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May's Trip to RM Restorations in Chatham

It had been fairly wet, but the day chosen by Gary and

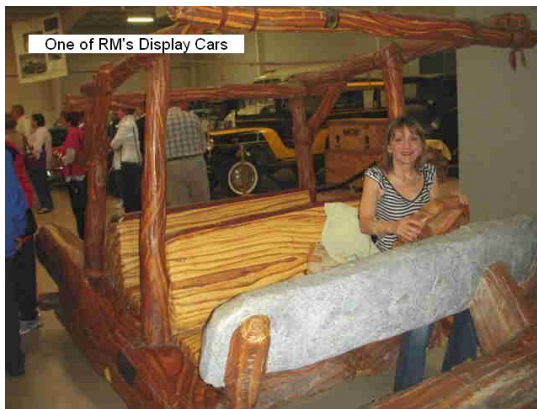


Members Gathered Before Tour

Doris was excellent. We gathered at Gary and Doris' before starting out. The trip to Chatham took a few back roads

combined with a pleasant river run. The RM Restorations facility is located over the 401 Transcanada Highway on the

outskirts of Chatham. Once we got there we were treated to a tour of some of the most beautiful cars (and most expensive)



One of RM's Display Cars



I've ever seen. The people at RM have a somewhat different way of doing some of their business. If they come across a unique

automobile (one that would require a little TLC – or maybe

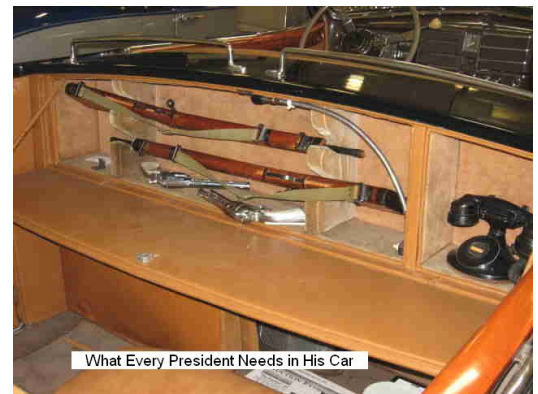


Pace Car - 500 Mile Race - May 30, 1945

a full body make-over) they buy it and start to look for a suitable new owner to lovingly bring the car back to a state of original

beauty (with a significant application of cash!!). There was a pile of scrape (that's what it looked like to me!) there that was worth (probably not the right choice of words) \$250,000.

The cars that were finished were absolutely amazing. Some of the cars had history connected to them, presidential



What Every President Needs in His Car

al limos and band or celebrity tour buses were there. The whole tour was a jaw dropper for sure. After the tour we headed back through Chatham with Gary in the lead. We stopped at the Countryview Golf Course for a buffet supper. Always remember that the club's focus is cars first and food second. The clubhouse there serves a very good buffet (there is still talk about the meatballs) and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

Thank you very much for this event Doris and Gary!!

Dick

HAPPENINGS

Business Meeting:

The business meeting for July will be held at John and Helen Lomax's in Alvinston. The meeting will start at 7:30pm.

The Year Looking Forward:

Month	Mtg Date	Event	Event Date	Who
July	6	Car Rally	23	John & Helen Lomax
August	3	Ice Cream Social		Gerry & Diane Cossette
September	7	Goderich & Blyth Steam Thresher Show / Car Show	10/17	Gildners & Hodgins / Dan Moore
October	5	Fall Colour Tour		Mark & Judy Jones
November		AGM		Pam & Dave Gildner
December		Christmas Party		

Club Meetings & Events

The Business Meeting

The meeting for July will be held at John and Helen Lomax's on the 6th of July. The meeting will start at 7:30 pm The address is 3014 River St. Alvinston.

The July Event

Lomax Rally and BBQ
July 23rd, 2011

Rally! Rally! Rally! Not really, just a quiet drive through the picturesque farmland of Lambton and Middlesex Counties. All you have to do is follow simple instructions over a prescribed route and answer some questions. There is no need to speed, just enjoy the scenery and it should take approximately 2 hours to complete.

To make it fun and worthwhile, we need 10 cars to participate and it will be by pre-registration (phone (519) 847-5838 or email at

lomax@brktel.on.ca) before July 16th.

A driver's meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. with the first car off at 2:00 p.m. with the remainder following at 1 minute intervals. BYOB, but the BBQ is on the club. The rally goes rain or shine.

Start is at the Lomax house - 3014 River Street, Alvinston, Ontario.

The August Event

Gerry and Diane Cossette are hosting an Ice Cream Social for the month of August. It will be either on the 13th or the 14th. The final date and details will be announced later.

Blond Joke

This blond walked into a party store and asked the cashier if he had a hanger or something to unlock her car as she had locked the keys in the car. He nodded and handed her a hanger. She thanked him and went outside to set to work. A little while later the cashier decided to check on her and saw her working at it and another blond in the car saying "a little to the left....no, a little to the right".

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THE BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CORNER

Our very best wishes to our Birthday Celebrants for the month of July. Our celebrants start off this month with Barb Green on the 5th followed closely by Duane Smith on the 9th. Our Prez, Pam Gildner is next with her birthday on the 23rd. To close out the month we have John Edgar with his birthday on the 26th of July

There are no anniversaries for the month of July.

***“Happy Birthday”
“Happy Anniversary”
To everyone from the Club***

For those that we haven't mentioned we do wish you a "Happy Birthday" or a "Happy Anniversary". If we have missed your dates we may not have your information, so please forward it to Ray Scott

Notes From in Front of the Keyboard

1) We still need a volunteer for the Christmas party this year.

Minutes of BAHC Meeting – June 1, 2011 – Ray and Dorothy Scott's

Welcome

- President Pam Gildner opened the meeting and welcomed the members. 21 members were present. Thanks to Ray and Dorothy for hosting the meeting in their wonderful back garden.

Treasurer / Membership Business – Ray Scott

- Ray reported that the bank balances are C\$2165 and US\$4.

Newsletter Business – Dick Green

- Nothing new.
- Please send Dick some stories for the newsletter.

Old Business

- Thanks to Gary and Doris for the excellent RM tour and dinner at the Countryside golf club.
- Dave discussed the proposed wording for the update to the constitution. A few words were adjusted, and everyone then agreed on the wording that will be voted on at the next AGM. There are two new clauses:
In Article 3 (Membership) :
6. Membership is considered to be a family membership. Thus all immediate family members living in one household are automatically included in a paid membership.
In Article 6 (Meetings) :
5. Each Club Membership is allowed one vote, even if a given Club Membership consists of two or more family members.
- After discussion on the idea that the club recognize members who had made major contributions to the club in the past, Art Dunlop decided to withdraw the motion to establish a committee to look into it.

Upcoming Events

- June 25 (Saturday) – Allan Laverdure – dinner at the Docks Restaurant, 30115 St. Clair Parkway, Port Lambton. Gather at Vidal Street Tim Horton's at 4:00 pm. RSVP to Allan.
- June 26 (Sunday) – John Lomax – Alvinston car show. No cost to enter a vehicle, classic cars, motorcycles, fire trucks, door prizes, live entertainment. On main street of Alvinston. 12 noon registration starts, show ends at 4:00 pm.

- July 23 (Saturday) – Fun Rally – John Lomax. Meet at the Lomax's house in Alvinston at 1:30 pm, first car off at 2:00 pm. It will take about 2.5 hours, there will be a club-provided BBQ at the end, not a potluck, BYOB, rain or shine. 2 people will be needed in each car. There will be questions to answer along the way. Need a minimum of 10 cars. RSVP (call, e-mail) to John.
- August 13 or 14 (to be finalized) – Ice Cream Social – Gerry Cossette. Details TBA.
- September 10 (Saturday) – Goderich/Blyth/Lucan trip – Gildners / Hodgins. Mike and Hilary Hodgins will host lunch at their new house in Lucan. Then we will head to Blyth for the Steam Threshers Show. Following the show, dinner will be at the Park House in Goderich. BBCC members are invited to join this event. Leave time will be in the morning, exact time TBA. RSVP to Dave and Pam.
- The December event is open – if you would like to organize it, contact Pam.

New Business

- Dan Moore stated that the next meeting of the car show committee is Tuesday June 7, 7:00 pm, at his house.
- Bob Lacroix said that Helen is slowly improving, and that he (Bob) is having to undergo another round of chemo. The club wishes both of them success with their health challenges.

Upcoming Meetings

- The next meeting will be July 6 at the home of John and Helen Lomax, 3014 River St., Alvinston. Meeting will start at 7:30 pm.
- The August meeting will be at Duane and Janet Smith's cottage. The September meeting will be at Brian and Sheila Gormley's.

D.Gildner 06/09/2011

SMILES

LIFE AFTER DEATH

"DO YOU BELIEVE IN LIFE AFTER DEATH?" THE BOSS ASKED ONE OF HIS EMPLOYEES.

"YES, SIR," THE NEW EMPLOYEE REPLIED.

"WELL, THEN, THAT MAKES EVERYTHING JUST FINE," THE BOSS WENT ON. "AFTER YOU LEFT EARLY YESTERDAY TO GO TO YOUR GRANDMOTHER'S FUNERAL, SHE STOPPED IN TO SEE YOU!"

PALM SUNDAY

IT WAS PALM SUNDAY AND, BECAUSE OF A SORE THROAT, FIVE-YEAR-OLD JOHNNY STAYED HOME FROM CHURCH WITH A SITTER. WHEN THE FAMILY RETURNED HOME, THEY WERE CARRYING SEVERAL PALM BRANCHES. THE BOY ASKED WHAT THEY WERE FOR.

"PEOPLE HELD THEM OVER JESUS' HEAD AS HE WALKED BY."

"WOULDN'T YOU KNOW IT," THE BOY FUMED, "THE ONE SUNDAY I DON'T GO, HE SHOWS UP!"

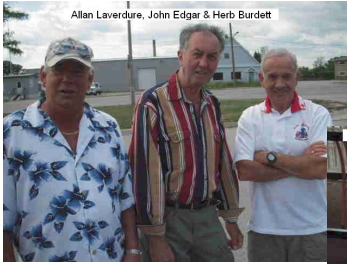
THE WATER PISTOL

WHEN MY THREE-YEAR-OLD SON OPENED THE BIRTHDAY GIFT FROM HIS GRANDMOTHER, HE DISCOVERED A WATER PISTOL... HE SQUEALED WITH DELIGHT AND HEADED FOR THE NEAREST SINK.

I WAS NOT SO PLEASED. I TURNED TO MOM AND SAID, "I'M SURPRISED AT YOU. DON'T YOU REMEMBER HOW WE USED TO DRIVE YOU CRAZY WITH WATER GUNS?"

MOM SMILED AND THEN REPLIED.... "I REMEMBER!!!"

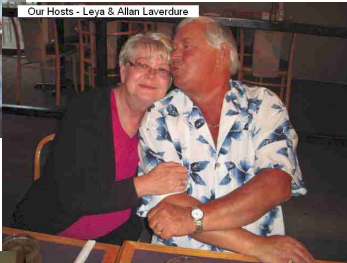
The River Run and Dinner at the Docks



Allan Laverdure, John Edgar & Herb Burdett

Allan and Leya organized this event for us. We gathered at the Timmies on Vidal Street

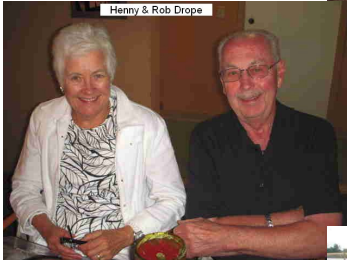
at 4:00 pm and after those that required a caffeine boost (and



Our Hosts - Leya & Allan Laverdure

maybe another kind of break – we are getting older you know) were satisfied, we took off for the River Run.

The run down river is a

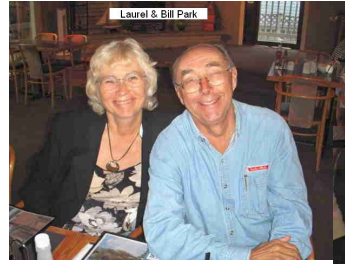


Henny & Rob Drope

very pretty one with stretches right on the river as we pass through Corunna, Mooretown, Courtright, Sombra and Port Lambton. There were lots of people out enjoying the sunshine and getting



Two Hot Chicks in a MG F



Laurel & Bill Park

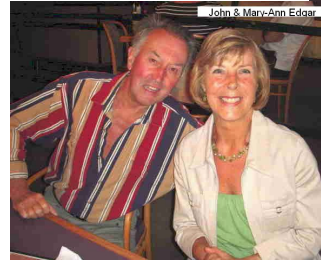
dined. Allan had arranged for a prime rib special that a lot of

ready for Canada Day. A little south of Port Lambton is the Docks Restaurant where we



Robert & Helen LaCroix

people enjoyed. After dinner, Judy and Mark Jones offered an open invitation to the



John & Mary-Ann Edgar

members to return to their house for a fire and chat which some of us accepted.



Janet & Herb Burdett

Thank you very much Allan and Leya for the Run and Dinner and thank you Mark and Judy for the fireside chat.

SPRING THING IN KENTUCKY

On Thursday, May 19th, John Lomax, my son Geoff Cossette and myself, Gerry Cossette, awoke to an early alarm clock at 5:00 a.m. We fired up the Healeys and off we went. We couldn't continue without first stopping at the Duty Free. We crossed the Customs lickety split and it was clear sailing from then on. The weather was rain and cool, but not a problem due to the heat inside the cars. We stopped in Perrysburg, Ohio for breakfast, after that, straight on to Bowling Green, Kentucky for the first lag of the meet. We arrived at 1:30 p.m., registered by 3:00 p.m. and enjoyed the hospitality room for food and drinks. It was really nice to see Healey friends that we missed last year.

Friday was an excellent day with the temperatures in the high 80's. This day was a "free day" until 5:00 p.m. The Canadians took on the Americans in a game of golf and by the way, there is room for golf clubs in a Healey if you know how to pack right. Canada managed to beat USA with a final score of 69 to 74. Great day! We then went to the hotel for a couple of pops and a shower and onto the Corvette museum where our dinner plans also included an evening of fun and dancing.

Saturday was an 80-mile rally run through the back roads of Kentucky. All paved roads with excellent scenery and a lot of stops if you wanted to. We arrived at a different hotel in Elizabeth Town where the accommodations were great. We helped with the Funcana, which consisted of two people in a Healey, one being the navigator who proceeded to put on a bra and panties and the other, the driver, back in the car where they received 4 horseshoes. They then had to drive to the first pin where the navigator had to throw 2 shoes, hoping to get points. Then they drove 40 feet further, shut off the car and proceeded to remove the bra and panties, all while still in the car. Once removed, the driver had to chip 3 golf balls into a rubber tube while the navigator had to fill both exhausts with baby powder. You can only imagine what happened when the car

started up! The driver then threw the 2 remaining shoes at the other pin. Best time won; but all had fun. Supper was on your own with a variety of places to eat. The final event was the awards presentation. It was a perfect setting inside the pool area with hospitality again supplied with all the desserts, cookies, pies, beer and wine. John and my car both won the Award of Excellence. After everything was said and done, we thanked the Blue Grass Club for an excellent event. We said goodbye to friends and headed for home the next day. We left Sunday at 6:00 a.m. and arrived in Sarnia at 2:00 p.m. It was a great run back.

If you ever want a meet to go to, Spring Thing is definitely the one.

Gerry Cosstte

Healey Tech Tips

Overdrive Troubleshooting

Overdrive doesn't work? Here's how to start looking for the fault! Is the oil level and type correct? No, change or top up with correct oil. Yes, remove the gearbox cover and loosen the actuating lever (A), start the engine and drive away. At any road speed over 20 mph, in any forward gear, move adjustment setting lever on r/h side of the overdrive, forwards. If the overdrive engages or merely jolts, the "fault" is in the setting or is electrical.

If nothing happens, return to base, jack up the rear wheels and carefully loosen the operating valve plug (B). Start the engine with high idle, engage 2nd gear and oil should bleed past the loosened operating valve plug. Any air should also bleed past, after which the operating valve plug can be retightened. If no oil bleeds out, the pump is inoperative. Usually this is merely stuck and can be freed by removal of the oil drain plug (catch oil as it drains out). Inspect filter and clean if necessary. Remove pump body plug (C) to reveal the base of the pump. Tap gently with a blunt instrument. Rotate wheels with gearbox in neutral. Pump should move up and down freely. If pump sticks "down" again and the result of the above procedure doesn't help, consult your local overdrive specialist.

Peter Cox, Moss Europe

Stop Smoking

Does your Austin Healey smoke? Burn oil? Have less than 15 pounds oil pressure at idle? Have less than 45 pounds oil pressure at 55 mph? If you have the smoking and oil pressure problem, here is a diagnostic procedure that could save you an engine rebuild and a few thousand dollars. Drive your car for 30 miles or more to bring the oil up to operating temperature. As soon as you return, remove the valve cover before the oil cools down. With the valve cover removed, start your engine and run it at 3000 rpm and notice the quantity of oil coming from the side of each rocker arm. An engine in good condition will have only a very small amount of oil coming out of the top centre of the rocker, or, if it spurts out of the small hole making a gusher of 6 inches or more, you have now found a major cause of low oil pressure and smoking in the Big Healeys. A fresh rocker arm assembly is the solution, including a new shaft, new bushes, and reground rocker arm faces.

Norman Nock
Stockton, CA

Sluggish Clutch

Sluggish clutch action (hard to engage, slow to release) may be caused by deterioration of the flexible clutch hose due to age or proximity to engine oil and grime. Even if the hose looks okay, the inside may be swollen shut.

Jerry Johnson
Vero Beach, FL

Overheating

Overheating may be caused by improper point gap, incorrect timing, a bad radiator cap, sludge in the cooling system, dragging brakes, loose fan belt, defective thermostat (or no thermostat), or no water in the system. Check these first if you have an overheating problem.

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