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Next Meeting
August 9th



OJC Activities

September 12 , Sunday – A short Rally (1 hour drive) with a “test” afterward.

October 2 , Saturday – Colour Drive ending with dinner close to Ottawa.

President's Message

By Paul Davis

Well, as Nat King Cole sang, welcome to those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer! Time to enjoy our cats on the road. Even though you may complain about all this heat and humidity now, just remember these days in the dead of winter when we are into serious minus temperatures and our Jags are off the road.

Over the last month many members have been able to enjoy many of the car shows and drives that now occur almost every weekend. On June 27th, the 10th Annual Sporting and Classic Car Show took place at the Richmond Fairground. We had 8 cars out for the show. There were many Triumphs and quite a few other British cars like MGs, Austin Healeys and Morgans present but our Jags captured much of the attention from the many car owners and spectators there.

We may have even signed up a few new OJC members. Greg Ross of

Hudson, Quebec showed his 1963 Daimler and seemed to be interested in joining our Club. Also, Lorne Plunkett of Kanata wants to join. He drives a late 40s or early 50s Alvis and wanted to form an Alvis Club but, with him being the only member, the meetings and gatherings would be quite small! As a result, he thought that he might join our Club and participate in our numerous activities. We had a bit of a mix-up in rooms at Capone's for our July meeting but all worked out well. There was a good turnout of both old and new members. Two new members, Nishika Sardana and David Clyne, attended the meeting and were welcomed by all. Roger announced that we have \$5,000 in the bank and, in the same breath, said that he will be away for the next month in England - just a coincidence, honest! Ernie reported that we now have 67 renewed and new members.

Our speaker was Robert Frederick, the Canadian

representative of HyperPolish. This product has been used by Paddy and Stewart Robertson and Herb Woods. It is a polymer protective vehicle finish that eliminates waxing; prevents oxidation, aging and fading; protects from bird droppings and tree sap; and provides a long lasting shine. It is guaranteed for 3 years. Robert can be contacted at 596-2513 or through the website www.hyperpolish.com.

There are several up-coming events in August. At the meeting, Michel Lalonde talked about the 8th Annual Aylmer Car Show. It is to be held on Sunday, August 8th at the Aylmer Marina Park at a cost of \$10 for gate registration. It runs from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM with the gates closed at 12:30 PM. Information: Graham MacInnes @ (613) 830-5207 or Jean-Pierre Sylvestre @ (819) 684-9406.

As was done last year, Michel and Maryvonne have invited whoever attends over to their home

after the event for a cool one and maybe a refreshing dip in their pool. Another non-OJC event is the 10th Annual Boot 'n' Bonnet Club British Car Day in Kingston on Sunday, August 22nd. It will be held at the Kingston City Park from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at a cost of \$15 which includes a BBQ for two. Information: (613) 386-3797 or (613) 542-8110.

Some news from JCNA. A question was raised by one of the clubs regarding the club insurance coverage for liability relative to serving alcoholic beverages at functions. JCNA

Counsel Brock McPherson recommends that the best option is to not have alcohol at a club event. When that's not possible, it should be provided and distributed by a third party (hotel, restaurant, catering service) that has its own insurance policy which includes the club as an "additional insured". JCNA's policy covers social situations but does not apply if the club charges for alcoholic beverages.

Remember our up-coming November election of the Club's 2000 Executive. If any members wish to run for any of the Club's Executive positions or

know of other members they would like to nominate, please contact me or any other member of the current Executive. If you think you or another member could help guide the OJC in the next millennium, now's your chance to get involved!

As always, we are looking for speakers for our monthly meetings. If anyone knows of people or businesses that would be of interest to OJC members and would like to address our monthly meetings, please contact me or any member of the Executive. **Our next meeting will be on August 9th at Capone's.**

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July Activities (On the road again).

By Paul Davis

On July 11th, 7 Jaguars and 2 Brand X cars left the parking lot at Jaguar Ottawa for a sedate Sunday drive through the Valley to Upper Canada Village (UCV) in Morrisburg. Yann led the way in an eye-catching yellow 1999 Volkswagen New Beetle (this way we couldn't get lost!) on a drive through several villages and towns.

Unfortunately in Morewood, Ricarda and Graham Smith's XJS had to turn back to Ottawa as they noticed an unfamiliar sound that may be the U-joints. Better to be safe than sorry.

When we arrived at UCV, Peter Whitworth was there with his 1947 Aeronca (I think that's how it's spelled!) aeroplane. Peter was kind enough to take 3 of us (one at a time since it's only a two-seater) for a spirited flight over Morrisburg, Iroquois, the St. Lawrence River and UCV. It was quite an experience! I've flown in older aircraft such as a WWII vintage DC3 but never in so cozy an aircraft as the Aeronca.

It was very interesting to see some of the "Drowned Lands" that came about as a result of the dam at Cornwall needed to create a navigable St. Lawrence Seaway. You can still see the old path of Highway 2 under the water and at one point the road returns to the surface (dotted centre line and all) on what is now an island but 40 years ago, it was a hill! Thanks Peter for the memorable experience.

On July 21st, 3 OJC members attended the Preview of an Automotive Art Show at the Philip K Wood Gallery in Almonte. Displayed were works by Alain Levesque, Karl Illini, Barry Rowe, John Francis, John Webster, etc. A very nice display that contained original fine art or art prints on several car marques including several Jaguars (XK 120, E-Type, D-Type, etc.). The prices asked for framed prints were very enticing and, if I can just find room on the walls, ... The Gallery's show ended on July 28th but Phil Wood said that he will continue to display automobile-related art works after the show. A quaint gallery in a quaint town. Well worth another visit.

Finally, on July 25th, what promised to be an all XJS drive to the Kingston Autofest got underway. Three XJS' showed up at Jaguar Ottawa (the Robertson's, Charman's and Gordon Mount). Unfortunately, Gordon had to go back home as Joyce was having problems with her arthritis. The fourth XJS never turned up.

As it turned out, when Guy Larabie put the key in the ignition of his XJS nothing happened. The radio, windows, lights, etc. were all working but no juice seemed to be going to the starter. Not to be deterred, Guy and Louise re-packed their picnic gear in their trusty Toyota 4 Runner and proceeded to catch up to the others (and they did).

While many may be impressed by the number of activities in July, August also promises to be a great month. So, if you want fun filled days with fellow cat fanciers, come on out to one of our many drives and you will have no regrets I can assure you.

Kingston Autofest Report

By Guy Larabie

Sunday July 25th turned out to be a gorgeous day. After a shaky start with storm clouds on the horizon early in the day, the skies cleared up (in the Kingston area anyways) and provided car lovers with a great day to attend the 7th (?) annual Autofest and picnic.

By noon, over three hundred cars were registered and others kept coming for at least another hour or so. There were cars of every make, style, vintage to be seen by avid

show goers. The Robertson's, Charman's and Larabie's all had plenty of time to view all the interesting vehicles and take plenty of pictures.

While there was a good representation of British cars (Triumph, MG, Mini, Rover and Jaguar.

Unfortunately there were only three Coventry Cats there i.e. a clean series II XJ12-L, a very nice series I E-type and one very shiny XJS (hyper polish?). Other cars of note

included a huge 1930's Graham Paige 12 Cylinder Formal Sedan (with jump seats), a 1963 Studebaker Avanti R-3 Coupé (super-charged) and a 1911 brass era Model T Touring in original condition and a bevy of Hot Rods, Modifieds and Race Cars of every type with gleaming custom paint jobs and one off upholstery.

All in all, it proved to be a great day for car fanciers.

Tip of the Month

On the older cars it is sometimes necessary to replace the flywheel starter ring gear. The original Jaguar flywheel, E Type, XK, and earlier (and later manual trans cars) have the teeth machined right on the flywheel and then the teeth are case hardened. To machine these off is

very hard. (The tip): Cut them off with an acetylene torch and then machine the step for the new ring gear. Ring gears are available for most of the older engines and are identified by tooth count. Machine the flywheel so the ring gear has a .010 shrink fit. Lay the flywheel flat, lay the ring

gear on it and heat the ring gear until it falls into place on the flywheel. Avoid heating any spot red hot, keep the torch moving.

Good Luck!
Walt

A heavenly week-end!

By Guy Larabie

On Saturday July 31st, Louise and I headed down to Granby, Québec to visit the Granby International Auto Show. Our day started at around 7:45 when we left Ottawa's East-end to head towards Montréal.

Our drive was uneventful and fast. We made it to Champlain Bridge in less than an hour and a half driving time (not counting our breakfast and pit stop at Rigaud) .

Unfortunately, we were unaware that there was construction on the bridge during week-ends. To avoid tying up traffic during week days, the Québec Ministry of Transport is proceeding with repairs, around the clock, from Friday 6 p.m. to Monday 6 a.m.

While this makes a lot of sense for Montréal commuters, it is not the best scenario for holidaygoers on a long weekend! All that good time made on highways 417 and 40 was lost as we sat on the bridge for an hour!

Having finally crossed the bridge, we made it to Granby and then onto Daniel Johnson (Sr.) Park where the event was taking place.

For those who are not up on their Canadian history, Mr. Johnson was a famous Union Nationale Premier of Québec in the mid-sixties. His son, Daniel Jr. was also a Premier of Québec, in the late 1990's, but was a pale imitation of the original. He was a Liberal, which must have made the old man turn over in his grave a number of times.

The setting was quite nice, somewhat reminiscent of the Aylmer Marina Park, with lots of grass, trees and surrounded by water. There were somewhere between 2,000 and 2,500 cars and thousands of spectators! It is a really big event and has been organised by the local old car club (Les Voitures Anciennes de Granby) for the last eighteen years.

This must be a great fundraiser as they charge \$5.00 per head to get in. They told me that in addition to the planning, it took about 160 volunteers to run this show. The City Fire and Police Departments, as well as many local businesses, either participate directly or donate various items for the event. It has become a true community event for the residents of Granby.

Louise and I spotted cars from Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Connecticut, New Brunswick, Ontario and tons from Québec. This is primarily a North American car show with probably less than 5% imports.

On the import side, the participants ranged from a 1939 Rolls Royce Silver Wraith to a 400cc 1960's Vespa car and every thing in between. Sort of like the Orléans Cruise Night ten times over, but in a much nicer setting.



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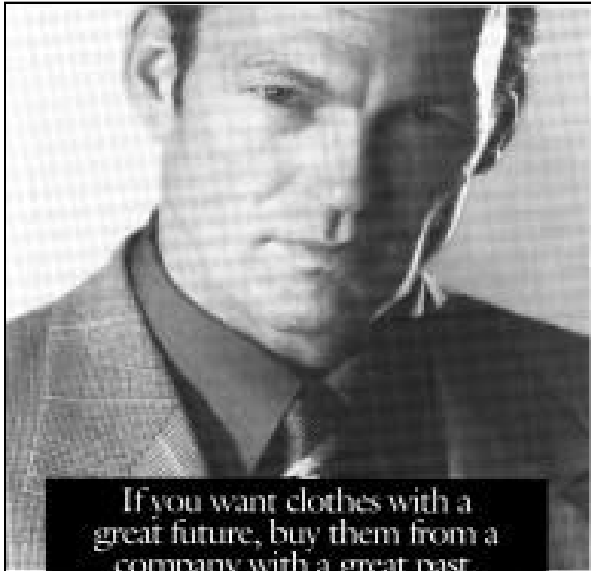
There were probably over a hundred different vendors. Thanks in large part to Louise, I manage not to buy any old parts I didn't know I needed, but possibly could have used a some distant point in

the future. I was often tempted but never gave in. I must admit that fighting off the urge to buy some old radiator shells and mascots that could make nice ornaments for the garage, was difficult but sanity prevailed. I came back with most of my money still in my pockets.

owners such as myself. There were maybe 200 Volkswagens of all types and vintages and about 25 vendors. I did manage to buy several parts, I REALLY NEEDED, at dirt cheap prices, and got a bunch of catalogues (officially for reference purposes only). Unfortunately or maybe fortunately, there were no Jaguar parts at either shows.

We drove back Sunday afternoon and headed down to the Embrun Volksfest. This was a much smaller event, but nonetheless interesting for multi-marque

To close things off, we dropped in on the Canadian Tire Cruise Night and had a quick meal and a drink (or two) at a nearby patio bar. For car people, this was a heavenly week end. Can it get any better? Well, there are more shows and activities coming up in August. So, come on in and join us anytime and we can guaranty a great time.



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