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SEPTEMBER—SUMMER TURNS TO FALL. MINERS' DAY PARADE IN PARK CITY MONDAY, SEPT 3, 2012 (LABOR DAY) IT'S ALL DOWN HILL ...

Miners' Day Parade

Mark September 3 on your calendar for our annual drive to Park City and the coast down Main Street.

Talking with Kathy, we were discussing the activities held at the Park each year. If you have never seen the "Drilling and Mucking Contest" you really should. We all know what miners are doing while "drilling", but what are they doing during "mucking"?



Top of Main St.

Please be in line at the top of Main Street by 10 AM

7:00 AM – Miner's Day Breakfast in the Park

8:00 AM – Funky 5k run

10:45 am – World Famous Running of the Balls

11:00 AM – Miner's Day Parade

11:45-12:30 – Music in the Park

12:00-3:00 – BBQ Lunch in the Park – or bring your own

12:30-1:00 – Kids Races

1:00-2:00 – Music in the Park

2:00-2:45 – Drilling and Mucking
(Your chance to find out)

2:45-5:00 – Music in the Park

Come up to cool Park City.

We will once again have our very own parking at the Park after the parade!

Floyd Inman, aka Mr. MDP



Happy 50th Anniversary
to and from
MGB owners and lovers



Over the Oquirrh Run August 4, 2012

A dozen brave members driving ten various British marques (ok, one was a wanna be Japanese car, the rare, Pre-beam) assembled Saturday morning to set out like our pioneer forefathers, to break trail where the BMCU had not traveled/toured before. The run south on Redwood Rd from our gathering place on 10800 South to Saratoga Springs, was a nice warm up for the cars and drivers. We descended on the Chevron like a small flock of crickets, filling gas tanks and purchasing drinks and food for the road/ordeal ahead.

Rich led us west over Five Mile Pass bypassing Ophir Day and continuing onto a back road into Grantsville that had more than its share of whop-de-does and bumps. We only had to turn around twice to find the correct road! Once in Grantsville, the group stopped at the local shopping mall, purchased more food, (this is a hungry herd) and ventured out to the Utah Sea Base where we consumed the aforementioned grub while being graciously entertained by the gentleman who runs the place (sorry I didn't get his name). He personally gave us a tour of the facility, fed the fish so we could see them, and generally was the perfect host.

Then we had to say adios to a couple of our group who were

unable to continue due to time restraints. We left the Sea Base a small but a sturdy group, the "magnificent seven". We cruised even further west and then turned south into the ominous sounding, Skull Valley. The road went straight for as far as you could see and then went even further! Past Iosepa, past The Ensign Ranches, past the Skull Valley Wildlands Fire Base, and still the road kept going straight. Just about the time we thought we were going to see the skyline of Las Vegas, we found we were at the Dugway Proving Grounds crossroads. We stopped there to catch our breath and to try to cool off bodies and vehicles. Jill and I were happy to get out of the Pre-beam to warm up. The air conditioner was keeping us pretty chilly!

We had a general conference/discussion regarding the remainder of our route. Gary even offered to buy drinks at the Elks Club in Eureka if we went that way! It was an exceptional offer (thanks Gary), but everyone was beginning to feel like they had had enough of the clear, sunny skies and 90+ degree heat for one day. The consensus was that we would head back toward Tooele, driving the fantastic twisty road over Johnson

Pass and then either head north to Tooele or split off and go back around the south end of the Oquirrh Mountains.

All the time during our stop it felt like we were being watched. Since strange things have happened in Skull Valley near the Dugway Proving Grounds, we quickly mounted our trusty LBC's and headed back towards civilization with a much greater appreciation for our pioneer ancestors.

It was a long, hot, but enjoyable tour. The total distance, even not going through Eureka, was in the mid 230 +/- mile range. No one had any mechanical problems that caused any delays and I believe everyone had a good time. We learned the value of water in the desert and how hardy those that came before us were.

Attending: Rich Weyland TR 250, John Prograss Austin Healey 3000, Kevin Cowan Austin Healey 100M, Marie Cowan MGB, Darin Graber Victor MGTF, Kent & Kathy Jensen TR 250, Gary Lindstrom TR3, Wes Himle MGA, Roger & Jill Davis Pre-Beam, Herb Flower Lotus Super 7

Roger Davis

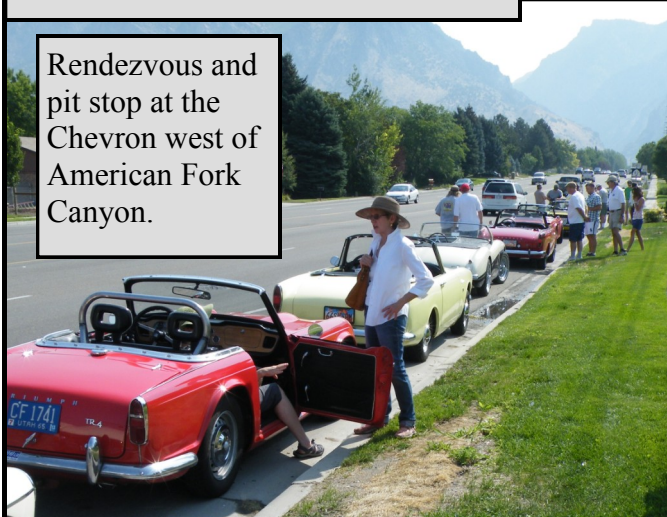
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For more photos go to
<http://www.bmcutah.org/2012/08/oquirrh-tour/>

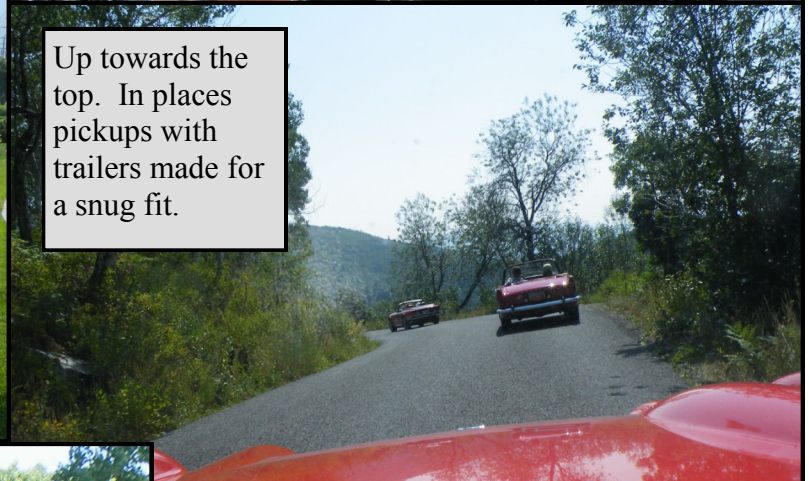


Jon Hermance stepped up to lead the Alpine Loop Run that began at the South Town Mall with a 10 am departure (freeway-free route around point of the mountain).

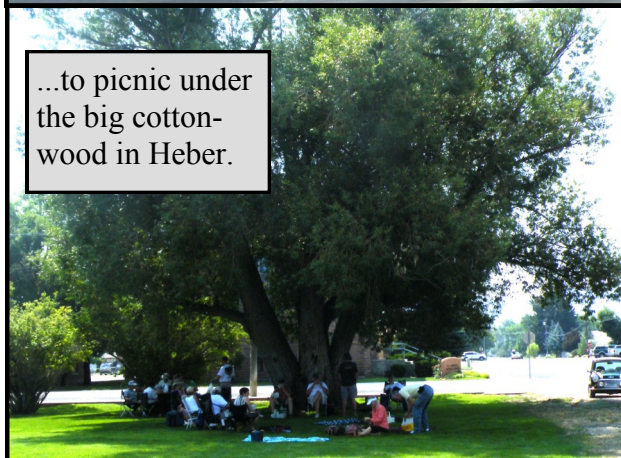


Rendezvous and pit stop at the Chevron west of American Fork Canyon.

Up towards the top. In places pickups with trailers made for a snug fit.



American Fork Canyon



No photo is available of Jill Davis' home-baked granola "brownies" that she distributed among the crowd. They were gone before a photo could be taken. —ed.



Alpine Loop Run
BMCU
August 18, 2012

Check out the write up and great photos on the BMCU website.
<http://www.bmcutah.org/2012/08/alpine-loop-run/>



Paved road towards PC and Guardsman Pass.



After eating and socializing in Heber, BMCU'ers departed in various directions for home. One small group (MGTC, TR4 and MGTF), still led by Jon H., decided to go from Heber, over towards Park City, over Guardsman Pass to Big Cottonwood Canyon and down to the SLC valley. A great drive avoiding I-80. The gravel portion of Guardsman Pass was well graded, packed and is treated to control any dust. There was one short rough section temporarily under construction near the top of the pass.

There was an accident in BCC that stopped traffic but we were on the downhill, so with engines off, we coasted down just like the Miners' Day Parade.

Did you know the Miners' Day Parade is September 3rd?



Big Cottonwood Canyon has long been a popular drive.

I think I've seen this car in Heber...



MGB 50th Birthday Party

Blenheim Palace – 23rd September 2012

2012 promises to be a busy year for MG owners, particularly as the two leading Clubs, the MG Car Club and the MG Owners' Club are joining forces to stage a huge charity event in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support at Blenheim Palace in Oxfordshire celebrating 50 years of the legendary MGB. The two Clubs will be organising a number of events throughout 2012 in recognition of this significant anniversary which will be of particular interest to the MGB owner, but all MG enthusiasts are equally welcome at all of the events. Full details of the main Blenheim Birthday Party and other associated events are available on the dedicated website www.mgb50.com

Our exciting provisional programme includes a host of different activities which you can get involved in or you can simply soak up the atmosphere at this prestigious venue which the Abingdon factory used on many occasions for their press and brochure photo shoots.

There will be an interesting time-line display of MGBs covering all models and associated variants throughout the 18 year production span, along with famous cars from the Abingdon Competitions Department. We will also have authoritative commentary on all these cars throughout the day along with interviews of MG celebrities and some well known Abingdon factory employees.

Our main supporting sponsors will have displays portraying their involvement in the MG world and their particular connection with the MGB. There will also be a small trader's area attended by other key MG specialists and insurers. Every MG will be photographed on arrival and owners will be able to purchase a souvenir picture of their MG in the stunning setting of Blenheim Palace. A self judging Concours/Pride of Ownership competition is on offer, along with informative technical Q & A sessions hosted by MGOCs technical guru Roger Parker and other leading experts.

Weather permitting, we will have tethered MG balloon rides which will afford amazing views of the estate and Palace or alternatively you can visit the Palace on foot to discover its' secrets, with discounted entry of £8 per visitor on production of your Club membership card. Rocker box racing, sales of commemorative merchandise, a celebratory 50th birthday cake cutting and MGCC and MGOC marquees complete the line up.

Pre book your tickets now securely on-line at www.mgb50.com or complete the booking form overleaf.
 Price for a car and two occupants advance ticket **£22.00** On the day entry **£27.00**
 Discounted entry to the Palace per person ONLY available on the day **£8.00**

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Triumphest 2012 will be held in beautiful, high, dry Flagstaff, AZ this Sept, 27-30.

Events will include autocross, funkhana, tech sessions, funcours, rally, scenic drives, car wash, vendor exhibits, hospitality, food, DJ, happy hour, awards, photos, models, crafts, and walking rally.

Contact Bob Jahnke for those heading out from UT: bobjahnke@aol.com

Visit their website for additional information: www.triumphest.com



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

August 4, 2012: Twice over the Oquirrh, Tooele, UT

August 18, 2012: Alpine Loop,

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

[Triumphest 2012 September 27-30 in Flagstaff, AZ](#) (not a BMCU event)

[AH Streamliner 200 mph attempts, Sept 8-11 Salt Flats](#) (not a BMCU event)

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://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

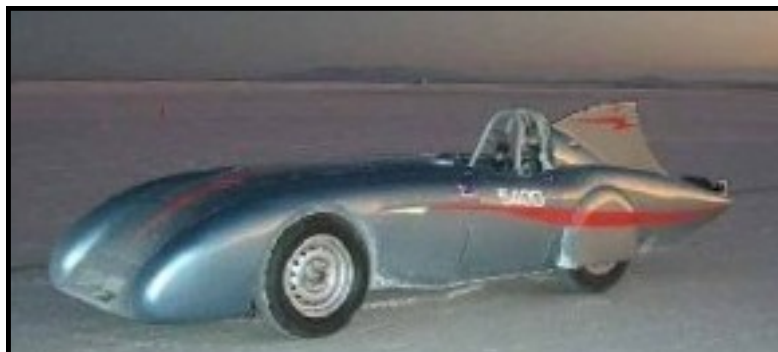
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Salt Lake City, Utah

Aussie Steve Pike and his driver son, David, are bringing back the re-creation of the '54 streamliner with the desire to exceed 200 MPH on the Bonneville Salt Flats. Steve has the goal to prove that DMH was right, and the Austin Healey would exceed 200 MPH.

200 MPH

Steve is expected in Wendover on Sept. 6th, Tech and pit set up on the 7th. Go for 200 MPH on the 8th, 9th 10th and 11th, 2012.



The Healey Streamliner Returns to Bonneville... **AGAIN**

From www.ntahc.org/upcomingevents/UpComingEvents.htm