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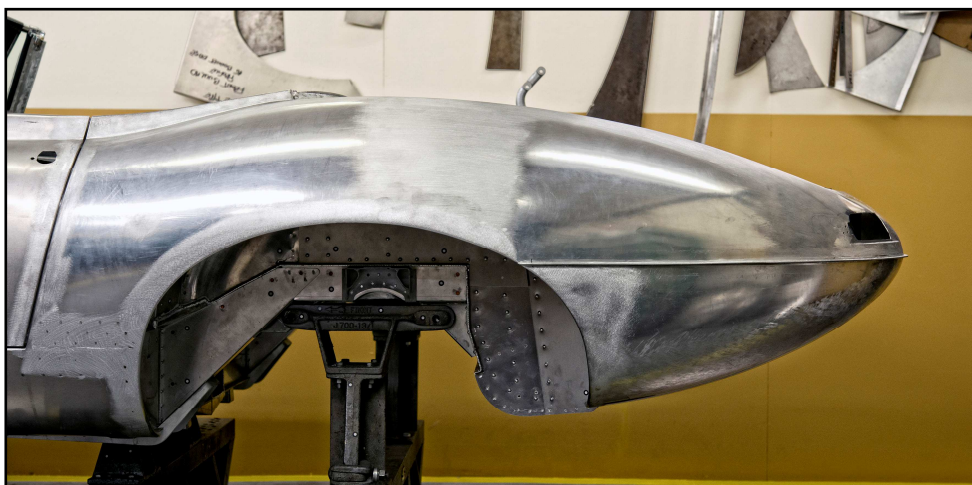
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President's Musings



With all of the discussion among the executive about budget planning for this year, concern was expressed about the drop in the Canadian dollar to 69 + cents US a few months ago. Since the payment to the umbrella organization, JAGUAR CLUBS OF NORTH AMERICA (JCNA) is fixed in US currency, the proportion of our \$55 annual dues remaining to the club is now down to \$5. This has possibly alarming implications for club finances which we will be considering in the near term.

In parallel and on a grander scale, I've been following the developments in the global oil industry, since the value of our Canadian dollar relative to the benchmark US dollar is driven largely by the world price for oil, which had dropped to a low of about \$26 per barrel. This has been evolving for about two years due to Saudi Arabia's total disenchantment with the efforts by Iran to obtain nuclear weapons in

turn driven by the Saudi's position as holders of the original Sunni version of Islam as founded by Mohammed. The competing Shia version championed by Iran, as developed about 400 years after Mohammed, leaves these two vying for the control of global Islam. The only power left to Saudi Arabia to resist the militarily powerful Iran is oil marketing. Hence the decision by the Saudis to flood the world with cheap oil in an attempt to financially strangle Iran's nuclear ambitions.

This was particularly effective initially, while Iran was writhing under the western embargo of Iran's economy. The financial collateral damage to the Russian and competing western oil economies of Canada, the US, Venezuela and Africa is being felt in the value of our dollar. In spite of this, the US is now exporting oil profitably due to their success at fracking and exploitation of shale reserves. This whole scenario depends critically on how long the Saudis can maintain this low price and last year, for the first time in decades, they ran a serious deficit. In their economy, totally dependent on oil and with thousands of clan members living completely on their share of the oil income, this cannot long continue. As well the rise of India's free market economy will inevitably raise the consumption of oil also boosted by China's economy still growing at near 7% per annum (about three times ours), and China being busy converting from

indigenous coal fired power to oil and natural gas. We have already seen the price of oil rise to \$30 per barrel recently and the Canadian dollar has risen almost 7% to 74 cents US. The predictions now are for oil to rise to \$40 per barrel by the end of this year.

Iran is now gearing up oil production to develop cash for their economy and nuclear program, which is almost totally dependent on oil exports. Since Saudi Arabia's oil production can dwarf much of the rest of OPEC, they can at will drive the oil price up significantly. It's just a matter of time when their lenders start to limit the money flow or raise the interest rates.

Meanwhile on the micro/OJC scale, I remain confident in our finances for this year and as well we continue to maintain a reserve of \$10,000 in the treasury in spite of concerns about additional expenses last year.

We continue to attract new members having welcomed three since January. As usual volunteers came forward to organise our Spring Dinner for April 16 at the Ottawa Hunt Club. We can thank Rob Dunlop, Steve Fox and Bob Hiland. Also Phil Karam has organised a couple of interesting technical visits over the next two months, details elsewhere in the Jottings. Looking forward to seeing you at one or more of these events.

Dave Kenny

This month....

March
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TECH VISIT - BEARR'S MOTOR SPORT
Saturday, 1 pm , see details inside





OJC'S "WORLD OF DARTS"



As many of you may know, February is traditionally "Darts Month" for our club and other British car clubs in the local area. The proceedings got underway with our own "Darts 'n' Pizza Night" on 8 Feb as a preamble and practice for the Triumph Club's sponsored annual Interclub Dart Tourney on the following 13th.

Darts 'n' Pizza Night. 17 members turned out at St Anthony's with 14 competitors vying for the bragging rights as OJC darts champions for 2016. After a tight competition with a welcomed pause for pizza and cookies, Adrian Sawyer ably assisted by Guy Goodman's grandson Brian took the victory. Many thanks to Veep Bob Hiland, tourney coordinators Guy and Christine Goodman and Steve Fox for arranging the nibbles.



Interclub Darts Tourney. 5 OJC teams joined 9 other teams of like-minded enthusiasts from the Triumph and MG clubs to compete for the Interclub Trophy. Our club has been frequent past winners and is always a fierce competitor.....2016 being no different. The nail-biting final match featured our Mike O'Brien and Lee Harrington up against an MG club team, both stuck on a double one finish for 30 minutes before our opponents emerged victorious. Thanks to the Triumph Club for including us, congrats to the winning MG duo and "well done" to Mike and Lee for the super showing. In the slightly modified immortal words of a former California governor "...we'll be baaack!".



Overheard at the club darts tourneyBob Hiland (right)
"...uh guys, wouldn't it be easier if the dartboard's up on the wall ???

MARCH TECH VISIT - BEARR'S MOTORSPORTS

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Demonstration of washing, waxing, detailing techniques

**SATURDAY, APRIL 9/23
(date tentative, to be confirmed)**

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My Adventures with an Obsessive Compulsive Detailer

A Jaguar is a lifestyle purchase, like a boat, or cottage or pool. You need to love it deeply and find a way to love all of the extra little chores that go with it. Truthfully I had no idea what I was in for when we decided to buy her (2016 AWD V6 S F-Type coupe), I just loved her so much I was ready to jump in with both feet.

When we got her home, the Jag started to change my behavior. Just a little at first, after a couple of nights we thought I should clean out one side of the garage so we could park her inside at night. Then our thoughts turned to the look of her; keeping her clean, preventing scratches, how to polish those exhaust pipes... so naturally my thoughts turned to my good friend Warren.

I don't remember where I first met Warren but I am sure we were seated at a poker table. Over the last 10 years we've had a lot of good times, and I think you know a person best by playing poker with them. Warren runs a car detailing shop in Orleans called *Tint FX* and I knew he could teach me what I needed to know.

Before considering Warren's help in any matter one must first fully commit to the project. Warren is Obsessive Compulsive and his advice comes free but there is no compromise in it, no short-cuts, nothing left half done. On one random visit to Warren's garage I noted that Warren was cleaning the interior of a 12 year old Ford Focus who was clearly showing her years:

"Why is the dashboard for that Focus laying on your shop table if all you are doing is cleaning the interior? Are you putting in a car stereo or something?" I asked. Warren replied:

"No, I just can't get dust completely out of the vents any other way..."



Warren then went on to describe his method wherein he can run a special microfiber in one vent and out another and really scrub back and forth using a progressivelyyou get the idea. As I said: one must commit to a process that makes no compromises before consulting Warren on any topic. Forewarned I went to see my "Oracle of Detailing".

There have been dramatic advances in car detailing within the last 5 years. Some advances that I could hardly believe. Do you believe that a single application of a new kind of wax can last 2 years? What about a car detailing spray used with a microfiber cloth that can remove grit without leaving micro scratches behind? Can you believe that an almost invisible clear plastic film can prevent scratches caused by small stones and hard bugs and that this same clear plastic film can actually heal itself using heat from the sun?

Warren gave me a very long dissertation on the merits, uses and application of three different techniques for cleaning a car without leaving behind scratches in the paint. We discussed a schedule for properly detailing my brand new car, while he carefully pointed out the dozens of micro scratches she already had. I bought

various tools, solutions and cleaning formulations, then set out for home to practice my technique.

Warren warned me that not everyone is trainable. It took some time, and many trips to Canadian Tire to buy supporting items, but after a few weeks of pretty much daily practice, I was able to clean my car in a fashion that resembled the method that Warren uses himself. I returned for a detailing session feeling proud of how clean and relatively scratch free I had been maintaining my car.

Warren cleaned her, polished out the micro-scratches, removed the wheels and cleaned the rims and the brakes, cleaned and treated the leather interior, applied the special wax that lasts 2 years [Nano Ceramic Glass Coating], put on the self-healing plastic film to cover all the spots that normally get chipped, and gave her back to me gleaming. He even waxed the brake calipers and rims.

I cannot tell you how much that session cost, I do not remember, and my wife and I have agreed it is best that she never know the whole truth, but I can tell you it was worth it for twice the price. The wax on the

.....My Adventures with an Obsessive Compulsive Detailer

brakes and rims makes cleaning 10 times easier. The clear plastic film has no doubt prevented dozens of chips and scratches on the front of the car. The techniques that Warren has shared with me, have kept the Jag looking like an auto-show concept car ever since.

In the weeks that followed right up to a particularly warm Christmas Eve Day, I washed my new Jag using one technique or another almost every day. We received compliments almost every time we drive her anywhere, and on one exceptional occasion my wife came across another car detailer in a parking lot.

"Is this your Jag?" he said.

"It's my husband's" She replied.

"It is beautiful, and so clean, and the paint is perfect... have you had it detailed?"

"Yes, my husband has a friend who runs a detailing shop"

"The paint is perfect" he said as my wife descended into the car to leave... "thank you".

So now in the dead of winter I think back on this lifestyle purchase. We still get to drive her even in the winter, but I cannot wash her. The honest truth is I really miss washing her. I cannot wait until spring.

SCOTT FOX

(Many thanks for the great article Scott! - editor)

PLEASE NOTE:

THE CLUB WILL BE VISITING **TINT FX MOTORSPORTS DETAILING** IN APRIL - SEE DATE ELSEWHERE AND MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW



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CALIPER AFTER



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“...LET THERE BE LIGHT..”

With the ever-ongoing advancements in automotive technology, one area that has seen constant improvement in recent years is lighting. The most obvious changes are readily visible in the dramatically brighter newer car head and tail-lights. *(The subject was covered in the XXXX Jottings article "Modern Headlights 101" which attempted to explain the technical differences and improvements from halogen through HID/Xenon to LED and most recently laser lighting).* As well, the benefits realized for external lighting can apply equally to car interiors.

The challenge is how to conveniently retrofit older vehicles including classics to take advantage of these improvements. A firm in the UK, **Better Car Lighting**, has taken up this challenge and since 1978, has been devising technology to allow direct replacement for both exterior and interior lighting using halogen, HID/Xenon and LEDs:

www.bettercarlighting.co.uk
(check out dropdown menu items, "More on HID" and "Classic Cars" as well as others).

Exterior lighting can be considered as a matter of "seeing and being seen". For "seeing", options include HID/Xenon headlamp upgrades (both high and low beam) with a 300% increase in light output with a 40% reduced load on the electrical system. They have numerous applications running in the price range of GBP 130 to 190. From an equally vital "being seen" standpoint, brake and stop lights with the same technology result in lighting twice as bright as conventional, requiring 10 watts vice the usual 21 watts and a stop light activation at the speed of light. (Conventional lighting reaction time is typically a half second, a difference of 22 feet stopping distance at 30 mph). The stop lights retail at around



GBP16.00 per bulb. An XJS stop and taillight kit is available for GBP 55.00.

Interior lighting. Original dashboard lighting for classic cars relies on small white bulbs often behind coloured plastic strips to produce the desired lighting. With time, the heat of the bulbs distorted (or melted!) the plastic strips, which along with accumulated dust and dirt resulted in greatly diminished dashboard lighting. "Better Car Lighting" has developed LED bulb applications for a variety of classics including all Jaguars. These are direct bulb replacements for both negative and positive ground available in bright white, green and "warm white" to replicate the slightly yellow cast of classic interior lighting. As an LED, they use 10% of the power, emit no heat and last for decades. Prices typically run in the range of GBP 5.00 per bulb with an 8 bulb kit for GBP 45.00. They also have kits for special applications like an XJS complete dashboard upgrade kit in green for GBP 90.00.

Other applications. BCL also has a very large range of modern car upgrades as well as supplemental lighting options for trunks/boots, engine compartments, map lighting etc along with all of the necessary wiring and fusing requirements.

I was particularly impressed with the BCL customer feedback which was universally and enthusias-



INTERIOR LED BULB



WARM WHITE LIGHTING



EXTERIOR BAYONET LED BULB

tically positive....the only complaint being the difficulty getting at the original lighting to replace it!

I must admit that in recent years, I drive my classic (and small) E-type in traffic among the monster SUVs with increased trepidation. The idea of brighter and faster stop lights most definitely appeals to my basest survival instincts.....that and when in doubt.....duck!

Rob Dunlop



Spring Dinner

SATURDAY, 23 APRIL
OTTAWA HUNT & GOLF CLUB

Prime Rib Buffet

Assorted salads, chef carved prime rib, pasta, seasonal vegetables
desserts, tea and coffee

\$45.00 per person, tax and tip included

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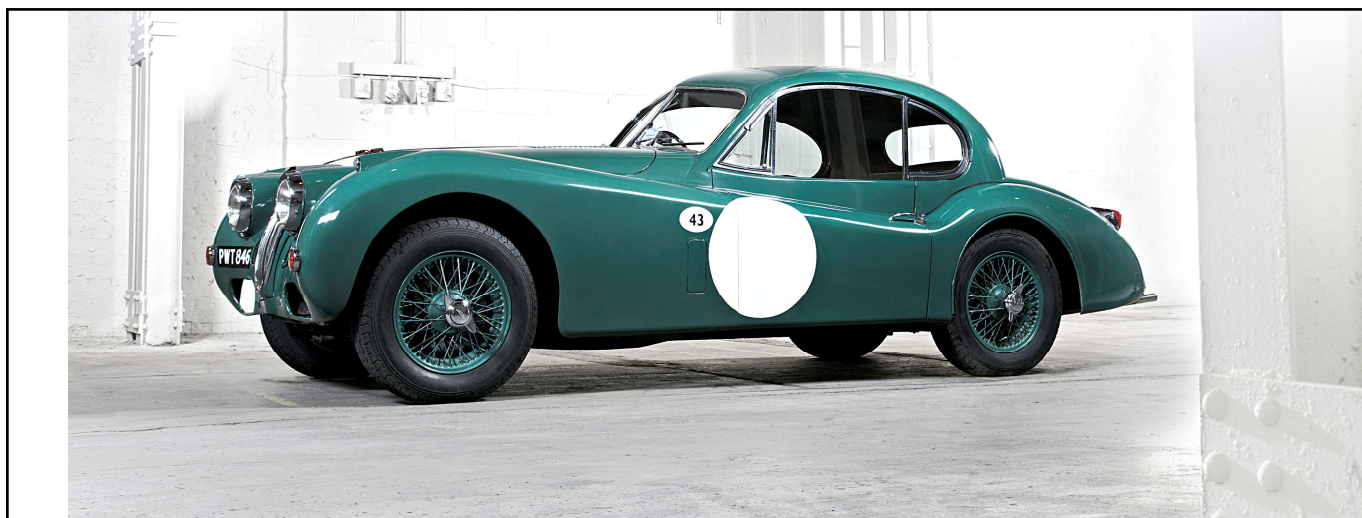
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Brits & Pieces...



" Well... yes Mr. Weasel, you are technically within the letter of the lease for a single parking spot but we do feel you are pushing the intent of the agreement just a tad..."



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.

LISTINGS OF ALL CAR CLUBS IN EASTERN ONTARIO/WESTERN QUEBEC AND NORTHERN NY, RELATED CRUISE NIGHTS AND ONE TIME EVENTS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE (BOTTOM OF HOME PAGE). 2016 DATA SHOULD BE AVAILABLE END FEB.

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 12 Tech visit 1PM , Bearr's Motor Sport

Apr 9 Tech Visit - Tint FX detailers

23 Spring Dinner - Ottawa Hunt Club (RSVP required)

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May 14 (15) Spring Drive

TBA Concours judges' training – St Anthony's

29 Drive to Hudson British Car Show

Jun 10 OJC Concours Meet & Greet

12 OJC Concours and Family Day – Cumberland Heritage Museum

25(26) Summer Drive (picnic/BBQ)

Jul 9(10) Club golf tourney (mixed teams, informal best ball)

TBA British Day – Canadian Guide Dogs – Manotick

16 All British Car Day (ABCD) – Britannia Beach

22 Perth Ribfest and car show

29 Glengarry Highland Games – British Car Day - Maxville

Aug 5-7 "Brits on the Lake" weekend – Port Perry / Prince Edward County

13 Race the Runway – Smiths Falls Airport

21 Boot 'n' Bonnet British Car Show – Kingston

30/Sep 9 Hazeldean Mall British Invasion and Pub

Sep 10 Club drive

Oct 1 Eurocars Oktoberfest drive and lunch

TBA Fall Colours drive

Nov AGM and dinner

Dec Christmas Dinner

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