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Masterson's WORDS

By Colin Masterson

Jaguar sells around 24% of its production in the USA. Always seen as a premium product it vies with home grown premium brands such as Lincoln and Cadillac as well as a number of imports like Lexus (Toyota), Infiniti (Nissan) Audi etc. Now you may have heard that President Trump is proposing to charge a 25% levy on imports the impact of which could have a major impact on US sales.

Jaguar used to have a poor reputation for quality, which, thankfully is no more, thanks to great efforts, put in by Jaguar to eliminate problems with its cars.

The marque benefits from snobbishness in owning such a car, although many Americans prefer to by home built vehicles, unlike the British who, strangely, see BMW, Audi and Mercedes as more desirable than their own products.

In the last two years sales in the USA have increased from 16,817 (out of 76,930 sold world-wide) to 41,578 a 147% increase (out of 172,848 a 124% increase) In recent months Jaguar has benefited from a week pound and could still sell at a 15/25% premium to the other cars shown here but 40/60% premium will have a major impact on sales.

Let's hope Trump changes his mind!

Jaguar v typical competition in USA

Prices at April 2018

	High	Low	Average
	£	£	£
For sale in USA (in pounds @ 1.40)			
Lincoln MKX	43,000	29,000	36,000
Cadillac SRX	39,000	26,000	32,000
Jaguar F Pace	47,000	34,000	41,000
Jaguar F Pace x 1.25*	59,000	43,000	51,000

For sale in UK

Jaguar F Pace	44,000	39,000	42,000
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* 25% increase proposed by President Trump

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REGIONAL NEWS

By Colin Manconi

At last the season is starting. Let's hope we have some nice weather this summer.

We have just had this news from Jaguar Land Rover

Jaguar Land Rover is to cut 1,000 jobs in the West Midlands, blaming a slump in car sales due to uncertainty over Brexit and the future of diesel vehicles.

Britain's biggest carmaker will cut 1,000 temporary contract workers at its plant in Solihull, which builds Range Rovers and the Land Rover Discovery SUV. The factory employs 10,000 workers, including 2,000 contract staff.

The company, which employs 40,000 people in the UK, will move some workers from its factory at nearby Castle Bromwich to fill gaps left by the cuts at Solihull. It is due to confirm the cuts, first reported by ITV News, and a reduction in output at Solihull as part of an update on production plans for its workforce on Monday.

The cuts are understood to have been triggered by a 26% drop in JLR sales in the UK in the first three months of 2018. Sales in Germany, Europe's biggest car market, also slumped, dropping 32% in the same period. JLR sold a record 621,109 vehicles worldwide in 2017, up 6.5% from a year earlier. But while international sales boomed, UK sales fell 15.8% because of weakening consumer confidence.

The company is expected to say on Monday that customers are delaying buying new cars because of concerns about government policies on diesel cars.

In a statement, JLR referred to Brexit and diesel taxes obliquely as "headwinds". It said: "In light of the continuing headwinds impacting the car industry, we are making some adjustments to our production schedules and the level of agency staff. We are however continuing to recruit large



numbers of highly skilled engineers, graduates and apprentices as we over-proportionally invest in new products and technologies."

JLR's decision reflects a wider malaise for the UK car industry as consumers put off big purchases amid squeezed household budgets and doubts about the economy. Sales of new cars in the UK plunged in March as uncertainty weighed on demand and buyers turned their backs on diesel, extending the run of falling sales to 12 months.

JLR warned in January that hostility towards diesel vehicles and uncertainty over Brexit were affecting its business. The company, owned by India's Tata Motors, cut production at its Halewood plant in Liverpool, blaming faltering sales, and warned that tough conditions would continue.

JLR said it was fully committed to its UK factories after investing £4bn in them since 2010. Brexit has added to consumer concerns, prompting potential customers to delay new car purchases, but JLR will stress that its long-term production plans remain unchanged.

I think this just shows the problem with the Government Policy of demonetising diesel before a suitable alternative is available!



INTERNATIONAL JAGUAR SPARES DAY STONELEIGH

This was held on the 18th of March at the Stoneleigh Park National Agricultural Centre in Warwickshire. Andy and I drove up early on Sunday morning to help man the stand and sell raffle tickets for the new charity car. Unfortunately it was snowing heavily when we left and the A449 had not been

gritted at all. We managed to get to Monmouth but with the conditions getting worse we decided to turn around and head back home.

I am told it was much quieter than normal and closed early.

PRACTICAL CLASSICS & RESTORATION SHOW at the NEC

As last year the show had been extended from two days to three. Friday the 23rd of March, Saturday the 24th of March and Sunday the 25th of March. Michael and I travelled up early on the Friday to help run the stand and man it for the three days.

Over 1,000 stunning classic cars, from barn finds to concourse quality were on display. Also over 150 classic car clubs had stands.

An ideal club stand display includes a vehicle in need of restoration, one being worked on at the show and one in excellent restored condition so that visitors can behold and interact with the whole restoration process. All clubs are encouraged to present some kind of demonstration of a restoration skill or a regular maintenance/servicing activity at the show.

Once again this year we tried something different! We had two front sub frames from a XJ8 and XK8 mounted on a scissor lift. During the show David Marks replaced the bearings, seals, discs and calipers on the front hubs. The work was videoed and shown on large screens. Rob Jenner and Letitia Mace had spent a considerable amount of time organizing the supply of parts and helping David prepare all the items for the restoration work.



The idea worked very well and brought lots of enthusiasts to the stand to watch the work being done.

At the NEC we also attended the National Car Club Awards where the club won an number of awards.

We signed up a record amount of new members and sold a considerable amount of raffle tickets.

A full report is on page 34.

COLEFORD CARNIVAL OF TRANSPORT

Coleford close the town centre and the classic cars are parked throughout the town including all the car parks. The event is always held on Easter Monday. This year Easter Monday was on the 2nd of April. Unfortunately the weather forecast was horrible, with snow on high ground and heavy rain. With the risk of snow receding we made the decision to attend. We always had a very good number of cars on our stand, last year over 20, but due to the weather conditions only 9 of us met up in the car park at Monmouth. The rain eased slightly on the run up to Coleford where we parked up and enjoyed a delightful breakfast in Kaplins Café. The weather improved in the afternoon and after sampling the beer in the Angel Hotel we left at about 3.30 for a dry run home.

A full report is on page 34.

OUR NEXT EVENTS ARE:

SOUTH WALES REGION DRIVE IT DAY

We have booked the Priory Hotel, Caerleon, for our South Wales Region Annual Drive it Day on the 22nd of April. This is the same hotel as last year. We had a lot of compliments about the hotel from members who attended last year. The day will start with coffee and bacon rolls at the Priory from 10 am with a prompt start at 11.00am Colin Masterson has again this year mapped an interesting run up through Wales, with a stop at lunch time at the Big Pit, the National Coal Museum where there will be the opportunity to go down into the Pit and see the

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workings. We will then take a spectacular run back to the Priory for lunch at approximately 3.00pm.

Menu choices and more information can be found on pages 10 & 11 in this month's magazine.

The cost for bacon rolls, coffee or tea in the morning and then a two course meal for lunch, all in the Priory Hotel, is £21.00.

Will all members who wish to go on this run please contact me as soon as possible either on 07977474637 or by email, colin.manconi@jecsouthwales.co.uk

MONMOUTH STEAM & VINTAGE SHOW

This year's show is to be held on Sunday 6th May down on the Vauxhall Fields in Monmouth, NP25 5BA. There is plenty to do for the whole family from a range of vintage vehicles, fair ground attractions and a variety of trade and craft stalls for everyone. I have entry forms available so please let me know if you would like one.

SWCCC ANNUAL CLASSIC CAR SHOW

This is being held at Cardiff City Football Ground on the 20th of May. It is always a good event and we have our own stand in the ground. If any members need entry forms please contact me.

VALE OF GLAMORGAN SHOW

This is held on the 28th of May at the Sully Sports and Leisure Club. We have attended this event for the last few years it has been held and it has gone from strength to strength. It is a great venue with views over the sea and is a small but good show. We will be meeting in the Sully Arms car park at 8.00am.



BERKELEY CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Unfortunately the organisers have moved the date of this event from July to the 28th of May which is the date for the Vale of Glamorgan Show. As the event is only for early cars, which limit the number of members which can attend, we have decided that as a club we will go to the Vale of Glamorgan Show.

PORTHKERRY CLASSIC CAR SHOW

We attended this event last year and it is growing in popularity. Unfortunately I have not been able to find a date for it this year. If any members have any more information would you please contact me.

BARRY FESTIVAL OF TRANSPORT

This is the 6th year this event has been held at Barry Island. It is being held on Sunday the 10th of June. We have to arrive early and all together to get a space on the promenade overlooking the sea. We will be meeting at the Calcot Arms, Calcot Road, Barry, CF62 8UJ to leave at 8.00 am.



JAGUAR SUMMER FESTIVAL at WROXALL ABBEY

This is the major JEC event being held this year. It is being held on the 29th of June to the 1st of July. Many of our members have booked to go up on the Friday and stay over to the Sunday. On Friday night there is a welcome BBQ, a Champagne Reception where you can meet Anton Du Beke & Erin Boag from Strictly Come Dancing, plus live music from the Swingettes.

On Saturday you can book dance lessons with Anton & Erin. There are runs through the Warwickshire countryside and also it is possible to book a visit to Jaguar Classic Works. In the evening there is a Gala Dinner.

Sunday is show day with an XJ & XK timeline & parade. Also a Concours & Pride and Joy Competition. Area events and trade stands plus an XJ technical workshop by David Marks.



SHERBORNE CASTLE CLASSIC CAR SHOW

This show is being held on Sunday the 15th of July.

Now in its 15th year, Classic & Supercars can now be regarded as certainly one of the premier classics and supercar shows in the South of England with upwards of 2,000 cars on display, from veterans to the latest supercars. In the last 4 years the show has raised in excess of £130,000 for national and local charities.

This is a massive show and our stand is being organized by Graham Searle. We have 40 places on our stand for three different regions and I need to inform Graham how many places we need. The cost is £10 per car. Please e-mail me or telephone to book your place.

SILVERSTONE CLASSIC

Being held on the 22-22 of July, this is billed as the "Biggest Classic Motor Racing Festival in the World". There are 20 classic races over the weekend with over 1000 entries and over to 10,000 classic cars. There is entertainment in the evenings and racing all day long. If you have not been before this really is one event you must go to.

We have attended this meeting for many years and have really enjoyed it. Fourteen of our members are going on the Friday and returning on Sunday evening. You really need more than one day to see it all. We have booked to stay the Friday and Saturday nights in a hotel not far away from Silverstone and I have booked an evening meal at our favourite restaurant "The Cromwell Cottage" for both Friday and Saturday nights. I still have a few rooms available. Please contact me for details.

The tickets for the event have to be booked over the internet on the Silverstone Classic site. The cost for 2 entry tickets plus the important car pass ticket which allows you to park on the JEC stand on the infield are £102.00. This is for 3 days, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, a cost of just over £17.00 each per day. Single days can also be booked. This "Early Bird" price must be booked before the 31st of March and you must enter under the Club Display Package and use the JEC code of **18008CCD**

We have a lot of shows coming up this year I hope you can attend as many as possible.

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"Mike Hawthorn and I remained good friends on and off the circuits throughout our careers. On this day in 1955, I had asked Mike if he would like to drive my Maserati at Crystal Palace in a formula one meeting. Our pre-race discussion must have been spot on because he won the race by nearly two seconds."

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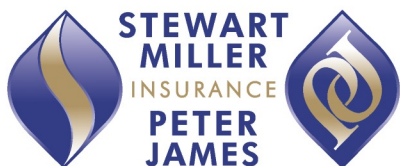
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It is with great sadness that I have to advise that Mike Jones has passed away.

Mike was a long established member and secretary of the club who originally ran a beautiful replica D-Type.

Over the last 10 year Mike's health has not been very good so he has had to restrict the amount of events he attended, but he always came to our Christmas Dinner, Drive it Day, and some other events. I would like to send our condolences to Sheila his wife and all the family.

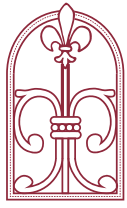
Before his illness Mike would always be the first one to enter events and I always remember him coming to the Silverstone Classic for the first time. After a fast run up from his home in Castleton in the D-Type, he arrived at the main gate, no ticket

but was promptly waved through as they thought he was a competitor!

Many of you will remember the Coleford Carnival of Transport a few years ago when the weather was extremely cold with a bitter north wind. I think it was one of the coldest events I have ever been to. We were all standing there shivering when Mike turns up in the open D-Type, no roof, no heater and a tiny windscreen! That's dedication,

Rest peacefully Mike.





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Rooms available to book for those wishing to make a weekend of the event, or just overnight.

Please give us a call.

Jaguar Enthusiasts' Club Sunday Lunch Menu

Starters

Leek and potato soup, freshly baked bread

Chicken liver pate, spiced pear and grape chutney

Smoked mackerel, potato and horseradish salad

Baked brie, caramelised onion marmalade, sourdough

Crispy lamb breast, chilli relish

Mains

Roast rib of aged Welsh beef

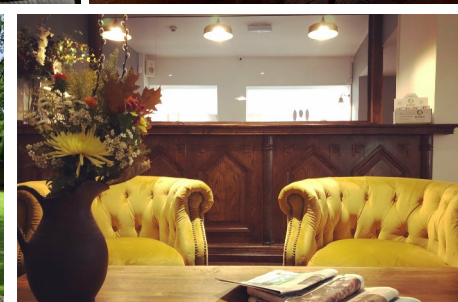
Salt baked belly pork

Roast leg of Monmouthshire lamb

Roast breast of chicken, roasting juices

Baked salmon, Romesco sauce

All main courses are served with a selection of traditional roast vegetables





Sharing the passion

South Wales Region Drive It Day



South Wales Region

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Drive It Day

The South Wales Region will once again be holding a Drive it Day event on the **22nd of April**. Open to members of all regions of the JEC, but please try and turn up in a Jaguar!

We will meet at the Priory Hotel, High Street Caerleon, Newport, NP18 1AG, between 10 am and 11am for coffee/tea and bacon rolls and will leave at 11am sharp.

Colin Masterson has again this year mapped an interesting run up through Wales, with a stop at lunch time at the Big Pit, the National Coal Museum where there

will be the opportunity to go down into the Pit and see the workings. We will then take a spectacular run back to the Priory for lunch at 3.00pm. Hotel rooms are available at the Priory for those wishing to stay.

The menu choices are on our website www.jecsouthwales.co.uk/ddmenu2018

If you would like to come please ring Colin on 07977 474637 or e-mail, colin.manconi@jecsouthwales.co.uk



**FOR MENU CHOICES AND MORE INFORMATION, GO TO:
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NEWS

What's going on in the world of Jaguar & Jaguars



NEW 007 MISSION FOR JAGUAR LAND ROVER

Jaguar Land Rover has a new mission with James Bond – a three-year partnership at the state-of-the-art interactive experience, 007 ELEMENTS in Sölden, Austria.

Fittingly Jaguar Land Rover, whose cars have featured in Bond films since 1983, is now official partner to 007 ELEMENTS located at the top of the 3,050m Gaislachkogel peak.

007 ELEMENTS offers visitors a chance to immerse themselves in the world of the iconic secret agent in a new mountain-top location next to the ice Q restaurant used as the Hoffler Klinik in Spectre. Interactive displays featuring Jaguar Land Rover technical content along with the Land Rover

Defender and Range Rover Sport SVR used for filming Spectre will form part of the experience.

Visitors will also see the latest Jaguar Land Rover technology, with the artificial intelligence systems and 90kWh lithium-ion battery from an electric Jaguar I-PACE performance SUV used to power a wire-frame model of the C-X75 concept car that starred in a spectacular car chase through Rome in Spectre.

Jaguar Land Rover vehicles have appeared in nine Bond films since Octopussy in 1983, when Roger Moore made a dramatic escape in a Range Rover Classic driven by Bianca (Tina Hudson).



WAYMO AND JAGUAR LAND ROVER ANNOUNCE LONG-TERM PARTNERSHIP, BEGINNING WITH SELF-DRIVING JAGUAR I-PACE

Jaguar Land Rover and Waymo today announce a long-term strategic partnership. Together, the two companies will develop the world's first premium self-driving electric vehicle for Waymo's driverless transportation service.

Jaguar Land Rover and Waymo (formerly Google self-driving car project) will work together to design and engineer self-driving Jaguar I-PACE vehicles. This long-term strategic collaboration will further Waymo and Jaguar Land Rover's shared goals: to make cars safer, free up people's valuable time and improve mobility for everyone.

"With the Jaguar I-PACE we have a world-beating car that's captured the imagination of customers around the world. Our passion for further advancing smart mobility needs expert long-term partners. In joining forces with Waymo we are pioneering to push the boundaries of technology. Together we will deliver the self-driving Waymo Jaguar I-PACE with the grace, space and eco-pace that customers expect." PROF. DR. RALF SPETH, JAGUAR LAND ROVER CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Waymo Jaguar I-PACEs, equipped with Waymo's self-driving technology, will start testing later this year. On-road testing and capturing real-world data will allow Waymo and Jaguar Land Rover engineers to refine technology and deliver optimum safety and reliability. Up to 20,000 I-PACEs will be built in the first two years of production and be available for riders of Waymo's driverless service, serving a potential one million trips per day.

The Jaguar I-PACE was launched earlier this month and is the company's first full-electric SUV. It is all-new from the ground up and is a no compromise, desirable and practical electric performance car. Jaguar Land Rover is committed to investing heavily, becoming automotive leaders in autonomous, connected and future electrified technologies.

"While we've been focused at Waymo on building the world's most experienced driver, the team at Jaguar Land Rover has developed an all-new battery-electric platform that looks to set a new standard in safety, design and capability. We're sure Waymo riders will enjoy the safe, premium and delightful experience that the self-driving I-PACE will provide." JOHN KRAFCIK, WAYMO CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

To date, Waymo is the only company with a fleet of fully self-driving cars – with no one in the front seat – on public roads. Later this year Waymo will launch the world's first self-driving transportation service allowing members of the public to use Waymo's app to request a vehicle.

KYLE EDMUND JOINS JAGUAR AS AMBASSADOR

British Number 1 and Australian Open Semi-Finalist, Kyle Edmund has signed an endorsement deal with luxury and sports car manufacturer, Jaguar, to become the brand's latest UK brand ambassador.

Jaguar, the Official Car to the All England Lawn Tennis Club (AELTC) are looking to reinforce the brand's commitment within UK tennis and will work with Edmund on a number of projects in the build-up to The Championships, Wimbledon.

Edmund's remarkable run at the 2018 Australian Open made him just the sixth British man in history to reach a semi-final of a grand slam. Edmund announced his latest partnership on his social media channels on Wednesday morning ahead of this week's ATP tour event in Marrakech. Edmund will be looking to build on his successful start to the year in Australia, as we move into the clay and then grass court seasons this summer.

The 23-year-old will be entering The Championships, Wimbledon for the first time as British Number 1 and will be looking to better his most successful Grand Slam performance at this year's Australian Open. Edmund who competes a lot more on clay is committed to adapt his grass court game in time for The Championships, Wimbledon later this year.

Jaguar is entering its fourth season as the Official Car of The Championships, Wimbledon which runs from Monday 2 July to Sunday 15 July. Jaguar will supply 170 vehicles from its award-winning range, including the XE, XF, XJ and F-PACE as well as the new, all electric I-PACE driving over 30,000 journeys during the tournament.



THE TORBAY FLYER

Greetings from the English Riviera

By Harry Kuehling



Greetings from South Devon with Spring in the air!

Apart from our monthly club meeting, when we had our annual auction, the only event in March was a monthly club run. For our April meeting we have guest speakers talking about their experience of competing in the Peking (Beijing) to Paris Rally in their 1948 Allard! I'm really looking forward to that.

CLUB RUN "DAFFODILS & POTHOLES" - 25th MARCH

Originally we were to have a Treasure Hunt organised by Ivan & his son Daniel. However, less than a week before the run poor Ivan went into hospital with a suspected cardiac arrest. Thankfully he is now recovering at home & is waiting for a stent to be fitted. Ivan was trying to make some last minute changes as he discovered

late on (it was not very well publicised) that part of his route was to be closed off on 25th March for some cycling races! Ivan had already booked the coffee stop at Fermoys Garden Centre near Newton Abbot and our lunch stop at the Sportsmans Arms near Dartmouth. I think our chairman Julian had a couple of sleepless nights trying to organise an alternative! In the end Julian and Sue organised a route from our meeting point to Fermoys while Nataliea, Artiom and I organised routes from Fermoys to the Sportsmans Arms at very short notice.

Artiom helped me with a route from Fermoys through the lanes ending up at Totnes. Nataliea then helped me the following day sorting a very scenic route from Totnes via Ashprington & Ditisham to the Sportsmans Arms where we had a celebratory meal

in front of an open log fire! There was still a lot of snow and melt water on the routes. A few times we had to go carefully through some fords. We also scraped the underside of the car with snow in the centre of the lanes!

The following is a copy of a report by Jan in our TOWC newsletter:

"It was a bright and fairly warm Sunday morning with a good turnout of cars when we all met at Gallows Gate. It was with relief that we learnt from Julian that Ivan was out of hospital and doing well - the unfortunate episode to be followed up by surgery in the future. I know that we all send our very best wishes to Ivan for a speedy recovery and we will look forward to the treasure hunt which he had prepared for the Club, in the future. Some stalwart members of the Club picked up



the reigns and between them organised two very enjoyable runs. Round of applause for Julian and Sue for organising the first run to our coffee stop and Harry and Natalea for the follow-on to the lunch stop. So from Gallows Gate we headed to Marldon and followed through lanes and countryside round Broadhempston, Torbryan and Denbury to our coffee stop - Fermoy's. After refreshments and a little shopping for some, we headed on through Woodland, Broadhempston, Staverton, Dartington, Totnes and on through Ashprington and Cornworthy, arriving at The Sportsman's Arms just above Dartmouth for an excellent Carvery lunch.

The routes were particularly pretty with the early spring primroses and daffodils lining the hedgerows, the wonderful views at Ashprington and Cornworthy and the wonderful countryside. We are so privileged to live in such a beautiful county!! Now just one query - Rex reckons that there were 64 & 1/2 pot holes navigated during our journey! There will be a prize for the person who gets it right. (I think it was more like 164 & 1/2!) PS All bills for car cleaning should be presented to Jim (Treasurer) who I am sure will quite happily tell you what to do with them!! Finally, thank you so much to all those involved in organising the day, it is this input that makes our Club the great one it is and of course all those turning up with fairly inclement weather during the previous week to contend with. It was great to meet up with friends that we haven't seen so much of recently. Here's to the forthcoming season!"

CLUB MEETING - THURSDAY 29th MARCH

This was our first club meeting in our new venue - the Blagdon Inn (see - www.blagdon-inn.co.uk) - following the sale and closure of the Farmhouse Tavern. A little bit further for us to travel but a very comfortable venue. According to their website "The Blagdon Inn looks like a quintessentially traditional English pub from the



outside, yet once you venture inside you are met with a contemporary feel as well as a truly warm Devon welcome. Visit us and discover a destination steeped in fascinating and haunting history dating back to the 15th Century."

During the course of the meeting we voted to continue holding our future meetings in the Blagdon Inn. I think members are looking forward to warm summer evenings sitting on the verandas around the 15th century thatched inn!

During the meeting I gave a brief talk on my research into possible venues for a skittles evening/battle with the West-country Classic Car Club. As we are getting into the classic car shows season it was agreed to postpone skittles matches until August or September.

Julian updated us on entries for our own TOWC Rally on Paignton Green on 22nd July 2018. We have spaces for approx



330 entries and to date we have 176 entries - well up on previous years for this month. Get in quick if you wish to enter! An entry form may be downloaded from our website - www.towc.club

After a short break we then settled down for the main businesses of the evening i.e. the auction. Members were invited to donate items for the auction preferably motoring related. As in previous years Rex was to be our auctioneer. Unfortunately he was not well on the night & Terry Court stepped in to act as the auctioneer assisted by his wife Lisa, Ian Ashby and Dave Doyle. Terry did a brilliant job & eventually raised £300 for club funds! I'm glad to report that Dave did not break any priceless pottery this year! The funniest part of the auction was when a "Naughty Santa" clockwork toy was auctioned. You can use your imagination and picture Santa in a bath with a lady! Naughty!

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...and finally:

Joke 1

A mom and dad were worried about their son not wanting to learn maths at the school he was in, so they decided to send him to a Catholic school. After the first day of school, their son comes racing into the house, goes straight into his room and slams the door shut.

Mom and dad are a little worried about this and go to his room to see if he is okay. They find him sitting at his desk doing his homework.

The boy keeps doing that for the rest of the year. At the end of the year the son brings home his report card and gives it to his mom and dad.

Looking at it they see under maths an A+.

Mom and dad are very happy and ask the son, "What changed your mind about learning maths?"

The son looked at mom and dad and said, "Well, on the first day when I walked into the classroom, I saw a guy nailed to the plus sign at the back of the room behind the teacher's desk and I knew they meant business."

Joke 2

A blonde is driving down the road. She notices that she is low on gas, so she stops at the gas station.

While she's pumping her gas, she notices that she had locked the keys in the car. So when she goes inside to pay, the blonde asks the attendant for a coat hanger so she can attempt to open the door herself.

She goes outside and begins to jimmy the lock. Ten minutes later, the attendant goes outside to see how the blonde is faring.

The blonde outside of the car is moving the hanger around and around.

Meanwhile, the blonde inside of the car is saying, "A little more to the left. A little more to the right"

Joke 3

Since the wife is eight months into her pregnancy, the husband has to sleep on the floor to avoid any regrettable mistake, which might happen pretty easily, for he has been desperate for quite a while now.

Just before lying down on the bed, she glances at him and sees the poor guy curls up on the floor, eyes stare widely into the empty air, filled with hopeless desire.

Feeling sorry for her husband, she opens the top drawer of the cabinet, takes out a fifty dollar bill, and gives it to him "Here, take this and go to the woman next door, she will let you sleep with her tonight and remember that this happens only once. Ok? Don't think about it again."

The husband rolls his eyes in disbelief, but afraid that she may change her mind, he grabs the money and leaves quickly. A few minutes later, he returns, hands the bill back to the wife and says with much disappointment: "She said this is not enough, she wants \$100."

The wife's face slowly turns red with anger: "Dammnnnn that b***h... when she was pregnant and her husband came over here... I only charged him fifty!"



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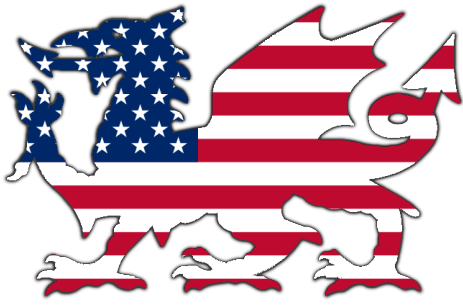
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By Colin Masterson

Letter from America



I had not been to Plant City before; It's around 60 miles away from us and is famous for supplying Florida with soft fruit, Strawberries, Raspberries etc. Anyway, they hold a monthly car show in the town centre alongside a nicely restored railway station converted to a railway museum. The show was on a lovely warm Saturday afternoon, just right for a drive through the country in the Corvette. Fortunately, the local turnpike and Interstates take most of the heavy traffic, leaving the side roads for me to enjoy.

This was a much bigger show than expected with a wide variety of cars. There was a "Herbie" VW Beetle with hydraulic hood (bonnet to you) and trunk (boot) that opened and closed remotely and windscreen washer that could be made to squirt passers by; a Montague County, Texas sheriff's car from the 70's

and plenty of Corvettes. There were hardly any foreign makes although a Detomaso Pantera was an interesting exception. This was an Italian Car built by an Argentinian owned company designed by Ghia with a Ford Cleveland 5.8 litre engine with a production run of over 20 years when over 7,000 were built.

However, one car that stood out was Burt Reynolds own Trans Am that was used in the making of the TV series "Bandit". Burt lives locally and is in his 80's so doesn't get out much now but a friend of his brought it to the show with another replica of the car.

Turning a corner I came across what looked like a troop of Santa Clauses all in natural long wide beards and moustaches and white hair. These guys raise funds for Fallen Heroes; their motto is: "The nation that forgets its defenders will itself be

forgotten". The respect for servicemen and indeed first responders (police, fire and ambulance) seems to be much higher in the USA although, hopefully we are catching up, although I cannot imagine anyone here throwing stones or abuse at ambulance staff as they have been known to do in the UK. Their vehicles were decorated with all sorts of amusing slogans. One looked like a police patrol car with a big badge on the door "North Pole Santa - Naughty but nice inspector" and on the back "If something should happen to me, put on my suit, the reindeer will know what to do" and "will work for milk and cookies"

Next I went back to the Lakeland Winter Autofest with my son Rupert, who was over from Yokohama on holiday. Here they were holding a car auction with a specialist car show for Ford Mustangs and a general





car show for all other cars.

Several hundred cars were for sale including quite a few Jaguars. You might be interested to see what sort of price they fetched: a 1998 XJ8 Sold for \$2,300; a 2005 S Type with 52,000 miles

For \$6,850; a 2008 XK for \$12,250; a 2001 XKR with 87,000 miles for \$11,000; a 2010 XF for \$7,000 and, star of the auction a nicely restored 1966 Jaguar XKE (E Type to you) sold for a not unreasonable \$120,000.

Other British cars sold were a 1970 Triumph TR6 sold for \$12,500; a 2009 MINI Cooper S for \$5,600; a 1978 MG Midget for \$3,200; and a Sunbeam Alpine for \$4,200

I found a new museum to visit on a week seaside trip to the Gulf Coast, it was the Tampa Bay Automobile Museum and was

founded and still owned by the original French owner whose packaging plant was next to the Museum. This museum is full of gems and well worth a visit if ever you are in the neighbourhood.

It is based on a theme adding to the owner's cars, several of which were purchased in the 50's because they were cheaper than modern cars. He was fascinated by the contrast between the front wheel drive cars of the Citroen traction avant variety and the aero shaped Tatra's of Czechoslovakia. His interest in innovative engineering led to the addition of many unique vehicles.

The owners describe the museum as follows: "it features a unique collection of vintage cars and vehicles that demonstrate special creativity and imagination

in their history and engineering. They include pioneering front wheel drive and rear engine cars from the 1920s and 1930s, and each vehicle was chosen based on the engineering achievements that made it an important part of the evolution of the automobile. These are the cars that set the standards for the engineering of automobiles today."

Each of the vehicles has made an advance in the construction of motor cars, as he says: "The innovation of engineers such as Paul Jaray (designer of the Zeppelin airships), Gabriel Voisin (aircraft designer from World War I), Edmund Rumpler (aircraft from World War I) and Jean Albert Gregoire (Tracta front wheel drive) are present in many automobiles throughout the collection. We believe that the Tampa Bay



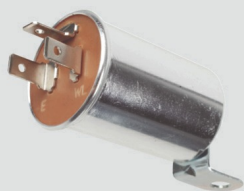


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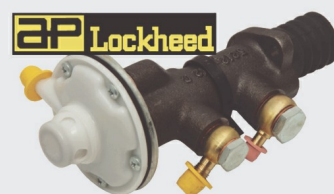


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If I were to name the lemon of the collection it would be the 1968 UK Ford Zephyr, with its ghastly square bodywork. However, on closer examination this car was converted to All Wheel Drive by Ferguson (who produced the AWD fro the Jenson Interceptor FF) and was used to test their Anti-lock Braking system developed by the aerospace industry. The police commissioned 22 of these cars, only 2 remain, this being 1 of them.



Also on show was a 1965 Ford Mustang that was sent by the factory to the UK to have the AWD and ABS systems fitted along with another car that was left standard for comparison purposes. The results were a success and handling considerably improved. However it never went into production as the additional \$500 coat on top of a standard \$2,500 cost could not be justified unfortunately. How short sighted they were as this would have been a great car and would have had a unique selling point.

The collection included

quite a few Tatras of different vintage several Citroens with their front wheel drive including a 2CV Sahara with an engine in the front and one at the back, the ultimate in 4 wheel drive cars! Each had its own fuel tank. One of the attendants said you could drive into the desert on one engine and when you run out of gas, turn round and come back on the other - I don't think so!

There were a few British makers represented, including BSA, Allard, like the one I used to have, Alvis, DeLorean, Jenson (the original 541 prototype), Rolls Royce and a sole Jaguar - a 1971 Series III E Type 2+2.



Many of the cars are rare but all had something unusual or unique about them, which made it an interesting visit. There were cutaways of Wankel engines and Knight sleeve-valve engines with a number of cars powered by one or the other. Unusual makes included: Adler Trumpf, DKW, Hanomag, Stoewer (Germany); Aero, Tatra (Czechoslovakia); Amilcar Compound, CDE Gregoire Electric, Chenard & Walker, Claveau, Delahaye, Derby, Detra, Deutsch-Bonnet, Gerin Aerodyne, Voisin, Tracta, George Irat, Hotchkiss, Mathis, Talbot Lago, Salmson, Panhard (France); and

Milburn, Ruxton (USA). Now here is a test of your motoring knowledge: Of the 25 makes listed, how many are you familiar with? I knew only around half of them.

Gene, a local mechanic, who used to operate from his driveway, has just opened his own workshop and had a grand opening of "Mean Gene's Machines", or MGM for short with all show cars welcome. Free beer, wine, sodas and food, a DJ and then a band into the evening - no wonder it was a popular!

His new establishment is in Winter Garden, where we used to live, and this obviously a big venture for him. The workshop was absolutely immaculate, you could have eaten your meal off the floor! It was beautifully equipped with lifts, a paint booth and every piece of technology you could think of.

The following week a show called March Motor Madness in aid of a charity called the Second Harvest Food Bank that was held in Beef O'Brady's car park in Apopka. Plenty of cars present including a large contingent of the local Chevy Camaro club.

One of the prize-winners was a Rat Rod truck that I saw at Gene's place. It was the most dangerous vehicle you have ever seen but the humdinger was the front bumper bar which had great big spikes sticking out of the front which would impale any pedestrian who got in its way. It beats me how this sort of thing can be road legal in Florida but, it seems anything here goes.

I parked next to a replica '57 Corvette based on a new chassis with modern running gear and 12" wide rear tyres and had a beautiful body, that was originally based on an early Corvette, which had been highly modified and from which the owner had created moulds so he was planning to build further vehicles. He had apparently sunk \$250,000 into this prototype and it was beautifully finished and deserved the award for the best in show.

Well I guess that's all folks till later in the year, in fact, by the time you read, this I should be back in the UK.



THE CLASSIC CAR & RESTORATION SHOW

Over 1,000 stunning classic cars, from barn finds to con-course quality were on display at the Practical Classics Classic Car & Restoration Show, with Discovery, on the 23-25 of March 2018. Ranging from Austin's and Fords, to Porsches, Ferraris and Jaguars with everything in between, visitors were taken on a trip down their classic motoring memory lane.

There were over 150 Classic Vehicle Clubs with their stunning restoration and classic vehicle displays who attend the event. Classic vehicle clubs remain the life blood of the classic vehicle community. It is club members that work tirelessly to ensure these fantastic marques are not forgotten and remain on our roads as long as possible, so enthusiasts of all ages can enjoy our motoring heritage.

An ideal club stand display includes a vehicle in need of restoration, one being worked on

at the show and one in excellent restored condition so that visitors can behold and interact with the whole restoration process. All clubs are encouraged to present some kind of demonstration of a restoration skill or a regular maintenance/servicing activity at the show.

Hidden treasures were showcased in the UK's biggest Barn Find display at the Practical Classics Classic Car & Restoration Show, with Discovery.

How do you define 'Barn Find'? To some, it has to be a vehicle covered in four decades worth of dust but to others, it is a car that has lain dormant for many years. The cars displayed in this year's Carole Nash Barn Find display had been unearthed from garages, sheds, yards and even the bottom of the garden that have been rescued by passionate enthusiasts. Some remain in the same condition as the day they went into storage

while others would be better to 'rust in peace'.

The Carole Nash Barn Find display had three rescued vehicles ready to steal the show. The first was an Austin A35 with one owner and only 24,000 miles on the clock! Second was a 1982 BMW 535i which has been off the road and in need of some TLC since 1993. John Webb's 1962 Rover P4 100 was also be dragged out of the run down garage where it was discovered and brought into the bright lights of the NEC.

The Practical Classics Live Stage with Discovery was the active heart of the show and had an amazing line up. The three-day rebuild in 2018 was the most ambitious yet, as 'team PC' celebrate 70 years of the 2CV by reviving one of the oldest 2CVs still in existence. The car was collected from a variety of locations in North London and was prepared for the show. The live stage was also home to a host of celebrity interviews, Q&A's, classic car demonstrations and the Practical Classics cavalcade.

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Ant Anstead joined the motoring mayhem on the Practical Classics Live Stage with Discovery, alongside PC Editor Danny Hopkins and his trusty Deputy James Walshe. Also holding down the fort was Salvage Hunters Drew Pritchard and Paul Cowland where they brought an icon from the big screen - a barn find of the Knight Rider KITT car!

The classic trader village and Auto jumble offered everything you need for the 2018 classic season - be it as a driver, mechanic, crew or an ardent enthusiast. This is a treasure trove for classic enthusiasts, those tackling restoration projects, or anyone looking for a one-off gift. The popular Auto jumble featured over 100 stands offering all sorts of parts, spares, tools, prints, model cars and oddments.

Classic Car Auctions held its biggest sale of the year last weekend at the show, where 130 out of 161 classic cars on offer were sold, resulting in an impressive 81% sales rate. The total value of the cars sold reached £2.1 million over the two-day sale at the NEC in Birmingham on 24th and 25th March.

While there was frantic bidding for many cars, notable lots included the highest price paid at the auction for a restored 1972 Alfa Montreal which sold above its upper estimate for £59,400. It was followed by another Montreal project car from the same year which sold for £28,600 to an internet bid from New Zealand, again above its upper estimate.

Meanwhile, a stunning 1948 Jaguar 3.5-litre 'Mark IV' Drophead Coupe stole the lime-light on day two of the sale when it sold for more than twice its upper estimate for £40,700 to an on-line bidder in the Czech Republic.

Proving that good things come in small packages was a

1964 Morris Mini Cooper 970 'S' in a very rare original shade of blue which sold for £40,700, almost £10,000 above its upper estimate.

Celebrity cars were also not to be outdone. A 1977 Mercedes-Benz 450 SEL once owned by music legend Sir Barry Gibb sold above its upper estimate for £17,600, while a 1995 BMW E38 750iL previously owned by rocker Francis Rossi OBE fetched £7,150 and a 1985 Bentley Turbo R, once the property of global superstar Sir Elton John CBE, sold for £10,120.

Gary Dunne, Sales Manager at Classic Car Auctions, said: "This was a fantastic start to the year for CCA and we're absolutely





delighted with the results, as well as the huge turn-out in the auction hall. There was a lot of variety in the cars on offer and demand proved high across the board, and from across the globe."

'Dream Rides', run by charity organization The Sporting Bears Motor Club, offered visitors the opportunity to jump into and experience some of the most spectacular cars in the world, and all you had to do is donate to a wonderful cause. In exchange for a charitable donation, you could pick from the cars in the 'Dream Rides' garage which car you would like to take a ten-mile passenger ride in - the size of the donation depends on the car you choose.

Michael and I travelled up early on Friday to help run the JEC Stand on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

As indicated earlier an ideal club stand display includes a vehicle in need of restoration, one being worked on at the show and one in excellent restored condition so that visitors can behold and interact with the whole restoration process. Once again this year we tried something different! We had two front sub frames from a XJ8 and XK8 mounted on a scissor lift. During the show David Marks replaced the bearings, seals, discs and calipers on the front hubs. The work was videoed and shown on large screens. Rob Jenner and Letitia Mace had spent a considerable amount of time organizing the supply of parts and helping David prepare all the items for the restoration work.

Patch Jobson a JEC member set up the cameras, sound system, two large screens and all the equipment necessary to show the live demonstrations to the audience. Patch also provided a live feed which could be watched on Youtube.

We need to thank the following firms for their help in setting this up, SNG Barratt (new parts), Eurojag (sub frames etc.), David Marks (everything), Ken Jenkins (specialist tools) and Patch Jobson (camera, sound etc).

Also on the stand we had David's beautiful MK7, also his X300 as a reference as to where the sub frames fitted and of course our magnificent F Type charity car.

It was again a great success. As I have mentioned before David Marks should be on the TV his presentation was so good. Last year the NEC organizers apologized that there was not a "live demonstration" category in their awards otherwise we would have won. This year many other of the club stands had cottoned on to our idea and were doing live demonstrations themselves, but we still won a highly commended for "Best live Working on Vehicles at Show".

On the Saturday night some of us attended the National Car Club Awards where the club won an award for "The Best Car Club Contribution to Charity" for raising £105,000 at the Windsor Jaguar Festival. Also our editor Nigel Thorley won "The National Car Club Ambassador of the Year" for all the work he has done over the years for the club. Well done Nigel! As mentioned before we also had a highly commended for "Best live Working on Vehicles at Show".

The show was very successful with us signing up many new members and selling a record numbers of tickets for the charity car.

The show closed at 5.00pm on the Sunday and we packed up the stand, loaded the van and car and left around 7.00 arriving home after 9.30. A long three days but well worth it.





Bourton On the Water Motor Museum

Whilst on a rare 'Max' free weekend away in the Cotswolds for a friends wedding I thought I'd try and combine it with some happy motoring.....unfortunately the weather denied me the opportunity to take the cars out of the garage so I had to look elsewhere. The Classic Car Hub in the Cotswolds (Nr Bibury) was holding one of it's events which are always well attended and worth a trip but on this occasion I was too late in applying for a ticket and missed out. Heather stepped in and suggested a shopping trip to Bourton on the water, which I was less than impressed with until she told me there was a motor museum there! Her training is coming on very well and she earnt some brownie points here!

An inexpensive shopping trip done, we headed to the museum, which looked to be small on the surface but was actually really interesting. The museum was opened in 1978 by collector and motoring enthusiast, Mike Cavanagh and having bought the tickets we headed through the small door and into a motoring time capsule!

We were greeted by an Austin 7 and a 1932 MG closely followed by a Jaguar MkV. The Mk V was a 1951 car and as you're aware had good rally pedigree particularly in Monte Carlo in '51 and '53 (3 & 5th). I find it amazing that cars of this size and weight could even entertain being rallied. The Mk V had the usual Jaguar hood which was able to be set in three positions, giving a coupe, coupe-de-ville

and convertible option. This was closely followed by a 1956 Jaguar XK140 that had a not so exotic companion.....TV star 'BRUM'!! For those of you not well versed with the children's TV programme where the car was the star there's a picture for you! The programme was actually shot in the museum itself.

The largest known pedal car in the world 'AD 1909' was parked up in the last section of the museum and was a very interesting example with two braking systems, a differential gear, and a custom made front axle. The size of it was quite amazing considering it was for children and was thought to be a one-off build around 1910 by a factory for the bosses children. You can see from the picture with Heather how big it was.

I spied what I thought was a pedal car however, it turned out to be an actual car! This special build dated back to 1937 and was completed by a



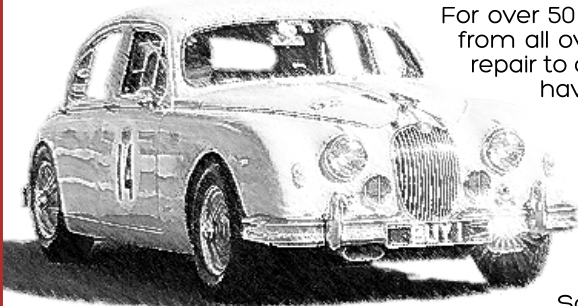
garage in South Africa as a publicity gimmick. It was based on an old Austin 7 and shortened, then made narrower but still contained the full size engine! It was road legal and used on the road in South Africa to collect spares locally until the museum founder bought it back to the UK. It really was tiny so I don't know where they put any spares they picked up!

There were many toy models displayed throughout the years but one particular display stood out. Ford enthusiast and model nut John Attwater has completed the only model collection of every Ford ever produced in its history. This has taken 20 years and started with a 1/43 scale Ford Pilot - although not an overly enthusiastic Ford fan, it was quite a sight. And yes, outside of the Ford collection I did find an XJS! There was a row of plastic cars outside, which apparently are the future.....i'm not to sure of them though as I couldn't see an engine and they were lacking in wood and leather inside!

As we moved outside a stunning Duesenberg pulled up, or at least that's what I thought it was - correct me if I'm wrong gents but it did have a DB badge. It sounded and looked simply awesome and attracted many photographs. That ended an enjoyable day in Bourton..... hopefully next time I'll make it to the classic motoring hub in the Cotswolds.



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The updated chassis has progressive front and rear springs that are 30 and 10 per cent stiffer respectively and incorporate an anti-roll bar specification that contributes to a 5% reduction in body roll.

New, lightweight forged 21- and optional 22-inch alloy wheels are wider at the rear by 25mm compared to the front and contribute to the SVR's enhanced handling. The 22-inch wheels are 2.4kg lighter on the front and 1.7kg lighter on the rear and are designed to deliver greater airflow to the updated larger 395mm front and 396mm rear brake discs. The brake discs feature an advanced two piece

construction on the front and rear to reduce weight, further contributing to the SVR's agile handling.

F-PACE SVR also features Jaguar's Variable Valve Active Exhaust System. This provides a charismatic soundtrack and is another factor behind the SVR's increased performance capability as the active system allows increased gas flow. The SVR exhaust is 6.6kg lighter than the standard F-PACE system.

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Inside, the F-PACE SVR features slimline performance front seats that provide enhanced lateral support and have signature lozenge quilting and embossed SVR logo. In addition, unique rear seats echo the heavily

sculpted designs up front and the SUV's sports car character is underlined by the Sport Shift Selector. Finally, the SVR branded steering wheel features tactile aluminium paddle shifters.

For all its performance, the SVR retains the practicality and versatility inherent to the PACE family, with its 650-litre loadspace (with rear seats up) unaffected by its enhanced performance. Jaguar's SUV keeps passengers connected and entertained on the move with 4G WiFi for up to eight devices and is also equipped with the advanced Touch Pro infotainment system with 10-inch touchscreen and a 12.3-inch HD instrument cluster.

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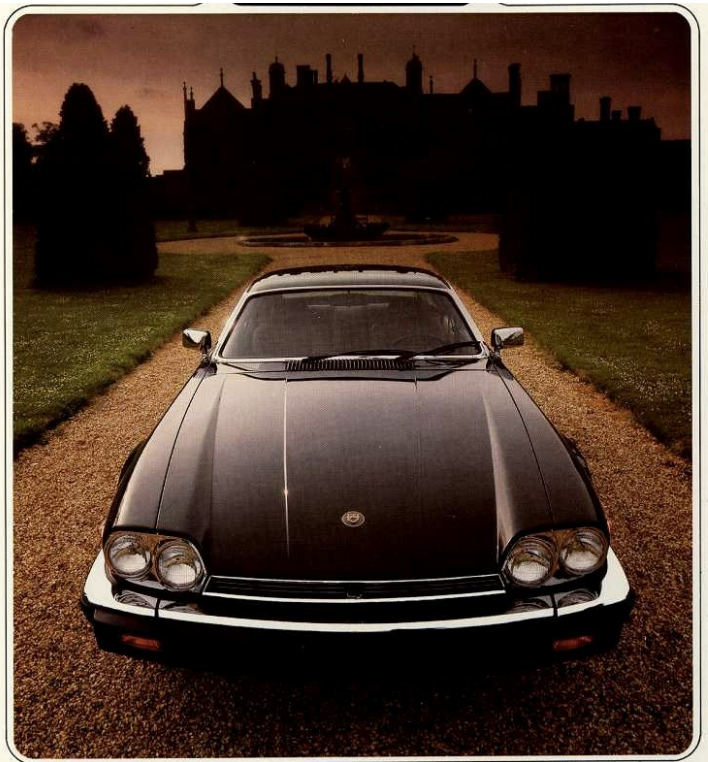
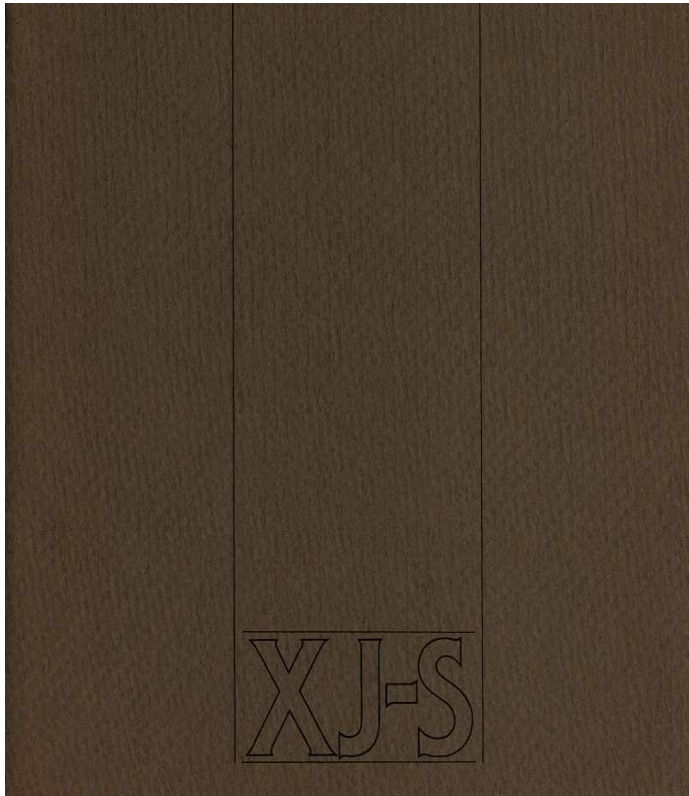
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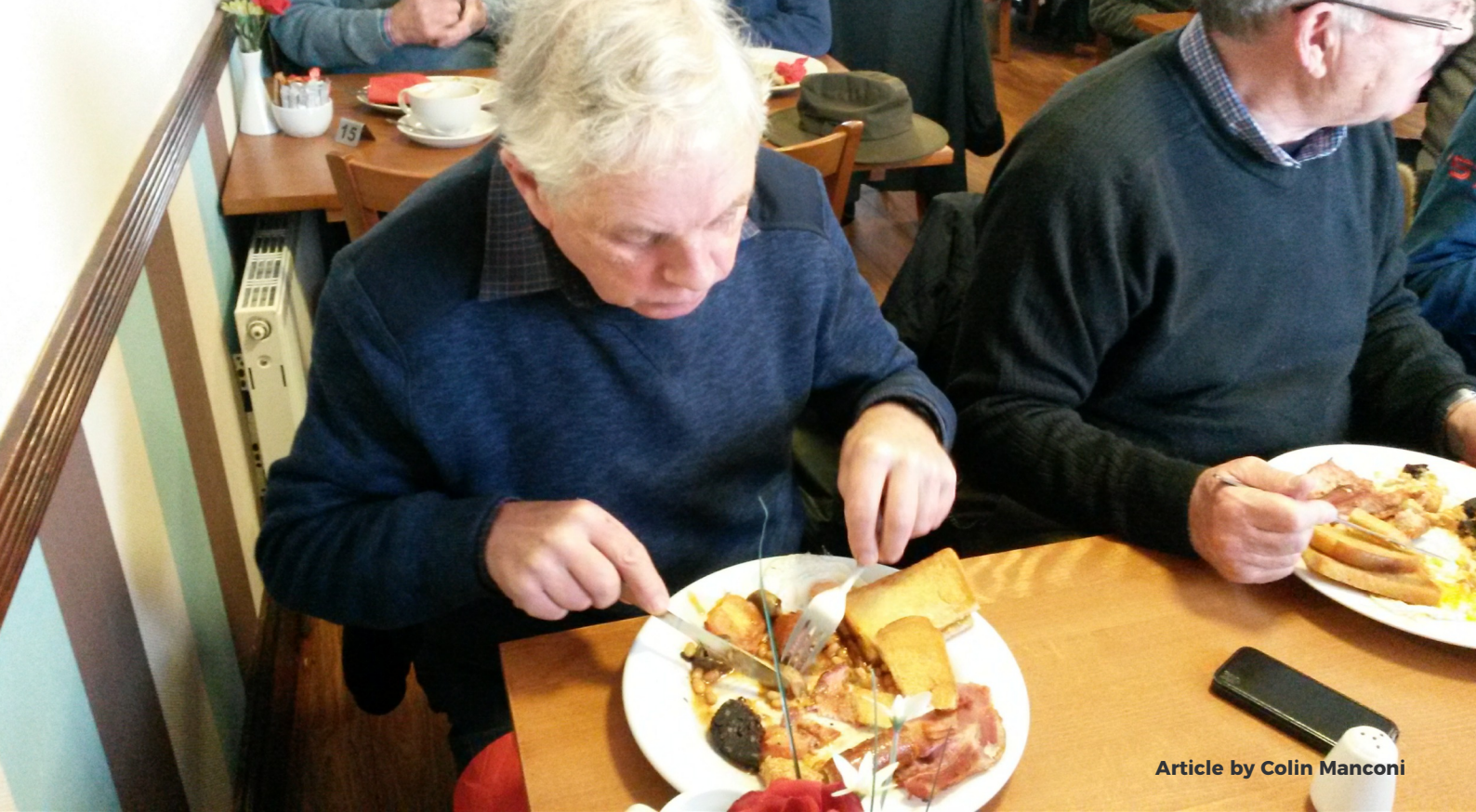
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COLEFORD FESTIVAL OF TRANSPORT

Coleford always marks the opening of the regional show calendar and it was earlier this year than usual, however the weather forecast was horrible with snow on high ground with heavy rain all morning. Luckily the forecast changed somewhat with the risk of snow receding, but with the heavy rain continuing. A decision had to be made on the Sunday as to whether we would go or not. After much deliberation it was decided we would go but use more modern cars due to the bad weather.

We met at the usual place in Monmouth and had a good turnout with 9 cars, Keith, XKR-S, Andrew XJR, Scott XJ8, Leigh XKR, Dave XK8, John XJ8, Peter XKR-S, Mike F Type and myself XKR. It was absolutely pouring down on the way to Monmouth, with the fields alongside the A449 flooded with the sheep running to higher ground. We took the scenic drive up through the forest and down into Coleford, which is always a pleasure with the many twists and turns, sadly the rain continued but not as heavy as before. When we arrived at Coleford we parked in our usual position in the top car park. We were the only ones there!

As normal we headed straight for Kaplan's cafe to beat the queues and get our breakfasts ordered before the rush. This usually is their busiest day of the year! It is normally jammed packed full but when we walked in there were only about a

dozen people in there. We always go upstairs as it is a bit quieter but the lights were off and there was no one up there. We soon turned the lights on and a waitress came up to take our orders. The breakfasts in Kaplins are wonderful and we all eat too much.

Following breakfast we had a wander around the square, it is normally full of cars but due to the weather there were only a couple of dozen cars parked up. It was not surprising that many people did not bring out their classic cars. None of the auto jumble turned up.

We then headed back up to the cars. More cars had arrived in the top car parks, mainly the Ford club etc.

At lunch time we went to investigate the beer at the Angel Hotel. Again it is normally heaving in there but we had no problems getting a table. The rain had stopped by then and we even had the sun break through for a short time.

I felt sorry for the organizers. So much time spent but ruined by the weather. We left around 3.30 and enjoyed a dry drive back through the forest and home.



ANOTHER BLONDE JOKE!

A ventriloquist is touring Norway and puts on a show in a small fishing town.

With his dummy on his knee, he starts going through his usual dumb blonde jokes.

Suddenly, a blonde woman in the fourth row stands on her chair and starts shouting,

"I've heard enough of your stupid blonde jokes. What makes you think you can

stereotype Norwegian blonde women that way? What does the colour of a woman's

hair have to do with her worth as a human being? Its men like you who keep women

like me from being respected at work and in the community, and from reaching our

full potential as people. Its people like you that make others think that all blondes are

dumb! You and your kind continue to perpetuate discrimination against not only blondes,

but women in general, pathetically all in the name of humour!"

The embarrassed ventriloquist begins to apologize, and the blonde interrupts yelling,

"You stay out of this! I'm talking to that little shit on your lap."

A MANS FAIRY TAIL

Once upon a time, a Prince asked a beautiful Princess... "Will you marry me?"

The Princess said, "NO!" And the Prince lived happily ever after and rode motorcycles and went fishing and hunting and played golf and dated women half his age and drank beer and scotch and had tons of money in the bank and left the toilet seat up and farted whenever he wanted. The End

A BIKERS STORY

The other day while riding my motorcycle, I swerved to avoid hitting a deer, lost control and landed in a ditch, severely banging my head. Dazed and confused I crawled up out of the ditch to

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the edge of the road. Just about then a shiny new convertible pulled up with a very beautiful women driver who asked, "Are you okay?"

As I looked up, I noticed she was wearing a low-cut blouse with cleavage to die for..."I'm okay I think," I replied as I pulled myself up to the side of the car to get a closer look.

She said, "Get in and I'll take you home so I can clean and bandage that nasty scrape on your head."

"That's nice of you," I answered, "but I don't think my wife will like me doing that!"

"Oh, come now, I'm a nurse," she insisted. "I need to see if you have any more injuries and then treat them properly."

Well, she was really pretty and very persuasive. Being sort of shaken and weak, I agreed, but repeated, "I'm sure my wife won't like this."

We arrived at her place which was just few miles away and, after a couple of cold beers and the bandaging, I thanked her and said, "I feel a lot better now, but I know my wife is going to be really upset so I'd better be off now."

"Don't be silly!" she said with a smile, while unbuttoning her blouse exposing the most beautiful set of boobs I've ever seen. "Stay for a while. She won't know anything. By the way, where is she?"

"Still in the ditch with the bike I reckon."

CRUMPLED MONEY

While enjoying their evening cocktails, the wife asks her husband, in a very seductive voice, "Have you ever seen Twenty Dollars all crumpled up?" "No," said her husband.

She gave him a sexy little smile, unbuttoned the top 3 or 4 buttons of her blouse, and slowly reached down into the cleavage created by a soft, silky push-up bra, and pulled out a crumpled Twenty Dollar bill.

He took the crumpled Twenty Dollar bill from her and smiled approvingly.

She then asked him, "Have you ever seen Fifty Dollars all crumpled up?"

"Uh... no, I haven't," he said, with an anxious tone in his voice.

She gave him another sexy little smile, pulled up her skirt, and seductively reached into her tight, sheer panties... and pulled out a crumpled Fifty Dollar bill.

He took the crumpled Fifty Dollar bill and started breathing a little quicker with anticipation.

"Now," she said, "have you ever seen \$50,000 Dollars all crumpled up?"

He said, "No!," trying to hide his anticipation.

She said, "Check the garage!"

SENIOR PARACHUTE CLUB

Yesterday my daughter e-mailed me AGAIN, asking why I didn't do something useful with my time. "Like sitting around the pool and drinking wine is not a good thing?" I asked.

Talking about my "doing-something-useful" seems to be her favourite topic of conversation.

She was "only thinking of me," she said, and suggested that I go down to the Senior Centre and hang out with the fellows.

I did this and when I got home last night, I decided to play a prank on her. I e-mailed her and told her that I had joined a Parachute Club.

She replied, "Are you nuts? You are 84-years-old and now you're going to start jumping out of airplanes?"

I told her that I even got a Membership Card and e-mailed a copy to her.

She immediately telephoned me and yelled, "Good grief, Dad, where are your glasses?! This is a Membership to a Prostitute Club, not a Parachute Club."

"Oh man, I'm in trouble again," I said. "I really don't know what to do. I signed up for five jumps a week!!"

The line went dead. Life as a Senior Citizen is not getting any easier, but sometimes it can be fun!

THE FISHING TRIP

A man called home to his wife and said, "Honey, I have been asked to go fishing up in Canada with my boss & several of his friends. We'll be gone for a week. This is a good opportunity for me to get that promotion I've been wanting, so could you please pack enough clothes for a week and set out my rod and fishing box, we're leaving from the office & I will swing by the house to pick my things up"

"Oh! Please pack my new blue silk pyjamas."

The wife thinks this sounds a bit fishy but being the good wife she is, did exactly what her husband asked.

The following weekend he came home a little tired but otherwise looking good. The wife welcomed him home and asked if he caught many fish?

He said, "Yes! Lots of Salmon, some Bluegill, and a few Swordfish. But why didn't you pack my new blue silk pyjamas like I asked you to do?"

You'll love the answer... The wife replied, "I did. They're in your fishing box ..."

WORDS OF WISDOM

Steve Jobs, the CEO of Apple, died a billionaire. Here are some of His last thoughts and words:

"I reached the pinnacle of success in the business world. In others' eyes, my life is the

epitome of success. However, aside from work, I have little joy. In the end, wealth is only a fact of life that I have become accustomed to. At this moment, I am on my sick bed and recalling my life. I realize that all of the recognition and wealth in which I took so much pride have become meaningless in the face of my impending death.

You can employ someone to drive a car for you and to make money for you; but you cannot employ anyone to bear illness for you. Material things, when lost, can be found; but the one thing that can never be found when it is lost is your health and eventually your life itself.

When a person goes into the operating room, he realizes that there is one book that he has yet to finish reading, "The Book of Healthy Life".

Whatever stage in life we are at currently, in time we all face that day when the curtain comes down.

Treasure love for your family, love for your spouse and love for your friends. Treat yourself well and cherish others.

As we grow older, and hopefully wiser, we slowly realize that wearing a \$3,000.00 or a \$30.00 watch is not important. The time is the same.

Whether we carry a \$300.00 or \$30.00 wallet/handbag, the contents are the same. Whether we drink a bottle of \$100 or \$10 wine, the hangover is the same. Whether the house we live in is 300 or 3,000 sq. Ft., the loneliness is the same. Whether you fly first class or economy if the plane goes down, you go down with it.

You will come to realize that true inner happiness does not come from the material things of this world.

Therefore, treasure your buddies, old friends, brothers and sisters.

Chat often, laugh, sing songs with them. Talk about North-south-east-west, or heaven & earth. That is true happiness."

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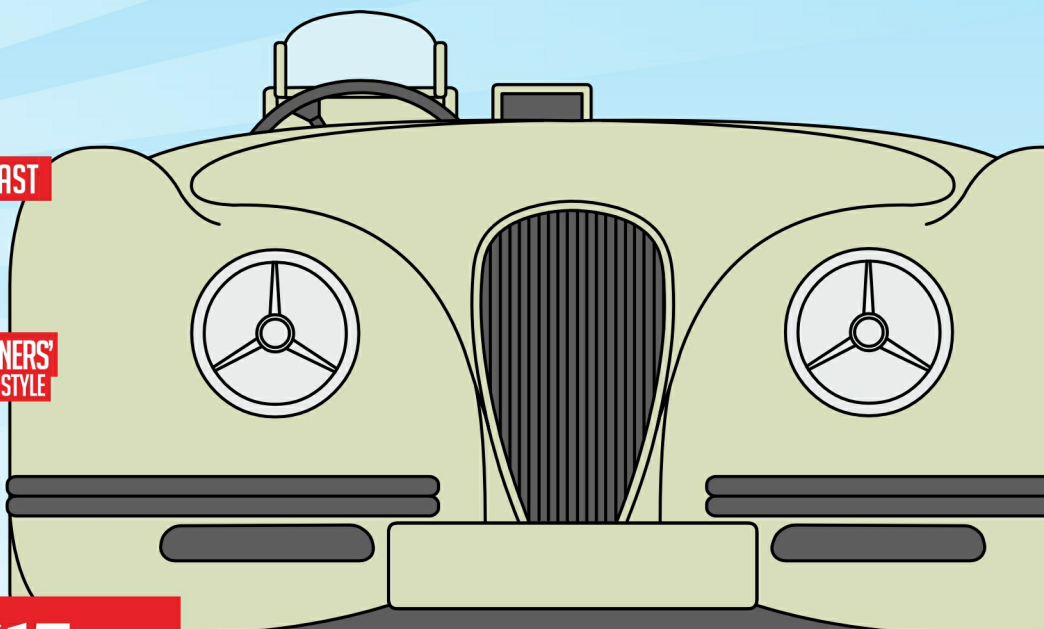
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MAY

4-6 Donington Historic Festival

5-6 Monmouth Steam & Vintage Show

20 SWCCC Annual Classic Car Show

28 Vale of Glamorgan Classic Car Show

28 Berkely Castle Car Show

TBA Porthkerry Classic Car Show

JUNE

3 Scolton Manor Classic Car Show

6-8 Le Mans Classic

9-10 XK70 Classic

10 Barry Festival of Transport

12-15 Goodwood Festival of Speed

29-1 Jaguar Summer Festival, Wroxall



JULY

8 Caerphilly Motoring Festival - Llancaiach Fawr

15 Sherborne Castle Classic Car Show

20-22 Silverstone Classic

AUGUST

3-5 Gloucester Vintage & Country Extravaganza

4-5 South Gloucester Show

12 Three Cocks Steam & Vintage Rally

19 Tewksbury Classic Car Show

25-27 Pershore Plum Festival

26 Ponthir Car & Music Festival

TBA Bristol Region BBQ

SEPTEMBER

1-2 Beaulieu International Autojumble

7-9 Goodwood Revival

16 The Big Welsh Classic Car Show Chepstow Race Course

OCTOBER

6 Castle Combe Classic Action Day

14 Malvern Classic Car Show

21 Jaguar International Spares Day Stoneleigh

NOVEMBER

TBA Jaguar Enthusiasts' Club National AGM

9-11 Lancaster Classic car Show - NEC

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TBA Regional Christmas Dinner

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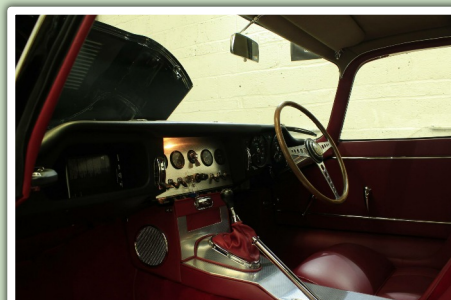
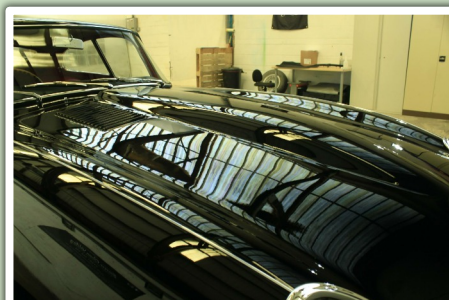
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E-Type discovered by a builder sells for £41,000

We've seen a few classic cars that have fallen into decrepitude in the past but this 1965 Jaguar E-Type is one of the shabbiest yet.

Being just the 19th right-hand-drive 4.2-litre Fixed Head Coupe ever made, it's an early example of the Series 1 Jaguar that even Enzo Ferrari - founder of the Italian marque - hailed as the most beautiful car ever made.

However, we're not sure if he'd have been so full of praise if he saw this particular one after it was left to crumble into a state of disrepair in the car port of a Yorkshire property, before being found by a builder.

Still, someone paid a staggering £41,625 for it at auction at the weekend - though that's just a fraction of its potential value if returned to like-new condition.

While records might state that this is a 1965 model, it was actually built toward the end of 1964 before being used as a display car in Henly's London Piccadilly showroom for five months.

Registered on 27th January 1965 when it was sold to the first owner, the last 53 years look to have taken a significant toll on the once sleek coupe, neglected for much of its recent existence.

No exact details of how long it has been stood in a dilapidated state are available, but the auctioneers - H&H Classics - confirmed that it was recently discovered at a Yorkshire property by a builder who was working on the owner's home.

And while it might look like a 'barn find' classic, it was actually stood in the car port at the side of the building - which goes a long way to explain the oxidised exterior and general weathered appearance.

Fortunately, the vintage vehicle was uncovered just in time for it to be salvageable.

Described as a 'perfect project' ahead of it going under the hammer at the Imperial War Museum Duxford sale at the weekend, it will need some serious attention if it's to be returned to its former glory.

H&H Classics claims this early example even boasts a number of 'crossover features' that show the switch from the old motor to the bigger substitute, and has matching chassis and engine numbers that are still visible to the naked eye - a sure-fire guarantee of its future value if it is eventually polished back to showroom condition. Despite it being missing in these images, the E-Type was sold with the clamshell bonnet cover included - which we assume is also in a corroded condition - and plenty of other original parts that have dropped off the car over time. That includes body panels, engine components and sections of the interior, all of which have been left in the boot compartment to gather a coating of cobwebs, dust and dirt. The whereabouts of the missing passenger seat is unknown, though.

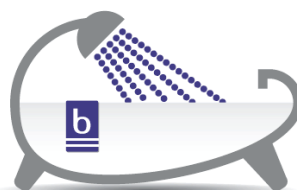
And while £41,000 might sound a lot for a vehicle in this battered shape it might just turn out to be a little goldmine. Should the winning bidder re-commission it back to an original state it will be worth more than three times what he or she paid for it. In pristine condition, Hagerty Classic Car Insurance estimates that this very model could be worth at least £128,000 - a value increase of more than 200 per cent. However, Jaguar E-Type specialists said the owner could risk going into the red if many of the parts are not useable.

Previous barn-find projects have cost between £140,000 and £150,000 to complete, one UK restorer said. However, the values for these machines are still likely to continue appreciating into the future, so even with high costs it could still be a strong investment over the long term.



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