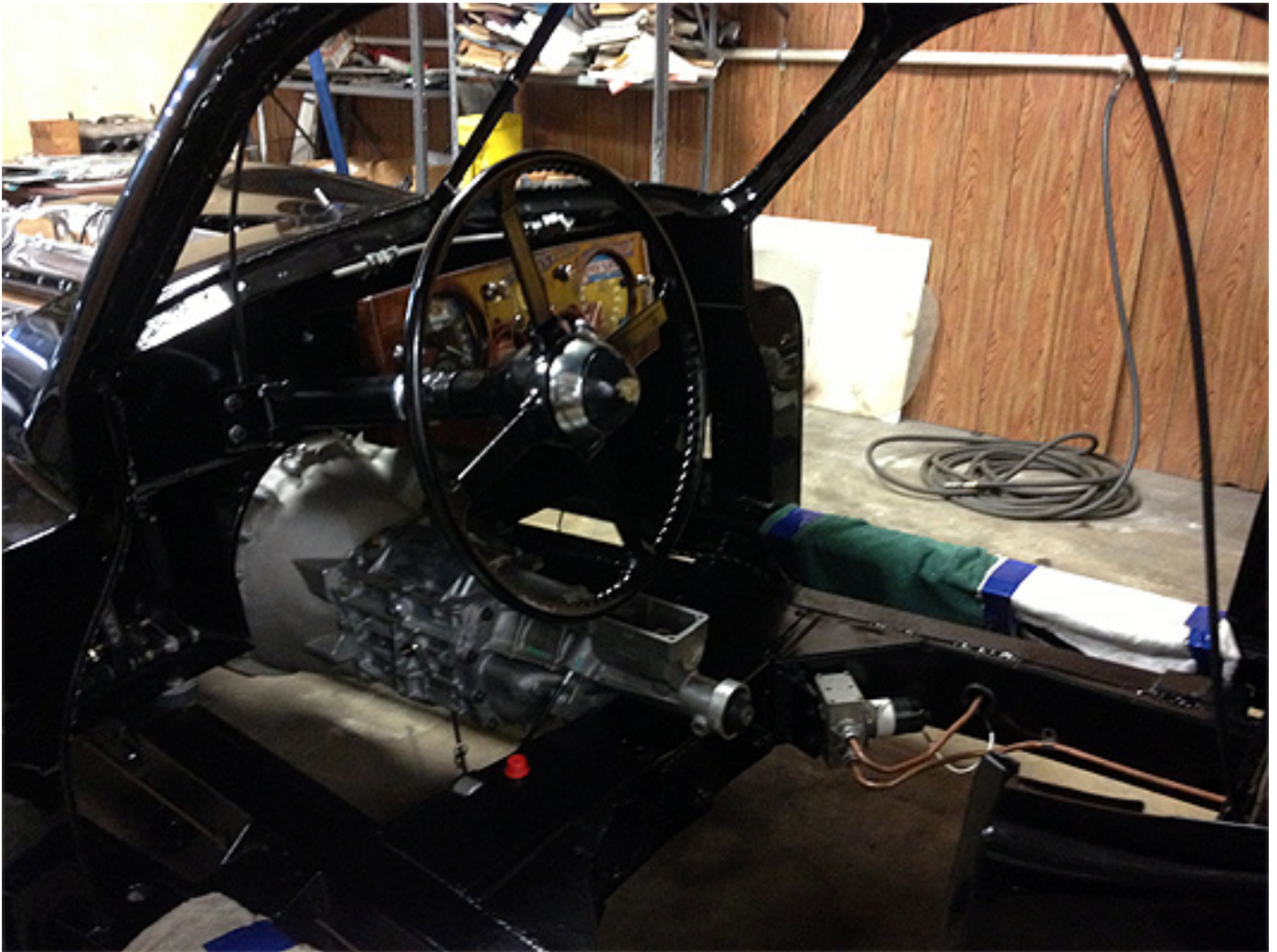


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For the last few months, David Hinton's Heritage Motor Sports Company, situated in Largo, Florida, about ten miles from where Su and I live, has been busy restoring a 1952 Jaguar XK120 FHC (Fixed Head Coupe).

Please indulge me here. I personally think that this design is one of the most beautiful that I have ever seen on a car, beating even that of the OTS 120, (Open Top Sports) model. Quite a while ago now (some thirty plus years), I owned a string of them whilst living in England, culminating with a much-modified one with aluminum bodywork, bucket seats, louvered hood, 3.8 liter D Type spec. engine, disc brakes, the whole nine yards. She went like a rocket and I well remember racing her at the Isle of Man in the "Manx Classic". I've attached a photo here.

Now that I have an XK120 OTS, I'm casting envious glances at this FHC that Heritage, mainly in the shape of "English Mike" is restoring. This car has had the footwell lengthened to accommodate the new owner's longer legs and it has also been fitted with Tilton pedals (to replace the badly situated originals), a five speed gearbox and will have disc brakes, all in an attempt to make the driving experience more pleasant than in the original version. I'm quite sure that air conditioning will also be fitted, as I don't think it would be possible to survive in an XK120 FHC in Florida's summer!

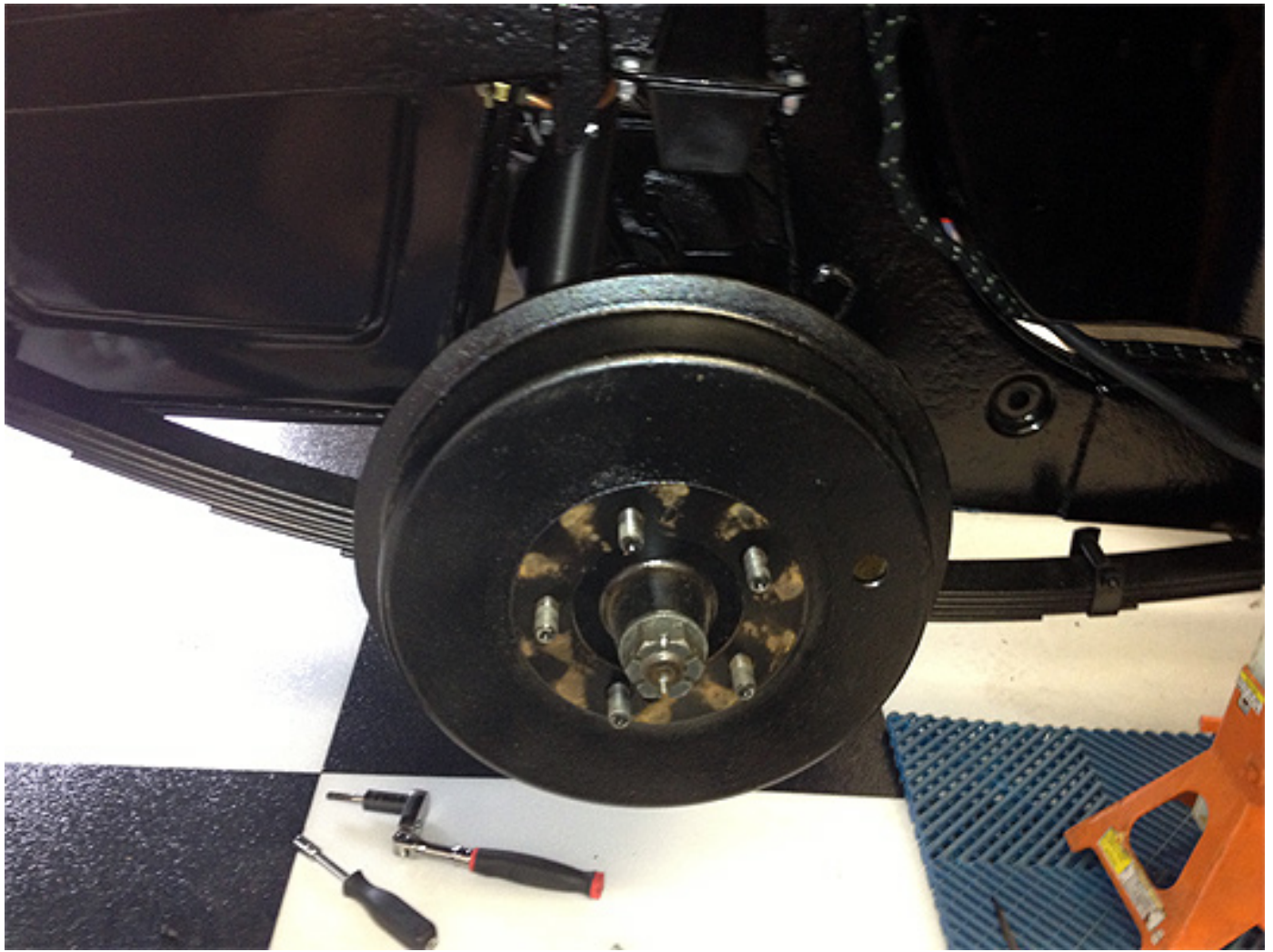
We've posted some photos of the restoration, as it proceeds here and I'll post updated photos as and when the 120 FHC progresses.













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