

CLARKSON HAMMOND MAY LIVE LONDON – O2 ARENA – NOVEMBER 2015

By Elaine Croy



Are you a TOP GEAR (BBC America) Fan? Are you one of the 350 million viewers worldwide that watched them weekly on TV? If so, then you probably know who these guys are: Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond, James May.

Over Thanksgiving weekend 2015, Jerry and Elaine Croy set off for London to attend their live arena show. After 7 years, across 19 countries, 32 cities - reaching audiences of 2.2 million – their tour was coming to an end in London. Also, factored into our decision to go was not knowing if these three would perform together after Jeremy's 'fracas' last spring and his contract not being renewed by the BBC (Announced last fall, all 3 have been signed by Amazon Prime to present/broadcast their soon to be named new program Fall 2016).

The London shows featured cars included Bond's Aston Martin DB10, a Bentley Continental GT3R, a Koenigsegg One: 1, a Lamborghini Aventador Superveloce and a Porsche 918.

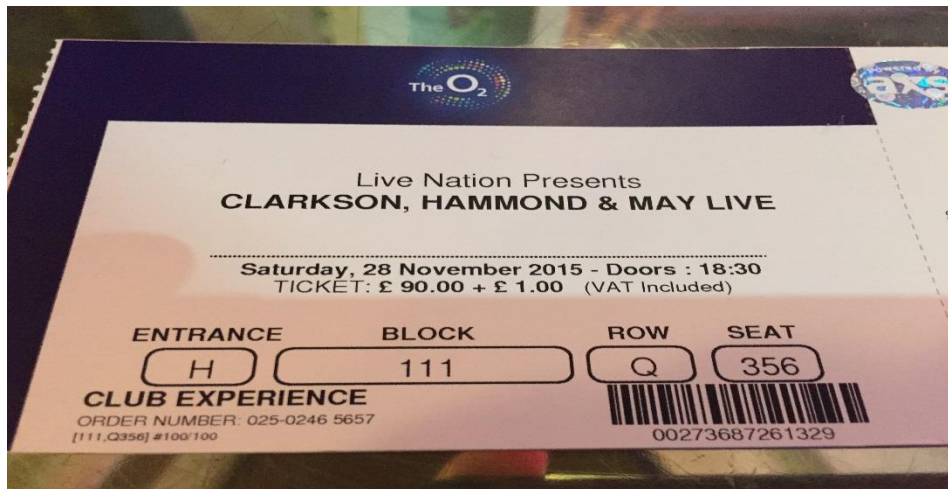
So last June, tickets were purchased. We splurged on the Club Experience (evening) Ticket Level (after all, we traveled a long way for this). Besides preferred seating, our package included a 2 hour pre-show hospitality event in a private space at the O2 Centre; Gourmet bowl food (I was more curious just what this would be....maybe a self-serve buffet?); complimentary bar during the pre-show event; Special gift pack; and, VIP event laminate lanyard.



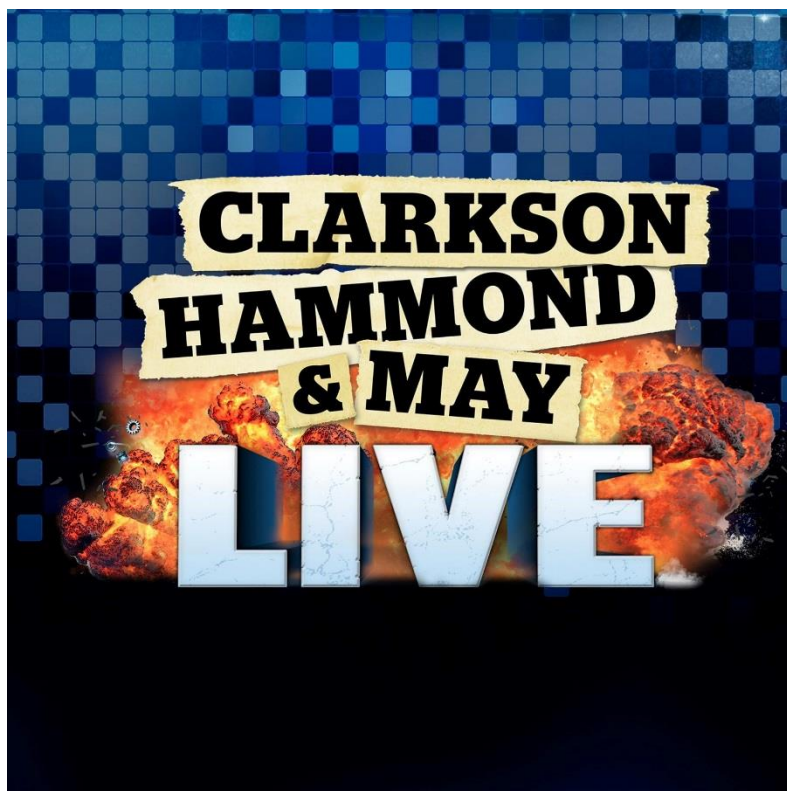
Elaine, you're going to Clarkson,
Hammond & May Live - Club
Experience!

Here's your order:

Order For: Elaine Croy
Event Time: Sat 28 Nov 2015, 19:30
Venue: The O2 London



And before we knew it, we were on our way to:



So, on Saturday night of Thanksgiving weekend, we dressed in our (subdued) Corvette gear:



And, took the tube to the Greenwich stop where we found The O2 Centre



Our VIP Party selfie:



Here is what the Brits call Bowl Food. We were served Fries (actually, fries are called chips there) with cheese, Sweet potato fries, chicken sate with rice and some others dishes that we weren't sure what they were. The black bag on the table is the gift pack we each received (Clarkson's book titled 'The World According to Clarkson...As I was Saying', CHM Live Coffee Mug and Key Chain plus a car magazine)



And, can't forget our new best friends from Denmark that we met:



Elaine is one happy fan and thrilled to be here...or maybe she's been drinking:



AND, FINALLY, THE SHOW

View from our seats in middle of 17th row



The show begins with May and Hammond each riding a Ducati Diavel (motorcycles) and then introduced Clarkson:



Clarkson arrives on a hovercraft:



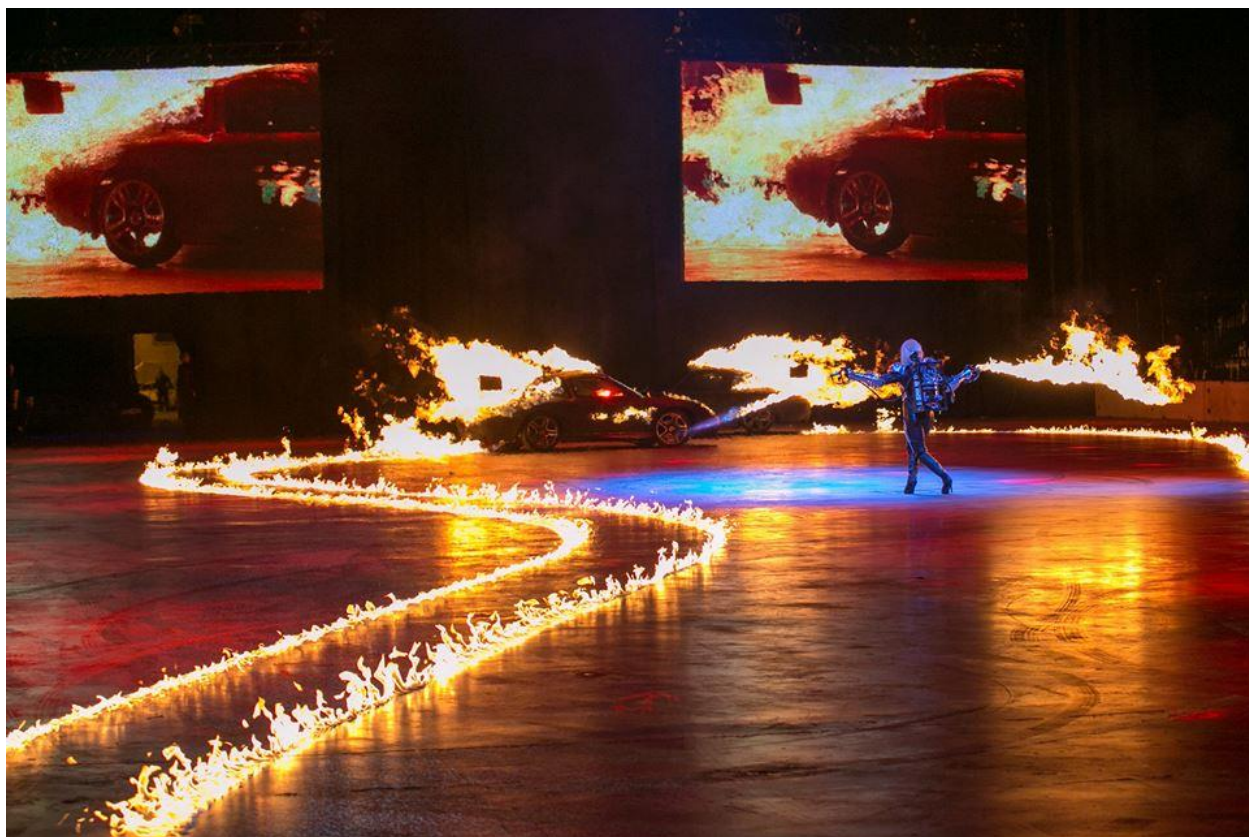
There's a race using 'vehicles' made from kitchen appliances. Hammond's ironing board that he lays on and uses irons to steer with; May's Washer/Dryer that he sits inside of and drums for wheels.



And Clarkson's 12 valve (food blenders) with the plug lead rolled at the back:



There are Porsches and fire:



There was a Reliant Robin race between the 3 of them. This could only end badly:



There were motorcycles and the 'Cage of Death':



There were Supercars:





May in Nissan GTR vs racer diagonally across the floor. Then he shifts into reverse to go back:



SPOILER ALERT: She wins; he almost hits the wall:



a guy on a bike:



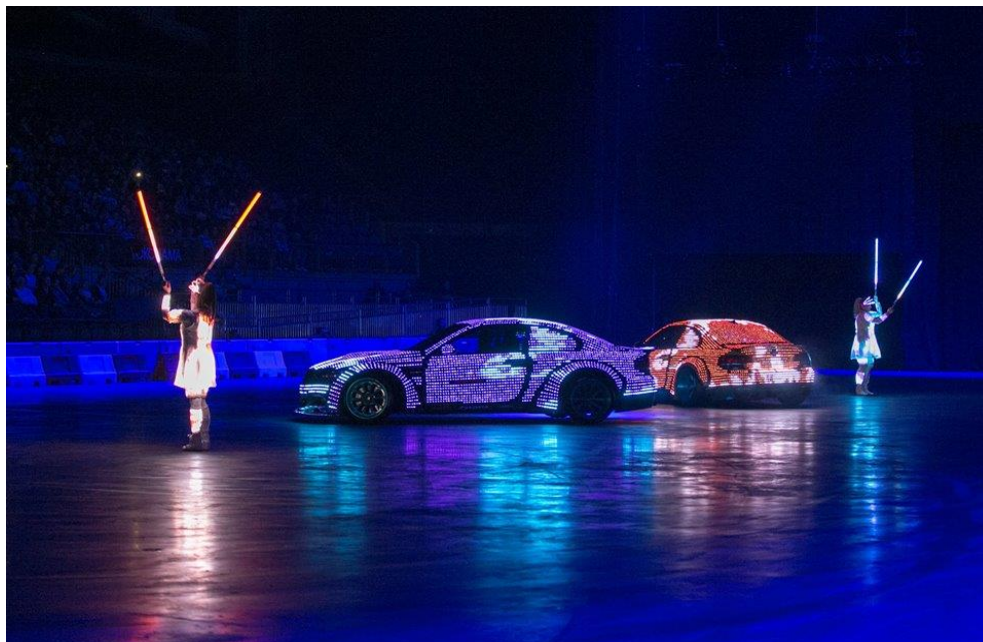
There's a drifting competition.



James doing a donut....but, it turns out he had a stunt driver in the back seat with steering wheel and pedals



There are BMW M3's and Lights:



There was also a Performance Stunt Driving team and car lacrosse – those videos are below

This show Thanksgiving weekend was the main purpose for our trip to the UK but we did stay in London into the week after. We attended a concert at Royal Festival Hall (Gareth Malone and his choir Voices – who just happened to be performing in London while we were there.

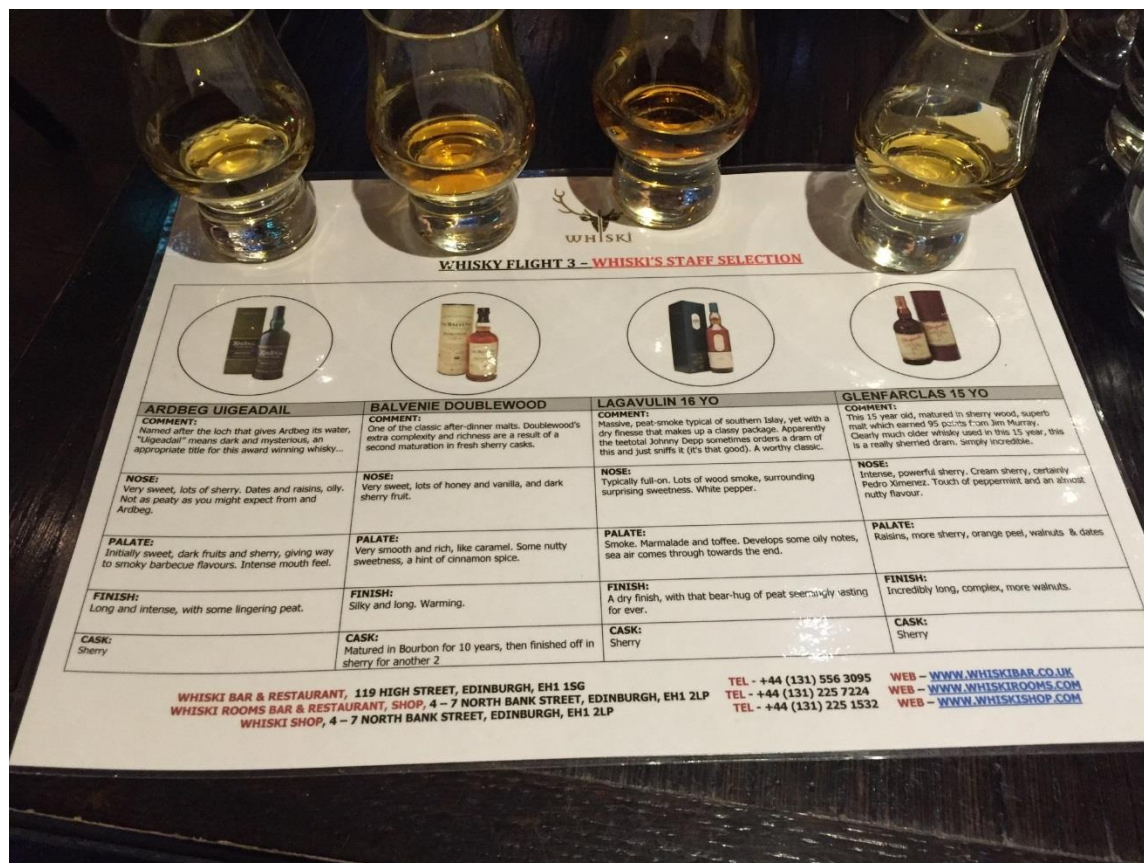
http://www.bournemouthecho.co.uk/leisure/reviews/14127174.Review__Gareth_Malone_at_the_BIC/ (if this doesn't open, copy/paste link into browser).

We also stumbled onto Gareth and his series The Choir years ago on BBC America - If you've never heard of him, Gareth is an interesting fellow (Choirmaster). Here's a little bit about him:

https://youtu.be/Y8_dmgQJTm4

We did VIP tickets for his show also, which included meeting him and taking pictures with him before the show. Preferred seating too – Center of Row 5

The next day we were on the train and on our way to Edinburgh Scotland for a few days and some of this:



SEE BELOW FOR CHM LIVE VIDEOS

With thanks to my traveling cameraman, Jerry

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Pre-Show – James Bond’s DB 10: <https://youtu.be/Z9m0GAXqyY8>

Opening of show - ‘The Interceptors’ Title Sequence film - ***The Interceptors*** is the name of [Jeremy](#), [Richard](#), and [James](#)’ fake 1970’s detective show that they created for their *Jensen Interceptor* tribute. They created a title sequence for the TV show in which the presenters are credited as Jason Clarkson, Roger St. Hammond, and James Steed: <https://youtu.be/SWFMW5adhMU>

Hosts Intro: <https://youtu.be/6u8yR0sQvIQ>

Stunt Drivers: <https://youtu.be/kF6Q0mNU4N8>

Appliance Race: https://youtu.be/dN_BZi9URvc

Fire and Porsches: <https://youtu.be/XagVkfaGT2w>

Reliant Robin Race: <https://youtu.be/54RZCwQtrrk>

Hammond in ‘Cage of Death’ with 1 motorcycle: <https://youtu.be/f4CdRSwUAcU>

Super Cars: https://youtu.be/t-anZZUmm_k

May vs Runner: <https://youtu.be/rNzY28uvaYA>

Bike on Cars and Intro to Drifting: <https://youtu.be/i3CEsQApW3c>

Hammond drifting: <https://youtu.be/NW223UFf4fM>

Clarkson drifting: <https://youtu.be/MoXZ0-nuZSs>

May drifting: <https://youtu.be/0NgObShSyYk>

Drifting Conclusion: <https://youtu.be/eTHdyDjzg7Y>

BMW M3’s and Lights: <https://youtu.be/dhYxQDZ6jAk>

Intro to car lacrosse: https://youtu.be/b_cfHuKTGdg

End of lacrosse: <https://youtu.be/fB4l4vJZgOs>

Closing: <https://youtu.be/mmOgMYXIlwg>