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## *November Tech Session at Meadowbrook Restorations*

November 15th turned out to be a beautiful day, almost good enough for an actual drive. But it is November and we know better than to plan on good weather so we did the next best thing -- visited an awesome collection

of cars owned by a local enthusiast.

DeWayne Ashmead was very gracious to let us (and a large number of friends) pay a visit to his stable of rare and literally one of a kind

automobiles. I'm not sure if it was the great weather or the lure of getting a glimpse of this rarely seen collection that brought such a large turnout but there were probably nearly 50+ folks there to listen to DeWayne's interesting stories and historical facts about each of his cars.

Afterwards a number of us met up at PepperBelly's Restaurant for a delicious lunch and more history from DeWayne.

— Mitch D. Johnson



**At intersections  
Look each way  
A harp sounds nice  
But it's  
Hard to play  
-- Burma-Shave, 1941**



## January Tech Session Jay Jennings on Carburetors

Once again the BMCU will be guests of the Wasatch Mountain Jaguar Register at a tech session on carburetors run by Jay Jennings, 10am Saturday January 24.

Jay is a long time member of both clubs, and has graciously conducted several tech sessions in the past, most recently on January 28, 2006 on British electrical systems.

His automotive knowledge (and knowledge of just about everything else mechanical and electrical) is extensive, and he excels at communicating both basics and advanced aspects.

Jay has a long history of car activities, ranging from drag racing to concours quality restorations. Right now he's deeply involved in restoring a Jaguar XK140 fixed head coupe and a Peerless roadster with Triumph running gear.

Topics covered will be basics of combustion, carburetion principles, SU carburetor design, tune up procedures, and other notable carburetor designs such as Holley.

The event will be at 10am at the Jennings

place of business, ThermPro, 280 W. Plymouth Ave., So. Salt Lake City, UT 84115, phone 801-268-9658.

This is expected to be a popular event with members of both clubs, so come early to get a good seat.



### *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)

**Jan. 24:** Tech session on carburetors. Jay Jennings, 801-274-2671. See article on this page.

**Feb. 28:** Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner.

**June 21-27 2009:** Sunbeam Convention International SUNI V, Rapid City, SD.

**June 22-26:** GoF West, Squaw Valley, CA.

**June 24-28:** MGB Register National Meet, Breckenridge, CO.

**Sept. 30-Oct. 4:** VTR-Triumphfest 2009, San Luis Obispo, CA.

## Tool Uses and Definitions — *contributed by Mike Kelly*

**DRILL PRESS:** A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, denting the freshly-painted project which you had carefully set in the corner where nothing could get to it.

**WIRE WHEEL:** Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, 'Oh SH-- '

**ELECTRIC HAND DRILL:** Normally used for spinning pop rivets in their holes until you die of old age.

**SKILL SAW:** A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.

**PLIERS:** Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters.

**BELT SANDER:** An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

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# Autojumble

**For sale:** 1960 Austin Healey 3000. The car is in SLC. Douglas W Carlson, 801-268-0093, fax: 801-268-0282, [doug@slwindustrial.com](mailto:doug@slwindustrial.com).

**For sale:** 1959 MGA Coupe. This car is located in South Ogden and belongs to a friend of one of our club members. It is an older restoration in fair to good condition. I have seen the car --- if you are interested please call me, John Progress at 801-547-0259 and I can give you my opinion or you may call Dave Gilbert at 801-706-6899 and set up a time to go see the car.

**For sale:** Brand New TR7/TR8 Seat Covers. I have a pair of brand new, mint condition, TR7/TR8 seat covers for sale. They are the Gold/Tan with plaid centers. They DO NOT include the headrests. You can order the headrests from Victoria British for \$89.95 a pair. Victoria British lists these at \$874.94 retail (item 16-288-GT W/O Headrests) and is selling them for \$699.95 plus \$37.75 for shipping. (\$737.70 total). I'm selling mine for \$450.00 which includes UPS ground shipping (3-5 days), insured. If you're interested in purchasing these simply email me and I will use my Pay Pal account to send you an email through which you can pay me. This works even if you don't have a Pay Pal account. (You use your credit card which the sellers [me] never see nor have access to and this is a secured site.) By using Pay Pal both of us will be protected and there's no added cost to you. Bob Chester, [rechester@yahoo.com](mailto:rechester@yahoo.com)

**For sale:** 1997 Jaguar XK8 convertible. Black anthracite with black leather. Under 70,000 miles. V8 engine averages 20 mpg. Always garaged. Very well maintained. Priced to sell, under Blue Book: retail over \$13,000, I'm selling for \$9,000. David Ramaley, cell 435-729-0622, [david@catapulsiion.net](mailto:david@catapulsiion.net)

**For sale:** 1979 MG Midget. Oodometer 96,300. Tires good. All original. Has new tonneau cover with headrest and steering wheel pockets, like new convertible top, new convertible top cover

(boot). This is a beauty. Kept inside all its life and is in excellent condition. A real treasure for you! Only \$5500. Call Al at 801-391-2304 or e-mail at [Jolene-hallen@aol.com](mailto:Jolene-hallen@aol.com)

**For sale:** 1962 Jaguar Mark II sedan. In pieces, new engine. Also 1966 Jaguar 3.8S sedan. New 4.3 vortex engine. Runs great. \$20k invested. Must sell -- returning to Scotland. Asking \$12,000 for both cars. Jim Kerr, 801-860-9364

**For sale:** 1966 3.8 S-type Jaguar. This is a parts-only car, with no engine, transmission or interior. Very clean body panels except left front fender. All glass & chrome trim (except front bumper) in very good condition. New hub caps still wrapped in paper. Located SLC. Whole thing: \$250. DeWitt Smith 801-631-9648.

**Wanted:** Fiberglass hardtop for an MG Midget/Sprite and a Sprite Grill. Roger Gisseman at 801-598-7922.

**Wanted:** Firewall, Floor pans, + other body parts that will fit 1960 A-H sprite. will pick up. Please email with details. [kristopher.d.merkley@l-3com.com](mailto:kristopher.d.merkley@l-3com.com)

**For sale:** 1974 MG Midget. Excellent paint and body. Good interior. It's been sitting in my garage for 3 years, the clutch and brakes no longer work, so buyer will have to tow it home. It's got an old Nissan engine in it (not sure which engine, specifically). Asking \$2000. Call Clayton with any questions: (801) 635-8024.

**For sale:** 1981 Triumph TR8 all or parts. 1 of 405 made in the last year of production. June '81 build date. Was Silver with blue interior, 89k miles, A/C car, had an interior fire and there is not much left from the windshield back. Clean title, So you can restore, or buy for donor, or buy a TR7 donor for it, or if I get one or two bites, I may part out Would make a great car for MG-V8 or TR7-V8 project. Good front factory V8 suspension, good late '81 TR8 factory fuel injected 3.5 litre V8, complete factory underhood V8 fuel injection manifold, and underhood harness, V8 a/c radiator, a/c condensor, factory V8 twin a/c cooling fans, V8

power steering rack and pump and lines, V8 rear end, V8 5 speed trans, etc. Nothing inside...harnesses, dash or interior. Does not roll very well, needs you to bring two tires, I will help load. \$1,200 complete or email for parts needs. Johnny, [njjill@uswest.net](mailto:njjill@uswest.net)

**Wanted:** MG TD in Utah -- driveable and in good-to-excellent condition. Please contact Doug at 801.949.3915 email at [dbwjvw@gmail.com](mailto:dbwjvw@gmail.com).

**For sale:** 1977 MG Midget in Moab. \$8,000 obo. Rob Perry, 435-259-8942.

**For sale:** 1964 Triumph TR4A. Rebuilt motor, original steering wheel, wire wheels. Exterior in average shape. Interior in poor condition. \$2,995. Contact Dave at [fj4d@yahoo.com](mailto:fj4d@yahoo.com) or at 801-310-8437. Located in Orem, UT. Pictures available on request.

**For sale:** Nice little '71 Midget ready to roll. Serial # GAN5UB94132G. 54,889 miles. Good top, boot, tires, paint and AM/FM Cass. Nice black interior and a new tonneau cover. Other sports cars also available. Too many cars... must sell one or more to make space for another project. Call for info. Don 801-942-5259.

**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 Gisseman, 801.598.7922 or [rgisseman@slco.org](mailto:rgisseman@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 OBO. Email to [bhowden@arizonatile.com](mailto: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 [romeo](mailto:romeo)

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## Roy Alan Beale 1936-2008

The BMCU lost a dear friend and sage on December 29 when Roy Beale passed away.

According to his obituary in the Salt Lake Tribune "[Roy] was born on March 24, 1936 in Birmingham, England to George and Edna Makin Beale. Roy married Patricia Joseph on October 13, 1956 and later divorced. He married Linda Phillips on March 21, 1991.

*"Roy was a master mechanic and loved British cars. Roy immigrated to the U.S. in November 1962. He built Formula #1 Race Cars and was secretary of the British Car Club.*

*"Roy was a huge history buff. He loved*

*animals and especially his dogs. Roy was a great teacher, a master handyman and a great storyteller. He was a boxing and soccer coach and an "amazing grandpa." Roy is survived by his wife, Linda; children, Tony (Brenda), Michael, Julie (Todd) Will, Jennifer Thornton, Kimberli (Ryan) Ure, Tanya (Chris) Packer, and Brian Packer; 12 grandchildren; 17 great-grand-children; three sisters, Audrey, Joan and Marjorie; brother, Doug; and his dogs, Sam and Daisy."*

I first met Roy soon after Sandy and I arrived in Salt Lake City in January 1977. We had shipped out our MG TD, and it needed some TLC to be made legal and roadworthy. I looked in the

phone book and saw the *Mr. British* repair shop that Roy ran on 300 West.

I brought in the car, and was immediately struck by Roy's droll wit and encyclopedic knowledge of all things British, especially cars.

From time to time I would stop in his shop for inspection, parts and repair of our TD, and was greatly disappointed when Roy closed the shop, though he continued to do repair and restoration work in retirement from his home in Kearns.

I recall especially well the BMCU tech session conducted November 1996 at Bailey's Sinclair in Murray. I had just rebuilt my TR3A gear box (learning on the job, of course), and had difficulty with it staying in second gear. I removed the top cover, Roy poked around with two screwdrivers for a few seconds, and quickly diagnosed the exact problem — a spacer was in the wrong position on the output shaft.

I trust that all BMCU members, especially those who knew and appreciated Roy's unique qualities, will join in extending our condolences to Roy's family and friends — and oh yes, his beloved dogs.

Roy will be greatly missed.

—Gary Lindstrom



Two British production race cars photographed by Rob Green at this year's Bonneville Speed Week. On the left is what is reputed to be the world's fastest Sunbeam Alpine; on the right is a very speedy and mean MG F.

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

[popa\\_delta@yahoo.com](mailto:popa_delta@yahoo.com). I am in Ogden.

**For sale:** 1980 TR7 Roadster. Engine runs, but needs attention. Electronic ignition is good, 1/2 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, [gwinwoy@hotmail.com](mailto:gwinwoy@hotmail.com), 307.389.0832.

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

**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 burgundy. 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. [rossbeeche@msn.com](mailto:rossbeeche@msn.com), 801-771-2418.

### **Tool Uses and Definitions, cont'd from p. 2**

**HACKSAW:** One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle. It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

**WISE-GRIPS:** Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

**OXYACETYLENE TORCH:** Used almost entirely for lighting various flammable objects in your shop on fire. Also handy for igniting the grease inside the wheel hub out of which you want to remove a bearing race.

**TABLE SAW:** A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.

**HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK:** Used for lowering an automobile to the ground after you have installed your new brake shoes, trapping the jack handle firmly under the bumper.

**BAND SAW:** A large stationary power saw primarily used by most shops to cut good aluminum sheet into smaller pieces that more easily fit into the trash can after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside edge.

**TWO-TON ENGINE HOIST:** A tool for testing the maximum tensile strength of everything you forgot to disconnect.

**PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER:** Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids or for opening old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt; but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads.

**STRAIGHT SCREWDRIVER:** A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws and butchering your palms.

**PRY BAR:** A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50 cent part.

**HOSE CUTTER:** A tool used to make hoses too short.

**HAMMER:** Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent the object we are trying to hit.

**UTILITY KNIFE:** Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on contents such as seats, vinyl records, liquids in plastic bottles, collector magazines, refund checks, and rubber or plastic parts. Especially useful for slicing work clothes, but only while in use.

**DAMN-IT TOOL:** Any handy tool that you grab and throw across the garage while yelling 'DAMN-IT' at the top of your lungs. It is also, most often, the next tool that you will need.



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## *This Month's Featured Cars*

Rob and Nan Green's fleet of British cars, including from L-R:  
'66 Lotus Elan, '64 Mini Cooper, '67 MG Midget, '96 Caterham Super 7

# Got Calendar?

As announced in the November 2008 newsletter issue, our December issue had the special form of a 2009 calendar adorned with color photos of 2008 club events.

These are 11 x 17 inches on glossy paper, and were mailed to all members who renewed in 2008, plus those who were on board in 2007 but somehow forgot to renew for 2008.

If you didn't get yours, just contact me using the phone or email shown in the right column, and we'll ship you one toot de sweet.

Hope you like 'em,  
—Gary Lindstrom  
*Newsletter editor and webmaster*



# Exchequer Report

December 2, 2008

Beginning balance (from last report)	\$3,905.45
Income	
Member contribs.	20.00
Interest	0.62
Expenses	
Nov. newsletter	80.61
State of Utah	7.00
Ending balance	\$3,838.46

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