



Our next scheduled event is **April 11 and is the North Ogden Divide Run, a member favorite.** This is a very pretty drive, culminating at our favorite Fish & Chips restaurant, "A Little Taste of Britian." It's another drive that you just don't want to miss. More information will be forthcoming, so keep checking your email.

March 28th, 2026 Eureka Run

To add to what Mark has already said, the road through Dividend, UT (check it out on Google Maps) to Eureka, has become one of the BMCU member's favorites. It is steep, narrow and twisty with beautiful views. Thanks, Ron, for showing us this route last year and scouting it for drivability today. Lars, who had some mechanical problems with his beautiful black TC, let me know that he had made some repairs and was going to head back toward home. I hope you made it to the wedding in time!

The count of cars and members who are on the sign-in sheet is close to what Mark also said, **26 cars and 38 members.** That does not include the two young fellows in their Lincoln yacht who found our cars so intriguing that they asked to join us on the Run! They were curious and very polite as they asked many questions about each of our machines.

B's Hangout gets the award for being flexible enough to handle our group, with smiling faces, as we pretty much took over their establishment. Then in the middle of getting our luncheon orders out, they welcomed a surprise visit from a group of side-by-siders, numbering 16 people. That made for 54 people, ordering one after another! Owners Brandon and Crystal are some pretty awesome people! We suggest you stop in, the next time you're passing through Eureka, for a soda, burger, or shake. Keep an eye on your email for pictures that Ron took today. There were lots of smiling faces along with a plethora of models of English iron.

Welcome to the new members who were with us today. I hope that you had as good a time as you anticipated. Looking forward to seeing you on the rest of our schedule.



March 15th, 2026 St. Pattys at The Black Sheep Bar & Grill

It was a beautiful day for a BMCU brunch and get together. Everyone was excited and arrived before 10am, but alas Utah Department of Alcoholic Beverage Services does not allow sales until 10. The BMCU early birds all chipped in and arranged seating in a serpentine pattern that would have made Saint Patrick proud. It was a packed house full of BMCU members and The Black Sheep was filled with fun filled conversations. The food was great as always and it was great seeing so many members coming out of winter hibernation.





Here Comes the Sun: 8 Attainable Open-Air Cars

[Andrew Newton](#)



It's officially spring, and even though there's still snow on the ground in some corners of this vast country of ours, most of us are starting to bring our fun cars out of hibernation and enjoying sunny days. There's no better way to enjoy a sunny day drive than with a car that drops its top, so below are eight attainable open-air classics. They're all worth under \$25,000 in #2 (excellent) condition, and even less if you seek out a driver-quality example.

Median #2 value: \$16,300

Called the Tasmin at home in the U.K. but given a rather BMW-sounding "280i" badge in the U.S., this car was a complete departure in the looks department from all previous TVRs. Instead of the clean curves on cars like the [Grantura](#) and [M-series](#), there were now sharp angles and a wedge shape with all the elegance of a rubber door stop. Ex-Lotus man Oliver Winterbottom was responsible for the triangular body. "It was all a bit of a hurry, really," TVR's then-owner Martin Lilley later remembered.

Beyond the wedge, though, the recipe for the 280i was familiar territory for the little company from Blackpool, including the tubular steel backbone chassis, punchy engine mounted just in front of the driver, rear-wheel drive, and low curb weight (about 2500 pounds). Bringing in parts from outside suppliers was another TVR tradition, and in the Tasmin's case, there is a smorgasbord of Ford bits throughout. In the U.S. market 280i's case, that included a German-built, 2.8-liter "Cologne" V-6 good for 160 hp and 162 lb-ft. Tasmins with four- and eight-cylinder engines were sold elsewhere, but not here.

Only a few hundred examples of the 280i made it to our shores before TVR left the U.S. market once and for all. The usual TVR caveats of frame rust and build quality issues apply for anybody looking to buy a 280i, but these cars reportedly handle beautifully, their Cologne V-6s are quite pleasingly torquey, and they have surprisingly handsome interiors. The two-piece, three-position top is also a nifty idea that includes a removable center roof section that effectively makes the car a targa, as well as a soft-top rear section that folds down for the full convertible experience. Rare, interesting, and fun but also obscure, trouble-prone, and a little homely, these TVRs are still cheap. The most expensive one sold in recent memory barely brought [20 grand](#).

[Link to complete article](#)

Auto Jumble

Selling my our 2001 XK8. Quite a looker, starts, runs and drives, but need some TLC.

Had a check engine light - codes were read, showed lean bank 1 bank 2 code, which google tells me can be "vacuum leaks, dirty or failing mass airflow sensors (MAF), or fuel delivery issues". There was also a minor evap leak code.

These were reset and the check engine light had now gone, although there is an intermittent stability control warning message (not check engine light), that resets on re-starting, but often comes back.

Could do with upper suspension mounts / new front shocks, also has a minor steering rack leak. New battery fitted a couple of weeks ago. So - anyone looking for a winter project?

Could be a great opportunity for a club member to get her running right. If anyone has had a hankering for a big cat and is not afraid of some work, message me. Louise wants her garage spot back before winter!

Asking \$3500

Drop me a line at charles.edington@gmail.com or text at 801 556 81217

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If anyone has a serious interest in purchasing a 1979 Rolls-Royce with 23,000 miles on it, let me know by DM and I can give you a contact to call or text

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Dear Fellow MG Enthusiast - Are you ready for an Adventure with your MG?

Immerse yourself in all matters MG for four glorious days from **May 11th to 15th, 2026 in Flagstaff, Arizona** at the **GoF West 2026** event. There will be something for everyone there from a Rally/Tour, Funkhanas (driven and carless), a Silent & Live Auction with MG items & car related items to purchase, a Technical Session and Awards presented to the best of the best from the week's activities at a dinner.

- ✓ MG Car Display with many classes for all MGs
 - ✓ First Time Car Display for people attending the event for the first time
 - ✓ Arts / Crafts / Models / Photos Display
- The three above events are Popular Vote not judged.*
➤ Winners' Circle

The [link to the event publication](#) with more details can be found. There is registration information and more details to be found at [registration form](#). The registration fee is currently at \$75.00 and it will go up on April 1, 2026 to \$100.00. We encourage anyone interested to sign up as soon as possible, so needed items for the event can be ordered.

Join us at the Host hotel which is the [Doubletree Hotel](#) by Hilton located on old Highway 66 in Flagstaff, Arizona. The Doubletree's address is 1175 West Route 66, Flagstaff, Arizona. You can call the hotel directly at 928-773-8888 and use the "GoF West 2026" as the group name to get the special rate of \$169 plus tax and fees **or use this link <https://group.doubletree.com/gbgw1p> to make your reservation**. To get the group rate, reserve before allowed rooms are sold out. All rooms must be booked by 4/11/26 or sooner. **The hotel requires reserving rooms through them directly to help us with tracking and to get the special room rate.**

GoF West" is the name given to a regularly held "Gathering of the Faithful" event for owners of MG cars held in the western United States and Canada. GoF West is an annual event organized following a set of guidelines from the GoF West, Inc. Steering Committee. This committee mandates some specific events to be held at every GoF West and they suggest other events that the Organizers of a particular year's GoF West may choose to incorporate. The Arizona MG Car Club is proud to have been chosen to host the 2026 event and they intend to carry on the fine tradition of the past GoF West events.

If you have any questions about GoF West 2026, they can be addressed to H. Garcia (Chairman) at hcg1977@gmail.com or by telephone 480-540-8302.

Here is the GoF West website: <https://www.gofwest.org/>



[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](#)



April!
April 11: North Ogden Divide Run

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.

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

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.



Lucus Calendar 2026	Service Garage	Club Officers 2025
<p>Feb 07: Potluck Planning Meeting Mar 15: St. Paddy's Brunch Mar 28 : Eureka Run Apr 11: North Ogden Divide Run May 2: Ophir Run & Picnic May 23: Memorial Day Tour to Grand Junction Jun 6: Chalk Creek Run & Picnic Mar 15: St. Paddy's Brunch Jun 20: British Field Days Jun 27: Monte Cristo Run Jul 2: Eagle Wood Speed Festival Jul 4: Fourth of July Parade Jul 18: Butlerville (Cottonwood Heights) Parade Aug 8: Early Morning Run Aug 22: Trappers Loop Run Sep 7: State Street Cruise Sep 26: Guardsman Run & BBQ Oct 3: Nebo Loop Color Run Oct TBD: Golden Spike Run & Picnic Nov TBD: Bison Roundup Nov TBD: End of Season Dinner</p> <p>Midweek Madness Drives: TBA</p> <p>Watch the group site for email announcements Don't forget impromptu events too. Tech Session anyone?</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 - Denny Blackett</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>