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Pot-Luck Feb 4 @ 6pm

Cold weather have you down? Then come to the BMCU Potluck Dinner & Planning Meeting. It will be warm with all the HOT AIR that's there! You only have to wait until Saturday, Feb 4th, at 6pm. Then come to the South Valley Unitarian Universalist Society church, located in Cottonwood Heights, at 6876 S. Highland Dr.

This is where we've held our Potluck Dinner the past two years. You'll be pleased to see that the room has been remodeled and the restrooms refurbished as well.

Remember, the parking is paved and you won't have to shovel the snow! Bring a dish to pass (place on our serving tables) and enjoy seeing your LBC friends and tasting a veritable cornucopia of food. Let's see if we can top last year's culinary presentation that you provided while we plan our schedule for the 2017 season.

ATTENTION!!! There have already been some awesome suggestions for this year's events and this is your opportunity to learn about them, modify them, and suggest other things to do. Remember, this will be a great warm up for the Super Bowl that comes the next day.

So, gas up your daily driver if the weather is not conducive to LBCs, and **BE THERE** to find out what's in store for 2017.

-Roger Davis

We need your help. Volunteer to lead one of our runs!

Sunbeam casts light beams

Do you drive your Britmobile at night, early morning or dusk? If not, would you if your headlights were more effective in illuminating the road? I know I would/will. The original equipment headlights that come on our British cars are marginal, when even giving them the benefit of the doubt. This has always bothered me. Can I see danger ahead like pot holes, animals, kids in the street? Can others see me with my barely bright headlights?

In the past, I wondered about the tail lights and being seen. Some research of tail lights, turned up what I have now; bright, easily seen running lights and CAN'T MISS 'EM brake lights and turn signals. If you have driven behind my yellow Sunbeam Alpine, then you know what I'm talking about.



Now, the marginal head light situation is also cured. I have replaced my OEM headlights with LED headlights. Did it make a difference?

WOW!!! Did it ever! Look at the pictures that accompany this article and see for yourself. The photos have not been retouched in any way, except for cropping. The LEDs are over FOUR TIMES brighter! In fact, the sealed beams only put out 1100 lumens compared to the LEDs output of 4800 lumens! The life expectancy of the LED is also 30,000 hours. That's nearly 3.4 years if you have the lights on constantly!

So, you probably won't have to change them, or at least not very often. Even in daylight, on a two lane highway like we



like to drive, I will be seen!

My LED headlight kit consisted of the following: a pair of 7" glass "bulbs" that closely resemble the original look of the sealed beams and a pair of H4 LED ele-



Rob (Vanna) Norcross

ments. The LEDs that are provided use the latest CREE XHP-50 chips (read, BRIGHT!). All I had to do was simply remove the original sealed beams, plug the H4 pigtail into the vehicle wiring harness and reinstall. The entire procedure took about 15 minutes and required no modifications to my vehicle! Plug and play. Note: It is recommended that you realign your headlights after installation.

There is a cure for the romantic, candlelight glow of incandescent sealed beam headlights.

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Here is some more technical info. On low beams, they only draw 3.2 amps for both, compared to 8.4 amps for the sealed beams. This takes quite a load off the Lucas electrical system. They also run MUCH cooler and incorporate a novel braided heat sink. Other types use aluminum heat sinks and cooling fans which are prone to failure and present installation problems.



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I do not receive any kick back from this. Just want everyone to be as safe as possible. If you'd like to see my installation, I'll have the Alpine at our St Patrick's Day celebration in March. If you'd like to see the headlights and/or tail lights before then, contact me and we'll see what we can do. Good 'ol Yellow is stored away for the Winter, but...

-Roger Davis
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I purchased my headlight kit from Veloce Solutions in Maryland. Web address: www.velocesolutions.com

The kit is \$150 plus shipping. If you have 7" headlights and would like to purchase a kit for your vehicle, contact Joe Parlanti, 16048 Copen Meadow Dr., North Potomac, MD 20878 Cell # 410-599-



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In Memoriam

Lt. Col. Warren William Wendt

Co-Founder - GoF West

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Jon Hermance wanted to let people know that all types and ages of MGs are welcome. BMCUsers traveling in convoy to and from GOFs have historically had very good times. People planning to attend may want to allow about 2 and a half days to travel from SLC to Santa Maria. Team Hermance will not be going to GOF this year due to other commitments.

Lucas Calendar 2017

Feb 4: Planning Dinner, 6876 S. Highland Dr., Cottonwood Heights; 6pm

Mar: St. Paddy's

Mar:

Apr:

May:

May: Memorial Weekend Tour

Jun: British Field Day Liberty Park SLC

Jul:

Jul: Festival of Speed Car Show

Aug:

Sep :

Sep:

Oct:

Nov: End of Season Dinner

Don't forget impromptu events too.



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 the editor: robbfoye@gmail.com

British Motor Club of Utah

Have you found something that improves the

- performance,
- safety or
- reliability of your LBC?

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Perhaps bringing it into the 21st century?

We'd love to hear about it. Please share what you've learned. Send pictures and/or an article for the newsletter.