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## CHALK CREEK RUN **+ PLUS +** MEMORIAL TRIP TO MONTPELIER, ID.

### Chalk Creek Run Saturday, May 14, 2016

We're off again to drive some twisty two-lanes in nice spring weather with a nearly freeway-free route. **This Saturday** will be our Chalk Creek Valley Run. The weather this weekend is predicted to be perfect for LBC's; Evanston with a high of 71 and 0% chance of rain.

Basically, the run is from the Hogle Zoo in SLC, up Emigration Canyon and on to Coalville. Hwy 65 is open so we can go over Big Mountain to East Canyon and on to Henefer and Coalville all on two lane with little traffic. There's a drain and gain in Henefer at "Grumps." Then on through Echo to Coalville (at the Chevron on Main at about 11:30) where we can meet with others from Park City area and elsewhere.

From Main Street and 100 North (Chalk Creek Road) Coalville we will then head all the way up Chalk Creek valley on a lovely low traffic

road. There is a short stretch (about 5 miles) of well-maintained but unpaved road that leads from Chalk Creek valley to the paved road into Evanston. We can do a drain and gain at the Flying J in Evanston then a short, downhill I-80 run to exit 178 and the original two lane (paved) Lincoln Highway and down to red rock Echo Canyon along the toe of the cliffs. Echo Canyon has a lot of history including the transcontinental railroad, Pony Express route, the Lincoln Highway, and the unused cliff-top battlements left over from a disagreement between Utah and the US government in the form of the US army.

After that a leisurely run downhill on I-84 along the Upper Weber River to Taggart's may be in order.

**Let's meet at Hogle Zoo around 9:30 for a 10am departure.**

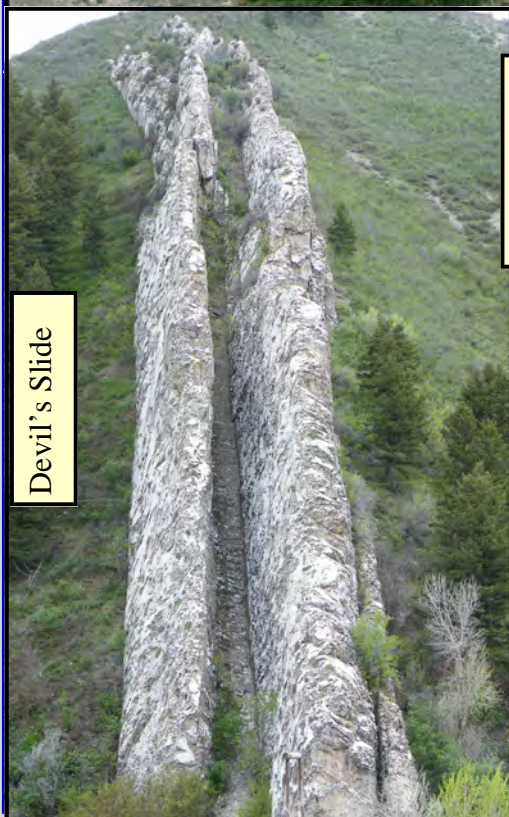
### Memorial Weekend Run May 28-30, 2016

Many people have requested a Tour that is not as driving intensive, so a location that is closer to the Salt Lake area has been selected. We are going to Montpelier, Idaho!

We will meet, on **Saturday, May 28**, at the State Capitol in Salt Lake City. Roger and Jill have selected roads for a leisurely drive north, staying off freeways, to Montpelier with a couple of stops to stretch our legs. One of the stops will be at the Bicentennial Park in North Ogden to meet up with the members from the northern parts of the state. Further details will be coming on our group site, so keep a lookout for IMPORTANT information.

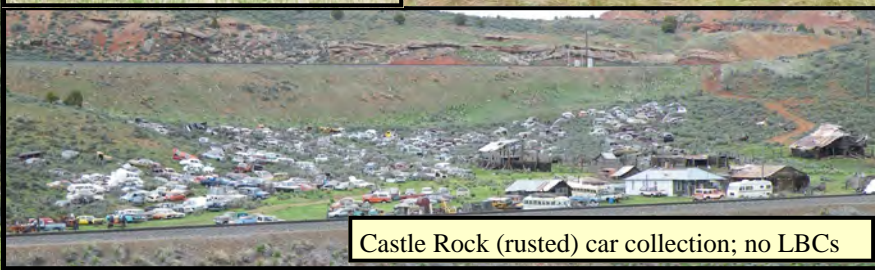
If you would like to join us on the fun of a three day BMCU event, check to see if there are rooms still available in Montpelier. If so, make your reservation and then join us and become one of the long distance drivers in the BMCU!

# Route Map for Chalk Creek Run



Devil's Slide

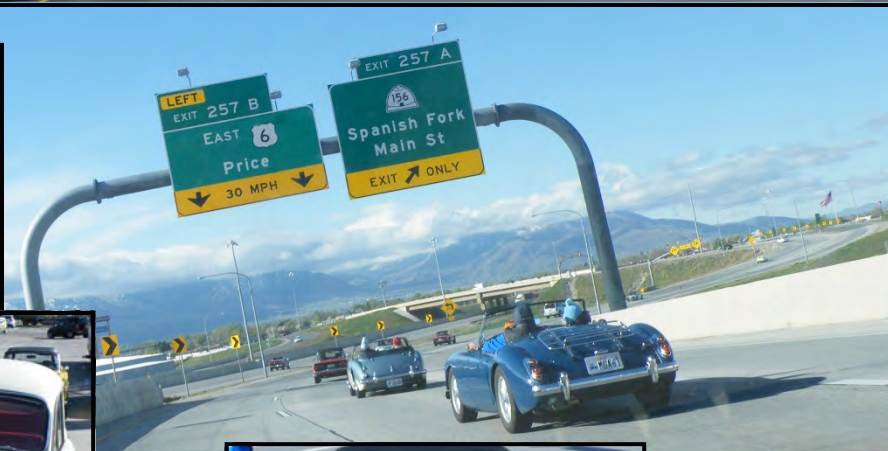
Things to look for along the way.  
Lots of other cool stuff too.



Castle Rock (rusted) car collection; no LBCs

# Fairview - Price Inaugural Run

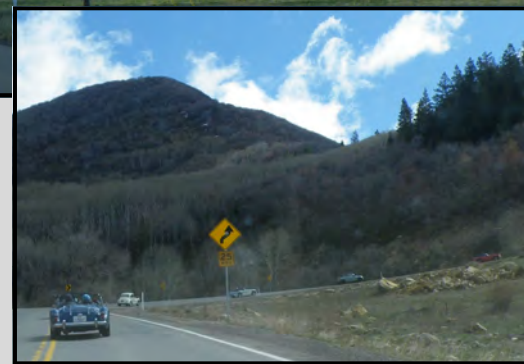
Assemble at South Towne



Wind farm at the mouth of Spanish Fork Canyon



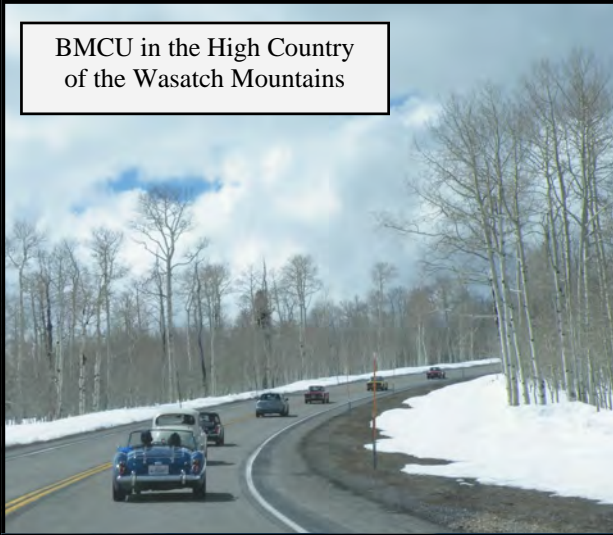
In Fairview



## Fairview - Price Inaugural Run



BMCU in the High Country  
of the Wasatch Mountains



Memorial for the lost miners at  
the Crandall Canyon Mine.



## Fairview - Price Inaugural Run

Yep, it was Deja Vu all over again. After a week of very sketchy weather, Saturday was an awesome day to be driving a British car. It was just like a couple weeks ago when we had our Eureka Run. After a group determined that it really was a Triumph engine in the TR, lol, we headed south to Springville to regroup and meet with the members from the south. From there, we had 16 vehicles and 24 members in our rolling car show.

Heading up Spanish Fork Canyon was a breeze and a good omen for the steeper climb to come. No one overheated and everyone was able to maintain a good speed on the way to the Thistle Jct and the scenic highway US 89. Once we arrived in Fairview, some topped up their gas tanks, some took the time for a Drain & Gain, and we all listened carefully to our guides, Doug & Peggy Wright, as they laid out the plan for the rest of the drive. With everyone in the know, we started up the steep, but beautiful Fairview Canyon.

Near the top of the Canyon we had our first scheduled stop to regroup and make certain that everyone had made it up the almost 2000' climb out of the valley. There were neither mechanical nor heating problems, so we headed off toward Huntington Canyon. On the way down Huntington Canyon, we made a stop to check out the Crandall Canyon Mine disaster memorial. It is a very nice tribute to the men and rescuers who died, nine years ago.

Just before reaching Huntington, we slowed to a crawl to see a HUGE herd of wild elk that were browsing in a meadow. Such magnificent animals and there had to be near to 100+ of them. A short blast north out of Huntington got us to Price and to Groggs for lunch.

Peggy had made arrangements ahead of time, so when our mobile car show arrived in the parking lot, the folks at Groggs were happy and ready for us. A separate room had been set aside so we could all talk about the trip and what we'd seen. The Groggettes (no offense intended) did an awesome job of taking care of us and getting our food to us in a timely manner. WOW, did it get quiet

when the food arrived! It made us laugh at the scary silence that suddenly prevailed with the presentation of our lunches.

After lunch, as is usual, we chose our separate ways to return home. Some retraced the route, some continued west on US Hwy 6, and some, I believe, went north up Indian Canyon. All in all, it was an incredible drive through some spectacular scenery.

Thanks to Doug & Peggy for suggesting this route and working to adjust it to our needs. Your patience, when we needed to cancel the drive last year, due to the hot weather, is commendable. We all left Groggs with smiles on our faces and desires to place this drive in our collection of memorable outings.

Making this inaugural trip were: Cory & Cindy Wardell, Larry Farrington, Paul Jaroch, Jim Stover, Mary & Rob Foye, Roger & Jill Davis, John & Barb Progress, Adam Kine, Rory Mahon & Rita, Charles Edington, Kelly Honeyman, Steen & Arlene Sorensen, Drew Frink, Prochaska Werner, Doug Jensen & son, Doug & Peggy Wright..

**-Roger Davis**



Final Destination  
It wouldn't be an official  
BMCU Run without food.

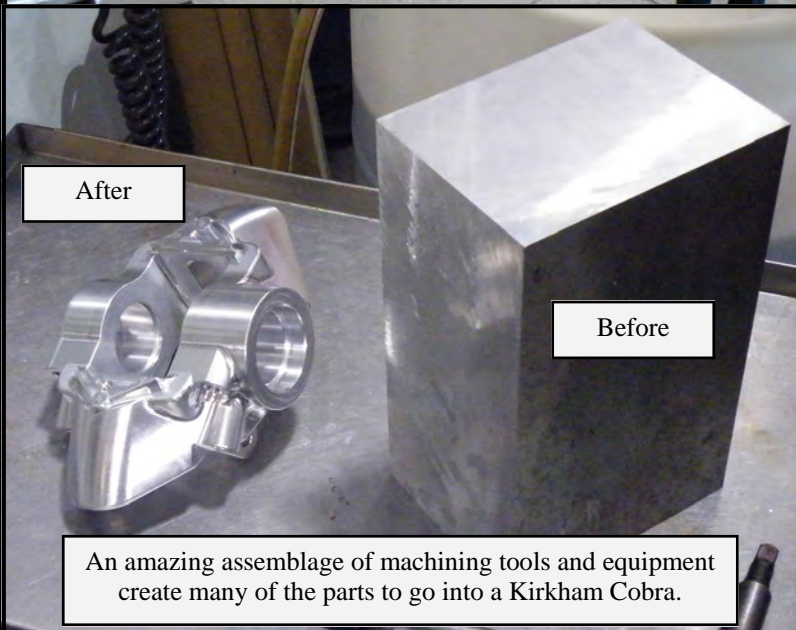
We have all seen the gorgeous Cobras that KIRKHAM produces.

Works of art.

On this visit, (See BMCU May 2012 Newsletter for photos of a previous visit with the Jaguar folks) the younger Mr. Kirkham provided us with a wealth of background and inside information.



Lots of stories and lots of aluminum for recycling



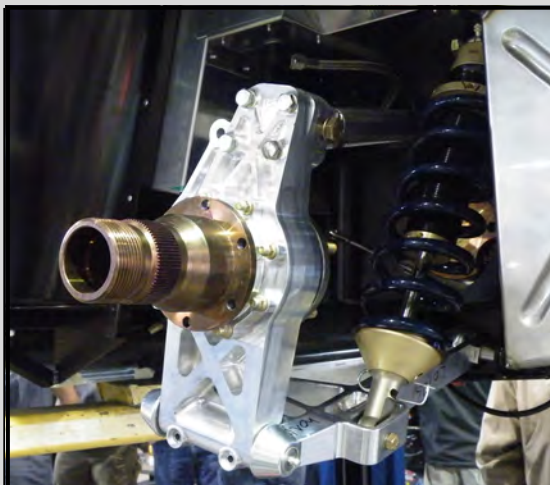
An amazing assemblage of machining tools and equipment create many of the parts to go into a Kirkham Cobra.



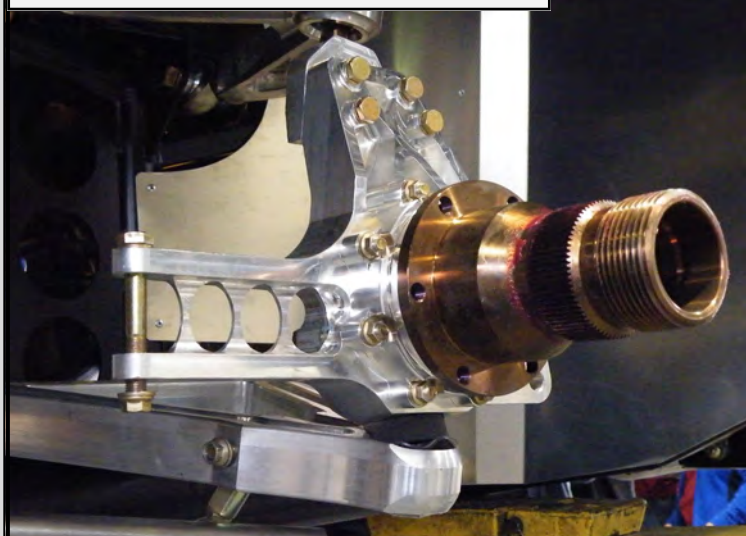
The Cobra bodies as they arrive from Poland.



**Thanks** to KIRKHAM *motorsports* for their time and for sharing their expertise and enthusiasm.



Controlled heat treating (900 degrees for several hours) strengthens and darkens the steel on critical components.



Steen & Arlene Sorensen and Wayne & Linda Mortensen arranged for and hosted this event and the tasty BBQ that followed the visit to Kirkham's. A round of thanks from the British Motor Club of Utah!



In case you haven't noticed with the fluctuations in gasoline prices and the drop in crude oil prices world-wide, the State of Utah wished us all a Happy New Year with a 20% tax hike in the gasoline tax effective January 1, 2016.

At \$2.00/gallon of gas, it's now a total tax rate of almost 25%.

**Happy New Year!**

-editor

<b>Gasoline Tax*</b> per gallon		
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
State Tax	<b>24.5¢</b>	<b>29.4¢</b>
Federal Tax	<b>18.4¢</b>	<b>18.4¢</b>
<b>Total Tax</b>	<b>42.9¢</b>	<b>47.8¢</b>
* 59-13-201 Utah Tax Code		



**British Connection:**  
2016 is the 400th  
Anniversary of  
Shakespeare's death.

Anybody for an LBC  
drive to Cedar City and  
the Utah Shakespeare  
Festival and the new  
outdoor theater?

**April 21, 2016 was the Queen's  
90th Birthday.**



She was out for a  
"drive" in one of  
her LBCs.



# British Field Day next month!

## **British Field Day 2016 at Liberty Park, Saturday, June 18, 9 AM – 3 PM**

British Field Day (BFD) will be held at Liberty Park again this year. All British cars and bikes in any condition from 100-point restorations to works in progress or an old daily beater are welcome. All area British car/bike owners and clubs are invited to participate. Call your friends and fellow club members to get them coming 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 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, a public charter school with emphasis on the arts, will be providing volunteers to assist with the event so the organiz-

ers can have more time for some fun, too! Publicity for BFD and the running of the event that day with BFD oversight will be handled by the Liberty Wells Community Council. Liberty Park is part of their neighborhood community.

Volunteers with the Liberty Wells Community Council will be serving the full English breakfast and Fish & Chips for lunch again this year!

All cooked on site and fresh as can be. To ensure that you can partake of the English delicacies, we are asking folks to RSVP for either or both meals to BFDUTAH@gmail.com so we will know how many meals to prepare. There will be a little extra food but not much, so RSVP to not 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 support the Salt Lake Arts Academy and Liberty Wells Community Council 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.

We encourage folks displaying vehicles to try to stay until 3 PM, 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. The maximum registration fee is \$20 per registrant regardless of the number of cars or bikes they bring. A \$5 donation is requested per adult admission. Kids 12 and under are free.

To register, print out the registration form and bring it along with you on the 18th of June.

For questions regarding BFD or American with Disabilities (ADA) accommodation please contact: Bill Davis, 801-860-6975.

Setup will be Friday evening June 17, 2016 and the BFD event itself is on Saturday June 18.



## Lucas Calendar 2016

February 6: 2016 Planning Dinner, Roger and Jill Davis

March 20: St. Paddy's at Mac Cool's, Jim Stover

March 26: Eureka, Roger and Jill Davis

Apr 16: Fairview/Price/Helper, Peggy and Doug Wright

May 14: Chalk Creek Run, Rob and Mary Foye

May 28-30: Memorial Weekend Tour, Montpelier, ID, Jim Stover.

Jun 3-5: Glenwood Rallye, Bob Jahnke

Jun 18, 2016: British Field Day Liberty Park SLC, Jon Hermance

Jun 21 Great Race – This is a TUESDAY – Keith Mott

Jun 27 Gathering of the Faithful – Redmond, OR – Jon Hermance

Jul 1: Logan Cruise in and car show New event - Keith Mott, Roger & Jill

Jul 1: Festival of Speed Car Show – Non BMCU event

Aug 21: Hobble Creek & Picnic – Sunday event – (needs a leader!)

Sep 5: State Street Cruise - Decorate your Car – Marty Van Nood

Sep 17: Alpine Loop & BBQ in South Fork Canyon – Drew Frink

Oct 1: Fall Colour Tour – Monte Cristo – Donna & Pat Rich, Roger & Jill Davis

November, 2016: End of Season Dinner, TBD

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: [robbfove@gmail.com](mailto:robbfove@gmail.com)

## British Motor Club of Utah

I read that, by law, you have to turn on your headlights when it's raining in Sweden. How the hell am I supposed to know if it's raining in Sweden?

Lifted fair and square by Roger D. from the Oklahoma British Car Breakfast Club site.

How to  
get your wife  
to fasten her  
Rover 2000   
safety harness:



Tell her it drives men mad.

### Safety meets Sexism in 1967.

Periodpaper.com has a great selection of period advertising: a window on the way things were. Forty nine years ago "cross-your-heart" belts were an issue for some. I was 17 at the time and understood the "drives men mad" part.

-editor