

June has British Field Day

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Coalville to Taggart's May 5 Memorial Run to CO May 26

Visit the Wasatch Back and have a tasty repast at Taggart's Grill

We'll meet at Hogle Zoo at 8:00 for a 8:30 departure
Proceeding up and over Emigration Canyon we'll turning right
onto State road 65, that will get us to the freeway entrance of I-
80.

From there we'll head East on I-80 towards Silver Creek Road
for our drain and gain at Bell's Silver Creek Gas Station.

After a brief stop there we will get back on the freeway for Hwy.
40 going South until we get to Exit 4; exiting there turn left onto
State Road 248 driving East until we reach Kamas. There we'll
turn left towards Peoa, Rockport, Wanship, and Hoytsville Rd.,
then Coalville, Echo Dam Rd. and then slipping under the free-
way pass to connect with Echo Road and continuing on through
to Croydon. At Croydon we will enter I-84 from there we follow I
-84 (downhill) to the Taggart's exit.

Arriving about 11:30am we'll be there before the usual lunch
crowds.

-Larry Farrington

MEMORIAL 3-DAY Weekend Trip

Roger & Jill Davis will lead the Group to Grand Junction, Colorado

Our Annual Memorial Day Tour is almost here. We will be heading to Grand Junction, CO this year and the roads leading there are amazingly fun to drive and offer world class scenery.

Departure will be Saturday, May 26, fairly early in the morning since Grand Junction is a bit further than we usually travel. There will only be two short bursts on interstate. The meeting location is the Einstein Bagel parking lot on Wasatch Blvd and 3900 South. From there the route goes East on I-80, then South on US 40 to Heber where we will meet with members and have our first Drain & Gain. Proceeding east on US 40, our next stop will be Duchesne, then onto Vernal for a "Shotgun" lunch.

After lunch, we still head east and then South on CO Hwy 64 into Rangley. Colorado Hwy 139 takes up to the top of Douglas Pass with spectacular roads and views. Then down to US 6 and east into Fruita and on to Grand Junction where our rooms at the Clarion Inn are waiting.

Sunday there are several nice drives, e.g. the **Colorado National Monument**, that are close to town. The 2018 entrance fees to the monument will remain \$15 per vehicle, \$10 per motor-cycle or \$5 per person.

The traditional evening live entertainment is also on the schedule.



Monday's

activities will depend on whether you are retracing the route to the SLC area or continuing on for an extra super scenic drive to Monticello, UT. Those on the extra day will return to SLC through Moab, Green River, and Spanish Fork on Tuesday.

If you are interested in joining us on the Tour or the Tour + Extra day, NOW is the time to

get your reservation(s) made. There have been a couple of rooms available from members who are unable to make the Tour, so check with Jim Stover (smockie01@smn.com) to see if he is aware of any room vacancies. This is the first major holiday of the summer season and rooms are in high demand.

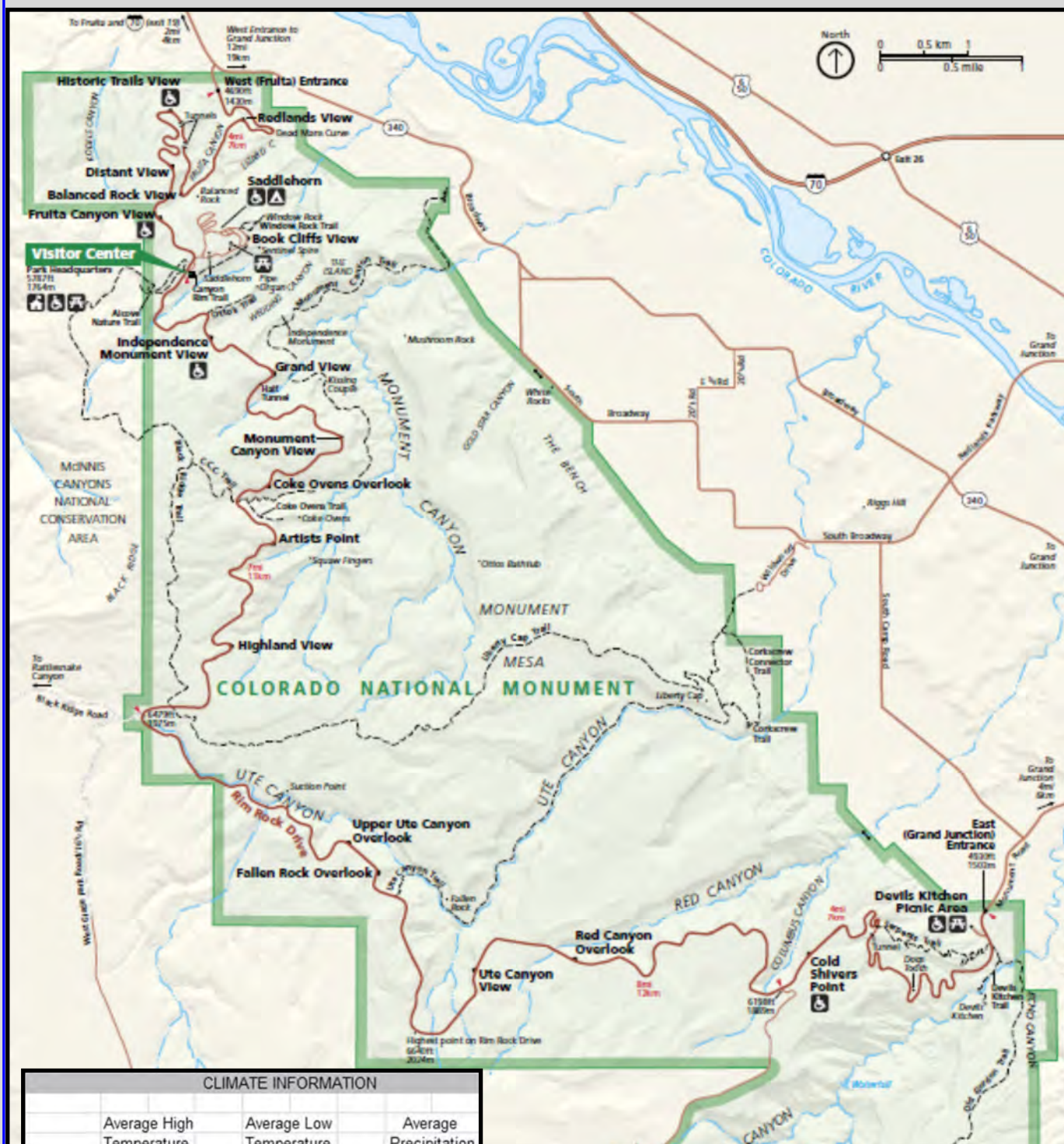
More information will be forthcoming on the Club Group site and the Facebook page.

Rim Rock Drive →



Places to go, things to see.

COLORADO NATIONAL MONUMENT



Gnats (biting midges) can be a concern from mid-May through mid-July.
Bring nets or bug spray for hiking !

<https://www.nps.gov/colm/index.htm>

The Antelope Island Run in the Sun.



The southern contingent, avoiding the SLC Marathon, met at Warm Springs on 3rd West.



The northern contingent met on Antelope Drive



After the run, Paul Jaroch wrote:

Temperature was 55F in my garage at 1000 hrs. Roll the car out into the sun in Uintah and it is still. The wind of the last few days has subsided. I think this is gonna be a Good day.

There at the little mall at Antelope Dr. & Main in Layton, there are eventually eight or so of us Northerners, eagerly waiting on the rest from SLC to arrive.

And DID they ever! By the time all of us were gathered, we counted 52 members in 32 vehicles. This was Epic! The largest numbers I can remember for this drive, so early in our season.

By now the temps were 66F and everyone with a rag top had it folded and down. Through the entrance/gate to the Island, across the causeway and I notice something, no brine flies. Weird, but they were disguised as gnats up on the island. We all found that out in a bit.

Up to the Visitors Center and I'm glad we stopped. A few of the members had never been there and it is an informative and nice facility. The views from this location are amazing.

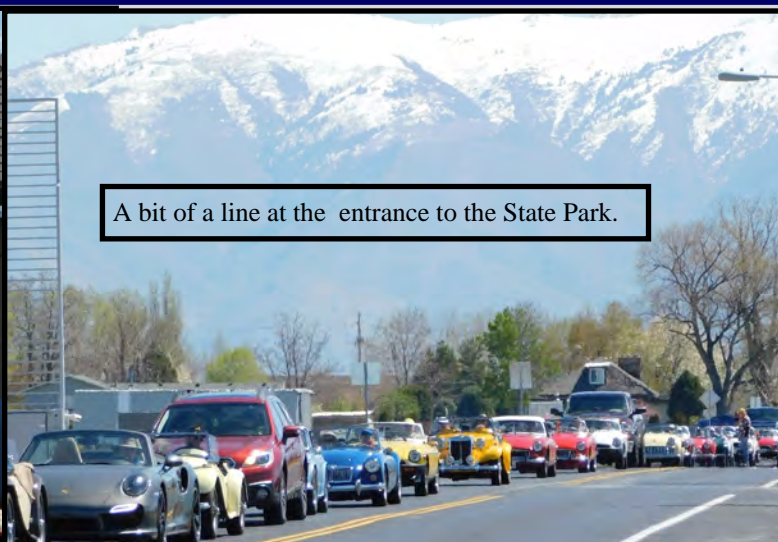
Down to the Fielding-Garr Ranch where we were greeted by a staff member with an insect net under his hat and over his face. The reason for this would be clear. In about 15 minutes, the gnats realized we had arrived. Minor details.

After our picnic, dessert being Arlene's cookies (thank you), a short lecture from Mike Gann a member and volunteer on the Island, we walked about the buildings and grounds. Jim, Larry and I, not wanting the experience to end just yet, went motoring up to Buffalo Point and down to the camping area, just to see.

Back over the causeway and up 89 to home and I still wonder about the feeling out there. It's just 9 miles, but out there it feels like another place and time. It is another world!



BMCU at Antelope Island Causeway



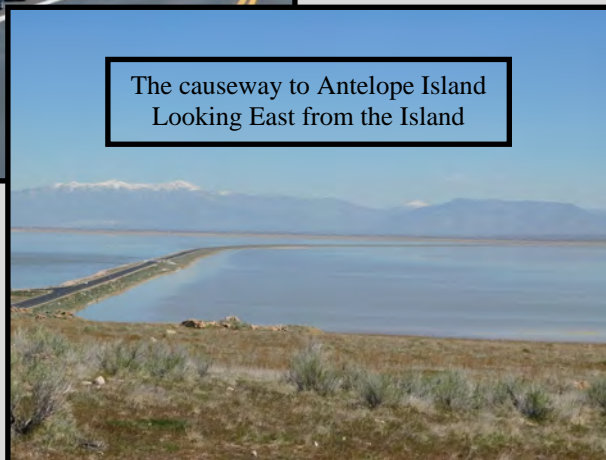
A bit of a line at the entrance to the State Park.



The recombobulation area before heading across the causeway. First stop to be the Visitor Center



The causeway to Antelope Island Looking East from the Island



First the Visitor Center then Garr Ranch

At the Visitor Center



At Garr Ranch



Mike Gann gave a brief historical background with some interesting facts on what goes on today at Antelope Island.

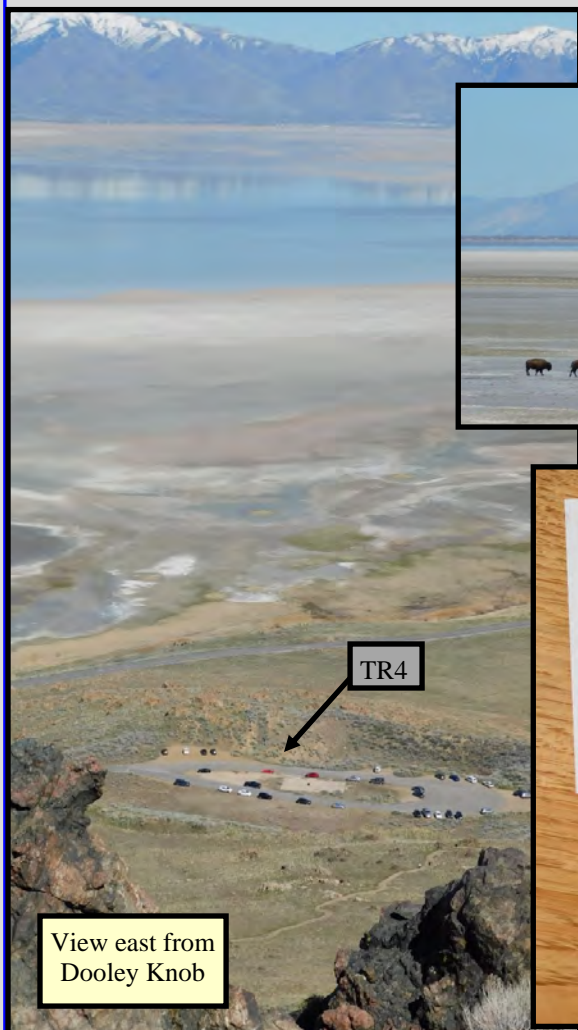


Great Horned Owls work nights and have to catch some shut-eye during the day.

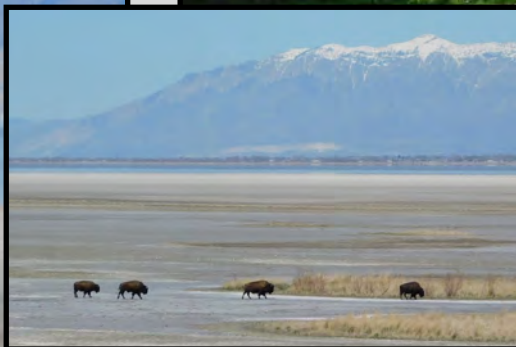
Their nest is in the hollow tree the folks are looking up at.



At Garr Ranch



View east from Dooley Knob



Nice things happen on the Island.

Mike Gann, BMCU member and Garr Ranch Volunteer, gave my wife and I good information on hikes. So we went to hike Dooley's Knob. At the trailhead a fellow walked by and said "Nice car" and the usual conversation began.

As it turned out he was a former SCCA rally guy from Alaska. He's into old Polaroid Land cameras as well as cars. He asked if he could take some pictures of the TR4. "Sure go ahead."

He was taking pictures and filling us in on the history and current status of Polaroid cameras and film. He said he'd leave some of the photos in the TR as we headed to the trailhead.

As we hiked up the trail we could see the parking area and he kept taking pictures for quite a while. Any way, here are a couple of the Polaroids he left in the car.

-editor



From: Hemmings Daily; Kurt Ernst on Apr 19 2018

For decades, hosting a motorsport event on public roads in mainland Great Britain required — quite literally — an act of Parliament. Changes made to the Road Traffic Act in 2017 revised this, and on Sunday, April 22, the Corbeau Seats Rally Tendring & Clacton will become the first motorsport event hosted on closed public roads since the legislation was passed in April 2017.



Triumph TR4 at the 2015 Manx Classic Rally.
Photo by Jack_IOM.

Under the new rules, the UK's Motor Sport Association (MSA) or, its two-wheel equivalent, the Auto-Cycle Union (ACU), are granted the authority to issue permits for racing events held on public roads on the mainland. Once granted, the permit still requires the local highways authority to issue a "Motor Race Order," which entails cooperation between local councils and police departments. In other words, the process has become easier, but is still not easy or expedient.

Under the old rules, as Autocar points out, the permit for the Mull Rally, held on the Isle of Mull off the coast of Scotland, took nearly two years for Parliament to issue. This weekend's Rally Tendring & Clacton was submitted to the MSA by its organizer, Chelmsford Motor Club (CMC), following the April 2017 legislative changes, with the intent being to run the event in April 2018. The MSA inspected the proposed route in July 2017, worked with the organizer to revise the course, and issued a permit allowing the CMC to seek a Motor Race Order from the local highway authority last October.

Per the MSA, this weekend's rally has received entries from 118 teams, just two short of its maximum capacity, from England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales, the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands, and the Republic of Ireland. The event, which takes place in Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, will consist of three loops of five stages, for a total of 15 stages and roughly 45 miles. While organizers originally hoped to add more distance to the rally, event director Tony Clements told Autosport that they didn't want to be overly ambitious. "We would like to get the event established in the area with a view to developing it further in the future," Clements explained.

Developing such events further requires listening to feedback from locals. When a group of residents objected to the proposed route, organizers changed the course to appease them, ultimately omitting two villages from the rally. Still, the majority of residents are supportive of the event — and likely the influx of money it will bring to the area. Based upon research funded by the MSA and conducted by the Sport Research Institute at Sheffield Hallam University, such closed-road motorsport events could bring as much as £40 million (\$57.2 million) of additional revenue — in aggregate — to communities across Britain. Take the Isle of Man, for example, which hosts a series of Tourist Trophy motorcycle races on closed public roads each May or June. A 2016 annual visitor survey revealed that 42,000 race fans made the trip that year, representing more than 40 nationalities. Each visitor spent an average of roughly seven nights on the island, contributing an estimated £31.3 million (\$44.8 million) to the local economy. This weekend's Corbeau Seats Rally Tendring & Clacton represents the first of four such public road events approved by the MSA.

Lucas Calendar 2018

Feb 3: Planning Dinner, 6876 S. Highland Dr., Cottonwood Heights; 6pm

Mar 18: St. Patty's at MacCool's, Sunday, 11am

Mar 24: Eureka UT, Gary Meldrum Memorial Drive, Cindy and Cory Wardell

Apr 21: Antelope Island Run; Paul Jaroch

May 5: Coalville/Taggerts; Larry Farrington

May 26: Memorial Day Tour Grand Junction, CO; Roger & Jill Davis

Jun 16: British Field Day, Liberty Park SLC, Jon Hermance

Jul 2: Eaglewood Festival of Speed Car Show, Bruce Oblad

Aug 18: Trappers Loop and Huntsville BBQ, Pat and Donna Rich

Sep 3: State Street Cruise, decorate your car, Cory and Cindy Wardell

Sep 15: Alpine Loop and BBQ in South Fork Canyon, Drew Frink, Roger and Jill Davis, Jim Stover

Sep 29: Fall Colour Tour, Mirror Lake Hwy, Drew Frink and Jim Stover

Oct: ?????????????????????????????

Nov 3: End of Season Dinner, Jim Stover, Location TBD

Midweek Madness - Watch the group site for email announcements

Don't forget impromptu events too. Tech Session anyone?

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

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