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will be held at Liberty Park again this year. It is a 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 or an old daily beater are welcome. The more the merrier! All the British car/bike clubs are participating. 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 in previous years! During the event there will be shop talk, bench-racing, catching up with friends, and more. Liberty Park has many amenities including 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!



The non-profit Salt Lake Community Network (SLCN) will be providing volunteers to assist with the event so the organizers can have more time for some fun, too! The Salt Lake Community Network is a non-profit umbrella organization for the Salt Lake City Community Councils. The community councils are neighborhood organizations that provide input from residents to city government.

Food this year will be California style with a bold Asian influence including Asian tacos, sliders, salads and more made available at reasonable prices by CHOW HAUTE ASIAN CUISINE ON THE GO. The CHOW Truck will be inside the event. 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.

Call for Volunteers Friday evening.

We need BMCU volunteers for a short period Friday, June 18, at 6pm to help with setup. Bring hammers and staple guns to help setup the stakes and flagging so all is in place for Saturday morning. See you there!

Please help support SLCN by bringing your cars and bikes out to join in the fun. Registration starts at 8 AM. We hope to have most bikes and cars in place by 9 AM and we encourage folks displaying vehicles to try to stay until 3 PM, 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 are free.

Liberty Park is a beautiful, grassy, and shady setting for this event.

The Eureka Tintic Mining Gold Run

I'd never been to this area so found the idea of visiting an old mining town interesting. So we gathered in Riverton with everything we had, TD's, a TR3 to an XJ12 all of us. Motoring south on Redwood Rd. Kevin feels a wobble in the rear of his Healey, pulls over and as luck would have it in front of the home of a good Samaritan who directed him into the driveway, rolled out a floor jack, a roll-away of tools and says "help yourself". Turned out to be an easy fix of a loose lug nut behind the knock off wheel. Meanwhile up ahead I've called Stephanie and Larry Farrington. They pull over to wait and a passerby who was a past member of our Club chats about his project. Larry says, "You can take them apart in two hours and it takes two years to get them back together again. The gentleman says "More like five". His is still in progress.

So back on the road we come to Hwy 6 and a Jensen Healey joins us up to Eureka. Trees get smaller and we go from farmlands to bushes or not. The Summit Drive-In is different but actually pretty good, full of hard hat road workers so I'm thinking this is OK and it was.



Into downtown Eureka it's not exactly a ghost town but a preserved old mining town. Many of the original buildings

are in use today like the City Hall and the Police Station. The museum had articles you can't even see anymore.

So a few of us drive out east then north to Dugway, Rush Valley and Tooele. That's a very quiet part of the country with no traffic and vast vistas. Larry Bishop four cars back leaned on his graceful XJ12 and passed us like we were at a crosswalk waiting for the light to change. He must have had a grin on his face. Up to Tooele and onto 80, Saltair and home. This was an interesting drive through a largely unpopulated area of the state.

Those attending were: Larry and Stephanie '76 TR6, Rob Foye '65 TR4, Jon Hermance, Jerry Bletzacker '53 MG TD, Paul '04 MB-ML, Wes and Kathy Himle '60 MGA, John Progress '62 MGA, Clayton Merchant '58 MGA, Darin Graber '58 MGTF 1800, Kevin Cowan '56 Austin Healey, Richard Wayland '68 TR250, Roger Davis '66 Sunbeam Alpine, Janet and Adam King '99 Porsche Boxter, Larry Bishop '75 Jaguar XJ 12C, Jeremiah Curry '57 TR3, Bob and Valerie '56 MGA, Tom and Paris TR6.

Thanks to Duff for the planning and directions.

Paul Jaroch

Larry Farrington



Memorial Day Run 2010 to Torrey, Utah

The temperature was brisk with the sun just starting to break through the clouds when 14 BMCU-related vehicles departed from the South Towne Mall on Saturday morning. The I-15 freeway construction through Provo was shut down for the weekend, and we easily made it to the Chevron station in Spanish Fork. There the Austin Healey 3000 and 100-4, Chrysler Crossfire, Jaguar XJS, MGA, MGB, MGTC, MGTD, MGTF, Mini, Sunbeam Alpine, Toyota 4-Runner (Mother Ship), TR3, and TR6 met up with the "AH" Miata from Idaho.

Highway 89 to Fairview was a pleasant drive. Highway 31 to Huntington over mountain passes (elev. 9,655, 10,362

and 10,743) was spectacular, if a bit of a wheeze for a T-Series. Highway 10 to I-70 was just fine, and then.... "howdedodathermance " struck again. The detour through Salina was only a little bit out of the way (about 50 miles!), and eventually Highway 24 got us to Torrey.



Our party under the stairs of the motel was disbanded by motel management due to cranky patrons who apparently wanted peace and quiet at 5:00 in the afternoon. So we quieted down and later went to dinner at El Diablo. As arranged by Roger Dotson, the restaurant seated us all at a long table outside under radiant heat for some of us and served up some excellent food and drink.

Sunday morning there were leisurely breakfasts at the motel restaurant or caffeine fixes at a good coffee house at the bottom of the hill, and groups formed up to visit a nearby art gallery and/or to head out from Torrey to see the sights. The 100-4, T-Series, and XJS headed south on Highway 12. The Jaguar and MGs headed south beyond Boulder, where the Hermances, Rachel Dionne, Mike Whipple and Barry Engstrum plus Rookie hiked into Calf Creek Falls, which was a round trip of six-plus miles in soft sand and beautiful sandstone canyons. The spectacular waterfall at the end of the end of the canyon was well worth the effort. On the way back to Torrey we had an excellent dinner at the Burr Trail Grill in Boulder. That evening we congregated on a walled patio well away from the motel for socializing, some wine, and good guitar and vocals by Rachel Dionne and Mike Whipple, friends of the Hermance daughters.



On Memorial Day everyone breakfasted, packed up and headed north on their own or in small groups, some to the freeway and some to camper trailer-overloaded Highway 28 and freeway. Sharing the fun this year were Jon and Susan Hermance, Laura Hermance and Mike Whipple with Rookie, Alison Hermance and Rachel Dionne, John and Barbara Progress, Roger and Jill Davis, Kevin and Marie Cowan, John and Joanne Cowan Turnbull, Larry and Margaret Farrington, Gary and Sandy Lindstrom with Margaux, Rob and Nan Green, Pugs and Diane Pivirotto,

Barry Engstrum, Roger Dotson, and Don and Julie McEligot.

Jon Hermance

Print copies the BFD flyer on the next page and feel free to distribute the flyers where you think interested people would see them.

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**Remember BFD is rapidly approaching—Saturday June 19th
At beautiful, shady, grassy, Liberty Park in SLC.**

LETTERS to the EDITOR: Please feel free to email letters to me with ideas, suggestions, complaints, wishes and/or dreams. Let me know what would make the newsletter better and more useful.

It would be great if BMCU members would write articles for inclusion in the monthly newsletter. Send articles about your restorations or repairs; sports car drives you've taken; LBC events with other clubs, book reviews, etc. Include photos if you can. You can email me at : rfoye@wwdb.org

I want to thank those who have written up club runs and other articles already and gotten them on our website. This allows me to cut and paste information and make the newsletter look good and reach a wider audience.



Scottish Festival and Highland Games at Thanksgiving Point

The Utah weather has been cool and wet; worthy of Scotland. The club turn out this Saturday for the Highland Games was understandably light—me and my 94 Jag XJS. Parked on a grassy hill between pine trees was a great setting. The Wicked Tinkers entertained along with lots of bagpipers and dancers.

The highland games (throwing heavy things vertically, horizontally and end-over-end) were great to watch. I had left my kilt at home so I decided not to toss the caber or other tree trunk like objects.

There was plenty of good food. Rob Foye



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Lucas Calendar

June 19: British Field Day – Bill Davis (gbrovers@aol.com)

July 17: Trappers Loop – Clayton Merchant
(stonestaff@mindspring.com)

July 25: Run to Tabiona and Wolf Creek – Larry Farrington
(larry.farrington@octanner.com)

Aug 21: Alpine Loop — TBD

Sept 6: Miners Day in Park City – Floyd Inman (floyd_inman@msn.com)

Sept 12: City Creek Canyon Picnic, SLC, UT — Marty Van Nood
(vannood@intergate.com)

Sept 25: 2nd Annual GBR Swap Meet & Street Picnic, Great Basin Rovers, SLC, UT — Bill Davis (gbrovers@aol.com)

October 2 (9 as rain date): Fall Color Tour — TBD

Nov 6: End of Season Dinner — Larry Farrington and Paul Jaroch
(larry.farrington@octanner.com)

Nov 13 Tech Session — Kevin Cowan (kandmcowan@earthlink.net)
Kindig It Design, SLC, UT.

Jan 22, 2011: Tech Session @ Meadowbrook Restorations, Kaysville, UT
— John Prograss (johnprograss@comcast.net)

Feb 26 2011: BMCU Annual Meeting, St. Paul's Church, SLC, UT —
Duff Lawson (duff_lawson@msn.com)

The **British Motor Club of Utah** welcomes anyone who owns or is a fan of classic British cars and trucks. Membership is free. If you are not a member and would like to join, go to our Contact page and let us know!

<http://britishmotorclub.org>

If you would like to attend any of our events, you must adhere to the following rules:

1. Show Up!
2. Have fun!

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