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"Oopsy daisy !!"

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Marvellous! Ambient daytime temperatures above 45 degrees. F...so far this spring. Nearly warm enough to drive classic cars. We had a good turnout for the Spring Dinner in spite of the presence of snow remnants. And now the winter refugees from Florida have returned. Perhaps the driving season is at hand.

So far, we don't have a volunteer to organize the annual Spring Drive this month...hopefully a saviour will step forward soon so we don't have to cancel the event. More info to follow.

Re. the significant flooding along the rivers and the travails of the

corresponding inhabitants, the ABCD site at Britannia Park will be well and truly inundated and soaked.

Phil Karam recently circulated a very cogent article from the Ottawa Citizen regarding the ethanol content of gasoline and the deleterious effects of this water affinity alcohol. Something I discovered a couple of years ago from the major vendors in Ottawa is that generally 91 octane-rated gasoline is usually ethanol free, but not guaranteed. I usually use 91 in my E-type and add octane booster as the original 9:1 compression ratio engines were rated for 100 octane and mine has had the head trimmed raising the ratio above 9:1. Another item worth noting is the absence of zinc additive in modern motor oils, as it was removed about 10 years ago to reduce neutralizing the catalytic converters. This lack of zinc increases wear on the valve and bearing contact surfaces causing leaking of cylinder pressure and worsening fuel economy and torque. For older classic cars without converters adding zinc is good practice. As Phil recently noted, particular Kendall oil formulations include the zinc. You can also purchase it separately as an additive at Canadian Tire. The lead component of gasoline before the 1970's was also a designed -in factor

for older engine valve cooling. For this reason I also add lead additive to my E-type fuel.

The plan to arrange attendance of classic British cars at a visit of the RAF flying display team, The Red Arrows, is proceeding for a date in early August at the aviation museum site on the east side of Gatineau. All of you aviation enthusiasts take heart!

Remember our premier event, the concours, to take place on July 7 this year at the Cumberland Museum site. Again, this is an ideal location for families with buildings dating back 100 years including a set of early gas pumps. As well, there are exhibits of interest to children.

We will shortly be setting a mid summer date for the 70th anniversary celebration of first production of the Jaguar XK car series at the home of Carol and Fergus Groundwater. This will be a very enjoyable social event with a BBQ in a garden environment with a tour of Fergus' enviable workshop and cars.

I'm sure you will all agree that we all look forward to getting our babies on the road.

Dave Kenny

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Many of our executive members have been serving for five to 15 years and most have advised that they do not plan to continue past 2019. We urgently need new executive members for 2020 and beyond. Positions available include:

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Activities Coordinator
Concours Chief Judge
Jottings Editor and Publisher

Please consider helping out your club. Elections occur at the November AGM. If you wish to advise your interest or have questions, **contact VP Bob Hiland (hiland@rogers.com)**

Spring Dinner

Despite the wretched winter weather (or maybe because of it), with the first faint glimmer of Spring, 40 club members gathered at the St Anthony's dining facilities on 6 April for our annual club-season opening dinner. Well-known for their excellent Italian food, we enjoyed a superb buffet and re-acquainting with fellow members after the long and arduous winter. It was particularly pleasing to see longstanding member Michael Jackson from Montreal as well as one or two of the newer couples. Talk was universally about snow and how much but there were the odd glimpses of optimism as discussions turned to getting the Jags out for the season. All in all, a great evening and hopefully a great start to a super 2019 club season.

Editor



The multitude assembles...



(L-R), Michael Jackson, Sandy and Steve Fox, Guy and Louise Larabie, Karen Wilson



(Prez Dave Kenny and Keitha lead the spirited conversation..)

We were shocked and deeply saddened to hear of club member Bryan Murphy's sudden passing at the end of March after a short illness.

Bryan originally from Ireland lived a very full and varied life both professionally and personally. He was a distinguished aeronautical engineer heavily involved with NASA including directing the team responsible for the CANADARM for the space shuttle, Deputy Manager for the Canadian Astronaut Program and Deputy Director for the Canadian Space Station Program, receiving formal recognition for his "outstanding contribution".

His personal interests included a love of music, sailing, aircraft modeling as well as restoring boats and his 1966 Jaguar S-Type. He was universally recognized for his kind and positive manner and particularly his sense of humour.

We extend our sincere condolences to his wife of 55 years, Nola, his son Shaun, daughter Heather and to the extended family.



Restoration Update

To kick off the club's 2019 technical activities, Phil Karam organized a re-visit to Adrian Sawyer's garage on 13 April to get an update on his E-type coupe's restoration. Club members last checked in on the daunting task a year ago (report in the April 2018 JJ).

Eight members joined Phil for breakfast at a local eatery before dropping in on Adrian. The last visit focused on the body rebuild.

This time he's active overhauling the engine. Leaving Adrian's, the group made their way to nearby Mike O'Brien's shop to check out his restoration of an MGTD.

Thanks for organizing the visit, Phil. Hopefully the attendees were suitably motivated to undertake their own tasks, which if you own a Jag, there are always some...

Editor



***Ottawa Jaguar Club
Concours & Family Day
Sunday, July 07, 2019***



**Cumberland Heritage Village Museum
2940 Old Montreal Road, Cumberland, ON**

JCNA Concours d'Elegance and Jaguars on Display

10:00 - 12:00 Concours and Display Registration

12:00 Lunch for entrants

1:00 Concours Judging

4:00 Awards presentations

Display cars: \$20 Concours/judged cars: \$40

Admittance with Jaguar includes museum entry and BBQ lunch

(\$10 insurance surcharge for non-JCNA members)



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Jaguars and Hawks – Unique Event



The British Royal Air Force Red Arrows aerobatic demonstration team will be based at Gatineau Airport for a few days at the beginning of their 2019 North American tour. On Tuesday, August 13 they will give an aerial display in the afternoon. In addition to the Red Arrows, there will be flight demonstrations of other British aircraft, and a variety of static displays. The Vintage Wings of Canada hangar will also be open for visits. Food and refreshments will be available for purchase on site.

In order to make this a memorable day there will be a display of British cars and the OJC and MG clubs have both been invited to display their cars. We are still in the early stage of organizing this event and are working with the air show prime at Gatineau.

Current tentative plans are for us to meet in the morning at a location close to or at Gatineau Airport and drive together onto the airfield. Our cars will remain on display until the end of the show probably around 4 PM.

In order to enable show organizers to plan space allocation we need to give them a preliminary count of how many cars we may bring as soon as possible.

Would you please e-mail John Wright johnwright@ripnet.com by May 9th if you are interested in bringing a vehicle?

Details of the event are still being finalized and other interesting opportunities for our members are under discussion. Price and ticket information will be included in the June Jottings and further details will be communicated to you as soon as they become available at which point we will need to firm up the numbers. Stay tuned.

Events & Activities 2019

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.

**HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS NEED VOLUNTEERS TO ORGANIZE/LEAD
PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING OUT
FOR DETAILS, CONTACT BOB HILAND (HILAND@ROGERS.COM)**

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Apr 06	Spring Dinner - St Anthony's banquet hall, 5:30 PM
May --	SPRING DRIVE (TBC - ORGANIZER NEEDED)
Jun --	Concours judges' training – St Anthony's
--	SUMMER DRIVE (TBC)
22	RETIREMENT HOME VISIT & BBQ
23	Wheels on the Mississippi, Carleton Place
Jul 07	OJC CONCOURS AND FAMILY DAY – CUMBERLAND HERITAGE MUSEUM
20	ALL BRITISH CAR DAY (ABCD) – BRITANNIA BEACH
28	2ND NATIONAL CAPITAL CAR SHOW - WESLEY CLOVER PARKS
--	70 YEARS SINCE XK IN PRODUCTION GATHERING
Aug 02	GLENGARRY HIGHLAND GAMES CAR SHOW - MAXVILLE
--	WEEKEND TOUR / SUMMER DRIVE (TBC)
11	BOOT 'N' BONNET BRITISH CAR SHOW – KINGSTON
13	RED ARROWS AIR SHOW - GATINEAU
25	Beaconsfield Classic Car Expo
Sep 10	HAZELDEAN MALL BRITISH INVASION AND PUB
13-15	Stowe British Invasion
--	2ND CLASSIC EUROPEAN CAR SHOW, MERRICKVILLE
--	British Car Clubs Golf Tournament
Oct 19	FALL COLOURS DRIVE
Nov --	Annual General Meeting
24	INTERCLUB TRIVIA CHALLENGE
Dec --	Christmas Dinner - Ottawa Hunt and Golf Club

Slow Leaking tires...

by Eric Fauteux

The most probable cause for slow leaking tires is the presence of foreign material on the surface of the tires that include glass particles, nails, thorns, and other sharp objects. Nails, for instance, can puncture the tire leading to air loss estimated at about 2-3 psi per day. The nail can remain in the tire leading to insignificant loss of air. This, however, necessitates that the nail is removed and repairs undertaken to stop the leakage. Another common cause is a poor valve system that is caused by exposure to a lot of chemicals and other hazards on the road.

If the tire rim is not in the right condition, it may also contribute tremendously to loss of air hence deflation of the tire. This may occur if the tire loses its perfectly round shape as a result of hitting a hazard in the course of driving on the road. The leakage may be worse if corrosion occurs at the surface where the tire is mounted. In case of damage to any surface sealing the space between rubber and metal, leakage is likely to occur. An example is when there is bead chunking with a tiny piece of debris between the tire and the rim causing a small gap from which air can escape.

In the case of a bent wheel, it can contribute to vibration in the car which results in damage to the beads of the tire and a consequent air leak. This may occur as a result of driving over a large pothole or even a curb which may cause flexing in the tire side walls. In such an occurrence, it is advisable to check your tires regularly for sidewall bulges, cuts, and punctures.



Temperature

Slow air leaks can also be due to changes in temperature. Drops and rises in temperature may lead to certain degrees of air loss depending on the type and capacities of the vehicles. In this circumstance, a car parked outside during the night may lose a certain amount of air that it will significantly gain during the day. A partially deflated tire in the morning should be treated as normal and adding air in the tire may not be necessary.

How to Detect

Air leaks may be detected by sound or feel; air leaks produce hissing sounds that are easily detectable as you get closer to the leak. You can also spray soapy water on the surface of the tire and rim edge. Bubbles appear where the leakage is. Putting the faulty wheel in water will also result in water bubbles where the leakage is present.

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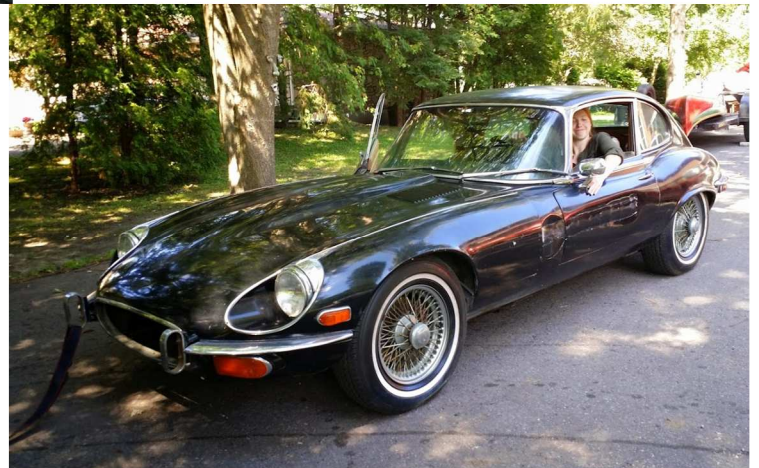
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1973 E-type S III 2+2 coupe

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wire wheels, numbers matching California
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1990 XJ12 VDP

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