

Winter Project: Richard Weyland

It seems I get asked a lot what I am working on this year. Well after setting my TR5 to the side to finish my frame up restoration of my TR6, which some have seen out and about, it's such an awesome build like it just rolled straight out of the factory. Built as close as I could to factory specs, right down to the stock wheels and redline tires. with a few modifications like color change to Delft Blue, Hi back 1969 seats with fold down headrests, stayfast canvas convertible top, With stick cover when hard top is on to match interior. Factory Hard top, And very cool side stripes blending into the factory semi gloss black tail end paint. Under the hood sound mat with Triumph logos. It's already pulling some top awards at events like the Triumphfest and the Idaho field meet .

But enough of The TR6 back to my TR5 frame is all powder coated assembled ready to accept the motor and Transmission with overdrive. Motor is off to the Jensen Machine for all the machine work before final assembly. But like always I have a few other projects on going Like this black TR3 Keith and I just installed this stayfast canvas top on. Oh just asked me all the new tricks I learned with this install plus the fantastic new tool to punch the holes for lift a dot fasteners. Now it's up for some body replacement on My knee this month.



January 17th, 2026—Left Fork Grill

Eleven BMCU members enjoyed a tasty breakfast at the Left Grill. The time and location were both perfect for the good grub and lively conversations with plenty of laughs thrown in. These breakfasts are proving to be popular opportunities to get together with BMCU friends.



Steen and Arlene Sorensen are currently on an LDS mission in Denmark and will be returning to Utah in April. It would appear that Steen was able to take a little break and visit a huge classic car museum with over 300 cars!





A Touch of Fame with a BMCU Member

"Once Upon A Wheel"

This is a one-hour special made-for-TV movie released in April 1971 featuring Paul Newman as narrator. This was my first successful year in racing when I won my first National points race in Salt Lake and unbeknownst to me mother and father watched from the outside of the fence at the Salt Lake track. My dad was home having retired from his service station business then with a heart condition and my mother happened to be off work from the Post Office. Apparently they decided to drive out to the track as a spur of the moment activity. They arrived late in the event but somehow just in time to see my race and my first victory! They did not go inside the track and into the grandstand probably because of the exertion it would have taken on that hot summer day. They watched from the fence on the outside of the last turn.

They returned home and my dad painted "CONGRATS 1st PLACE!" on a 4'x8" piece of Masonite and had it propped up against the garage when I arrived home with the race car in tow several hours later. This was the only time either of them watched me race cars. My father died a year later of a second major heart attack.

Nine years earlier, in 1962 they were at a go kart race I ran in Ogden where I finish third. Prior to that my mother had taken me and my racing go kart to a few races in Tooele, Lagoon and one in Salt Lake. And that was the only racing where either of them actually got to see me in competition.

Getting back to this film, it was an exciting presentation which came at a time when I was in my early years of auto racing and it influenced to a degree my racing career.

Little did I know that only 7 years later I would be sitting in Paul Newman's rental car at Willow Springs Raceway going over a report I had put together for him on a Salt Lake company that purported to have invented a "200 MPG Carburetor" that could be put on any car!

Newman had asked me to investigate this company and its owner to see if there was any legitimacy to this guy's claim. Newman was part of an investigatory committee presenting to the government various solutions to the fuel shortage crisis which had begun a few years earlier.

We sat in his rental car on the outside of Turn 4 at the track where both he and I would be competing just a couple of hours later. He was racing his own Datsun 510 sedan and I was in my Alfa Romeo GT. We were not competing against each other as we were in different classes but we both went on to SCCA Divisional Championships that year.

This was my first ever up-close-and-personal encounter with a real celebrity and I wasn't as star-struck as I expected. At the time we were just two car guys sitting in a rental car discussing a car-related subject. I was more impressed that he was just a regular guy than being a super-star actor as we discussed not only the 200 MPG Carburetor inventor but our own racing and chances of victory that day at Willow Springs.

But I was left with a very memorable impression . . . He was 61 at the time and his age was much more apparent sitting just two feet away than on the big screen at a theater. His skin seemed pale, thin and transparent . . . probably due to the lack of makeup which we were used to seeing in his films. However he had those famous blue eyes! They were really BLUE! A light blue unlike anything I had seen! His trademark feature was still there just like in all the close ups from his movies.

We completed our business and I gave him my written report on the 200 MPG Carburetor guy along with a series of photos I had taken of him during the interview and test drive.

Newman then drove us back to our race cars in the Pits to prepare for our events. We both were victorious that day and went on to win our respective Divisional Championships but for me the most memorable time was that hour I spent chatting with an icon.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iCg5o4eoe1A>



[TRA National Meet 2026 - June 15th -19th Madras, OR](#)



[Gathering of the Faithful 2026 - May 11th -15th Flagstaff, AZ](#)



[VTR National Convention 2026 - October 14th -18th Kerrville, TX](#)



February!
February 7: Planning Meeting

BMCU Merchandise

Here is the current BMCU merchandise. Denny Blackett can take payment via cash or by credit card via Square. Please let her know which items you're interested in so she can bring them to you at the next club event.

Gold Circle BMCU t-shirts available in Mens S, M and Womens L and XL.
Blue Circle BMCU t-shirts available in Mens L, XL and Women's M and L.
New BMCU Hats available in Blue, Black and White.
Magnetic name badges can be ordered on a pre-paid basis,. Please email Quartermaster to order and pre-pay. The order will be placed once we have 15 or more requests.

BMCU Patch	\$ 6.00
Window Decals	\$ 2.00 or \$ 2/3.00
Ball Cap	\$20.00
T-shirts	\$15.00
Name Badge (order & pre-pay)	\$20



Lucus Calendar 2026	Service Garage	Club Officers 2025
<p>Feb 07: Potluck Planning Meeting Mar 15: St. Paddy's Brunch May 24: Memorial Day Tour to Grand Junction Sep 01: State Street Cruise Midweek Madness Drives: TBA</p> <p>Watch the group site for email announcements Don't forget impromptu events too. Tech Session anyone?</p>	<p>Jaime Echeverria 385-400-7761 (Taylorsville)</p> <p>Richard Weyland 801-381-2500 (Millcreek)</p> <p>Ron Jensen 801-374-8881 (Provo)</p> <p>Ron Christensen 801-706-1054 (Salt Lake City)</p> <p>These members provide private automotive services for their fellow members. The club/individuals hold no responsibilities for the work performed.</p>	<p>Governor General - Roger Davis</p> <p>Lt. Governor - Kent Jensen</p> <p>Chancellor of the Exchequer - Pat Rich</p> <p>Quartermaster - Denny Blackett</p> <p>Web Master - Drew Frink</p> <p>Membership Director - Dennis Walkingshaw</p> <p>Newsletter Editor - Nghia Nguyen</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Contact BMCU</p>