

Plenty of time for taxes between runs.

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Antelope Island Run April 9 **Ogden Canyon/North Ogden Divide** **April 23**

Antelope Island Drive and Picnic w/ Wasatch Mountain Jaguar Register

If the Gary Meldrum Memorial Run to Eureka last weekend was any indication, we are in for an awesome driving season. And the next driving event is coming up next weekend on Saturday, April 9th, when we join the Wasatch Mountain Jaguar Register for a drive out to Antelope Island and picnic at Fielding Garr Ranch.

We'll have two rendezvous points for this drive so the lazy northerners among us (okay ... I) don't have to drive to SLC just to turn around and drive back north. For those in the SLC area, we'll meet on the east side of the Capitol building at 9:00 AM for a 9:30 departure. Jim Klekas, member of both the BMCU and WMJR, will lead the group from there probably up Highway 89 to Layton, but with the on-going construction, there could be last minute changes to the exact routing. Our northern rendezvous point is the Extra Space Parking lot (formerly Kmart) at the corner of Antelope Drive and Main Street in Layton. We (Pat and Donna) and the northern group will meet there around 10:15 to join the southern group and depart for Antelope Island around 10:45. From there, route is exceedingly simple, straight west on Antelope Island, across the causeway and take a left on Antelope Island Road (at the painted bison) to the Ranch. The drive is no more than 45 minutes, however the time to get through the gate can take a while depending on how many LBCs we have to squeeze through that choke point. But arrival at Fielding Garr Ranch should be well before noon where we'll have lunch in the picnic area. Lunch is not provided and there's no concessions at the ranch, so don't forget to pack a sack lunch, picnic basket or pickup a bucket of chicken on the way!

Park fees are \$15 per vehicle (limit of 8 people in your LBC, so), \$10 for seniors. Day use pass includes causeway fee. Passes can be purchased online prior to arrival at the gate to save a little time. But passes are only good for day of purchase, so don't buy it the night before! Complete information on park fees, including options for season passes at Antelope Island or statewide can be found at <https://stateparks.utah.gov/parks/antelope-island/park-fees/>. If you already have a state parks annual pass, note that they do require a separate causeway fee of \$2 in addition to the parks pass.

A day or two before the drive, Donna and I will drive out to the island to check on the gnat situation. But we're hoping the combination of earlier date and cooler spring will suppress the no-see-ums this year.

-Pat and Donna Rich

St. Paddy's Day 2022

Due to significant operator error with my new camera, here are just two photos of the much larger BMCU group at our St Paddy's Day event at Black Sheep Bar and Grill. The event was organized by Roger and Jill Davis. The food was great and a good time was had by all.

The weather sucked so no follow-up run was had. A Jag and MGB braved the slush and parked out front.
-editor

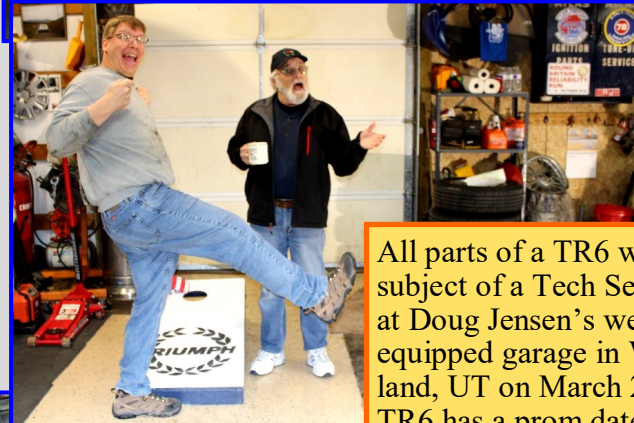


Eureka Run March 26, 2022

Cindy Wardell led the 6th Annual Gary Meldrum Run to Eureka

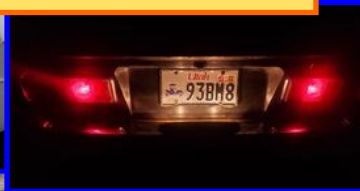


Tech Session with TR6 Prom Car



All parts of a TR6 were the subject of a Tech Session held at Doug Jensen's well-equipped garage in Woodland, UT on March 20. The TR6 has a prom date coming up.

Even the license plate lights work.



The Prom car as it pulls into Eureka on its first shakedown run.

Who else would like to put on a tech session with the BMCU? Ideas?

Parts, supply chains, materials, fuel prices etc.

Cars were the UK's biggest export to Russia last year, figures from the Office for National Statistics show, meaning significant revenue is being lost from a market that had contributed healthy luxury sales.



The war is having an impact on UK exports. Key makers in the UK, including Jaguar Land Rover and Aston Martin, have stopped car shipments to Russia after issues with logistics and payment systems and the collapsing value of the Russian ruble (Note: current exchange rate 1 Ruble = \$0.01) made exports almost impossible. Aston Martin, for example, said the reason for its pause was the "operational impact" of the sanctions.

BMW has said that production at its factories, including the Mini plant in Oxford, will return to normal this week after shutdowns caused by parts shortages, but the company also said in a statement that it expects continued supply restrictions linked to the war.

Nissan said its production in the UK hasn't been affected so far, while Jaguar Land Rover didn't respond to questions.

Meanwhile, British car retailing group **Inchcape** has said it is transferring ownership of its Russian dealers to a local operator, taking a £750 million hit in the process. Inchcape makes around 5% of its profit in Russia, selling cars for 11 brands including Jaguar, Land Rover, Mini and Rolls-Royce.

The country (Ukraine) is also a key source of nickel ore, which is refined into cathode materials to make batteries for electric vehicles.

From: www.autocar.co.uk/car-news

United Kingdom Gasoline prices, 28-Mar-2022

United Kingdom Gasoline prices	Litre	Gallon
GBPound	1.633	6.182
USDollar	2.138	8.093
EURO	1.947	7.370



Diesel in Russia is running \$2.105/gal; in the UK it is \$8.779/gal; in Germany it is \$4.779/gal; in USA \$5.127/gal; in Iran it is \$0.039/gal (Wow that's almost 4 cents per gallon.)

Information from GlobalPetrolPrices.com

Southwest Idaho All British Field Meet 2022 ~ Meridian, Idaho (Near Boise) ~Sept 17-18

Hello friends in the British Motor Club of Utah!!

We are excited to be hosting our 6th annual Southwest Idaho All British Field Meet (SWIABFM) (with a 2-year hiatus due to COVID) this September 18th with a reception on the 17th. We would love for you to join us!

Once again, the show will be held at the Village at Meridian in Meridian, Idaho. This unique venue is simply spectacular, especially for a car show, with a beautiful fountain, specialty store-lined streets, restaurants and a movie theater. Adding to all of this, you will be thoroughly entertained by listening to the fabulous West Abbey Road (Beatles tribute band) perform and also get to see and hear the Boise Highlanders pipe, drum and dance corp. Come for the show on Sunday or make it an exploration trip around the Treasure Valley. We will find exploration ideas for things to see and do on our website.

It is British classic car owners like yourselves and club members across the northwest that make these shows exciting and successful, and we would enjoy you being a part of our event. The people who register and attend the show have the opportunity to support our local charity, the Meridian Food Bank, with donations of cash and/or food items. Help us promote the show. If any of your members are on IG, they and their friends and families can share information about the show. If you already have us on your calendar, website and in your newsletter, we appreciate your support.

Find out more here:

<https://swiabfm.idahobritishcars.org> and <https://instagram.com/swiabfm>.

Southwest Idaho All British Field Meet (SWIABFM) is a production of the Idaho British Car Club.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Rick Mills

Chair, SWIABFM

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Note: Not a BMCU event, but sounds like a fun event.

-editor

2022 marks Triumph's 120th anniversary. And to celebrate, it's showcasing the very first motorbike it ever built.

Triumph motorcycles were popular on-screen rides in many famous films—Marlon Brando rode a Triumph Thunderbird in “The Wild Ones” and Steve McQueen scrambled through the German countryside in “The Great Escape” on a Triumph Trophy.

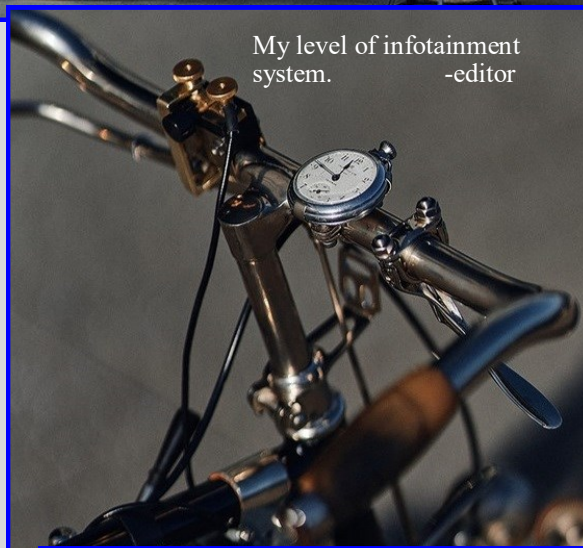
Officially dubbed a prototype, this particular bike pre-dates any production model and was built to gauge public interest in a motor-powered bicycle—which makes perfect sense, as Triumph actually started off as a bicycle company in the 1880s.

The pivot towards engine power began in 1901 with the prototype you see here. In many ways, this bike is a bit of a “missing link” between Triumph's bicycles and the actual motorbikes that began leaving the Triumph Factory in Coventry, England in 1902—it's little more than a Triumph bicycle fitted with a gasoline-powered engine sourced from the Belgian company Minerva.

But the actual production motorbike model, simply dubbed “No. 1,” wasn't much fancier. It too used the same recipe of a Triumph bicycle outfitted with a motor sourced from Minerva, and it still featured foot-powered pedals to supplement the engine's modest two horsepower.

It wasn't until 1905 that Triumph moved production completely in-house, and began assembling its own motorcycle engines. A decade later in 1915, the Model H was introduced that would do away with the vestigial foot pedals and become Triumph's first “true” motorcycle.

This prototype pre-dates all other Triumph motorbikes. The prototype underwent a detailed restoration and was retuned to running, riding condition late in 2021. It is currently on display at Triumph's HQ in Hinckley, England.



My level of infotainment system.
-editor



From: Hemmings Daily April 3, 2022
and OnAllCylinders March 20, 2022.
Original Author: Paul Sakalas

We as the BMCU get to experience the joy of roadside attractions. The recent addition of the Free Willy synthetic half-whale at 900S and 1100E (5-way intersection) is being installed in the recently installed round-about.

Unfortunately the suggested use as a snow cone stand has been rejected by the Salt Lake City Art Commission who thought it would be

a good idea to place a colorful driver distraction (AKA art) in the middle of the road. The lovely chain link fence is to discourage art thieves. The editor has learned that additional colorful paint is yet to be applied.

In my neighborhood, our recent traffic circle in the mini intersection of Princeton Ave and 1700E was graced with some kinetic art in the form of a white whale SUV.

The city calls this a traffic calming structure. See how calm the SUV is; it's resting. The lady who drove the SUV into this concrete obstruction was not so calm. Fortunately no one was hurt but the shrubbery took it in the shorts.

What's in your round-about?

If you have a favorite round-about (AKA traffic circle) photo send it to your newsletter editor.



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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!

Please send ideas, suggestions, comments, articles, and/or photos for the BMCU Newsletter to the editor: robbyfoye@gmail.com

British Motor Club of Utah

Here is information from Pugs regarding Gary Lindstrom's celebration of life.

Gary's celebration of life on Saturday April 30, 2022, will be from 11am until 2pm at Starks Funeral Parlor 3651 S 900 E, SLC.

We have been asked to drive our British vehicles to the celebration of Gary's life.

-Roger Davis

