



The Exhaust

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Happy New Year



**On behalf of the executive, we hope you have a happy and prosperous New Year,
with lots of driving and few break downs.**

Bill Sinclair
President

The first meeting of 2008 is set for February 20th.

Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Check our web site for locations as we drive to a different venue each month.

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From the editor;

One of the must see attractions for car guys in Las Vegas is the auto collection at the Imperial palace. We were there last month and on my tour of the showroom I discovered an interesting MGB for sale. It belongs to actress Sharon Stone and is for sale at \$16,500. The website shows \$19,000 but they must have lowered the price.

www.autocollections.com is the web site, then click on cars for sale. Lots of high class iron for sale and also some that is just for show.



Advertising Rates

The club has determined that it would be beneficial to accept ads in the newsletter. Several other clubs were contacted about their rates and a schedule was set up which will cover costs but not be too expensive since we have limited circulation.

These rates are based on camera ready copy being supplied.

Club Members cars for sale is still no charge

| | 1 issue | full year |
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| Business card | \$10 | \$40 |
| ¼ page | \$20 | \$80 |
| ½ page | \$30 | \$120 |
| Full page | \$50 | \$150 |

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You can contact any executive or board member by email at obcc@obcc.ca.

Or use their personal email from the membership list.

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If you have changed email address please let the editor and the membership coordinator know ASAP.

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As Shakespeare said, "...a rose by any other name would smell as sweet". Did you ever wonder where some of car names came from or what they mean? Everyone who drives an MG knows that Cycle Kymber named his company for MORRIS GARAGE. Here are some others car name origins that I came across.

ROLLS-ROYCE; Engineer Fredrick Royce built his first car, the Royce, in 1904. In 1906 he partnered with auto dealer Charles Rolls. Royce made the cars and Rolls was the exclusive sales agent. In 1998 the company was sold to BMW.

VOLKSWAGEN; German for "peoples car".

ASTON MARTIN; Lionel Martin started the company in England, near Aston Hill.

VOLVO: The Latin word for "I Roll" is Volvo. But that's not a reference to the company's cars. Volvo's first product was a ball bearing.

FIAT; It's an acronym for Fabbrica Italiana Automobil Torino (Italian Factory of Cars of Turin)

HUM-VEE OR HUMMER; It's an approximate pronunciation of HMMWV. "High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle"

Alfa Romeo; The company began in Italy in 1910 as Anonima Lomnarda Fabbrica Automobil, or ALFA. Nicola Romeo bought the company in 1915 and added his name.

KIA: In Korean, the name means "Rising from Asia"

HYUNDAI: "Modern" in Korean.

SAAB: The Swedish company started in 1937 as Svenska Aeroplan Akteibolaget, or SAAB for short.

AUDI: In 1899 August Horch started a car company - he called it HORCH ("HARK" in German) - but he left it in 1909 to start another car company which he called AUDI, Latin for "HARK".

TOYOTA: Originally called TOYODA, after the founder Sakichi Toyoda. The company held a contest to come up with a better name. The winner: Toyota.

IS THERE ANY SUCH THING AS A BRITISH CAR?

With the recent announcement that Ford will be selling its Jaguar and Land Rover divisions to the Indian company Tata Motors, I started thinking about who owns what when it comes to British cars. As it turns out there are very few really British owned cars these days. Here is a list of the ones still in production that I could find;

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| Jaguar | TATA MOTORS | India |
| Land Rover | TATA MOTORS | India |
| Rolls Royce | BMW | Germany |
| Bentley | VW | Germany |
| Mini | BMW | Germany |
| Lotus | PROTON MOTORS | Malaysia |
| MG | Nanjing Automobile | China |
| Aston Martin | Prodrive | Kuwait |
| TVR | Blackpool Automotive | Britain (in receivership) |
| Triumph | BMW | Germany (not in production) |
| Riley | BMW | Germany (not in production) |
| Triumph Motorcycles Ltd | | British owned (built in Thailand) |

The production of many of the “British” cars is still done in the UK even if the ownership is foreign.

Some say that driving a fine old British car is like enjoying a fine old wine. In that spirit, I found this little bit of info on one of our favorite wine grapes

SYRAH OR SHIRAZ

History tells us that syrah is one of the oldest established grapes in France, but its origins are less apparent and there is plenty of speculation as to its source. Some claim it came to Marseilles, France around 600 BC via the Phocaeans of Asia Minor, who in turn are said to have imported the grape from Shiraz, Persia.

Others point to the Romans as bringing the variety from Syracuse, Sicily, to the Rhone in the third century AD. Still others implicate the Crusaders returning from the Middle East via Cyprus. But in the end, it seems that syrah was already widely planted in the Rhone by Roman times and it's that notion that led scientists to consider the grape may be indigenous to France.

In 1998, plant geneticist Carole Meredith, and Jean-Michel Boursiquot, proved just that. Employing DNA research they discovered that syrah is the child of two obscure French varieties, dureza and mondeuse blanche. Neither the former native to the Ardeche, nor the latter from the Savoie, was considered distinguished.

That said, there is little doubt the sum of the union has become a serious grape given the gusto with which wine drinkers have taken to French syrah and its New World "shiraz" version. Retailers like to position Shiraz as merlot with flavour, and it's the smoky meaty fruity peppery flavours often flecked with bacon, leather chocolate and violets that make it so much fun to drink.

By Anthony Gismondi

www.gismondionwine.com

FOR SALE



Bill Hooper has his 1960 MGA for sale. It's a MK II 1600 in blue and has won many awards at various RITV events. Call Bill in Penticton for further information and pricing. **250-492-2203**



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4500.00 Ray Vinten, Summerland

250-494-0401



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Good News Bears Christmas food bank initiative.

This is Morgan, the OBCC bear that we donate on a regular basis. This program has raised thousands for food banks in the area and we have been a part of it for many years.


The **"AFTER CHRISTMAS, CHRISTMAS PARTY"** was held at the Ramada again this year.

A snow storm kept a few non Kelowna members from attending, but good food, good friends and lots of door prizes made for an enjoyable evening.

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