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3rd September - Hazaldean Mall British Invasion

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President's Musings

Our two August events (Kingston Boots n Bonnets Show and Fry and Fly Day) went ahead unhindered by weather rounding out an exceptional summer for the club. Reports and photos are elsewhere in the Jottings. Many thanks to those who made the activities possible and those who joined us and contributed to the enjoyment. There's more to come in the fall, so keep us in mind to exercise your cat before it's all too soon time to park them away for another winter.

Driverless cars

I was talking with a member at the BBQ who like me is fortunate to have both '60s and current model Jags. We shared the view that while the new cars are great, the true driving experience comes from driving one of the classics. With the passage of time, while the genetics are detectable (sometimes barely) the chasm between so-called classic cars and their modern equivalents continues to widen chiefly due to legislation and the advancements in technology. In truth, modern cars are doubtless better constructed, safer, more reliable and more fuel efficient, yet the "person-machine interface" is becoming less and less. It probably started with cruise control and automatic windshield wipers to today where we have cars that decide when and how hard to brake, how far behind a car to follow, bells and whistles to keep you on the road and not hit something, point out the route and even parallel park. The consuming public, far from being upset by the automating of the driving experience, have wholeheartedly embraced the changes. It's not unusual for modern car ads to focus on MP3/iPhone connectivity and talking computers. Perhaps not by coincidence, the frequency of inattention driving accidents is on the rise as people

choose to give priority to texting and cell phone chats evidently in the belief that modern driving requires less and less of their input....a misconception for which car builders need to take at least part of the blame.

So now, several auto manufacturers are predicting driverless cars as early as the end of the next decade. The pronouncement comes with the caution that before they reach the market, the public will need to be educated to "avoid complacency" since the human is intended to remain in control. One manufacturer apparently has a system to "ensure visual attention is focused ahead". That said, engineers haven't yet quite figured out how to share the road with vehicles not having the driverless technology.

Pardon my skepticism but if we can't get folks to pay attention currently in cars they are allegedly fully controlling, I'm doubtful they won't succumb to the temptation to let an automated vehicle do it all.... (departing bar patron enters vehicle, presses "start" button and announces "Home, James"). Which is my roundabout way of saying enjoy your "person-machine interface" while you still have it.

September/October Activities

HAZELDEAN MALL BRITISH INVASION – Tuesday, 3 Sep.

Show arrivals starting at 5:30 PM, followed by a short drive and dinner at the Ashton Brew Pub. See Flyer with details.

CLUB COLOUR DRIVE - Oct date and details TBA, subject to weather/conditions

Club Executive Vacanices

Sorry to keep banging on about future holes in our organization but

since announcing the problem in the past two Jottings, I've been overwhelmed by the mostly crushing silence from the membership. The current executive mandate runs out in December and as things stand right now, I have no volunteers/nominees for the following positions:

President, Vice President/Activities, Membership Director, Facilities/Equipment Manager.

We have one new volunteer and existing exec members have agreed to stay on or pick up three other positions. Please (re) consider stepping forward to help out your club.

Footnotes

Eurocars dash plaques – if you attended and didn't get your dash plaque, we now have them available. We have a list, but to be sure, please email me.

Best of British – if at times you feel like a lonely "bastion of Britishness" isolated from your peers by the millstone of historical UK automotive failure, you can now cheer up. Top Gear's presentation on the current UK auto industry is surprising and enlightening (if a wee tad flag wavy) and sure to add a swagger to your step the next time you hear Pomp and Circumstance March No 1. Definitely worth a viewing..... (Thanks Phil). You can find the video at: [youtube.com/watch?v=evxaVdZrYaY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=evxaVdZrYaY)

Cheers and Happy Motoring,

Rob Dunlop

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Boots 'n Bonnets British Car Day

A bright sunny morning greeted the assembled Jags in front of Phil Karam's house, for an early morning run to Kingston for the Boot n Bonnet Club's annual homage to British motoring. Phil and Fadia in his imposing X200 XJS led the way with 3 E-types in tow, swinging by Merrickville for coffee and a couple more cars before a very pleasant drive south. In Kingston, the City Park provided an ideal shady venue once we had negotiated the unbelievably deeply pot-holed gravel road entrance (...I'll never complain about Ottawa's road maintenance again...). The show had a good variety of cars, many of which are unique to the Kingston gathering. The large assemblage of excellent big Austin Healeys was particularly impressive. Many thanks to Phil and Fadia for shepherding the gaggle.

Rob Dunlop

Cathy Hiland, Mike O'Brien and Sheila Chappell



Siddons, Dunlop, Morrisons and Karams

Club BBQ: Fry and Fly

At the generous invitation of Peter Whitworth, intrepid aviator and club member, this year's annual summer picnic returned to the Kars airfield for a very successful BBQ and fly day. With gliders soaring overhead, 36 members and families took the opportunity to enjoy the very pleasant surroundings, excellent food and good company. Peter's Aeronca aircraft had little opportunity to cool down, as members eagerly took up his invitation to join him in the Wild Blue Yonder. Meanwhile, "Phil the Chef" slaved over a hot grille producing tasty burgers and hot dogs for the happy group. Many thanks Peter for the super day and sincere apologies for your overcooked burgers at the end of the day. We really have to figure out a way to provide "in-flight feeding" if you insist on staying up in the air all day!

Rob Dunlop



First Timer at Pebble Beach Concours

I recently attended the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance in Monterey, California. Monterey is only about an hour and a half drive from my place in Santa Clara. I've had many opportunities to go in the past when I lived in Ottawa (and travelled to San Francisco on business) but have always shied away at the \$275 ticket price.

After moving to California, I decided that I had to go, at least once to see what this world renowned event is all about. The actual Concours is held on a Sunday, but the entire weekend is filled with car related events. The famous RM auctions is held the night before as well. This year, records were broken as a Ferrari 275 Spider sold for \$27.5 million.

The event itself is held on part of the Pebble Beach golf course. I arrived just before noon; a few hours after judging had finished and the field was open to visitors. Visitor tickets, if purchased online are \$225 per person. No perks are included.

Nothing could have prepared me for the enormous crowd at the event. To be totally honest, it was uncomfortable. You could not turn around

without bumping into someone. It was just ridiculous. Forget even trying to get a few good photographs in when you can't even get near the cars without pushing your way through.

Most of the cars on the green were well into the million dollar range. Several were flown in from all over the world just for this one day. Surprisingly, given the maddening crowds, owners were scarce. But nevertheless, everyone was impeccably behaved as you could imagine given the demographic. No one dare even touch the cars. Aside from a few journalists and odd balls like me, the majority were very very rich people. One could overhear several conversations among friends about the cars they purchased the night before in the 10s of millions of dollars as if it was pocket change. They made movie stars look poor. They were the stock brokers and tech startup millionaires that made Silicon Valley tick.

Aside from the cars on the green, there are several VIP parties going on in parallel. Each sponsored by a car manufacturer. These are parties you

have to be invited to.

I had gone to Pebble Beach with the intent of meeting Jaguar design boss Ian Callum, as he is usually there every year. But later I discovered that this year, he was in the UK for the launch of the Project 7 prototype (which was seen in last month's edition of the Jottings). Nevertheless, I did get a chance to talk to some of Jaguar's factory test drivers.

I walked around for a few hours. Stuck to lemonade instead of champagne to keep cool under the Californian sun (which I must admit, is probably why most people live here). At the end of the day, cars were driven on stage and trophies awarded.

Was it worth \$225? Probably not for me. It lacked the intimacy I've come to enjoy from the events we have in Ottawa. But it definitely was an eye opener. I've posted some photos on the next page. I have more online at; vikramambrose.blogspot.com

Vikram Ambrose





Marketplace

XK Parts Galore! I have a large supply of chassis and engine parts from XK Jags. The short list includes; two complete 3.4L engines, one disassembled 3.8 block with rods, pistons and crankshaft. Many front end suspension parts; torsion bar and upper/lower control arms plus stub axles, two new rear springs, intake and exhaust manifolds, two cylinder heads and valve covers, complete rear axle housing, drive shafts, steering column and housing, engine oil cooler adapter plus hoses and radiator. Many other odds & ends. Contact: David Boon, 613-731-4166, davidboon@rogers.com [SON]



1984 Jaguar XJS HE V12 parts. Steering Wheel \$60,. Drivers side wing mirror \$40, Sun Visors \$35, Rear Lens assemblies L/R \$125. Rear View mirror \$35, Spare tire cover and tie down \$25, ECU \$200, RH Headlight \$125. Contact: David (613) 822-3669.

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1988 Jaguar XJ12 Vanden Plas. Fitted with the rare Tom Walkinshaw Racing body kit and Speedline wheels from new. One owner, 108,300 kms, never winter driven, stored indoors, non-smoker. \$4000 in upkeep last year. A/C and cruise control currently not functioning. Front seat console could use a retrim, headliner is loose. Price \$8,500.00. John Barjarow, St Andrews West, ON. Tel: 613-932-8380 or Email: jerb269@hotmail.com . [JAS]



1990 XJS V12 Convertible. (Price Reduced) In very good condition. Owned once by a doctor in California, and was shipped to Ottawa last year. 54,000 miles. Power top, black exterior, tan leather interior. Price \$14,900 OBO Contact Philip Tomlinson, phil_ctomlinson@hotmail.com . [JAS]



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