

The Vintage Voice

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THE EDITOR'S PEN

I'm standing in for John this month. Many of us have British cars and associated shop manuals, so here to assist you is a glossary of British terms and the US equivalent.



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BRITISH TERM.....AMERICAN TERM

accumulator..... battery
 Artic ('artic'ulated lorry) = semi tractor-trailer, or semi (long i)
 baulk ring..... synchro ring
 (transmission synchromesh)
 bonnet hood
 boot..... trunk
 bulkhead..... firewall
 choke tube (carb)... ..venturi
 core plug..... freeze plug or frost plug
 crocodile clip..... alligator clip
 crosshead screw.....Phillips head screw
 crown wheel..... ring gear (gear in dif ferential)
 cubby box.....glove box or glove compartment
 damper..... shock absorber, or just shock
 drive shaft..... half shaft or axle shaft
 (ind suspension)
 dumpy screwdriver... short screwdriver
 dynamo..... generator
 earth..... ground
 estate.....station wagon
 fascia..... dashboard
 fixed-head coupe..... 2 door coupe
 frogeye..... bugeye
 Gallon (Imperial)..... 5 US Quarts
 (US Gallon = 4 qts)
 gearbox..... transmission

gudgeon pin..... ..wrist pin
 hood.....convertible top
 jointing compound....gasket sealant
 lorry..... truck
 mole wrench.....Vice grips
 monocoque..... unibody
 Ministry of Transport.....Department of Transportation
 MOT (see above).... DOT (see above)
 nave plate..... hubcap
 near side..... left side
 nose..... front of car
 off side..... ..right side
 paraffin..... ..kerosene
 pinking.....knocking or pinging
 prop shaft.....drive shaft
 petrol.....gasoline
 prise.....pry (apply force with a lever)
 proud.....raised, above surrounding surface.
 quarterlight.....quarter window
 rev counter.....tachometer
 ring gear.....flywheel gear, or starter gear
 roundabout.....rotary, traffic circle
 scuttle.....cowl
 silencer.....muffler
 sill.....rocker panel
 shooting brake /estate....station wagon
 spanner.....wrench
 spigot bearing.....pilot bearing
 split pin..... ..cotter pin or cotter key
 spring washer.....split lock washer (as opposed to star washer)
 suction advance..... vacuum advance
 sump.....oil pan
 thrust bearing..... throwout bearing
 tickover.....idle
 top gear.....high gear
 torch.....flashlight
 tyre.....tire
 wheel nut..... lug nut
 windscreen.....windshield
 wing.....fender



Chris,

MINUTES MAY 19, 2009

Present: 12 members & 1 guest.

Minutes of the last meeting: (09 04 21) reviewed.
Motion – Richard V; second – Jon Block; carried.

President's Report (John C):
Rendezvous 2010 – need to have a planning meeting
The first Meet'n Drive will take place 7pm June 2.

Secretary's Report: Ken B (Geoff R absent) received Club insurance renewal (BCCI), and has renewed it.

Treasurer's Report (Ken B):
2009-to-date has 27 renewals & 5 new members.
Need more application forms; John C will send file to Richard V for updating & printing.

Activities Report (Riley B):
- Rendezvous 2010; John C asked for interested members to attend planning meeting at John C's 7pm June 2.
- Glenn Burton confirmed June 28 tour of Wanzuk Auto Museum.

JUNE 2 MEET 'N DRIVE

About 10 of us had a good "Meet" at the Proz.... however, the "Drive" portion suffered attrition due to the Stanley Cup game, urgent vehicle repairs, the cool weather etc. So 3 of us had a drive out to the Stanley Tavern, and a beverage.
(Headlights seemed dim on the way back - a victim of reconnecting the dipswitch too quickly! - Chris)

- Glenn & Riley Burton to organize a Slalom on Sunday July 12 at ACE (TBay Airport).
- Rendezvous 2009; currently about 13 members (& partners) will attend. Chris is organizing a group travelling on Thursday.

New Business: Still need meeting room door sign; Riley will make, Chris to send him Club logo.

Meeting adjourned.

Chris

News: LU Formula 1 SAE Team Wins !

Earlier this year the Club sponsored the "Lakehead University Formula 1 SAE Team" - this is an international inter-university competition to design and build a prototype racecar. At the 'Formula SAE Michigan' Event May 13-16 2009 Lakehead University (car 97) won the 'William C. Mitchell Rookie Award' and also received 'Formula SAE Recognition Accomplishment' status - beating out 14 other first year entries.

At the event they placed 43 out of 91 overall. They were able to beat out many returning teams which is truly an accomplishment for a Rookie. Of those 91 entries, only 37 teams finished the endurance test, and LU was 27th! On their website (lufsae.com) they state "Thank you goes out to all our sponsors, team members and anyone else that helped bring us to the competition and proving that students from Thunder Bay are serious competitors".

Great that our Club was part of that support!

Chris



SAVING THE WORLD – ONE CLASSIC CAR AT A TIME

An osmosis process that I could not escape as a young buck was my Father’s love for cars. The man has provided me with many virtues but the simple love of motors and cars is one that stands out when I reflect on my current involvement with TBVSCC. When I try to narrow my love of motors down, things get real messy. I can’t even decide on 4 wheels or 2!

However there is one segment of the industry that I will always remain a strong advocate for – the practical classic. You know those great models and quality vehicles of days gone by that can still provide a great driving experience and reliable transportation. The whole industry is focused on changing the automobile and invigorating the economy; hydrogen, electric, clean diesel, hybrid. There are all sorts of different types and motors to choose from. I have a novel idea, why don’t more people drive practical classics? Let’s invigorate the economy by buying used vehicles more and promoting and supporting neighbourhood me-

chanics. Sure these cars have worse emissions than newer vehicles, but they are already in the retail market. They are existing resources that we are not utilizing to their full potential because we can get 0% financing or we can be lured by a well marketed SUV. Not to mention, the continual drain on world resources to create the new steel and components in the newer vehicles. Sure, I believe in the advance of the industry and I believe that newer technologies can help us gulp less fuel (if any) but I also believe that older vehicles have more character and can last much longer than we give them credit for.

So get out there and promote your classics as a thrifty and environmentally sound worldly possession. You are the model for the auto industry to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle and you look ten times better cruising around town than anyone else in a brand new car.

cheers,

Riley

BIG BLOCK BBQ

Roger

Gives a whole new meaning to a “cooking engine”.



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600 Montreal

DECISIONS, DECISIONS.....

Now spring has finally arrived (our first morning above 0 C), so I (naively) decided to go and buy some fluids for my Jensen. Well, it took me well over an hour, reading labels like I was a nutritionist.

First there was engine oil; well, all you need to know is the viscosity (10/W30), right? No, the selection was incredible, from just "motor oil", to "high performance", "high mileage", "semi-synthetic" and "100% synthetic". Decided on the Pennzoil High Mileage eventually; it said for engines with over 120,000km - hmm, I don't have that (probably never will), but then it did say "and for older engines", I do have qualify for that.....and anyway, it was on special.

Then, it was transmission/power steering fluid - easy, I need Dexron; well, there was nothing labelled "Dexron" - so I got into the fine print which must have been written by a lawyer; Mobil ATF D/M said "recommended by Imperial Oil (so why would Mobil quote Imperial?) for use in 2005 and earlier GM vehicles...and 1988 and newer Fords, except those requiring MERCON V and Type F". Havoline MD-3 was a little more helpful, having the same introduction, but at the end the really fine print said "recommended for auto trans for which former DEXRON III are specified". I chose

the Mobil Super ATF D/M (figured the D/M likely represented DEXRON/MERCON ?)

Next was brake fluid - had no particular favourite; but there it was again that choice thing - DOT 3, DOT 4, DOT 5, Racing Brake Fluid, Synthetic, Low Moisture Activity. Read all the labels, and eventually chose Castrol GTLMA.

Feeling rather fatigued by now, I went looking for anti-freeze - of course, I couldn't find that on the aisle labels...they call it "coolant" nowadays. And what did I see; Concentrated, Pre-mixed, Long-Life - not too bad, but I made the mistake of reading the "help sheet" on the shelf - that got into "high silicate", low silicate and "pH"; then the colours - green, pink, yellow and the inevitable "all purpose". They all said "recommended for aluminum engines" (what if you don't have aluminum?) I choose the Prestone Pre-Mixed.....that said it was green - I liked that.

I had wanted to get some windshield washer fluid too, but I saw -40C, -45C, All Season, Teflon, Rain-X, and Summer - I decided to leave getting that for the next long weekend - I find you have to pace yourself with these things.

So now I'm resting quietly after a busy morning of decision making.

Chris

FERRARI SETS SALES RECORD

A 1957 Ferrari 250 Testa Rossa has just sold at auction for a whopping 9.2 million Euros (\$14.3M) making it the most expensive car ever sold. It went under the hammer at the third annual Ferrari 'Leggenda e Passione' event, held in Maranello in association with Sotheby's. The price is around \$3.2M more than the previous world record. Ferrari have not revealed the identity of the purchaser.

This car, one of only 22 now-legendary 'pontoon-fender', 250s ever made. This car was raced regularly, notably in the '1000km Buenos Aires' in January 1958, where it finished fourth. It then entered the Grand Prix of Cuba and Portugal before being sold to a wealthy Texan called

Alan Connell, who used it to win a handful of races on the North American circuit. Its last race was in June 1963 at the Elkhart Lake 500.



Clark

TOUR OF RUSS WANZUK AUTO MUSEUM - SUNDAY JUNE 28TH

On Sunday June 28th Glenn Burton has arranged for us to tour Russ Wanzuk's Auto Museum near Murillo, **and.....**Glenn will host a BBQ at 12:30pm at his place 599 Boulter Rd, which is nearby! Russ Wanzuk has been a car collector for many years and now has an auto museum on Calvert Side Road, where over the last number of years he has collected many cars and memorabilia around dirt track racing of the past in Thunder Bay and area.

Directions:

1. Start at Glenn Burton's for a hot dog and refreshments, at 599 Boulter Road. Go out John Street to Boulter Road (about 6 kilometers past the city dump). Turn right on Boulter Road, 1 kilometer up on the left side. Look for fire number 599. Time 12:30.
2. Directions to Russ Wanzuk's place. Go out John Street one side road past Boulter Road to Calvert Road. Turn right and go about 1.5 kilometers up on the right side. Look for the **Stock Car mailbox** and his fire number is 548 Calvert Road. Time 2:00.

Hope everyone can make it to our place. Please try to confirm you will attend so we have a number to tell Russ and so I have enough refreshments. You can call me at 935 2241 to let me know or email me at gburton@uniongas.com.

Glenn

JUNE QUIZ - WHAT IS THIS???

While on holiday in Mallorca we stopped at this small port called Cala Sant Vicenc; walking past a Hotel we found the main floor to be full of old sports cars. The hotel was closed for the season. Among them was this fascinating car - well, what is it?

Richard



ANSWERS TO MAY TRIVIA COMPETITION

1. 1938 MG EX 135
 - How many horsepower? - 220 bhp (1250cc S/C)
 - Top speed? - over 200 mph
 What unusual venue? - On the Dessau autobahn in Germany.

2. 1954 MG EX 179
 - How many horsepower? - 98 bhp (948cc S/C)
 - Top speed? - 170 mph

3. 1957 MG EX 181
 - How many horsepower? - 300 bhp (1506cc S/C)
 - Top speed? - 255 mph

Jon



Executive

President: John Colosimo
 Vice President: Glen Paterson
 Treasurer: Ken Biniaris
 Secretary: Geoff Reynolds
 Events Chair: Riley Burton

Appointments

Regalia: Norris Badanai
 Newsletter: Chris Pyne

Club Philosophy by Gord Birch

To form a gathering of kindred souls whose common bond is tinkering with elderly automobiles of a sporting nature: swapping tales of their favourite marques and the joys of their misspent yesterdays.

To rally for tours through the countryside, to the lusty sound of a spirited four cylinder exhaust, with the top down, wind in your hair, grease under your fingernails and never straying more than thirty or forty miles from home.

To compete in gentle forms of automotive calisthenics, befitting such venerable wheels and occasionally raise a glass of the vintage to the vintage.....

WHAT We are a multi-marque club dedicated to the preservation, maintenance, restoration and enjoyment of older sports and sports-touring automobiles.

WHEN Monthly meetings are held at the Prosvita Hall on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm

EVENTS We have driving tours, poker rallies, car show attendance, barbeques, tech sessions, golf and any other ideas we can think of.

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Calendar of Events

June 11-14	RENDEZVOUS 2009	Ashland, Wisconsin	
June 13	Murrillo LACC & Grand Marais Car Shows		Details in May Newsletter
Tuesday June 16	Monthly Meet 'n Drive	7:00 pm	Prosvita Hall
June 21-26	Austin-Healey Conclave, Kingston ON		See Glen for details
Sunday June 28	Burton BBQ & Russ Wanzuk Auto Museum Tour		Details on page 5
Tuesday July 7	Meet 'n Drive	7:00 pm	Prosvita Hall
Sunday July 12	"Aces Only Slalom" at ACE (Airport)	12:00pm	Further details to follow
Sunday July 19	4th Annual Scavenger Hunt	1:00pm	Further details to follow
Tuesday July 21	Monthly Meet 'n Drive	7:00pm	Prosvita Hall