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WMC Summer BBQ by Dorothy Cope

The annual WMC and friends' BBQ get-together was held at Charles and Dorothy Copes' cozy habitat this year. Countless hours of preparation with cleaning, weeding, and watering gave a picturesque and pleasant atmosphere to the annual event. The delicious on-site cuisine was prepared and cooked by Julie Bryant, the veggie gal, Ripley Bryant the beef and bird guy and Tad Davis, the wiener dude, with Lana Davis helping Dorothy for the pre-party prep. Many specialty vittles were prepared by the party goers, and a single helping of anything was impossible. Our special award goes to Julie Davie for actually putting signage in her excellent Curry Waldorf, and John Harris' frozen dessert went so fast that he couldn't even find the plate when he got ready to leave. Lana Davis' cinnamon rolls were to die for, and melted in your mouth, leaving your lips smacking for another. Ron and Ann Buhr bought a yummy cake (the chocolate frosting was OUTSTANDING!) and Rob Riedel and Deb supplied us with homegrown blueberries that Rob picked that very morning in his jammies and slippers. Unfortunately, he scared away the blue-lipped deer that was in the yard! Deb also whipped up a cornbread casserole that was scrumptious. Fortunately, she didn't have to fight the deer for the corn! It was great to see Ken, Linda and Katie Gutierrez again during Katie's break from Pacific University. Barry and Angie Warren were discussing their preparation and accommodations for Bible Creek, which included

their luxurious tent-on-the-trailer mansion including sun porch. Frank (the grid monster) and Louise Crawley were there and Louise brought a cucumber salad from her garden, making Rob and Ripley reminisce of their childhood days. Tad Davis brought his famous pasta salad and didn't spill a drop on Dorothy's new carpet!! Jenn came to visit her folks and brought her mini-cupcakes and world renown deviled eggs, which flew off the plate like they had wings. She also brought her special guy Tom, who did KP while the women chatted at the table and the men boasted outside...what a guy!! Bob and Marie (the Champ) Sherman were here with their new supercharged, classic MG. What a looker... Marie?? The car?? Bob???

Jeff LeClerc brought his son Tony, who camped out upstairs in front of the TV with Lucas Bryant, and Morgan and Phillip Bryant hung out around the food counter waiting for seconds. The observant eye of Chris Davie discovered the lone weed left in the manicured lawn, much to Charles' dismay, who promptly stated he was firing the gardener!

Keynote: The secret weapon of the day was the barbequed pineapple slices prepared by Julie Bryant. Not everyone was lucky enough to sample these scrumptious tidbits of fruit that exploded in your mouth and sent a heavenly jolt of wonder to your palate's senses; you'll just have to take the word of all those happy cuisine samplers!

As requested, the Red Lot was designated for parking, however, since the Disney tram was unavailable for transportation, some of the guests were required to practice their cardio exercises and hoof it on over to the festivities. We'll work on that issue for next time. Julie Davie, is Joe or a friend available to pull a surrey for the trip over?

Road trip with the new MR2: by Dick Lang
Part 2. (see <http://dicknjane.spaces.live.com> for the whole story & pictures)

Starting Home(4/9/2006):

Monday: Several people said we would enjoy a visit to Saratoga Springs, well known for equestrian events. So we drove north admiring the old homes and pre-spring countryside. It is almost a month behind Oregon in terms of flowers, buds and leaves. Saratoga Springs has a wealth of Victorian homes in all states of repair. It also has hundreds, if not thousands, of horse stalls near the race courses. (see the 4/11 photo album for pictures of harness racing horses in training and the race courses)

Travelling farther north, we ate lunch in the resort town of Lake George on the edge of the Adirondack Mountains. Sightseeing this time of year has its advantages because we can see views from the road that will be blocked by leaves later in the year. Nine out of ten of the local businesses were closed with a few of them starting to clean up to get ready for the coming season. This place must be packed in the summer based on the number of motels in the area.

We stayed off the interstates as we headed back south and west. Lots of small towns with great old architecture, farms with big barns and silos that looked to have once been dairies, and two story houses often of quarry stone, brick, or rock-faced. Mild rain-free weather so far. Our night was spent in Liverpool just outside of Syracuse.

Tuesday: We drove north to Fulton and picked up the Seaway Trail along the south bank of Lake Ontario. It was as though we had moved ahead two weeks in time with daffodils in bloom and buds breaking out on trees and shrubs. Travelling west, miles and miles of apple orchards appeared. Sometimes planted right up to the edge of the lake.

Lunch was at Captain Jack's tavern in Sodus Point, a recreational fishing port on Lake Ontario. The "season" hasn't started there yet. The boat basin is almost empty and the park on the beach

has sand drifted up against the restroom doors. The Sodus Point lighthouse is pictured in the 4/12 photo album.

Our first stop in Niagara Falls, New York was a visitors' information center. It also turned out to be an AAA licensed office. We booked the second cheapest hotel on their list (four blocks from the American Falls) and Gray Line tours of both the US and Canadian sides of the Niagara River. Seventy five degrees today with no rain. This is the best weather they have had since last fall. We have been blessed with kind people, safe travel, and great weather all the way so far.

Wednesday: This is opening day for the Maid of the Mist tour boats that cruise under the three falls, and the first day of the summer schedule Gray Line tours. Our timing couldn't have been better. Despite the plastic rain ponchos (one size fits all) we were drenched from the elbows out and the knees down during the cruise. It was much more exciting than I anticipated with wind whistling down the river and the tour boat engulfed in the dense mist. Awesome power in this river despite only 50% of the water going over the falls (the rest is diverted into power generation reservoirs).

Have never seen so many seagulls in one place. They feed on the carcasses of fish and other edibles that are swept over the falls, nest, raise their young, and do whatever else a self-respecting seagull is suppose to do (including dropping aerial bombs on the tourists).

During the evening we walked across the Rainbow Bridge into Canada and into another world. Niagara Falls, NY is kind of bleak in the business blocks near the falls. However, Niagara Falls, Ontario is clearly geared to tourist entertainment with bits of Seaside, San Diego, and Las Vegas thrown together. This is where the action is for people on vacation. Walking into Canada was a breeze. Returning to the US on foot had an odd wrinkle: You have to pay 50 cents each to go through turnstiles to cross the Rainbow Bridge into the US and only quarters will work.

Thursday: Today was spent on the Canadian side with a tour group made up of people from Spain, Kansas, Arizona, Florida, and Canada. Picture taking improved with blue skies and sun most of the time. We ate dinner right across from our hotel at the Seneca Niagara Casino buffet. The place was jammed and its not even tourist season yet.

When we arrive in Albany one of the first things I noticed was the curbs on the streets. They were quarried and sawn granite rather than concrete. Maybe just a local thing I thought. Here in Niagara Falls, NY it is still granite curbs; some straight and some curved pieces. Must be really cheap, and they are certainly more classy than concrete

Friday: I'm writing this from our motel after a 500 mile day. I checked our gas mileage and thus far it has been 30, 33, and 31 miles per gallon. Not bad for a 14 year old car with 142,000 miles. We are in South Bend, Indiana where it is hot and humid. It was predicted to reach the low 80's today, and I'm sure it did. The locals are running around in T shirts and shorts and there are lots of convertibles with the tops down. Early tomorrow morning the MR2 will get a new pair of rear tires at the Tিরerack plant which is only a couple of miles from our motel. I hope to walk around their test track while they put new shoes on the MR2. Then we will be back on the road west again. We have yet to decide which route to take beyond Chicago.

Info for just info! About Mini Coopers.

1964 – 1966 Mini Cooper S: For something completely different, contemplate the Mini Cooper S (that's the original one). With [new Mini Coopers](#) now the flavor of the month, [classic Minis](#) are starting to get attention. Due to a strong supply of Mini Coopers from England, where they were produced from 1959 to 2001, prices have remained stable. Startlingly small, Mini Coopers have equally astonishing interior space and can transport four adults. A low center of gravity and

wheels positioned at the four corners give very nimble handling, though you'll need to get used to its front-wheel drive behavior. The Mini Cooper S, introduced in 1963, was the competition upgrade of the basic Austin/Morris family compact, with a hot 1,275-cc engine, disc brakes, and a second fuel tank. It is the most collectible of the range. Be wary of cars with rust, especially in the sills and hinge parts of these monocoque-bodied cars, and of recently-imported cars, which may be U.K. junkers with a new paint job. Reputable firms in England are restoring pre-1973 cars (legal for import and registration in most states without EPA hassle) using newly manufactured shells, but they often come with a premium price tag..

My history a little:

I received my first Mini a 1959 red/black while I was in High School (remember reading, writing, and arithmetic) well back to subject. She was in pieces two to be precise. The Body and rear end. Then there was the front sub frame and engine. So to move her we just picked up and rolled everything onto a trailer and brought it home. About 1 ½ hr. later she was bolted together and could roll on her own, I didn't say start but roll. Ok so that's how my love of the Mini started. So 5 mini's later and ending with a mini cooper s 1966 oh she was a beauty. Color=Dark blue, interior=custom blue/black, engine=1275 did pump out 135 hp. I just loved allies the narrow roads behind buildings, buzz in at speed pull hand brake spin around on her self and out at speed. People could not believe how quick I could go in then out. OK well all is history. So here is some info that might be interesting.

By Charles Cope

SCCA Rules for 2007

The SCCA rule book for 2007 can be downloaded at the following web URL:

<http://www.scca.org/FileLibrary/File/2007SoloRules.pdf>
Be forewarned, however, that it is a large file that may take a while to download at slow connection speeds.

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2007 EVENTS

OR-SCCA:

May 11-13 National, Regional

June 1-3 Rose Cup Regional, National

June 30-July 1 Regional

August 25-26 Regional

EESCC:

June 2-3 Event 3 & 4 VRC

July 14-15 Larison Rock Oakridge

August 4-5 Event 5 & 6

Sept 8-9 Event 7 & 8 and IROC

October 6 Fast Grass (Members Only)

SSCC:

May 11-13 Rogue Challenge Series #3

June 15-17 Rogue Challenge Series #4

July 20-22 Rogue Challenge Series #5

August 18-19 Rogue Challenge Series #6

September 21-23 Rogue Challenge Series #7

October 5-7 Fall Enduro

NWAA:

May 19-20 Car show, event 4 Tillamook

June 16-17 event 5, Location TBD

July 14-15 event 6, Location TBD

August 17-19 Summer Road Trip weekend

Sept 22-23 event 7, Deep River Naselle WA

ACCO:

May 19-20 practice & event 2, Redmond

June 23-24 events 3 & 4, Redmond

July 21-22 events 5 & 6, Hoodoo Ski Area

August 25-26 events 7 & 8, Redmond

September 15-16 events 9 & 10, Redmond

October 13-14 Oregon Shootout Invitational, Redmond

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May 20th – Mayhem at the Fairgrounds, Oregon State Fairgrounds, Salem

June 3rd – Rose Cup Autocross, Portland International Raceway, Portland

August 10th, 11th, 12th – Bible Creek Hillclimb, Willamina

August 26th – McKay High School, Salem

September 30th – Albany Fairgrounds, Albany

October 13th & 14th – Oregon Shootout Invitational, Redmond