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Big Plans For 2018

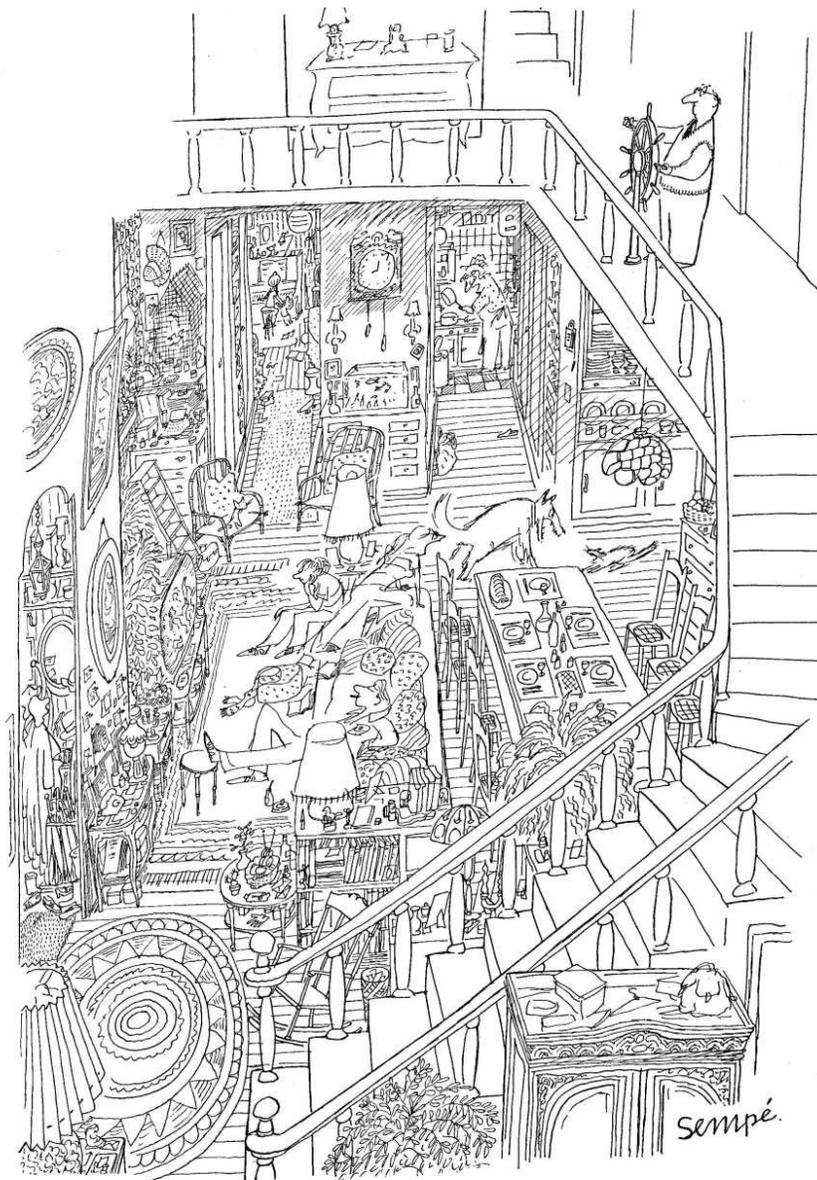
2018 is shaping up to be a great year for our club.

First of all, we have a new roster of officers, shown on last page.

After yeoman service since 2014 as President, Jerry Gill is stepping down to assume the coveted role of Past President.

In exchange our veteran Vice President Jim Klekas is stepping up as President.

New blood in the form of Barry Hanover is joining the team as



Vice President.

Otherwise the roster remains the same. Others were invited to help out, and expressed willingness, though we couldn't oblige.

Thanks very much to all those — you know who you are.

The officers met recently to map out activities for the year, and a full schedule was devised — see pp. [7-8](#).

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Determining the Age of a Tire

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When it comes to determining the age of a tire, it is easy to identify when a tire was manufactured by reading its Tire Identification Number (often referred to as the tire's serial number). Unlike vehicle identification numbers (VINs) and the serial numbers used on many other consumer goods (which identify one specific item), Tire Identification Numbers are really batch codes that identify the week and year the tire was produced.

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) requires that Tire Identification Numbers be a combination of the letters DOT, followed by eight to thirteen letters and/or numbers that identify the manufacturing location, tire size and manufacturer's code, along with the week and year the tire was manufactured.

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Tires Manufactured Since 2000

Since 2000, the week and year the tire was produced has been provided by the last four digits of the Tire Identification Number with the 2 digits being used to identify the week immediately preceding the 2 digits used to identify the year.

Example of a tire manufactured since 2000 with the current Tire Identification Number format:



In the example above:

DOT U2LL LMLR 5107

51 Manufactured during the 51st week of the year

07 Manufactured during 2007

While the entire Tire Identification Number is required to be branded onto one sidewall of every tire, current regulations also require that DOT and the first digits of the Tire Identification Number must also be branded onto the opposite sidewall. Therefore, it is possible to see a Tire

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Identification Number that appears incomplete and requires looking at the tire's other sidewall to find the entire Tire Identification Number



The use of a partial Tire Identification Number on the one sidewall (shown above) reduces the risk of injury to the mold technician that would have to install the weekly date code on the top sidewall portion of a hot tire mold.

Tires Manufactured Before 2000

The Tire Identification Number for tires produced prior to 2000 was based on the assumption that tires would not be in service for ten years. While they were required to provide the same information as today's tires, the week and year the tire was produced was contained in the last three digits. The 2 digits used to identify the week a tire was manufactured immediately preceded a single digit used to identify the year.

Example of a tire manufactured before 2000 with the earlier Tire Identification Number format:



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In the example above:

DOT EJ8J DFM 408

40 Manufactured during the 40th week of the year

8 Manufactured during the 8th year of the decade

While the previous Tire Identification Number format identified that a tire was built in the 8th year of a decade, there was no universal identifier that confirmed which decade (tires produced in the 1990s may have a small triangle following the Tire Identification Number to identify the decade).

And finally, hold on to your sales receipt. Most tire manufacturer's warranties cover their tires for four years from the date of purchase or five years from the week the tires were manufactured. So if you purchase new tires that were manufactured exactly two years ago they will be covered for a total of six years (four years from the date of purchase) as long as you have your receipt. If you lose your receipt, your tires' warranty coverage will end five years from the week the tire was produced (resulting in the tire manufacturer's warranty coverage ending only three years from the date of purchase in this example).

Need Some Brake Work? Consult Your Local Jaguar Mechanic



Publisher Ramblings

This being a slow news month the Publisher would like to discharge some of the flotsam that has arrived over his Internet transom.

1. On p. 22 of the March-April 2018 *Jaguar Journal* there is talk of a British car reliability run. This strikes me as ranking up there with *family vacation* as an oxymoron.
2. YouTube has a 28 minute video tour of the Jaguar factory circa 1961 which I found totally charming. See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKJPFNO344&t=1354s>
3. That sweet cuddly stuffed Jaguar on your dash represents a beast that can be a menace in the jungle. Here is a video of one eating a caiman (crocodile relative). https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DBNYwxDZ_pA Not suitable for small children to watch.
4. This *New Yorker* cartoon deals with a writing project, but couldn't it equally apply to some car restoration projects?!?



"Finish it? Why would I want to finish it?"

Club Calendar 2018

Saturday, March 18
BMCU Eureka 2nd Annual Gary Meldum Run

10am Saturday, April 7
Traffic Accident Reconstruction Tech Session

Saturday, April 21
BMCU Antelope Island Run

Saturday, May 5
BMCU Coleville / Taggarts Run

Saturday, May 12
Dynamometer Tech Session
Simple Performance, 346 W. 600 S., SLC

Saturday, June 16
[British Field Day](#)
Liberty Park, Salt Lake City

June
Fratelli Ristorante Car Show, 9236 Villiage Shop Dr., Sandy

Saturday, June 16
[British Field Day](#), Liberty Park, SLC

Monday, July 2
[Eaglewood Festival of Speed](#)

Saturday, August 18
BMCU Trappers Loop Run
Saturday August 25
Park City Classic Car Show
Main Street Park City

Saturday, September 22
BBQ at Borg Family Cabin, Midway

Saturday, September 29
BMCU Fall Colour Tour

Saturday, October 27
Halloween Party

December
Christmas Party

Ongoing

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9am—noonish
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