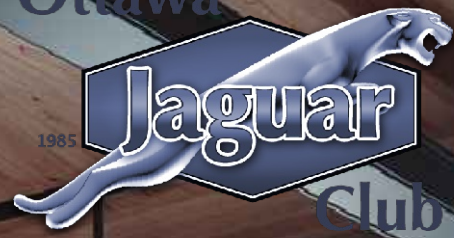


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President's Musings January 2024



Ben Farmer

It's been such a mild winter so far. I even got my 53 year old XJ6 running on Boxing Day for a little drive on dry roads. Nevertheless, these are months with more time on our hands and time to look for old Jaguars online! So many come up. Very decent ones. I want to adopt more and become the crazy cat lady of Jags. Run a Big Cat sanctuary. But lack of garage space is the great limiter!!! Alas, maybe that's a good thing.

HAPPY NEW YEAR



OJC Christmas Party December 10th, 2023



What a wonderful gathering it was. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Thanks to Baton Rouge for accommodating and providing an excellent service. Appetizers and Food were excellent. Everyone received a lovely treat bag and a ticket to participate in a raffle to win one of the four prizes. Lots of fun. Hope to see you all next year for another amazing party.

Louise Collins

(See full story & photos on page 6)

Ottawa Jaguar Club Events & Activities 2024

The Events list distributed with the AGM package in November will be discussed at the Board meeting in January and will be updated in February issue.

With January now well in hand, we can look forward to 2024. The 2023 season offered quite a few interesting events - drives, shows, weekend trips, interaction with other clubs, social events and so on - but was marked by an unfortunate lack of member participation. Hopefully more support for these amazing events will pick up in 2024.

If you joined in multiple activities, we would like to thank you for your participation. It is hugely appreciated by the event organizers. But, if you didn't participate in any or many events or if you didn't help in an event, we would ask you "Why not?" All members of the club have the right to participate in any of the events and extract the value and enjoyment that can be achieved this way.

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Market Place

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The Ottawa Jaguar Club Christmas Dinner 2023

by Bonnie Newson



The Ottawa Jaguar Club's annual Christmas Holiday dinner was held on December 10th at the Baton Rouge Restaurant on Hunt Club Road. A total of 21 guests attended this event.

As guests arrived, there was plenty of time to mingle and enjoy some holiday cheer and catching up with friends, while enjoying an abundant table of appetizers.



The table of appetizers

Seating was pre-arranged to encourage new friendships within the club. Each table was decorated for the season and festive goody bags, designed and prepared by Louise Collins, were placed at each setting as a special gift for all Members in attendance.

Food was ordered off of the regular menu to suit everyone's individual taste. The service was excellent and our group was well taken care of.

After dinner, with plenty of time to continue the club's comradery, there was a draw for three beautiful gift baskets and a Christmas plant centrepiece. Although everyone brought something home, gift baskets were won by Karen Graves, Wendy Vandermeulen, and Debbie Crawford, and the Christmas plant centrepiece was won by Jeff Cohen.

The appetizers, goody bags, gift baskets and the Christmas plant centrepiece were provided by the club. Many thanks to Bonnie Newson and Louise Collins who organized this very enjoyable event.



Goody bag

WINNERS

presented by Bonnie Newson

The prizes



Karen Graves



Debbie
Crawford



Wendy
Vandermeulen



Jeff Cohen wins the
centrepiece



English Automotive Mechanics I Have Gotten to Know

by Phil Karam

Over the last 65 years, I have dealt with several (many) English automotive mechanics. You may know some & perhaps dealt with some of them yourself. Below is a list of many of them, their names and locations over the years.

Ted Pritchard

- 16 Service Center, Carp
- He always wore a tie and would offer you a cup of tea and a chat.
- He would allow me to borrow his special tools.

John Pritchard

- He was first located on Limebank Rd. at River Road, He then moved to Bank Street in Greely, then to Hallville. I have not dealt with him for 40 years, for reasons some of you may understand.

Alex Angel

- He was located at the Texico station on Prince of Wales Drive near MacFarlane Road.
- I bought his 'S' type and stripped it for parts.

Ray Redshaw

- I was gifted a Mark II and along with Ray, we dismembered it for parts.

Prem Sookdeo

- A garage at the Pretoria Bridge that he purchased from Ray Redshaw. Prem recently retired last year.

Horace McBean

- (Jamaican) Taught me how to do a valve job using the same shims.

Mike Doherty

- Global Auto, first located on Woodward, then Greely and now moved out to Cumberland.

English Motors

- Bell Street. When they closed, I was able to purchase the complete library of shop manuals, containing 400 to 500 cars/models, from him. Some of these were English cars I have never heard of. Now I need to figure out how to get rid of them.

Mete

- A mechanic at Bears Automotive and now with Janex. He is very knowledgeable on late model high end cars. He cautioned me not to buy a Bentley GT, as in order to change the spark plugs, you had to remove the engine from the car. I quickly changed my mind on buying the Bentley GT.

Shore St.

Automotive

- I had a window lift replaced in my XJL.

Did I miss anyone?

Finally, although not a garage, The late John 'Jack' McKercher. I had learned more from him than anyone. We worked on my XK120 FHC, XK120 OTS, MKII, '65 Mustang fastback 2+2, Rolls Royce and a bottle of rum.



1952 Jaguar XK120FHC



1966 Jaguar Mk 2



Phil Karam



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XK8/XKR - Future Collectible

By Jay Hunt

When Ford rescued Jaguar from impending bankruptcy in 1989, it needed a new car as a replacement for the still popular, but dated, XJ-S grand touring sports automobile. The Jaguar XK8 was the first new car to be developed under Ford ownership. It was to arise from a concept car project dubbed the XJ41 which had floated around Jaguar design offices in various forms since the early 1980s.



The XJ41 was to be a rear drive sports coupé or convertible based on the XJ-S platform. Initially, Jaguar showed no interest in taking the concept to production and sent the design over to Aston Martin who Ford had also acquired in 1988. It would be used there as the foundation for the Aston Martin DB7 which was introduced in 1992.



However, Ford continued to fund Jaguar's development of the XJ41 concept with an eye to producing a successor to the E-type. It would be developed as both a two-door coupé and a convertible (code named XJ42). The project was dubbed the X100.

Its design was new but reflected its past by employing elements from both the E-type and XJ6. This lent it both a retro and thoroughly modern look. Built on the XJ-S chassis, it employed a new unibody structure that was both lighter and stiffer than the XJS. It was powered by a new Jaguar developed 4.0 liter AJ-V8 engine.

The result was the Jaguar XK8, a two-door 2+2 grand touring automobile. Jaguar gave it full production approval in late 1993 with a scheduled launch date of 1996, chosen to coincide with the 35th anniversary of the E-type. To bridge the gap, Jaguar undertook a major facelift of the XJ-S that would extend its life through 1996. Beginning in 2002, the AJ-V8 engine was enlarged to 4.2 liters producing 294 hp. It was a rugged, reliable powerplant.

The XK8 was soon to become Jaguar's fastest selling sports car design and would be produced continuously from 1996-2014. Beginning in 1997 it was offered in both normally aspirated XK8 and supercharged XKR versions. From 1996 to 2006 total production numbers were:

- XK8 coupé 19,748, convertible 46,760
- XKR coupé 9,661, convertible 13,895.

In 2007 the XK8 underwent a major redesign, designated the X150, employing a bonded and riveted aluminum body and chassis. It remained in production through 2014, turning out 27,612 vehicles in total.



I acquired my 2005 XK8 convertible in 2023. I had owned a 2004 Vanden Plas sedan for 5 years but always wanted a sport convertible. An E-type was out of reach and an XJS didn't look Jaguar enough for me. I wanted the same, reliable, normally aspirated 4.2 liter V8 engine so a 2002-2006 XK8 was perfect for me. Its appearance has similarities to the E-type and it has most of the modern conveniences of the Vanden Plas, a/c, cruise control and power everything. Its roof is fully powered and operates by a pushbutton on the dash or by the key from outside. The sumptuous leather bucket seats are comfortable and the burl walnut steering wheel and dash give it an air of luxury.

The ride is a bit stiffer than the sedan, it doesn't have an air bag suspension, but it feels and performs like a much smaller and lighter sports car. Acceleration is brisk as a Jaguar should be, and its top speed is far above anything I will ever approach.

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XK8/XKR - Future Collectible (concluded)

By Jay Hunt

Any nearly 20 year old car will have some maintenance issues and mine is no exception. Twenty four hours after getting it home, I was blessed with a green shower. Unknown to me, this is a common problem with the convertibles. The power top is hydraulically operated and the hoses and fittings are made of plastic which can deteriorate over time. It's quite disconcerting to have green hydraulic fluid cascade down from the dome light onto the floor console but no serious damage was done and Shore Automotive replaced the lines and fittings quickly.

Other things I have learned to be aware of if you are considering purchasing an XK8/XKR are:



The nice gauges in the dashboard are fake. The clock works of course but the ammeter and oil pressure gauge are simply replacements for the idiot lights in most American cars. They do not indicate actual values, only if the voltage and oil pressure are at normal levels. After market real replacement gauges are available if you really need them.



The front upper shock mounts consist of a foam donut sandwiched between two plates. Over time the foam deteriorates and collapses resulting in a lowered front end. A lot of potential owners shy away from these cars because of this but it is an easy (if expensive) repair and will keep your car on the road for a long time.

The engine valve cover gaskets are a poor design and a frequent cause of oil leaks. They were replaced twice before I bought the car and need changing again.

So far, I have not found anything else to complain about in my car. It has found its forever home with me and I hope to be bringing it to many future Ottawa Jaguar events.

Happy New Year everyone.

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