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TRIUMPHant Return!

The British Motor Club of Utah will be making a triumphant return in 2024 after a cold winter. What better way to come out of hibernation then to get together with fellow members for a potluck dinner? The BMCU will take care of: plates, utensils, bowls, cups, napkins, salt & pepper and electrical cords if you have a slow cooker. BMCU members need to come prepared with 3things: a dish to share, something for you to drink, ideas for the 2024 driving season and of course be ready for good times! Mark it on your calendars, 6 PM on the 10th of February in the year of our lord twenty-twenty four.

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Drive Your Triumph Day in Honour of Sir John Black on 2/10/2024

In anticipation of Triumphs and Standards hitting the roads worldwide to commemorate Sir John Black's birthday, I'd like to share some guidelines.

Participating is easy—on February 10, simply take your Triumph or Standard out for a drive. Capture a photo of the car, and if possible, include the driver/owner in the shot. If you happen to reside in snow-covered regions or if your car is undergoing restoration, photograph it in its current condition or location (even if it's tucked away in your garage). Group events and collective photos are great, and individual photos of the cars are also encouraged.

Following your drive, and before the end of February, kindly send high resolution versions of your photos to DriveYourTriumphDay@gmail.com. Ensure that you include your name, the year and model of your car, as well as the city, state, and country where the photo was taken.

Once all the photos are processed and posted, I'll send out another email containing the link for you to view the photos.

Feel free to reach out with any questions you may have, and thank you in advance for getting the message out to your club members and friends to drive their Triumphs and Standards on February 10th.

Best Wishes,

Rye Livingston
Activities Chairman
Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club
1960 Triumph TR3A
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Sir John Black was born in Kingston upon Thames in 1895. He studied law at the University of London before joining the military during the First World War. He eventually achieved the rank of Captain the Royal Tank Regiment. After the war, he left both the military and law when he joined the barely 10 years old Hillman Motor Company as sales manager in 1918. He was appointed a director in 1919.

John Black left Hillman for Standard when Hillman became part of Rootes in 1929. He was made Standard's joint managing director in 1933 only to become sole director less than a year later.

With the possibility of the Second World War on the horizon, he enthusiastically backed the government scheme for shadow factories and managed two of them at Banner Lane and Canley. These were built by the government for the manufacture of aero engines and for aircraft.

In July 1941 Black was appointed the chairman of the Joint Aero Engine Committee. For his successful performance in this position, he was given a knighthood in 1943. From that point on, he insisted that his full title be used by all staff and employees.

At the end of the Second World War, in 1944, Sir John Black organized Standard's purchase of Triumph. He was injured in late 1953 in an accident when being given a demonstration of the Swallow Doretti. His fellow board members believed this affected his judgment and he was forced to resign in January 1954, officially because of his health.

In his retirement, Sir John Black took up farming. He died suddenly in a hospital in Cheshire on Christmas Eve, December 1965, at the age of 70.



Triumph cars returns with new TR25 concept from Makkina

After an almost 40-year hiatus, the Triumph badge has once again found itself on the nose of a new sports car, albeit under rather unusual circumstances. This is the Triumph TR25 concept. It's the work of the British design house Makkina – and its aim is to both celebrate Triumph's automotive centenary and pay homage to the record-breaking 1953 Triumph TR2 (which you can see by scrolling through our gallery).

In the 1950s, the TR2 set a new land speed record for production cars powered by engines smaller than 2.0 litres in capacity. It achieved a top speed of 124.889mph, thanks in part to a collection of aerodynamic panels, such as a smooth undertray, enclosed rear wheel arches and a cockpit cover. It beat the previous record holder, the Sunbeam Alpine, by almost 5mph.

With the Triumph TR25 concept, Makkina tried to retain as much of the TR2's aero-focused styling as possible, while updating it for the modern era. Like the classic, the concept has a tonneau cover for the passenger seat, a deep front intake and small headlights perched atop the front end.

But the concept's surfacing is more angular, it has a new aero fin behind the driver and it junks the old car's utterly useless halogen headlamps for LEDs. Its cabin is also incredibly pared back, sporting little more than a seat, some pedals and a steering wheel to help keep weight to a minimum.

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2/10/24 - Potluck Planning Meeting

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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.
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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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