



Our next scheduled events are June 6th: Chalk Creek Run & Picnic, June 20th: British Field Days and June 27th: Monte Cristo Run

May 23rd, 2026 Memorial Day Run

The weather for the 2026 Grand Junction Tour was perfect! Not too hot nor cold. The main group gathered in SLC and then proceeded to Heber to meet with the rest of the Tour. The eighteen vehicles then headed east along US-40 with a quick stop in Duchesne before pausing in Vernal for lunch. Several members chose to fill gas tanks for the next section of the trip. The Tour then headed south in Dinosaur, then two more stops, one in Rangely and another at the top of the 8240' high, Douglas Pass. The Pass gives an incredible view of the winding roads, yet to come.

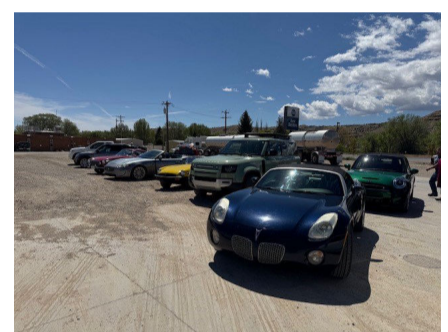
After checking in to the hotel in Grand Junction, the members selected from the myriad of food choices and headed off for dinner or met with friends who lived in Grand Junction. Sunday, most of the Tour Group took a beautiful, winding drive on the Grand Mesa Scenic Byway to the Powerhorn Ski area at 8200' elevation. Our LBC's were struggling in the thin air, so we turned around and headed back to Grand Junction for a well earned lunch.

After lunch, our guides, Clayton and Sharon Merchant, led us through the streets of Grand Junction to the entrance of the Colorado National Monument. We had a good laugh at the entrance, watching the Chinese Fire Drill that was performed to allow the cars to enter the Monument, using our Senior Passes! Clayton and Sharon then proceeded to guide us to the most awesome stops along the narrow road, to view this incredibly beautiful, grand landscapes of the American West. With no shoulder on the road, the views were sometimes straight DOWN for nearly a thousand feet! Thanks to Clayton and Sharon for taking us on this awesome, winding drive.

Sunday night, many of us met with Grand Junction friends for dinner and catching up. There were lots of stories, laughs, and I'm sure a few fibs that accompanied the food.

Monday, some folks headed back towards Salt Lake City, but many of us drove CO 141 with its perfect curves and amazing views. On the way, there was a fun stop to check out the old gold mining flumes and to pose with Wiley Coyote, who, of course, was flattened out in the middle of the road. Lol Check out the pictures for a look at Wiley. An old dinner in Naturita, Blondies, was our stop for lunch before more scenic and twisty roads towards Monticello. We pretty much took over the Mexican restaurant in Monticello, and the food was well worth it.

Tuesday was the conclusion of the weekend with everyone coming close to seeing a thousand miles on their odometers. Yes, I had to take the daily driver, but it's a testament to the preparation that the BMCU members do on their cars, that there were very few minor mechanical problems. Everyone arrived home safely and ready for the next driving event.



May 26th, 2026 Ophir Run & Picnic

The 2nd annual Ophir Run was a smashing success. The weather was beautiful and there were a plethora of shiny British cars that added a splash of color to the old mining town.

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10 top British tailfinned classic cars



The finest flashy-tailed Brits

In February 1948, the Cadillac Series 62 Coupe became the first American car with tailfins, inspired by the Lockheed P38 Lightning aircraft.

A decade later, they reached such baroque heights on US cars that their next logical evolutionary stage was their demise. Meanwhile, on the other side of the Atlantic, various models copied the design trope with equally varying degrees of success. The idea of British cars following Detroit trends was far from a new phenomenon by the late 1950s.

Aside from the obvious Ford GB and Vauxhall products, the Rootes Group had commissioned Raymond Loewy Associates to design the Audax' Hillman Minx.

Even the Rover P4, a car widely perceived as the epitome of English respectability, owed a strong allegiance to the 1947 Studebaker Champion.

There were also logical commercial reasons for adding tailfins, with many UK car makers believing that they would assist export sales.

However, some motorists regarded them as a step too far, and the antithesis of all that was decent, proper and tweed-wearing. Another problem was that, unlike Detroit's regular updates, many British vehicles tended to retain the same look for several years.

By the 1960s the result often looked surreally dated – but it always possessed a sense of flair.

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June!

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June 27: Monte Cristo 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.

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



Lucas Calendar 2026

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
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

Midweek Madness Drives: TBA

Watch the group site for email announcements
Don't forget impromptu events too. Tech Session anyone?

Service Garage

Richard Weyland
801-381-2500 (Millcreek)

Ron Jensen
801-374-8881 (Provo)

Ron Christensen
801-706-1054 (Salt Lake City)

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