

Under The Bonnet

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A Two-Part First WMJR Event For 2020 on March 21 Millstream Classic Car Museum Willard UT Little Taste of Britain Layton UT

The first WMJR event of 2020 will be a treat for mind and tummy.

It will start with a tour of Millstream Classics, an under appreciated car museum in Willard UT.

The BMCU visited this site several years back and it was huge fun. If I remember correctly the owner had a Yellow Cab franchise and used mostly Hudsons, which are lovingly represented in the collection among other great cars.

The building is tightly packed but still navigable on foot; for relief one can tour the outdoor collection of cars awaiting restoration (or sale).



After the tour those interested can continue on to one of the best fish and chips spots for miles around, Little Taste of Britain in Layton UT.

For those who'd like to trav-

el on their own here is contact information for the two venues:

- *Millstream* 255 E 1080 N, Willard, Utah 84340, (801) 721-0032 (our reservation is for 11am).
- *Little Taste of Britain* 768 West 1425 North, Layton 84041, (801) 543-5707 (next to the AMC theater).

If you'd like to travel in a group we'll meet on East Capitol Blvd. due east of the Utah State Capitol at 9:30am for a 10:00am departure.

Should be great fun.

—Gary Lindstrom

Laws of Physics for British Cars

Story by Rex Funk

From *The Island Growler* Award Winning Newsletter of
The [Jaguar Car Club of Victoria](#), British Columbia, Canada
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Sir Isaac Newton, an Englishman famed for his discovery of the Law of Gravity, has a branch of Physics named for him. The real breakthrough in physics in the 20th century has been the development of Quantum Physics. Often startling and unconventional, the laws of Quantum Physics explain heretofore little understood phenomena.

Yet no one has fully explained the perplexing contrivance of Newton's countrymen: the British car. Indeed these cars, which we know and love, defy all known laws of physics.

In an effort to bring some clarity to the conundrum of the British Car, I offer this treatise in hopes that it will account for some of the idiosyncrasies of these venerable but unpredictable vehicles.

This seminal dissertation will no doubt be widely, if not soberly, debated. While I support the prerogative of

simplest form (ultimately the hydrogen atom). This previously unknown law has been deduced through observation, and is supported by the now famous Lucas Corollary to Murphy's Law.

2. Law of Inverse Practicality The most desirable British cars are the least practical to own and operate. This is also known as the Law of

Sadomasochistic Attraction.

3. Law of Momentum and Inertia Most simply stated this law is British cars are hard to start, but once you get them going there is no stopping them. Also known as Girling's Law, this explains why most older British sports cars which still run, need bodywork on their front wings,



the reader to question my conclusions, I challenge sceptics among you to propose equally plausible, lucid and concise explanations for the phenomena in question.

1. Law of Accelerated Entropy Entropy in British cars proceeds at twice the rate of that of normal electro/mechanical devices. Entropy is the propensity of matter to break down to its

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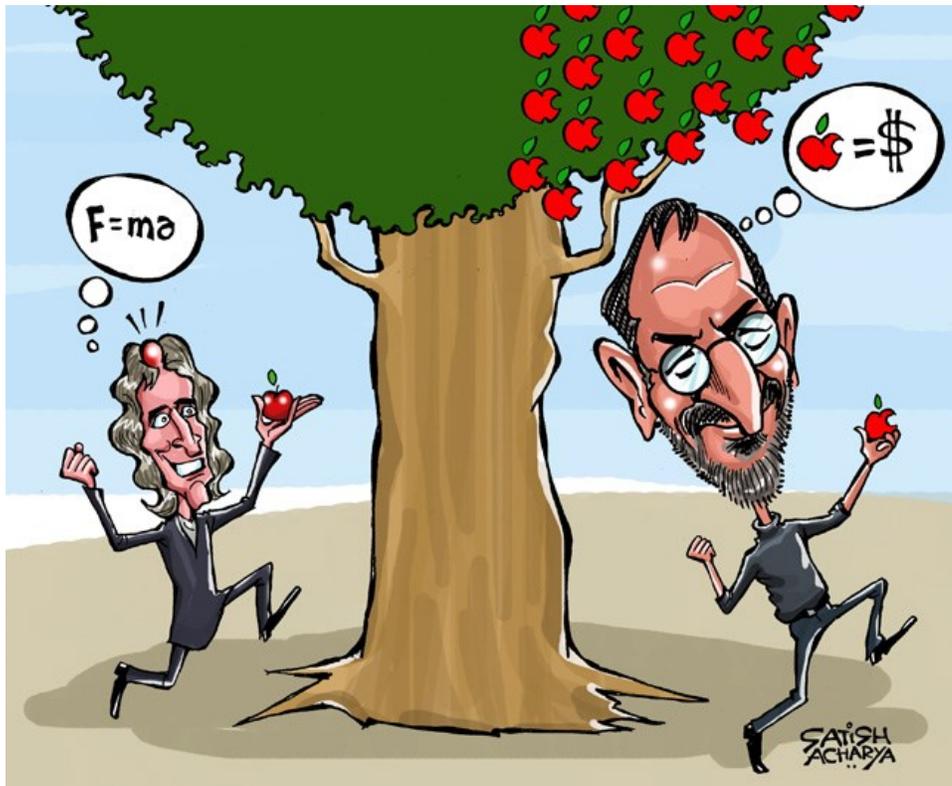
bonnets and/or front aprons.

4. *Law of Inverse Complexity* Mechanical devices on British cars have twice as many parts as those on other cars. In Social Science literature this is referred to as the British Labour Party Law of Job Security and Featherbedding.

5. *Law of Obscure and Obtuse Nomenclature* The names given to parts

of British cars have no rational explanation outside of certain esoteric circles. Cases in point: a Hood is a convertible top, the Bonnet is the hood over the engine, the Boot is the trunk, and a King Dick Spanner is an adjustable wrench. Recent research has confirmed that these arcane terms were coined by early British auto makers as an inside joke while in an ale-induced stupor during nightly visits to the Lucas Pub and Electrical Works in Coventry. The

same beverage was consumed in quantity by writers of technical and shop manuals with similar unfathomable results.



6. *Law of Agricultural Lineage* With notable exceptions, stock British car engines look and sound like tractor engines, from whence many of their original designs came. If it could plow a field, it could power an auto.

7. *Cultural Phylogenetic Law of Electrical Systems* British car electrical systems recapitulate British society in that their designs are rooted in tradition, but

their components often go on strike, fail to work together, and are filled with caustic and incompatible constituents. These social conditions are exacerbated by the fact that much of the populace own Lucas refrigerators, and are forced to drink warm beer.

8. *Law of Inscrutable Variables* Also known as the Stealth Corollary to Murphy's Law, this law states that anything that can go wrong will be well hidden until it does, and will often defy diagnosis. This explains why

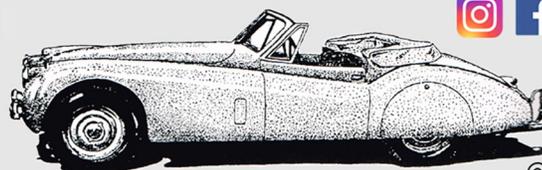
British cars are chock full of so many delightful surprises and enigmas.

9. *Law of Cyclic Effort in Restoration* Similar to the example of the process of painting the Golden Gate Bridge, this law states that as soon as one need or problem is solved, another will pop up to take its place. Thus a British car restoration is never completed, but always in progress.



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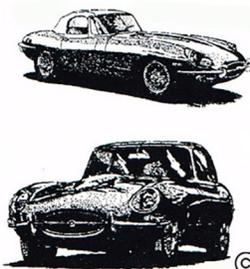
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Southwest Idaho All British Field Meet 2020



McCall, Idaho
September 18-19, 2020



ACTIVITIES

Friday

- Smoke Jumper Base Tours
- Chartered Cruise on Payette Lake
- Road Rallye or Poker Run
- Open Activities in and around McCall
- Welcome Reception Lunch or Dinner

Saturday

- McCall Car Show, Depot Park
- Performance by Irish Dance Idaho

Accommodations:

- Hotel McCall
- Best Western Plus



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The Village at Meridian, Meridian, Idaho September 19-20, 2020

ACTIVITIES

- Saturday Reception BBQ Dinner
- Sunday Show at the Village at Meridian
- Beatles Tribute Band
- Boise Highlanders Pipe, Drum and Dance Corps
- Awards Presentation

Accommodations:

- Hampton Inn, Meridian
- Best Western Plus

These are just a few of the activities we are working on for SWIABFM-2020.

Please visit <https://swiabfm.idahobritishcars.org> for more information and up-to-date details.

Contact Rick Mills at swiabfm@idahobritishcars.org or (208) 968-7006.





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Club Calendar 2020

March 13-15

Salt Lake City Autorama

Jim Klekas, jklekas@aol.com, 801-971-6060

9:30am Saturday, March 21

Visit to Millstream Classic Car Museum

Lunch at Little Taste of Britain

Ken Borg, burghley@msn.com, 801-277-3313

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Saturday March 28

Salt Lake City Classic Car Auction

Mountain America Expo Center, Sandy

www.classiccarauction.us

Jim Klekas, jklekas@aol.com, 801-971-6060

Saturday March 28

BMCU Eureka Meldrum Memorial Run

Cindy and Cory Wardell

Saturday April 11

Cat Dance Film Festival

Barry Hanover, bhanover1@msn.com 435-649-4933

Saturday April 18

BMCU Ogden Canyon Run

Kent Jensen

Saturday May 2

BMCU Coalville Spring Chicken Run

Larry Farrington

Saturday May 16

Drive and Brunch, Silver Fork Lodge, Brighton

Saturday May 30

Car Show: Utah Prader-Willi Syndrome Benefit
Jim Klekas, jklekas@aol.com, 801-971-6060

Saturday June 6 or Saturday 13

Detail Session at Ken Garff Jaguar and BBQ
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Saturday June 20

British Field Day

britishfieldday.com

Jon Hermance, jhermance10@gmail.com, 801-583-5846

June 25-28

Idaho British Car Club Summer Tour, Baker City, OR

Idaho British Car Club,

Rod Nichols, ibccsummertour@gmail.com

Thursday July 2

Eaglewood Festival of Speed, North Salt Lake

www.eaglewoodfestivalofspeed.com

Bruce Oblad and Allen Simonsen

Saturday July 18

Huntsville Drive and Lunch

Saturday August 8

Planes and Horsepower

Russ McDonald Field, Heber

James Humpherys, james.a.humpherys@gmail.com

Saturday August 22

Park City Classic Car Show, Jeremy Ranch
Barry Hanover, bhanover1@msn.com, 435-649-4933

Saturday, September 19

Drive to Midway via Guardsman Pass
BBQ at Borg Cabin, Midway UT
Ken and Joann Borg, burghley@msn.com, 801-277-3313

Saturday September 26

BMCU Alpine Loop
Drew Frink, Jim Stover, Roger & Jill Davis

October

Ghost Drive and Halloween Party
Mike and Susan Cady, 801-731-1599, cadysue1599@msn.com

Saturday October 10

BMCU Fall Colour Tour
Steen and Arlene Sorensen

December

Christmas Party

WMJR members have a standing invitation to participate in events
of the [British Motor Club of Utah](#).
Here is their [calendar](#) of events

Ongoing

9am—noonish Third Sunday of Each Month
Park City Cars and Coffee
Hugo Coffee
1794 Olympic Parkway, Kimball Junction

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