

# HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

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BMCU Members,

**Sunday, March 13th**, is our annual **St. Patrick's Day get-together**. Again, this year, we'll be meeting at the **Black Sheep Bar & Grill, 1400 S. Foothill Dr., Salt Lake City, at 11am**.

The owner is a car guy and is excited that we're going to be there.

Here is a friendly reminder that our **time changes next weekend**. Be sure to **set your clocks ahead on Saturday night**. If you do not, you stand a good chance to be an hour late! Remember to "Spring Ahead" with your clocks.



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Well maybe not this - but  
Wearing of the green is a good  
idea.



The **Eureka Run is on Saturday, the 26th of March** Please set your BMCU schedule calendars to reflect this date. See y'all on Saturday, March 27th for the 6th Gary Meldrum Run to Eureka. **Cindy & Cory Wardell**

## Tops or Topless? Coupe or Roadster

Here is an article and pic of a submission Roger Davis made for the January issue of the Rootes Review, the monthly newsletter of Tigers East/Alpines East. Roger is the Rocky Mountains Regional Rep and this was a report he filed for the region.:

Winter has arrived in the Rockies and driving events are pretty much finished until Springtime. The last drive was a week before we had a storm come in that dropped 15" of snow. Fortunately, I was able to have my Alpine covered and safe from the elements. That was good as I had received my re-stored hardtop a few weeks earlier and was able to get in a couple of drives. Wow, does a hardtop make a difference when the weather cools! I now wish that I had restored the top years ago. I'm looking forward to early Spring drives when the temperature is not quite conducive to top down motor-ing. (Looks real nice.-editor)



Recently Jon Hermance wrote:

"This time of year it's kinda nice to have a coupe and a heater."

Note: This Volvo P1800S is British built with Lucas electrics, Pressed Steel body, and Smith gauges etc. It too is an LBC. -editor



### 1933 MG L1 Magna Continental Coupe

Mike Allison, author of *The Magic of M.G.*, famously wrote of it, "Kimber's Folly! The L1 Continental Coupé, of which a hundred were built, and took as many weeks to sell." The extroverted L1 Magna Continental Coupé was a firecracker send-off to Cecil Kimber's vision of what a motoring enthusiast's sports car, regardless of body style, should be.

**From:** March 2022 issue of Hemmings Motor News.

Yes I am a bit biased but I (and my wife) do enjoy a coupe during inclement weather, e.g. cold, rain, snow, high winds, midges, hot weather (with AC), summer sun with no sun screen, etc. It's a great daily driver.

I must admit however, my TR4 roadster with the top down is a lot more fun ! -editor



BTW: A 1937 TALBOT-LAGO T150-C-SS TEARDROP COUPE at Gooding & Company's 2022 Amelia Island auction sold for a world record price of \$13,425,000. Somebody really wanted a coupe!



## Rich & Michele Weyland were Busy!

Well once again we hit the road to Flagstaff AZ for the Triumphfest, the largest gathering on the west coast of Triumph vintage cars. Talk about fun! We once again had a knock out time enjoying many games and events from the Hotel walking rally, A Funkhana that was a totally fun games to do from your car changing tires, a ring gear toss (talk about scary), a fan belt toss and a spark plug challenge And to our surprise We brought home 2nd place. Did they say autocross, once again my car stepped up and took 2nd in my class which was big. Driving tours of the area and poker runs. And of course the Funcours with so many of the finest cars in the west like a Gloria, many prime TR2s Tr3s TR4s Tr250s GT6s Spitfires TR 7 & 8s and TR6s as far as one could see. And yes once again scored a Gold award for our TR250. not to mention all the fantastic dining with the group at night. And not to be left out, a raffle of epic proportion which we scored big on too. That is a lot to see and do in a three day time.



Hi all Rich and Michele Weyland here.

We attended the 2021 Vintage Triumph Register Convention September in Edmond, Oklahoma. We left SLC in our motorhome loaded with car in the trailer and off we went down I15 to Ferron, Ut for a stop at a small town car show. Arriving Friday night then sitting back to relax to a great fireworks show. Talk about front row seats from our front porch. Then we attended the show the next day (and you guessed it so many comments of owning a British car before) and to our total enjoyment were told about an old gas station restoration and collection. So off we went with an invite from the owner and a tour of his eclectic collection of gas pumps and memorabilia to his original 50's soda fountain from a local drug store. We simply must get this on our routes during drives south. Then again loaded up going down state highway I95 to Us 40 and Historic route 66 and east we went to Oklahoma.

There were many fun events including brain teasing driving rallies, And What! We found more old gas stations along 66 for photo opps, too, interesting and creative photo and craft contests, an exhilarating Auto Cross, challenging Funkana, and of course a beautiful lineup of cars on the Concours and more fun places up and down the iconic Route 66.

Rich and Michele didn't come home empty handed. We won, to our amazement, three awards which were presented at the Saturday evening Banquet. Rich placed 3rd in his TR250 category in Autocross, First place for his photo of his car, the Wedgewood blue 1968 Triumph TR 250 at a vintage Sinclair station in Holladay. How many remember this amazing restoration? And to my surprise first place for our Triumph TR250 in Modified Touring .

As a club we should try and attend these meets and enjoy them. Many may not know but the VTR has covered us with Liability insurance over the years as a charter club. We need to keep this coverage active to support our club. We do need, I believe, several paid VTR members. one way to get it is through The Roadster Factory Club with some great benefits as well. Check it out. Or the VTR website.



## Current Events

### Supply Chain: Where's my Bentley ?



Answer: Some where on the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean, along with Porches, Audis, VWs, and Lambos. While the cause of the fire may never be known, electric vehicle batteries are thought to be a likely cause.

EV batteries (and solar battery storage units) catching fire are reported in the news. However not much is reported as what really goes on in a lithium ion battery fire. LBCs are being converted to electric—MGs to Jags. Therefore here are some interesting things to know about EV fires:

The Swiss Government undertook to study (2020) the effects of EV fires on underground parking structures and tunnels.

“As a rule, the batteries of an electric vehicle will not combust without a previous stress event. “

“When exposed to a mechanical, thermal or electrical event, a battery can suddenly be overstressed and a self-amplifying reaction can be triggered. During this thermal runaway, the battery independently heats up through chemical processes, i.e. without external thermal influence, and also very quickly. In doing so, it leaves its stable operating range and the materials begin to decompose exothermically, resulting in a battery fire with a very high energy release. Such battery fires cannot be extinguished in the conventional sense for reasons of battery chemistry (the required oxygen is released by the burning cathode material itself), and instead can only be cooled. “

That report contains a lot of additional information regarding toxins etc. released in that type of fire. The point of this info is that we are all going to be near EVs day to day. Obviously all vehicle fires are dangerous—but EV fires are different.

**Other current events** (Note: this is not political but facts that we as a petroleum based motor club should be aware).

Per the Federal Energy Information Administration (EIA) the US imports Russian petroleum: in 2020 the US imported 197,720,000 barrels (42 gallons per barrel = 8,304,240,000 gallons); yes that is billions of gallons of total crude and petroleum products. Now with crude prices above \$100/barrel that is a chunk of change to finance a war.

Imports from Russia began to rise in 2002 and have grown—May of 2021 saw 26,171,000 barrels imported into the US that month.



# Gary E. Lindstrom



1944 ~ 2022

Gary Lindstrom died Monday January 10, 2022, at his home in Salt Lake City UT. Gary was born in Syracuse NY on January 8, 1944, the fourth child of Einar and Anita (Boudreau) Lindstrom. He attended Syracuse schools and enjoyed excelling in classes and in all his activities, achieving the rank of Eagle Scout and becoming a ham radio operator with contacts throughout the U.S. and abroad. He attended Carnegie-Mellon University, where he earned B.S. and M.S. degrees in mathematics, and a Ph.D. in computer science, and was an enthusiastic member of the Bagpipe band. He then taught at the University of Pittsburgh and married Sandra Kedzierski, before moving with Sandy in 1970 to Salt Lake City where he joined the faculty of the School of Computing at the University of Utah.

He retired as Professor of Computer Science in July 2007, having made numerous contributions to his field and receiving the College of Engineering Outstanding Teaching Award, and serving as founding Editor in Chief of the International Journal of Parallel Programming. Gary and Sandy enjoyed raising their beloved Old English Sheepdogs, pursuing Gary's hobby of restoring and driving British Sports Cars from the 1950s and '60s, partaking in and running river rafting expeditions, and traveling abroad, always seeking the best cuisine they could find. Gary cared for Sandy during her gradual decline due to Alzheimer's disease until her death in 2013.



He will be remembered for his kindness and generosity, wit and love of fun, and constantly upbeat attitude. His family feel deep appreciation for the loving care and comfort given to Gary by his friends, and especially Diane and Jim "Pugs" Pivrotto, during the illness that preceded his death.



A celebration of Gary's life will be held at a date in the future. Arrangements are entrusted to Starks Funeral Parlor. Published by The Salt Lake Tribune





## Wearin' of the green in years past



LBCs like to dress up with some green too.



It's a fine idea to be wearin' green for our event. BRG, British Racing Green, is lovely! Top Gear BBC did a segment on the origin of BRG. Did you know BRG began with the British Gran Prix of 1903, which was held in Ireland due to Parliament passing a 12 mph top speed limit. The sponsor of the race, American Gordon Bennett, wanted each country to choose a national racing color. The TOP GEAR episode shows the first BRG racer, a 1903 Napier.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6XY0FfQB\\_DM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6XY0FfQB_DM)

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## Do you have petrified rubber hoses?

**This handy bit of info came from a John Twist Tech Zoom Announcement 2/20/22:**

“Last month, there was a discussion during the Zoom Technical seminar when someone asked if there was something to treat old rubber products.

Since this Zoom Seminar, I have been searching for rubber hoses which are used on my 70 MGB emission system. As you know these are no longer available and I can only find old used dried out "PETRIFIED" rubber hoses.

I started thinking, why not make my own, so I searched everywhere on how to make bends on off-the-shelf rubber hoses. During this search, I didn't find anything to make bends, but to my surprise, I found a process that restores old "HARD" "Petrified" rubber hoses.

I used this on one of my emission system hoses which was totally rock hard and am totally in disbelief. It works!! It works so well, that I thought I'd pass it on thinking maybe you'd like to start a new topic: Tips & Tricks.

### **Here is how to restore old rubber products:**

1. Mix wintergreen Oil with Isopropyl Alcohol to ratio of 3 parts 91% Isopropyl Alcohol to 1 part Wintergreen Oil.
2. Soak the rubber parts in the solution for 3 days, or up to 7 days. I noticed a slight difference between 3-7 days, but no differences beyond 7 days.

Note: The prices for wintergreen oil can be very expensive, but it all depends on where you buy the oil. Tractor Supply sells a Tenda product which is a 100% Wintergreen Oil 8018 for homemade horse remedies which is much cheaper than any other sources. Oddly enough, this product is a horse wound care oil used as topical liniment for muscle and joint discomfort. Comparing products, it costs \$15.75 for 16 oz, while Amazon sells other brands for \$14 - \$27 for a 4 oz bottle. I bought my oil online from Tractor Supply, SKU: 160046599.”

Crystal Johnson Central Texas Area

Videos:

Source: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O4j7G9ry6uk&ab\\_channel=DocJonesGarage](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O4j7G9ry6uk&ab_channel=DocJonesGarage)

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**If any BMCU folks have any such helpful Tips or Tricks you'd like to share with the rest of us (seems like we all face the same types of problems with our LBCs) please send them to the newsletter editor for wider distribution to the club members.**



## Is your LBC out of hibernation?

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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!

Don't forget your mask!

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



This might not be the best way to lift a rusty monocoque body MGB off a trailer where it spent the last 20 years. Spreader bars underneath to hold the straps away from the body panels and the ever touchy rocker panels might be worth the effort.

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