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BRITISH FIELD DAY Saturday June 21

British Field Day 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! This is the best car & bike event in the state - bar none. We have never been just a static display of vehicles although there are plenty of stunning vehicles displayed. What makes this event unique is the additional sensory inputs - you hear tires screeching and engines revving. You smell tires burning, high octane exhaust and new for this year - Fish & Chips cooking in the background!

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 Salt Lake Arts Academy and the Liberty Wells Community Council will be providing volunteers to assist with the event so the organizers can have more time for some fun too! The Salt Lake Arts Academy is a local charter school, grades 5 thru 8 located close to Liberty Park. Part of their mission in addition to a great education is to provide a multi-faceted arts education. Most of the volunteers are 8th graders. The funds we

donate to them pays for the charter buses that transport them to a week-long Teton Science School in Jackson Hole. Additional volunteers are from the Liberty Wells Community Council. This is the neighborhood council in which Liberty Park is located.

There is something new this year in the food department that will enhance the Englishness of our event. Volunteers from the Liberty Wells CC will be serving a full English breakfast and Fish & Chips for lunch! All cooked on site and fresh as can be. To ensure that you can partake in these delicacies, we are asking folks to RSVP for either or both to BFDinfo@gmail.com. This way we will know how many meals to prepare. There will be a little extra food but not much so you won't want to miss out on this culinary treat!

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. You will see the event on the left.

Please help to continue to make this the "BEST CAR & BIKE FESTIVAL IN UTAH" 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 are late and 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 and under are free.

Bill Davis

Check out the BFD website at: www.britishfieldday.com

British Field Day is Saturday, June 21st at Liberty Park
britishfieldday.com

Volunteers are requested to help set up on Friday, June 20th 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 he or she may 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 * _____

Club Affiliation _____

Make of car/bike(s) _____

Year(s) _____

Please make checks payable to British Field Day 2014 or (BFD 2014).

Bringing this form filled out and your remittance to Registration the morning of the show—it will save some time getting on the field.

* Email addresses will not be shared with any outside party and are collected solely for future communication about British Field Day Events.



LIBERTY PARK

SATURDAY

JUNE 21, 2014

9AM – 3PM

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FIELD DAY

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BUT IT'S GREAT TO WATCH THEM

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BEAUTIFUL, SHADY
LIBERTY PARK

**BRITISH CAR
AND MOTORCYCLE
SHOW AND RALLYE**

LOTS FOR EVERYONE
AT LIBERTY PARK!

COURSE

GOOD FOOD!

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There is no question about it. To go on a BMCU Memorial Day Tour takes commitment. On Saturday, one of the largest group of members to ever undertake a Tour, met in the rain, to head towards Bryce Canyon NP, with hopes of sunshine foremost on their minds. The rain must have given our LBC's a feeling of the comfort of home, as not one of the vehicles had any major problems for the weekend. Sure, there was a tweak here and an alternator gone bad there, but everyone had an incredible journey of close to 800 miles in three days of awesome roads and out of this world scenery.

Surviving rain and a quick hail storm in aptly named Sevier Canyon, we arrived at Ruby's Inn, ready for all the adventure that Bryce Canyon could give us. Check in was a breeze and after dinner, quite a few of us headed into the Park to watch the sunset. Side note: If you qualify for a National Park Lifetime Senior Pass, you should have one. Watching the colors change as the sun sets is definitely a bucket list item. As darkness approached, we made plans to meet for the next morning's sunrise. On the way home, I believe there were nearly as many Pronghorns and Deer as there were Park visitors!

Our sunrise meeting time of 5:30am came awfully early and only a small handful of us made our way to Inspiration Point to wait for the sun. It was cold. It was windy. It was basically a real test of our fortitude and patience. The sun came up. Lots of pictures were taken of the canyon rock being illuminated as if from within. Then it was back to the hotel, get cleaned up and head for the Bryce Canyon Lodge for breakfast. Thanks Green's for that recommendation!

We decided to head up to the end of the canyon, after an excellent breakfast in the old lodge. As we climbed in elevation to the top parking lot and viewpoint, the temperature continued to drop. It was certainly cooler at 9000' than it was back at the hotel. We then worked our way down the canyon, stopping at several favorite turnouts. The other tourists were always very curious about our cars and had stories about them. The most asked question was, "Are you all traveling together?" Duh!!!

Sunday was beautiful day and we split up to do various activities: other scenic drives, hiking down into Bryce Canyon, horseback rides into the canyon, shopping, etc.

Several of us had dinner reservations arranged by Jim Stover, at the Hell's Backbone Grill in Boulder, UT. There are several things to know about the Grill. Foremost is that it is a world renown restaurant. Visitors from all over the world come to eat there and to even get reservations on a HUGE holiday is nearly impossible. A hungry group of 14 BMCU-ers had incredible meals. Words cannot begin to describe just how awesome the dinner and dessert was. Good job, Jim!

The Hell's Backbone Grill is not really "near" Bryce, but "near" is a relative term. The good thing is that there is an

amazing road that takes you the approximately 80 miles. That may sound like a long way to travel, but once you've traveled this road, you'll want to do it again and again. The road winds the whole way and the scenery is jaw dropping. In fact, there is a section of the road that gives it its name, Hell's Backbone. The road traverses the top of a hill. There are no shoulders. There is no guard rail to protect you from the 500'+ drop on either side!!! People have been known to stop at one of the few turnouts and call for someone to come and get them because they are so frightened of the height.

But, in a Little British Sports Car, this road is like Filet Mignon! It is a test of concentration and, all right, a bit of courage and perhaps a pinch of stupidity, to drive this road a wee bit faster than perhaps is prudent. I by no means suggest you should do this! It is a narrow, winding road with steep cliff drop offs.

The trip back to the hotel after dinner was the icing on the cake. A rainbow came out and went along side us a good portion of the way. And the light on the landscape was magnificent! Jim, your timing of dinner and the drive home was perfect!

The traditional "sing along" by Mike has now expanded; another banjo, and two more guitars. The guys made a quartet that would challenge any one. Good job, Mike, Drew, Robert, and "the Brit." (Jim I think)

Monday morning people organized their various routes depending on when they needed/wanted to be home. As it turned out, 17 members, individually, decided to go to the small Cafe just west of the Bryce intersection for breakfast! Basically, we took over the place. I believe there was one other couple there that was not from the BMCU! Let me tell you about the pancakes this place makes. You only receive two of them, but they are about 3/4 - 1" thick and about twelve inches in diameter!!! And GOOD! We will be back to that one for sure.

The trip home was uneventful other than the first third that was through open range. Yes, the cattle were on the road and no, they sometimes did not move. Because we took the back roads, we had little if any traffic until we reached Gunnison and then it was crowded to Nephi. Going the on the west side of Utah Lake got us back to the little or no traffic.

We can hardly wait for next year's Tour. Where to? I don't think it has been decided, yet. Have a suggestion? Let us know.

If you want some information about our Memorial Day tour, just check with one of the members wearing this year's Tour t-shirt. I'm sure that we all will be ready to answer any questions you may have on any aspect of the Tour.

Roger Davis

Rainy start



BMCU assembled at South Jordan Park on Redwood Road for an 8:30 departure.

Rain? What rain?

The route led from S. Jordan, down Redwood west of Utah Lake to Elberta, to Goshen and Goshen Canyon, Nephi and on to Salina for lunch.

Popular "Drain and Gain"

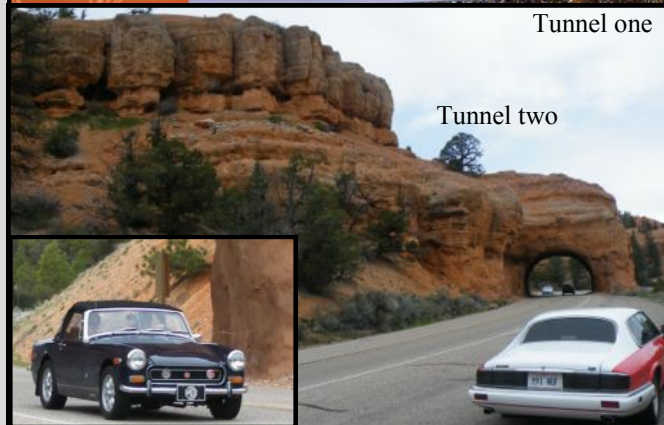


After lunch in Salina, ready to go.

Check BMCUTAH.org for more photos.



Tunnel one



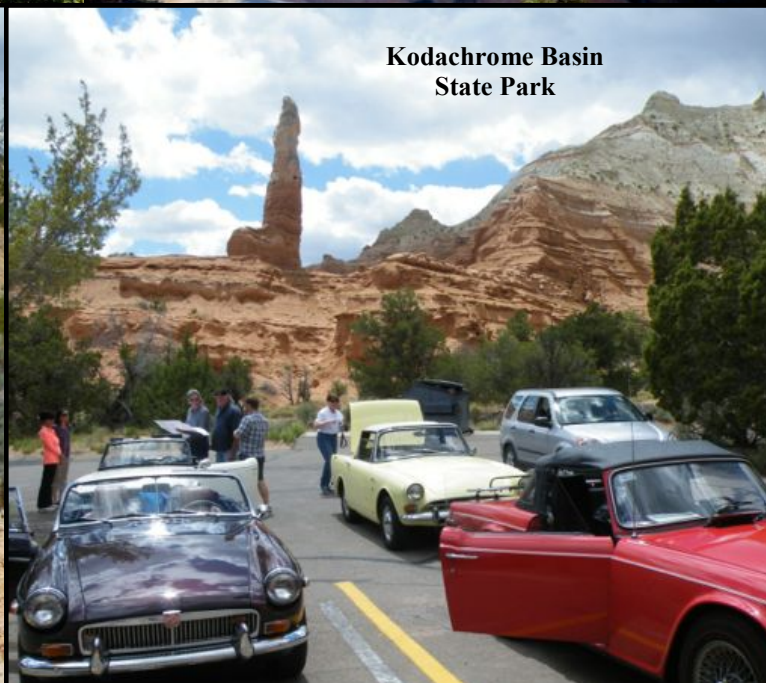
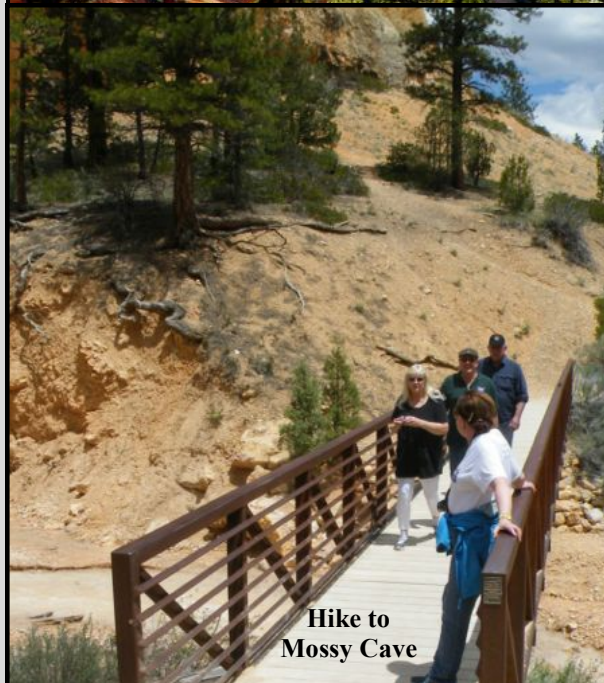
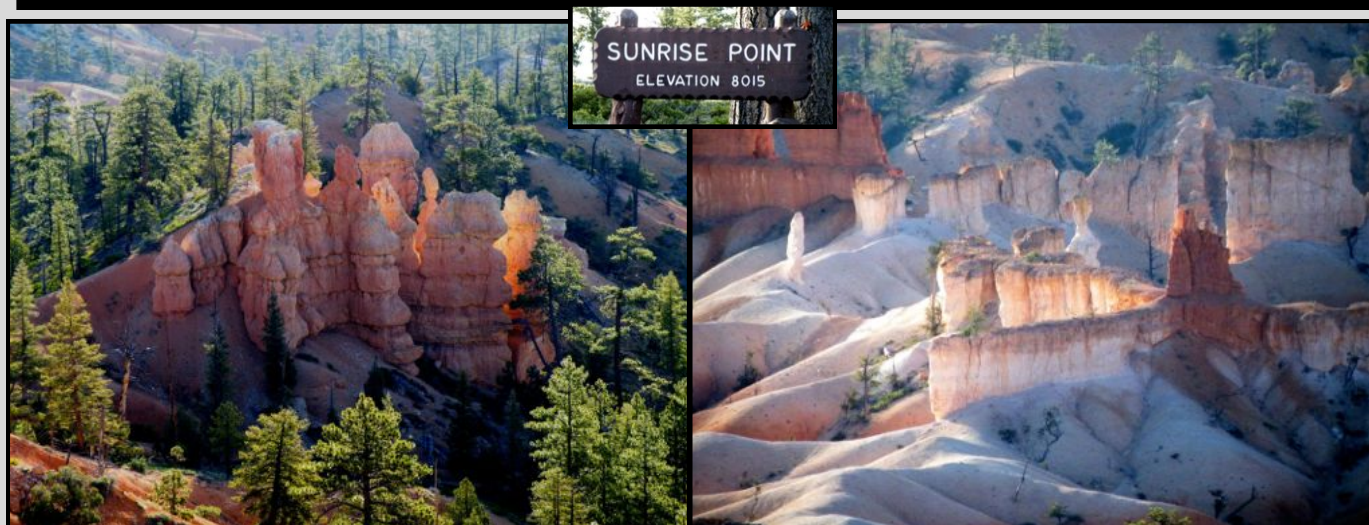
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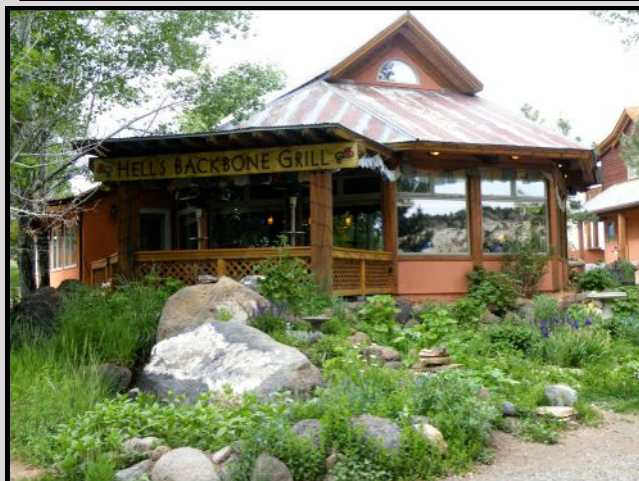
The drive (all freeway free) continued from Salina, to Richfield and on to Panguitch and from there up through beautiful Red Canyon and its tunnels. Our destination for lodging at Ruby's Inn, just outside the National Park boundry, was reached in time to enjoy a beverage before dinner.

Jim Stover passed out the trip Tee shirts to those who had ordered them.

Folks went to various locations for dinner.



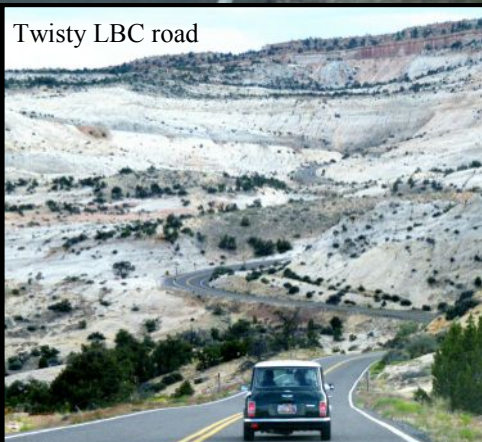
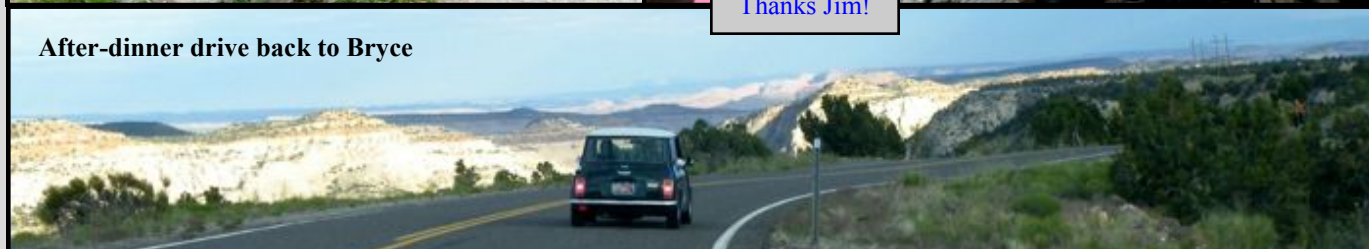
Sunday drive to Boulder, UT and dinner!



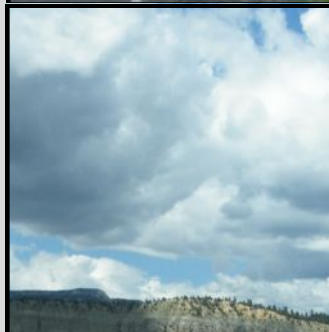
Some of the BMCU folks at the H.B.G.

Jim Stover
Organizer
Group Leader
TR6
[Thanks Jim!](#)

After-dinner drive back to Bryce



Twisty LBC road



Wrap-up of a wonderful weekend.



Fun music Sunday night
at Ruby's Inn



The BMCU departed
Monday morning in several
subgroups for the ride home
in beautiful sunny weather.



More photos on the website
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Lucas Calendar

February 7, 2014: Planning Dinner.

March 2014: MacCool's for St Paddy's on the 16th and Ashmead Collection on the 22nd.

April 12, 2014: Saturday, Once Around the Lake, Paul Jaroch

May 10, 2014: Antelope Island Run, Larry Farrington; May 24-26, Bryce Canyon Memorial Weekend, Jim Stover.

June 21, 2014: British Field Day Liberty Park SLC, Jon Hermance

July 12, 2014: Trappers Loop Run, Paul Jaroch

August 16, 2014: Alpine Loop Run, Drew Frink

September 1, 2014: Miner's Day Parade, Park City, Floyd Inman

October 5, 2014: Mt. Nebo Run, Kevin Cowen

November 8, 2014: End of Season Dinner, Larry Farrington

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

Salt Lake City, Utah

In high school I fell in love with Audrey Hepburn's neck. -ed.

