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To quote the British band, Led Zeppelin, "Good times, bad times. You know I've had my share." Luckily, the good times outnumbered the bad times in 2023.

3/12/23 - St. Patrick's Day brunch at the Black Sheep Bar & Grill. It was a great turn out and our tables had to snake around the establishment in order to accommodate our numbers. We were lucky that St. Patrick did not have to come down from the mountain to banish all the snakes to the sea again.

[4/15/23 - Ogden Canyon/North Canyon Divide](#). Once again it was a great turn out. Some brave souls went topless, some did not, but fun was had by all as we drove through a winter wonderland and finished it off with lunch at Little Taste of Britain.

[4/29/23 - Eureka Drive](#). Mother nature did not cooperate with the original date, but nobody had any complaints with the sunny weather and BMCU made it standing room only at B's Hangout for lunch.



[5/27/23 - Memorial Day Tour.](#) A group of 16 colorful British automobiles tested their metal and their drivers tested their mettle on their journey from SLC to Monticello to Mesa Verde to Natural Bridges and back to SLC.

[6/3/23 - Chalk Creek Run.](#) Many people have heard about the famous 4 Corners region, but fewer people know of the hidden gem that is the SW corner of Wyoming. It was a perfect location for a picnic after a scenic drive.

6/17/23 - British Field Days. Over 120 majestic British cars and motorcycles were displayed at Liberty Park for the general public to enjoy.

[6/24/23 - Monte Cristo.](#) A stunning coalition of LBCs made the drive through Huntsville and continued to the Monte Cristo Scenic Outlook. After taking in the majestic views, the coalition enjoyed lunch at Red Rock Tacos.

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[7/15/23 - Morning Mountain Run.](#) We got an early start up Big Cottonwood Canyon, through Kamas and up and over Wolf Creek Pass until the turn around point in Hanna. On the drive back, the club encountered a police escorted Harley Davidson ride and it was a sight to behold!

8/19/23 - Time, Speed , Distance Rally. Pat and Donna Rich represented the BMCU well by taking 1st in the Vintage category.



/26/23 - Trapper's Loop. 20 LBCs made the journey up through Emigration Canyon and through Morgan Valley and down to Mountain Green.

[9/4/23 - State Street Cruise.](#) It was a rainy day, but it didn't put a damper on the enthusiasm of all the LBCs that showed up for the cruise.

[9/23/23 - Alpine Loop.](#) The 35th Anniversary event was bigger and better than ever.

[10/7/23 - Nebo Loop.](#) 37 LBCs hit the road and were treated to a spectacular meal at the Steens and then mother nature treated us with spectacular foliage.



Unfortunately the good times were followed with bad times. The club lost long time member, Paul Jaroch on September 7th, 2023.

[10/23/23 Paul's Celebration of life](#)



MGs, Minis, and Millennials: The next generation of Little British Car enthusiasts

By Clayton Kimberley 22 November 2023



I often try to reminisce about England in the 1950s and '60s. Crisp autumn days in the Cotswolds. Narrow village lanes. Classic British motoring. The problem here is that I was born in Canada. In the mid-1990s. The *Dictionary of Obscure Sorrows* defines this sort of sentiment: *Anemoia (noun)*: Nostalgia for a time you've never known.

I belong to a group of young British motoring enthusiasts, and we know this feeling well.

The postwar period in England ushered in the development of small cars that perfectly paired man and machine. The liberty and optimism of this golden era were complemented by the handsome styling and reassuring handling afforded by Little British Cars (or LBCs) – chief among them, the droptop. The period marked the pinnacle of raw, tactile enjoyment that British auto manufacturing could provide, and starry-eyed enthusiasts have been chasing it ever since.

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The Roadster Factory, a 48,000-square-foot facility in Armagh, Pennsylvania known for specializing in classic British sports cars, was reported as a total loss after sustaining damages in a destructive fire that ignited on Christmas morning. No humans were seriously injured during the blaze.

According to Indiana County 911, Armagh and East Wheatfield Township, Clyde, Brush Valley, New Florence, Seward, Bolivar fire departments, and Citizens EMS Dispatch were dispatched on the first alarm that was called in at 1 a.m. Just minutes later, Jackson Township, Nanty Glo, Vintondale, West Taylor Township, Fairfield Township and Blairsville fire departments were called to the scene. The dispatch calls continued from 2 a.m. until around 5 a.m., reportedly adding The Black Lick Fire Department, Homer City Fire Department, Middle Taylor Township Fire Department, Cherryhill Township, and Pine Township fire departments to the scene.

By the time the sun rose on Christmas morning, a gutted brick structure and smoldering ruins were what remained. Nearly 12 hours after the emergency call was made, over a dozen fire companies and more than 100 firefighters were still working at the scene on the 300 block of Killen Road in Indiana County dousing the debris.

2/10/24 - Potluck Planning Meeting

South Valley Unitarian Universalist Society Church, 6876 S. Highland Drive, Cottonwood Heights, UT

- 1) Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 10th in the year of our lord twenty-four.
- 2) Bring an entrée to share and drinks for yourself
- 3) Think about drives you'd like to add to our schedule and which one you'd like to help to coordinate.

A new feature we'd like to add is something to help get to know your fellow club members. For this month, we're going to get to know Ron Christensen and how he got hooked on petrol. Please email nghianguyen77@gmail.com with your story to be featured.



This was the car that spurred my interest in sports cars! At a time when I was totally engrossed in hot rods, fueled by living in Wendover and living the Bonneville experience every summer this car came into our Flying A station one spring morning on an open trailer. As I stood there filling the tow car with gas I admired the gorgeous lines of the birdcage Maserati and the red graphics that surrounded the white circle (which I later learned was called a “roundel”) and the ornate black and red “53” within it. I imagined this machine traveling at the same speeds as the many Bonneville cars I was familiar with but on a narrow strip of asphalt THEN having to slow dramatically, downshift 3 gears and negotiate a turn at the end of a long straightaway. This concept and my interest in road racing began a couple of years earlier when I saw the movie Devil’s Hairpin at the Wendover theater which is the same building where we hold our dinners during Speedweek and World of Speed. But here right in front of me was one of these actual cars like I had seen in the movie. The owner and driver of this beautiful machine was Bill Krause, the name on the credit card he used to pay for his gas. I remembered the name because I saw it later and photos of this car in the first Road & Track magazine I purchased. My passion for Chevies, Fords, GMC 6-71 blowers and moon discs was being challenged by Maseratis, Ferraris, Jaguars, Weber carbs and wire wheels!

Lucas Calendar 2024

Feb 10: Potluck Planning Meeting

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:

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