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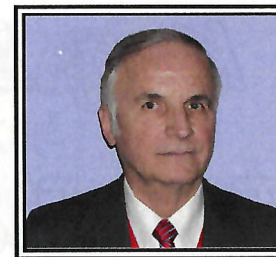


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From the Driver's Seat by Tony Temple



Greetings:

Here we are just days from our own Concours/Barn Dance. Mark October 13 on your schedule. Get your Jaguar shined and fluffed for a great show to be followed by the Premier Barn Dance and Barbeque Extravaganza! If you have not received your entry form for the Concours and the Party, please contact Dick White @ rwhite18@austin.rr.com. This should be a fun party at Joan and Bob's Barn---get out your western wear!!

Thanks to the club members that turned out to support the Make-A-Wish Foundation Charity Car Show. This was held at Rudy's on Research, September 15. The Club had a total of eight cars that included: Jay Weber, Gary Nelson, Phil Domb, Roy Cannon, Tom Thornton, David Boudreau, Tony Temple and potential new members Benny and Mary Ellen Ledesma. A fun, but hot day---it's amazing how many spectators are at this show.

September 22 was the Jaguar Owner's Club of Dallas Concours. Eight Austin club members made the trip to Dallas for fun and frivolities: Dean and Doris Davis, Rufus and Pat Coburn, Bob Saylor, Joan Straach, and Tony and Betty Temple. Our newly appointed director, Bob Saylor, entered his XJ-6 in Class D-6 and won the class with a score of 99.1 points. Way to go, Bob!!! Dean, Rufus and Tony were recruited to judge.

Concours chairman and chief judge, David Nichols, put on quite a show. Our thanks to the Dallas Club for their hospitality. We had a blast!

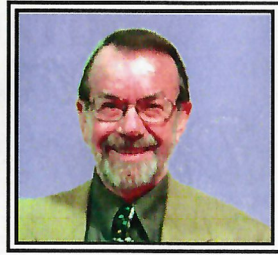
This article is going to press before the All British Car Day Show and the San Antonio Club Concours. I know that a number of our members are planning to attend these events, watch for results on our club web site: jcna.com/clubs/austin.

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Kitty Litter

by

Tom Thornton



Screwy Standards

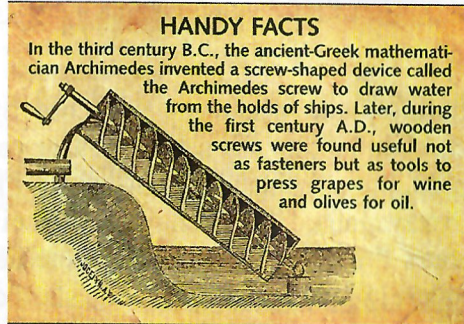
Seeking universal design for fasteners and drivers

Why is it that anytime I need to turn a slot-head screw, my tool drawer contains five or six Phillips-head drivers and an assortment of other drivers but not one flat-head screwdriver. Maybe a better question is, why does the world need more than one type of screwhead? After all, the U.S. Railroad industry managed to stick with a universal standard (all train cars run on the same 4-ft.-8½ inch spaced rails) and we enjoy the convenience of a standard fit for electrical outlets and plugs. (I don't know what happened with light bulbs, that's another story). Without such universality, life would be, well, screwy.

To compound the design disparities among screwheads, we must also contend with hex-head, square-head, square-drive (Robertson), pan-head, star-shaped (Torx) and even headless set-screws. Some people have speculated that tool designers created new styles of screws because they became tired of the basic flathead. Others think it was a conspiracy by manufacturers to force consumers to buy more drivers. However, in this case neither fashion nor profit drove innovation.

The first metal screws used as fasteners date back to the 15th century. They had square or hexagonal heads and were turned with a wrench, not a screwdriver. At the end of the 1700's, screw-

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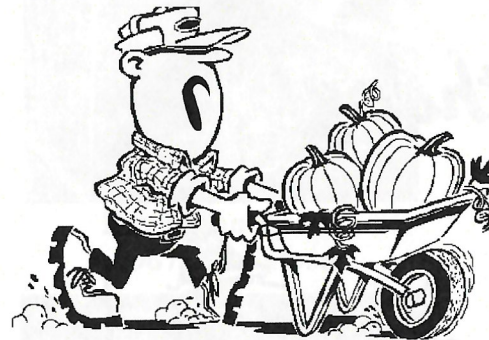
HANDY FACTS

In the third century B.C., the ancient-Greek mathematician Archimedes invented a screw-shaped device called the Archimedes screw to draw water from the holds of ships. Later, during the first century A.D., wooden screws were found useful not as fasteners but as tools to press grapes for wine and olives for oil.

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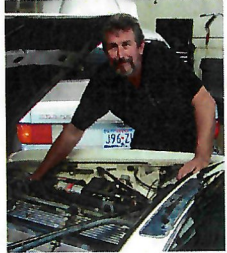
It's pumpkin time again and Gus is bringing in his harvest for the grand-kids to carve jack-o-lanterns, but he lost the cotter key out of the wheel of his wheelbarrow and he's about to lose the wheel. Without the wheelbarrow he'll never get all the pumpkins to the house in time to carve. Help Gus find the cotter key. The cotter key is hidden somewhere in the pages of this newsletter.

FOUND IT?

Call Tom Thornton at 989-2408 or e-mail tthornton@suddenlink.net after 10:00 am Tuesday October 2nd. You may win a prize. Remember the cotter key is always the size shown, but it may change color and orientation.



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Why is it called hamburger when it's made out of beef?

Jaguars are well represented on October 15 at RUDY'S ANNUAL CAR SHOW



Gary Nelson's 1970 E-Type



Roy Cannon's 1995 XJS



Phil Domb's 1971 E-Type 2+2



Tom Thornton's 1990 XJS



David Boudreau's
1967 420 Saloon



Tony Temple's 1963 Lynx
Long Nose D-Type



Jay Weber's
1972 E-Type



What a great show!



An ex-1985 XJS

Bangla Bangers was first aired on The Discovery Channel on the 25th September 2006 and was an instant success. The series featured Leepu, an eccentric car designer from Dhaka who transforms 'rust buckets' into show-stopping super cars without any power tools or modern equipment. Bernie, a straight talking cockney mechanic, flew out to help Leepu create the most individual cars on the face of the planet. The initial series has now spawned *The Garage London*, with the Chop Shop team producing a series of hand-built, one-off creations for the show due to be screened on the channel in autumn this year.

The 'Tiger Car' has had thousands of man hours spent carefully crafting the body out of sheet metal, and perfecting the elegant yet powerful lines of this fantastic and completely unique car. Based on a 1985 Jaguar XJS with a 3.6 litre, straight-six, twin cam engine, the car has been heavily modified externally as well as under it's dramatic interior. Modifications such as a hand-built exhaust system, bespoke six inch, hub-extending 'spacers', custom-built from aircraft aluminum, high KV platinum plugs, and special door entry system with an electronic remote switch are among the many that have been fitted to this highly individual Jaguar. Notably, the car has just appeared at the Goodwood Festival of Speed where it was very well received by the public.

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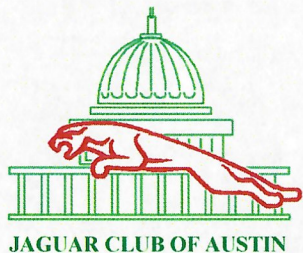
Heart Surgeon vs Jaguar Mechanic

A mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the engine of a Jaguar, when he spotted a world-famous heart surgeon in his shop. The heart surgeon was waiting for the service manager to come take a look at his XK8.

The mechanic shouted across the garage, "Hey Doc can I ask you a question?" The famous surgeon, a bit surprised, walked over to the mechanic working on the older Jaguar.

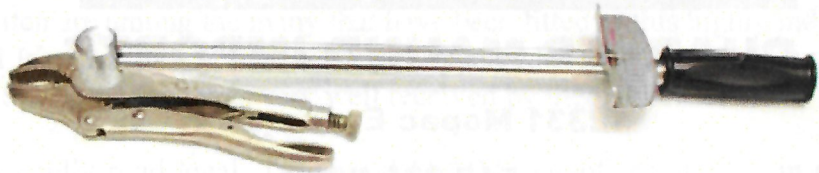
The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So Doc, look at this engine. I also can open it up, take valves out, fix'em, put in new parts and when I finish this will work just like a new one. So how come I get a pittance and you get the really big money, when you and I are doing basically the same work?"

The surgeon paused, smiled and leaned over, and whispered to the mechanic, "Try doing it while it's running."



JCOA 2007 Calendar of Events

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My vote for tool of the decade. (I'm gonna build one of these).

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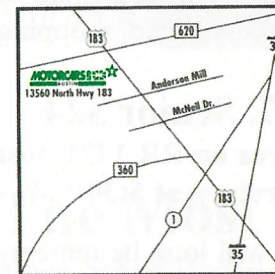


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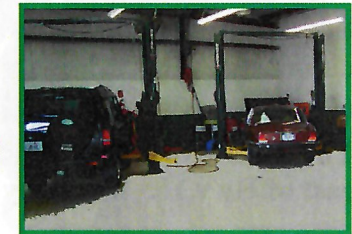
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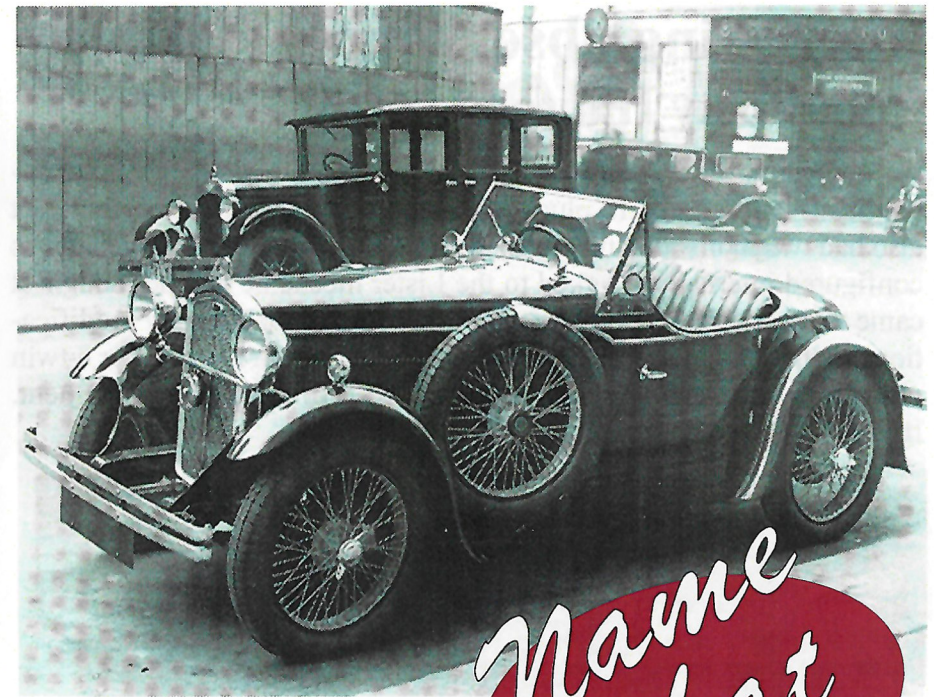
Taking an ecological tour of the Colorado River will long be remembered for the variety of birds and native Texas wildlife seen along the way. Listen closely as knowledgeable historians share their insight of the river canyon during the excursion.

While in the layover in Burnet, dine, shop and relax at some of historic Burnet's best. Enjoy a leisurely lunch at Tea-Licious, the Tea Room on Burnet's Historic Square, serving quality food, including their signature homemade "gourmet sweet pickles and peach tea.

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Dimensions

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Track: 3ft 6in (106.7cm)

Length: 10ft 1in (307.3cm)

Width: 4ft 3in (129.5cm)

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Interesting observances from Rusty Hansgen

An interesting thing I saw at Vir was that the Steve Milton (ex-Cunningham) Lister had a 12 plug distributor firing 2 plugs per cylinder. It also had twin coils feeding one distributor. I can't imagine how that was configured internally. I talked to the Lister mechanic and he thought it came that way from Cunningham. Alfred Momo made many modifications to the Jags in search of performance but I didn't remember a twin plug arrangement. I have attached three PICS of this odd arrangement. It might be a good puzzler for Paw Prints.



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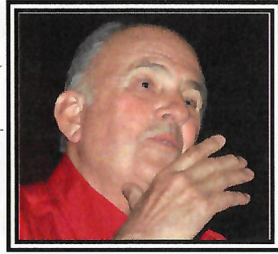
Saturday October 13

7:30 AM-3:00 PM

Railroad Shopping Center
FM1431 just east of US 183 N.
Cedar Park, Texas



Web Talk by Mark Atkinson



Getting to know you...

More than just a song, other club members would like to know who and what you are. Pres.: Tony Temple, Tech Director: Mike Shafer, and Webmaster: Mark Atkinson are the only ones who have given us a hint into their lives. To make it easier, please fill out this questionnaire and e-mail or mail it to Tom Thornton at tthornton@suddenlink.net or Mark Atkinson at gr8jaguars@yahoo.com.

Feel free to elaborate on any of the questions, as a matter of fact, I urge you to do so, it's hard to get a lifetime of experiences in one or two words.

JCOA Profile Questionnaire

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Worst Jaguar Experience? _____

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cutting lathes were developed, making screws more widely available and consistently sized.

By the early 1800's slot-head screws and their companion flat-blade screwdrivers became woodworkers fastening tools of choice. The original flat-blade screwdrivers (inspired by the bits of carpenter's braces) were flat along their entire length. But a round rod offered greater strength, toolmakers eventually made screwdrivers from heavy wire and flattened only the tip.

Slot-head screws were essentially the only players until 1908, when the Robertson (square-drive) screw was introduced by a Canadian salesman-turned inventor P.L. Robertson. Motivated by a painful mishap with a flat-blade screwdriver Robertson created the new socket-head design to prevent screwdrivers from slipping off the screws. (we've all been there) The Robertson screws self-centering feature made it easy to seat and ideal for production lines, leading the Fisher Body Company to use the Robertson screw for assembling bodies for the Ford Model T and Model A. Still the most popular screwhead style in Canada, the square-drive screw predated the familiar Phillips design by about 25 years. (surprise)

In the early 1930's Henry Phillips of Portland, Oregon, patented the now famous cruciform-head screw. Like the Robertson screw, this fastener also self-centered but tended to cam-out, and sometimes strip when tightened. Ironically that pesky characteristic made the Phillips screw ideal for power drivers used on production lines because it prevented over-tightening. In 1937 General Motors began using Phillips-head screws for assembling it's Cadillac models, initiating Phillips as an international name. Since then, many modifications and variations have followed Phillips' and Robertson's designs, behooving DIYers everywhere to own (and organize) a plethora of screwdrivers.

Re-written from an article in Handy Magazine

*Editor's note: I haven't done this lately, but several years ago, before we had universal handles with different size and shape driver bits, I counted my screwdrivers. I had screwdrivers of every shape, size, handle and age you could imagine. I had 87 individual screwdrivers. I have since pared my collection down to about 50. There are some things a **GUY** just can't throw away.*

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Houston Jaguar Club Concours is scheduled for October 27. Also, scheduled for October 27 is the Train ride from Cedar Park to Burnet. Watch for details.

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Bob Saylor to the board of JCOA Directors. Bob will replace long time and active member Wally Davis. Wally submitted his resignation last month because he felt that his work schedule prevented him from devoting deserved time to club business. Wally will retain his membership and continue to support the club in any way he can. We thank Wally for his many years of guidance. We look forward to Bob's knowledgeable support.

See you October 4th at Marie Callender's, Loop 360 and Highway 183 in the Gateway Shopping Center for our monthly meeting. Officers meeting will be at 6:30 P.M., social at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome to attend the officers meeting. Plenty of parking!

Keep the rubber side down!

Tony

Interesting Web Sites

You may remember, from some past issues of the Paw Print, some photos of old gas stations. I thought you might be interested in seeing some others, so I searched the Internet and this is what I found. Not only photos of old gas stations but photos of "unusual" buildings. This is too good not to pass on. Us older citizens will recognize many of these buildings. I remember some of them being so unusual that they were no longer unusual. Does that make sense? Visit the web site, but plan on spending some time looking. You won't be sorry. Copy and paste in your browser.

<http://www.google.com/search?sourceid=navclient-ff&ie=UTF-8&rls=GGGL,GGGL:2006-36,GGGL:en&q=old+gas+stations>



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- September 6, Officer's meeting and social at Marie Callender's in Gateway Shopping Center
- September 14,15 Concours, **Dallas**
- September 28,29 San Antonio Jaguar Club
15th Annual Alamo City Concours d'Elegance
Dominion Country Club , San Antonio
- September 29,30 Texas All British Car Days, **Round Rock**
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