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President's Musings



Well, here we are in the depths of winter after an idyllic fall. While suffering through a vicious cold and some flu, I was watching the recent Barrett-Jackson auction in Scottsdale, AZ on TV. After a spectacular Pontiac Firebird owned by Burt Lancaster went for \$525,000 US along came a very early Series 1 E-type Open Two Seater with the outside bonnet latches and flat floor in excellent condition (at least as it appeared on TV), which sold for \$400,000. So, E-types are still selling

at spectacular US dollar levels. What amazed me is that US muscle cars are still selling for even higher amounts, especially special owner cars or highly modified versions. Meanwhile, an early '70's Porsche went for a paltry \$ 200,000 plus some.

Looking ahead, Rob Dunlop is busy planning an interesting venue for the Spring Dinner and for this year we actually have the June Concours and Family Day booked already. We have our own plus the interclub darts tournaments this month and technical visits are evolving for the next few months.

Following through on Hugh Siddons 50th birthday for his E-type last fall, I have unearthed the official 50th date for my E Type as Sept. 27, 2016. As some wag remarked recently at breakfast, "Some people know their car's birth date but don't even remember the dates for their grandchildren!" (I do know my grandchildren's birth dates...)

For many of us the winter means car enthusiast downtime with our Jags tucked away. There are however several hard-core members who use the enforced indoor period to beaver away on their cars, maintaining, improving or restoring. This Jottings issue features two such individuals. Hopefully their stories will serve to inspire and not create a sense of guilt!

Finally, thanks to the renewing members for promptly getting back to Karen. Our current member count is around 90...which is par for the course at the beginning of the year and will likely build throughout the year to our usual at or near 100. Non-renewing members are generally the out-of-towners who have joined for one year and who have less (or no) opportunity to take an active part in the club. Maintaining long distance interest is a challenge that we continue to work at improving.

Dave Kenny

This month....

**February
8**

DARTS 'N'PIZZA CLUB DART TOURNEY
6:30 pm , St Anthony's - see details inside

**February
13**

UK INTERCLUB DART TOURNEY
1-4 PM , Barrhaven Legion - see details inside

Club events in italics and bold type. Details, dates and timings will be advised closer to the events. Additional events/activities will be added when/as known. Any/all suggestions for activities greatly appreciated. **Volunteers to organize events are needed and welcomed.** Please contact VP and Activities Coordinator **Bob Hiland** (hiland@rogers.com)

Members' Corner

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to OJC:

Terrence Gallagher (Nancy Rae)
Cornwall - 2012 XF

Oliver Stone (Pamela)
Ottawa - 1997 XK8

Kenneth Herring (Yolande)
St Albert - 1993 XJS convertible

Welcome/Bienvenue and we look forward to seeing you at club events.

Contact details for members are provided through the membership list emailed periodically by membership director, Karen Wilson.

4 *The Challenges (and Joys) of a Major Restoration Project*

Recently I had the pleasure of speaking to a receptive audience from the Ottawa Jaguar Club regarding the Mark 2 Jaguar project that I have been given to complete. It was suggested that I offer up some insights to the challenges and joys of taking on a project.

In concert with Lee Harrington we began a project in 2012 to find a "nice driver" Mark 2 for him. In the process Lee acquired 4 body shells with varying mechanical and cosmetic assets. Several of the refurbishment processes were carried out with the assistance of Club members at technical sessions. In the fullness of time we settled on one shell with an updated/rebuilt engine and transmission. There are hundreds of photos and I would welcome any questions. The aim of this short piece is to offer some guidance on project selection and management based on our experience. Before doing that I would like to thank all those who came to help us through this 4 year experience. We aren't finished yet....the car is in the paint shop.



So what should you do when considering a project?

1. Define your aim and **clear it with your partner**

- Is this car to become a keeper or an asset or both? \$\$\$\$\$\$
- Is it to be concours quality..does it have matching numbers, is it original?
- Or will it be a daily driver-safe and reliable
WE CHOSE A MIXTURE- A DAILY DRIVER , MECHANICALLY RELIABLE BUT BEAUTIFUL AT ABOUT 5 FEET. Many many upgrades..nowhere near an original car.



2. Some other factors **BEFORE** you buy the car

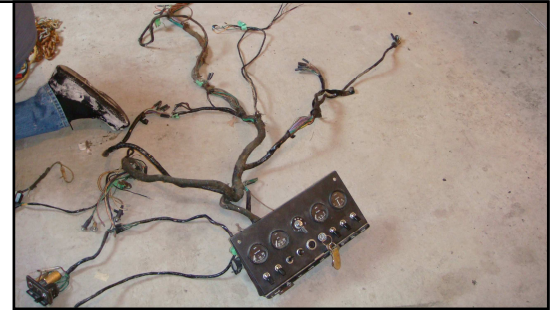
- What is your budget (**partner approved**) **We failed this.** Be ruthless..do your homework. Don't guess at what the finished value will be. **We failed this too.**
- What is the condition of the car. If you don't know the marque inside-out find someone who does. Use the internet and comments on the JCNA and forums elsewhere. Talk to the technical folks in your and other clubs.
- Determine your skill level. How much can you do yourself and what about Club members. Be prepared to have a professional check your work. Don't try to supervise volunteer helpers if you don't have the knowledge. Don't ask for lots of volunteers...you won't be able to check on what they all do before they are finished and you may have to redo some work later....\$\$\$\$\$\$
- Where will you work on it ? (not the garage at home....**the partner thing again....**) Do you have the tools- welding, hoist, heat for winter, water, safety and lots of tools, some of them special ?
- How long will this project take? Are there other priorities (some externally set) that will impact on your schedule. When you have your plan and time estimate complete-**DOUBLE IT.**



3. **Protect your investment.** Have the car appraised when you buy it and again as major stages are completed. Insure it from the start.

4. Well you have made the decision and you have the car....

- a. **Take photos** at every stage and store them on a flash drive...your computer will fail or you will upgrade it and loose the lot.
- b. **Take careful notes** of everything that you remove. Put little things in plastic bags after you have cleaned them. Name the parts on a piece of masking tape on the bag..black marker rubs off plastic. It may be 4 years before you use some things. Store like items in the same bin: electrical, front end, brakes, chrome etc
- c. **Make a plan.** Determine the order that you will do things. We chose to strip the car completely and then: mechanical, wiring, prep for paint (engine and transmission out), paint engine compartment and trunk, (note: if your budget is tight try to do as much cleaning as you can. If your car is 50 years old expect lots of hard work. Then glass out-windows and doors. Prior to painting try to get the doors, hood and trunk lid to fit squarely. A good painter will charge you \$80.00 an hour to do this-you will need the bag of door shims that you didn't mark ☺. Work with your painter and do the door rubbers while he has the doors off...at least the parts behind the hinges.
- d. **Start a parts list** that you will need. Use a parts manual to determine what is missing from the car..lots of little stuff. **DON'T THROW ANYTHING AWAY-EVER.** Much of what is on a vintage car is made of *unobtainium*.
- e. **Shop around** for parts. Get advice on sources and whether to use original (OEM) or aftermarket stuff.



5. **TAKE YOUR TIME AND DO THE WORK THOROUGHLY.** Don't be afraid to ask for help or advice. Doing something twice is expensive, both in time and money.
6. **Safety first.** Life is too short. When working under the car ALWAYS USE 4 JACK STANDS and find someone to work with you. Hard to call for help if the car has slipped off a jack..you probably will be dead anyway but someone can call the ambulance.

7. There are thousands more thoughts on this subject and lots of anecdotes but the editor (also a major helper on our project) will only cut them out as space is short. My thanks go to Adrian Sawyer, Dave Kenny, Rob Dunlop, Bob Hilland, Lee Harrington and Chuck Robinson who were with me throughout the project to date and to Rob Staruch of Miniman our technical checker who showed great patience as we re-did some of the mechanical stuff. ...my thanks also to whoever did a similar review on the JCNA forum that I have plagiarized to get this in on time.

MIKE O'BRIEN

POSTSCRIPT...

Following a week at Rob Staruch's for mechanical check over and work (also when the club held a tech update with Mike) the Mark 2 returned to Mike's workshop for paint stripping then off to the painter for several coats of British Racing Green...next a new tan interior.





DARTS 'N' PIZZA NIGHT

MONDAY, 08 FEB, 6:30 PM

ST ANTHONY'S CENTRE, PRESTON ST, OTTAWA
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To help with setting up teams and the pizza order

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ANNUAL DARTS SHOOTOUT AMONGST UK CAR CLUBS

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BY THURSDAY, 11 FEB

BRYAN MURPHY'S S-TYPE

Hi all,

Following up Mike's speaking about refurbishment (*Mike O'Brien's Mark 2 restoration elsewhere in the Jottings – editor*), here are some pictures of my 1966 3.4 litre S-Type mostly taken before going into storage in Dunrobin last November. As I discovered by accident long after I bought it, it had once belonged to (OJC member) David Clyne who converted it from RHD to LHD while he was living in Toronto, so any thoughts of a restoration to original condition went out the window, even though it had matching numbers. A bare metal bodywork restoration was done years ago by *The Sports Car Factory* (John Pritchard and his sons) in Hallville.



Mainly paralleling the work that Mike did on his S-Type, it has had the following modifications and upgrades:

Quarter-breed transmission conversion GM 700R4, electric fan, rack and pinion steering, alternator, stainless steel exhaust system, electronic fuel pumps, wood steering wheel, three-point seat belts, auxiliary starting carburetor controlled by dashboard switch, RetroSound radio, new Coker tires, etc etc.

All the really serious mechanical and electrical work was done by Rob Staruch; I have mainly concentrated on the cosmetic stuff, especially the wood, seats, sound deadening, carpets, seat belts, radio and other interior trim. My

side of the work was held up by various injuries and other physical hindrances. Note the original English license plate, issued to this car in Yorkshire (November 1965) and donated by David Clyne.



Rob has been a tremendous resource and help while the car has been at Miniman. With his help I hope to have the car on the road this summer.

Bryan Murphy
1966 3.4 S-Type
Kanata

...ON THE WEB (thanks Brian Marshall)

Jaguar car fake simulator - Jag ad video of F-Type "simulator"
www.chonday.com/Videos/jagufacar3

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Jaguar Mark 2 site - everything you wanted to know
www.jaguarmk2.info/index

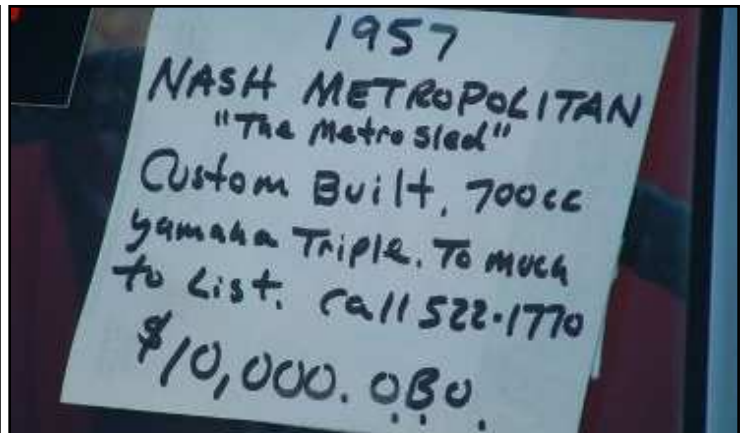
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JAGUAR GOES (BACK) RACING

Jaguar /JLR is returning to global motorsport Fall 2016 with official entry into the FIA Formula E (electric) single seat open wheeled racing series. Entering its third season, the unique series features emissions/noise-free electrically-powered cars racing around major world city centre circuits like London and Berlin. The driver lineup includes numerous ex-formula one drivers including Canada's Jacques Villeneuve, Sebastien Buemi and Bruno Senna. Solely electrically-powered, drivers need to switch cars half way through the race. Racing to date has been close and exciting although the lack of the usual engine roar is somewhat eerie....like listening to golf carts or radio-controlled model cars. Jaguar will build on it's earlier relationship with Williams Advanced Technology in developing an electrical drivetrain and batteries for the C-X75 concept supercar to produce it's single seat racer, with a view to future domestic vehicle production.



Brits & Pieces...



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES 2016

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EVENTS SHOWN WITH DATES ARE GENERALLY FIRM, BRACKETED DATES ARE WEATHER ALTERNATES, NO DATE INDICATES ACTUAL DAY IS STILL TBD. DETAILS OF TIMING, DIRECTIONS ETC AS WELL AS CALENDAR UPDATING WILL BE PROVIDED CLOSER TO THE EVENT THROUGH THE WEBSITE, IN THE JOTTINGS AND/OR BY EMAIL IF/AS REQUIRED. ADDITIONS AND IDEAS ARE ALWAYS WELCOMED.

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Jan 11 / 6 pm Tech visit – Mark 2 restoration – Rob Staruch's /Cheshire Cat pub

Feb 8	Darts and Pizza Night – St Anthony's
Feb 13	Interclub Darts Tournament—Barrhaven Legion
Mar	Tech visit – TBA
Apr 16	Spring Dinner
Apr	Tech Visit - Tint FX detailers
May 14 (15)	Spring Drive
May	Concours judges' training – St Anthony's
May 29	Drive to Hudson British Car Show
Jun 10	OJC Concours Meet & Greet
Jun 12	OJC Concours and Family Day – Cumberland Heritage Museum
Jun 25(26)	Summer Drive (picnic/BBQ)
Jul 9(10)	Club golf tourney (mixed teams, informal best ball)
Jul	British Day – Canadian Guide Dogs – Manotick
Jul 16	All British Car Day (ABCD) – Britannia Beach
Jul 22	Perth Ribfest and car show
Jul 29	Glengarry Highland Games – British Car Day - Maxville
Aug 5-7	"Brits on the Lake" weekend – Port Perry / Prince Edward County
Aug 13	Race the Runway – Smiths Falls Airport
Aug 21	Boot 'n' Bonnet British Car Show – Kingston
Aug 30/Sep 9	Hazeldean Mall British Invasion and Pub
Sep 10	Club drive
Oct	Fall Colours Multi club Drive and lunch
Oct	Oktoberfest drive (TBC)
Nov	AGM and dinner



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