced in the 1990s may have a small triangle following the Tire Identification Number to identify the decade).

And finally, hold on to your sales receipt. Most tire manufacturer’s warranties cover their tires for four years from the date of purchase or five years from the week the tires were manufactured. So if you purchase new tires that were manufactured exactly two years ago they will be covered for a total of six years (four years from the date of purchase) as long as you have your receipt. If you lose your receipt, your tires’ warranty coverage will end five years from the week the tire was produced (resulting in the tire manufacturer’s warranty coverage ending only three years from the date of purchase in this example).



# British Motor Club of Utah

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



*This Month's Featured Car*

Dion Dostaler's 1986 Aston Martin Volante  
Shown at the 2008 Alpine Run rendezvous point

## Autojumble, cont'd from p. 3

British Heritage (certified) \$13,000. Can be seen at British Field Day. J. Hansen 801-401-8386 or puphead@comcast.net.

**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.

**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 [beachbumbarry@msn.com](mailto: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://unabled.com/tr7/>. I don't have a price set on any of them - just have a look-see, email me

## Exchequer Report August 18, 2008

Beginning balance  
(from last report) \$3,977.66

Income  
Interest 1.27

Expenses  
Salt Lake Symphony 100.00  
Newsletter 8/08 42.84  
Alpine Loop 174.00  
T-shirts 1,035.75  

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1,352.59

Ending balance \$2,626.34

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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).