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JUNE – START OF SUMMER !

ECONOMY RUN AND BRITISH FIELD DAY

Economy Run—June 9

This year's Economy Run will be held on June 9th and we will begin at 9:30 AM with a meet-and-greet, a drivers meeting at 10:00 AM, and the first car away at about 10:15. The start location will be at the Pilot Travel Center/ Flying J truck stop located at 21st south and 9th west in SLC.

Make sure you are on 21st south and not SR 201 or you will drive right by the location! This will also be the finish location but you will not know the route until you arrive for the event. It's a secret!

You will need a working odometer (or GPS), I know that's asking a lot for an old British sports car. Also plan to bring a navigator and a credit card or cash, so you can top off your tank twice. After fueling up we will then put a security seal on your gas tank (so there will be no tampering with your fuel supply), write down your current mileage, give you the route itinerary and then you are on your way.

Duff

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British Field Day

will be held at Liberty Park on [Saturday June 16](#). All British cars and bikes in any condition from 100-point restorations to works in progress or a daily beater are welcome. All the British car/bike clubs are invited to participate. Call your fellow club members and get them to the event!

There will be a road course set up on a closed access road inside the park. It promises to be as noisy and challenging as in previous years!

Liberty Park is located between 500 East & 700 East and 900 South & 1300 South. 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.

The non-profit Salt Lake Community Network (SLCN) will be providing volunteers to assist with the event.

The CHOW truck will have their great food at the event.

Registration starts at 8am (Sat June 16). We hope to have most bikes and cars in place by 9am and we encourage folks displaying vehicles to try to stay until 3pm, but if you can only make it for a couple of hours, that is fine too!

The registration fee is \$10 per bike or car. If you bring more than two – the additional vehicles are free. A \$5 donation is requested per adult admission. Kids 12 and under are free.

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.

For more information, please email

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What's all that Commotion and 30 Wt Aromatherapy at British Field Day?

In addition to the cars and motorcycles you see and the interesting people you meet at **BFD**, there's some great fun driving. Jon Hermance sets up a tight, fun course. There's no **official** competition – run the course as fast or slow as you want and as often as you want. We will record your time if you'd like... Even passengers have fun.

Everyone is encouraged to participate (motorcycles too).

Flex those springs and have some fun!



The last page of this newsletter is a poster for this year's BFD. Please feel free to print out copies and post in your favorite businesses or other establishments.



Thank you Dr. Hoopes for the opportunity to see (and drive) the first Triumph TR !
He loves his British cars and it shows.



Dr. Phillip Hoopes,
of Hoopes Vision,
on the speaker phone
connected with
Joe Richards
the restorer.

Phil Hoopes, TS1 LO
and some of the BMCU
folks in attendance.



1954 MG TF



1959 Triumph
TR 3A



BMCU added some
vehicles as well -
1949 MG TC



1953 TS1 LO



1962 Triumph
TR 3A



Kevin and Rich
head out for a
drive in TS1.



1965 AH
3000 MKII BJ8

1962 Austin Healey
3000 MKII BJ8



1960 MGA



South group met
at the Capitol
for an early start



Rendezvous at Kaysville



Reassembly along the
Syracuse causeway -
lots of bikes.



Motoring into
Garr Ranch



Time to eat



Thanks to
Kimberly Owens
for organizing and leading
the Antelope Island Run
again this year.



Garr Ranch picnic -
beautiful weather
and no bugs



See more photos (check out the owls) and a write up on the BMCU website:
www.bmcutah.org

Hot off the press...**“Moab trip a (occasionally blustery) good time...”**

Go to the BMCU website and read Roger Davis' great write up of the trip—you'll enjoy it. There's also a full supply of photos as well. Sorry no pictures of “Ferdinand the Bull.”

<http://www.bmcutah.org/2012/05/moab-trip-a-occasionally-blustery-good-time/>

Economy Run—June 9**Continued from Page 1.**

The whole point of this of course is to get out in our LBC's and have some fun, but don't forget that with the price of gas the way it is right now, there may be some helpful hints here that will help you in your day to day commute and keep your gas bill just a little bit lower.

Economy Runs actually have a very long history, with the first one being held in 1936 and continuing every year (except WWII) until 1968. The Mobile Oil Corporation sponsored the event and the United States Auto Club sanctioned and operated the event. Events were also held in the UK.

See you there! Duff

About.com has the following suggestions:

Improving your car's gas mileage can help save at the pump. Learn how you can help increase gas mileage with these tips.

1. Slow down

Speeds over 40 miles per hour (mph) creates incredible wind resistance that your car must overcome. This increased resistance causes your car to burn more fuel. Traveling at 55 mph give you up to 21% better mileage when compared speed limits of 65 mph and 70 mph.

2. Shift gears

Running your automobile at high speeds in low gear can use 45% more fuel than if you were in the right gear.

3. Keep windows closed on the highway

The increased drag caused by open windows can reduce gas mileage up to 10%.

4. Drive proactively

Slowing down and speeding up wastes fuel. Also, accelerate before approaching a hill rather than when you are climbing it. Your engine is forced to work harder on an incline, thus reducing gas mileage.

5. Avoid rough roads

Dirt and gravel roads can reduce gas mileage up to 30%.

6. Keep your car in good working order

Make sure tune ups and oil changes are up to date. Also, make sure your tires are properly inflated. A well-kept car requires less stress on the engine and increases gas mileage.

7. Remove excess weight

All of the junk that some people accumulate in their cars can start to add up. Trunks filled completely and other excess weight causes the engine to work harder. Whenever the engine needs to work more, fuel efficiency decreases.

8. Don't idle for excessive periods of time

Idling for one minute equals the amount of gas used to start the car's engine. If you are forced to sit at an idle, put the car in neutral. Using neutral reduces strain on the transmission and allows it to cool.

9. Don't warm up your car

Older cars required time to let the engine start working. Newer cars are designed to start cold.

10. Accelerate slowly

Taking off to a fast start burns fuel unnecessarily. This is equal to revving the engine.

Other news possibly of interest to British motor car owners...

Bruce Oblad (2006 Lotus Elise 2005 Jag XJ VDP) organizes the *Eaglewood Festival of Speed* for North Salt Lake City. This year it will be held on the evening of July 2nd, between 7 and 9 pm. It's an informal gathering of owners and admirers of all kinds of vehicles (including LBCs). There is no charge to attend or exhibit. This year the vehicles will be displayed on the grass along the 10th hole of the Eaglewood Golf Course in North Salt Lake City. Bruce has arranged for a helicopter to fly in during the show and for a demonstration of trials motorcycle riding as well. Variety, fun, and an opportunity to get to know interesting people are the object and intent of the festival. Exhibitors are requested to show up by 6:30 pm.

You can see pictures of the event last year at:

[http://www.facebook.com/photo.php?](http://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=245698855456295&set=a.245694958790018.80040.245680312124816&type=3&theater)

[fbid=245698855456295&set=a.245694958790018.80040.245680312124816&type=3&theater](http://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=245698855456295&set=a.245694958790018.80040.245680312124816&type=3&theater)

This is not an official BMCU event.

Carol Shelby (1923-2012) developer of the famous and universally desired **AC Cobra**, died May 10. His long, multifaceted career began in 1952 with his first race which he won in a borrowed **MG TC**. In 1953 with **Jags** and Allards he won 9 of 9. He is most famous for combining a small block Ford V8 with the **British-made AC Ace**. First seen in 1962 the Cobra was an immediate hit. In 1965 Cobras became the first American-conceived cars to win the international manufactures' championship for Grand Touring cars (beating Ferrari). "The Cobra was the most archaic chassis, probably, with its two buggy springs and a pushrod engine, to ever go over there and win a world championship."

<http://www.autoweek.com/article/20120511/CARNEWS/120519987#ixzz1uo9CgCLu>

**British
Field
Day
Coming
June 16th**

**To Liberty Park
In Salt Lake
City**



Historical photo of
Police Constable Wood,
Lancashire, UK, and a
Triumph 1800 patrol car
purchased in 1947.
The 1800 clocked over 100,000
miles of police service before
being sold in the 1950's.

Did prisoners ride in the dickey seat?

Many Thanks

Officer Troy Marx
with the Utah Highway
Patrol will be at
British Field Day
again this year to answer
questions about being
legal on the street with
our BCs.

Bring your questions.

Paul Jaroch was good
enough to invite Officer
Troy.

Thanks to both!

Lucas Calendar

May 5, 2012: Visit Dr. Hoopes' TS1LO, the first Triumph sports car.

May 19, 2012: Annual Antelope Island Run

May 26—27, 2012: Annual Memorial Day Drive, Moab, UT

June 9, 2012: Economy Run, Salt Lake City

June 16, 2012: British Field Day, Liberty Park, Salt Lake City

July 15, 2012: Trappers Loop Run, UT

July 28, 2012: Twice over the Oquirrh, Tooele, UT

August 2012: Utah Concours TBA

September 3, 2012: Miners' Day Parade, Park City, UT

October 7 (14th rain date): Mirror Lake Run, UT

November 10, 2012: End of Season Dinner, Bohemian Restaurant

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!

www.bmcutah.org

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

1. Show Up!
2. Have fun!

Please send ideas, suggestions, comments, articles, and/or photos for the BMCU Newsletter to robbfoye@gmail.com

British Motor Club of Utah

Salt Lake City, Utah

We've got a new website address:

www.bmcutah.org

There are numerous unimportant technical reasons for the change, but this will give us a nice, simple address we all can remember.

Drew Frink
BMCU webguy

British Field Day Registration Form

British Field Day is Saturday, June 16th at Liberty Park
<britishfieldday.com>

Volunteers are requested to help set up on Friday, June 15th at 6:00PM.

If you can help, please bring a hammer, stapler, gloves, etc.

Registration is from 8:00AM to 9:00AM Saturday Morning

Registration is \$10.00/car or bike.

The maximum registration fee is \$20.00/ registrant regardless of the number of cars or bikes they bring.

Please bring as many cars and bikes as possible.

The car show and activities will run from 9:00AM to 3:00PM. As usual, there will be an autocross set up to test your driving prowess.

Owner_____

Email(voluntary)_____

Club Affiliation_____

Make of car/bike(s)_____

Year(s)_____

Please make checks payable to British Field Day 2012 or (BFD 2012). Bringing this form filled out and your remittance to Registration the morning of the show will save some time getting on the field.

a gathering of Utah's British Car and Motorcycle Clubs and British vehicle owners of all types



There's plenty to **SEE**, people to **MEET**, and things to **DO** ...
...at beautiful, shady Liberty Park on **British Field Day**.



Good food!

21st Annual BRITISH FIELD DAY



\$5 PER PERSON
SPECTATOR
DONATION
KIDS ARE FREE

\$10 ENTRY
PER CAR OR BIKE

<http://www.britishfieldday.com>