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**MacCool's 11am Sunday March 16th**  
**Saturday March 22nd Tech Day 9 am.**

The annual planning dinner last month was a success and the year's events are set.

Lots of spontaneous events can happen too.

## Calendar of Events 2014

St Paddy's at MacCool's	Sunday March 16 <sup>th</sup> Paul Jaroch
Tech Day	Sat. Mar 22 <sup>nd</sup> (29 <sup>th</sup> rain day) Rich Weyland
Once Around the Lake	Saturday April 12 <sup>th</sup> Paul Jaroch
Antelope Island	Saturday May 10 <sup>th</sup> Larry Farrington
Memorial Day Drive	Saturday May 24 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup> Jim Stover
British Field Day	Saturday June Jon Hermance
Trappers Loop	Saturday July 12 <sup>th</sup> Paul Jaroch
Alpine Loop	Saturday August 16 <sup>th</sup> Drew Frink
Miners Day Parade	Monday September 1 <sup>st</sup> Floyd Innman
October 5th Mt. Nebo	Sunday October 5 <sup>th</sup> Kevin Cowen
End of season dinner	Saturday November 8 <sup>th</sup> Larry Farrington

Hello Friends,

McCool's will be celebrating St. Patrick from this Thursday until Tuesday. Sunday March 16<sup>th</sup> is affirmative as we did last year. There are no reservations so I suggest we arrive at 11:00 am when they open and perhaps secure our "spot" on the back/right. Last year worked out perfectly.

That's Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> at 1100 hrs. south end of Foothill Village, 1400 S. Foothill Drive, down the road from the U of U and just past Sunnyside/ Emigration Canyon on Foothill. Ample parking down the ramp too.

So break out every garment silly and green. I have my little hat and I would not overlook the brunch menu. "Perfect Irish Coffee"??.. that sounds like it has *Paul* on the glass.

Not been to a BMCU event or has it been a year?.. (E. Samantha I know who you are) this is a perfect opening season event.

See you there,

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## TECH DAY

It is a unanimous vote; There will be a Tech Day on March 22, 2014\*

4325 Garden Drive SLC at Rich Weyland's place.

Coffee and goodies at 9 am until every one goes home.

Please bring anything you would like to share.

Topics being discussed are:

- Body and paint tips
- Buffing off your paint
- Replacement of seat foam TR6

Let me know if any one has anything to add.

Other attractions:

- Minnie car show for my neighborhood
- Parts swap and sale
- Goodies and BBQ (Some great sides would be great folks)
- and of course all the good ol' car stories and issues You have.

Any help or offers of discussions will be muchly appreciated.

The day is still under construction so please let me know of any thoughts you have.

\*Rain Day would be March 29

Rich Weyland  
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## A Family's Taxi Ride on a European Vacation

*Tony Kitchen, 44, a radio-systems engineer from Wiltshire, England, on his retired London taxi, as told to A.J. Baime:*

One Sunday last spring, after lunch-time beers with a friend, I got on eBay. Come Monday morning, I was the proud owner of a retired London Fairway taxi with 350,000 miles on it. It cost me about \$1500. Driving it home from London, I wondered how fast I was travelling and how much fuel I had—neither gauge worked. I also wondered: How am I going to explain this to my wife?

I hatched a plan. We'd grab the teenage kids and tour Europe for the summer holidays. I spent months fixing the taxi. We set off in the summer heat, armed with my tool kit, some oil and brake fluid and tents. We hit the Eiffel Tower (where we had \$20 cans of Coke), the Palace of Versailles (where we photographed our taxi in a lineup of French cabs) and onward to



Cannes (where we jumped in the sea). If the cab had died right there, we would have been happy with the old girl.

Between Rome and Naples, my exhaust pipe fell off. I jury-rigged it using a pizza box and black tape.

It was a wonderful month. Back in England, I was ready to scrap the taxi, but my wife and kids jumped to her defense. Looks like she's here to stay.

From: WSJ March 5, 2014

### **Festival of Speed at Eaglewood: July 2, 2014, at 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.**

**What:** Four months from today we'll hold the Festival of Speed at Eaglewood.

Mark your calendar if you haven't yet:

**When:** Wednesday, July 2nd, 2014, at 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Exhibitors come by 6:00 pm.

**Where:** Eaglewood Golf Course in North Salt Lake, 1110 East Eaglewood Drive.

**Who:** All are invited to bring special cars, trucks, motorcycles, and any other vehicle that is interesting and different. This is more than a car show. Last year we had a helicopter, a hot air balloon, a fire truck, and some youngsters even showed up with RC airplanes. It was all very cool.

**How:** It's free, fun, informal,

Pass the word along please. There are thousands of cool vehicles in Utah and we're fishing for them all. This year we'll treat our crowds better. We hope to have food and drink for sale, so you won't starve or shrivel up in the evening warmth. Our summer sunsets are spectacular from our lofty perch in the Wasatch Range.

Bruce Oblad

Look us up on Facebook or at [eaglewoodfestivalofspeed.com](http://eaglewoodfestivalofspeed.com)

## **Bad dog!** CAR FANATIC GIVES HIS PET DOG AWAY AFTER SHE CHEWS A HOLE THROUGH FIBREGLASS WHEEL ARCH OF HIS £80,000 ASTON MARTIN DB9 VOLANTE.

A car fanatic gave his pet dog away after he was left distraught when she chewed a hole through the wheel arch of his prized £80,000 Aston Martin.

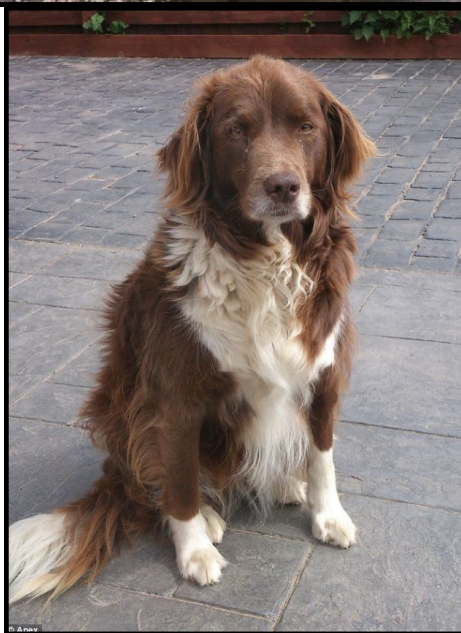
Builder Royston Grimstead, 42, was dev-

saw her covered in white stuff and I thought she had got a bird and it was feathers - but it was the fibreglass from the car.'

She had chewed out a huge chunk.



I just laughed. I mean, what else could I do? I'm not a crier and she knew she had done something wrong because she had this guilty look on her face.'



astated when he came home to find his border collie spaniel cross Luce had chewed through the fibreglass panel of his luxury car - causing £3,000 of damage.

Mr Grimstead, from Chedzoy, Somerset, said he had already been considering rehoming the dog, which he said did not get along with his other dog, but the damage to the car was the final straw. Mr Grimstead said: 'I came home and

Read more: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2551545/Car-fanatic-gives-pet-dog-away-chews-HOLE-fibre-glass-wheel-arch-prized-80-000-Aston-Martin.html#ixzz2sgSE6NJW>

From: Mailonline.com

Thanks to Paul Jaroch for providing the link.



## Lucas Calendar

February 7, 2014: Planning Dinner.

March 2014: MacCool's for St Paddy's on the 16<sup>th</sup> and Tech Day on the 22<sup>nd</sup> at Rich Weyland's.

April 2014:

May 2014:

June 2014:

July 2014:

July 2014:

August 2014:

September 2014:

October 2014:

November 2014:

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](mailto:robbfoye@gmail.com)

## British Motor Club of Utah

Salt Lake City, Utah

As I zip along in my 2L, 105 bhp '65 Triumph I like to keep some perspective on how the other half lives (or at least the 0.001%). I've never been to the Geneva Motor Show but I thought we should all keep abreast of the non-British competition, e.g. the new Swedish Koenigesegg ONE:1.



**Koenigsegg ONE:1**

"Koenigsegg only makes a couple dozen cars a year... The 5.0-liter twin-turbo V8 produces a world record 1,360 brake horsepower (1,341 hp, SAE), which is equal to about one megawatt, enough power to light up a small town. As of Geneva 2014, the One:1 is quite comfortably at the top of the pile as the most powerful series-production road-legal automobile ever made, surpassing even the mind-bending Bugatti Veyron Super Sport, with 1,200 hp on tap (a mere .895 MW). Company founder Christian von Koenigsegg says the One:1—which weighs 1,360 kilograms, and thus the ratio—will accelerate to 249 mph in 20 seconds, as quick and fast as just about any Formula One car. "

From: WSJ March 8-9, 2014

My TR4 ratio would be (105 bhp to 966kg) ONE:10 , (Okay, ONE:9.2 for the engineers, I rounded up!) The TR4 mph:bhp ratio (typical LBC ratio) is nearly 1:1 (110 mph:105 bhp); the Koenigsegg is a sad 1:5.46 (249:1360); it must be a (aerodynamic) drag. **LBC's do well in the mph per hp in their speed range—ed**