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Next Meeting
September 13th



OJC Activities

September 12 –
Sunday Rally .

October 2 – Saturday –
Colour Drive.

President's Message

By Paul Davis

Well, after all that heat in June and July, August has started off considerably cooler. While at a cottage on the August long weekend, someone said that they went to bed in July but woke up in September! It sure seems as if we have missed the heat of August but, I'm sure it'll be back. So, we'll still have many warm days and nights ahead of us to enjoy our Jags.

In spite of heavy rain in the morning, the afternoon turned out to be quite nice. A couple of Jaguars turned out for the 8th Annual Aylmer Car Show. There were approximately 200 cars at the show, of which around 15 were entered in the Non American Class. I'm happy to announce that Michel Lalonde's 1988 XJ6 took home the 1st place trophy and Paddy and Stewart Robertson's 1977 XJ6C captured the 2nd place trophy. Not bad for the only Jags entered! Who says our Jags can't compete and win!

At the August meeting, Yann announced our rally for Sunday, September 12th. It will be a short rally with an observation and knowledge test to see how keen our memories are! We are to meet at Jaguar Ottawa at 10:00 AM. He also said that our Colour Drive on Saturday, October 2nd will begin at

2:00 PM at Jaguar Ottawa and end at l'Orée Bois Restaurant in Old Chelsea, Québec. Please contact Yann (233-5506 (h) or 599-3600 ext. 3210 (w)) if you plan to take part in the Colour Drive as he will have to make reservations at the restaurant.

An up-coming non-OJC event is the Antique Automobile Club of Ottawa's "Cars of the Century" Fall Show. It will be held at the Nepean Sportsplex on September 18th and 19th from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Admission is \$5. For further information, please contact Rick or Micheline at 722-9939.

At the August meeting Paddy announced that the "Hershenhorn" Best in Show Trophy is currently on display at Jaguar Ottawa. It has been engraved with the name of our first winner, Merv Clarke and his 100 point 1986 XJ6. Congratulations again Merv!

If you remember the art of Alain Lévesque from our trip to his Montébello studio/home this past spring or from the exhibition of his work last month at the Philip K Woods Gallery in Almonte, he is about to have a whole show dedicated to his automobile art in September and October. There was an article in the Ottawa Citizen (Thursday, August 12th) on his up-coming show at the

Galerie Montcalm at 25 Laurier Street in Hull.

The show runs Tuesday to Sunday from September 9th to October 24th. The Galerie can be contacted at 595-7488. Those of you on the e-mail list have already received an invitation to the September 9th parade through the streets of Hull to la Maison du Citoyen (City Hall) that will open this exhibition. For those not contacted, we will meet at Hull Volkswagen (850 Boulevard St-Joseph (at the north end of St-Joseph)) around 6:00 PM (the drive begins around 6:30 PM) and parade from there. Sounds like a great event to kick off our fall drives.

I recently received an e-mail from Ted Boniface. He's working on a television series called "Things We Do For Love" to air on the Life Network starting in January. He's interested in doing a story on a) someone who is restoring a vehicle for a loved one (wife, father, mother, son, etc.) especially if it's to be a surprise or b) someone who is working with a spouse or other family member to restore a vehicle. If you or someone you know fits either category, please contact me and I'll pass the information along to Ted.

Given the time of the year, our August meeting was well

attended. Some new members were welcomed by all present. They were Dwaine Berry & Pat Delabio who have a 1995 VDP and Rudy Paleshnuik who has a 1988 XJS. I mentioned that I received a notice from Jaguar Cars regarding the ordering of 2000 Jaguar Calendars. Jaguar Ottawa is not ordering Jaguar Cars' calendars this year so I asked Roger to cut a cheque for \$180 US to cover the cost of 30 calendars. They are to be shipped in December and will be available to the first 30 OJC members at cost, i.e. approximately \$10 CAN.

At the meeting we had a good discussion that brought forth ideas for future speakers and OJC activities. I contacted Jeff Jardine at Jaguar Ottawa to see if one of their

suppliers (Pneus Lavoie of Gatineau) can address our September meeting and discuss tires, both for older and recent Jaguars. Jeff will contact them and hopefully they will be able to speak at the next meeting. Other ideas discussed were an evening at Jaguar Ottawa as a show-and-tell session on the work they can do on Jaguars; a tour of the Museum of Science and Technology warehouse; a wine tasting session; and tech sessions presented by OJC members who have done restoration work on their Jags (at either the monthly meetings or in their garages).

On Wednesday, August 18th 11 Jaguars (10 members cars + 1 hopefully future member with a new XK8) took part in Cruise Night at Place

d'Orléans. Three other OJC members were also present but, due to restoration work in progress, they were Jaguarless. A good show that certainly attracts many vehicles of all stripes as well as hundreds of spectators.

Remember to keep in mind 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 is your chance to get involved!

Our next meeting will be on September 13th at Capone's.

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NOTES FROM THE AUG. MEETING

By Stewart & Paddy Robertson

Paul Davis opened the meeting at about 7:30.

Yann Robin reported that August's Cruise Night will be on the 18th at Place D'Orléans. Meet in front of Walmart at 6:00 so that we can drive in and park together. He also outlined some upcoming activities:

August 21 – Saturday.

John Charman and Wendy Vandermeulen are going to the Eaton Centre Car Show in Montréal, by the 9:30 train.

August 22 – Sunday.

Kingston's Boots & Bonnets Club is hosting a show of all English motorcars. Peter Whitworth has more information at 692-2270.

September 12 – Sunday

Rally. The drive will be short and end with a test of observations and knowledge. Leaves from Jaguar Ottawa at 10:00 a.m. Bring a picnic lunch.

October 2 – Saturday –

Colour Drive. Leave Jaguar Ottawa at 2:00. The drive will end at

L'Orée du Bois in Old Chelsea for dinner.

Christmas Party – we are looking for someone to host the party.

Executive Reports

Vice President's Report – Ricarda Smith was absent
Treasurer – in England!
Secretary – Nil report

Membership – Ernie – Baylis. Yes!

Guy Larabie mentioned that he is still having a few problems with e-mail distribution. A list of e-mail addresses was passed around for corrections. He is also looking for Monty Burke @village.com. E-mails have been returned.

Guy and Louise reported that they went to the Grandby Show – 2500 cars, 200 vendors. They also attended the Volksfest at Embrun, and the cruise night at Canadian Tire. All great summer stuff.

Concours Final Report: Paddy Robertson reported that the Best in Show Trophy is now on display in the Jaguar Ottawa

Dealership courtesy of Julie Sauvé and Michael Bell.

Members comments

Guy reported a problem he is having with his XJS. There is power everywhere except to his starter. He received a number of suggestions, the most valuable being that the switch wire could be open (Bob Hiland), and that the back-up ignition switch may be burnt out (John Smiley). Mark Roberts has a spare.

New Members

Dwayne Barry and Pat Delabio joined at the Concours – they own a 1995 VDP. Rudy Ploesnik (sorry, were not sure of the spelling) found out about the Club from Global Auto – he has a 1988-1/2 XJS.

Paul noted that Ron and Jacque Foster have moved to Terra Cotta and that John and Evelyn Carr have moved to Kelowna. They'll be missed. Bothe have promised to send Guy their E-Mail address so that they can keep in touch.

Paul Davis received a call from a lady who wants to test drive an XJ9?? and surprise her husband/fiancé. He finally established that she really wanted to drive an 1983 XJS-HE Coupe or a 1955 D-Type, or a 1990 XJS V12 Convertible – she had seen pictures in a book. If there are any volunteers, especially for that D-Type ...

The International Jaguar Festival in Colorado Springs is looking for judges.

2000 Jaguar Calendars – Paul has received an order form. After discussion, it was decided that he would work through the dealership to order for

club members.

The Antique Auto Club is holding a “Cars of the Century” show on September 18-19 at the Nepean Sportsplex. If you want to show a car (must be 1979 or older, unmodified), contact them by September 1st. Paul has the forms.

Speakers/Topics

A discussion of possible speakers and topics for the next year. Suggestions from the membership included the following:

- Frisby Tires
- Pneus Lavoie
Gatineau for a presentation on high perfor-

mance and old style tires

- Need for more technical subjects – hands-on stuff (Phil Karam)
- Wine tasting (Michel Lalonde)
- Chrome plating and polishing (Harry Brownell knows a plating Co. in Greely.
- Jaguar Ottawa on mechanicals
- Science Tech.Museum for a tour of their automotive warehouse
- Department of Environment re EPA mileage and emissions testing

Paul and Yann indicated they would look into these possibilities and

Thank you very much.

Life's highway

By Ron Foster

A man had been driving all night and by morning was still far from his destination. He decided to stop at the next city he came to, and park somewhere quiet so he could get an hour or two of sleep. As luck would have it, the quiet place he chose happened to be on one of the city's major jogging routes.

No sooner had he settled back to snooze when there

came a knocking on his window. He looked out and saw a jogger running in place. “Excuse me, sir,” the jogger said, “do you have the time?” The man looked at his watch and answered, “8:15.” The jogger said thanks and left. He settled in back again, and was just dozing off when there was another knock on the window and another jogger. “Excuse me, sir, do you have the time?”. 8:25 #%%! said the somewhat annoyed man.

The jogger said thanks and left. Now the man could see other joggers passing by and he knew it would only be a matter of time before another one disturbed him. To avoid the problem, he got out a pen and paper and put a sign in his window saying, “I do not know the time!” Once again he settled back to sleep. He was just dozing off when there was another knock on the window. Sir, Sir, yelled a jogger, its 8:45 !!

On the show car circuit

By Guy Larabie

For many years now, Louise and I have been plying the car show circuit as one of our favourite forms of week-end summer relaxation. From August 1 to September 1 we attended a number of events.

The activities began with 10 or so other OJC members when we participated in our annual pilgrimage to the Orléans Cruise night. This was quite a pleasant outing for all involved. For one thing, the weather was great. There were reported to be about 600 cars there including about a dozen Jaguars and a sprinkling of other imported automobiles. The sun shined from the moment we arrived until we left at 8:30 to go to a nearby Café for

food and libations on the terrace.

The following week, we drove down to Kingston with Jim and Gladys Walker for the annual Boot & Bonnet reunion. Paul Davis was already there when we arrived as was Herb & Barbara Wood arrived a short while later. Again, the weather was coo-perative and we had a great time.

A week later, Louise and I drove to Montréal and attended the Laval Auto Classic. Again, the Lord was smiling on car lovers as it turned out to be a gorgeous day. There were about 600- 700 cars there, but few imports were visible apart from two Jaguars, a couple of Triumphs, a solitary Ferrari and a very ingenious Harley Davidson powered Innocenti

micro car.

Finally, on September 1, we attended the annual Rockland Labour Day week-end Car Show and Swap Meet. Other OJC members present included Harry and Helen Brownell and Dave and Bonnie Brooks. As with the other shows, the weather was great.

While I am usually not an avid admirer of North American cars, I have to admit that those who share our passion for the automobile, in its various forms, are at least as serious as we are about their cars as we are about our Jaguars. There were literally hundreds of immaculate engine compartments, brilliant paint jobs and superlative interiors.



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By Walt Osborne

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available to you. These are outlined as follows:

- First, you can take a battery cable off or install a disconnect switch.
- Second, you can trickle charge the battery occasionally. Some of the older cars

have a small two-terminal jack provided for this purpose (Club member Phil Karam distributes an excellent electronic battery charger at a good price for fellow OJC members) .

- Third, you can jump start the car or rotate battery in and out of the car.
- Fourth, a new solid-state device has become available that disconnects the battery automatically when it falls below a certain voltage. When you turn the key

on, the device automatically reconnects and starts the car. This is a patented device called "Priority Start." This device also disconnects for any drain on the battery such as leaving the lights on, etc.

Having said all of the above, the best solution is still to drive the car often and not only keep the battery charged but also enjoy the car. While this solution may not be acceptable to those who live in the snow belt and put their cars away for the winter, they can achieve the same objective by running the car in the lane way or a well ventilated garage for at least 20-30 minutes each month.

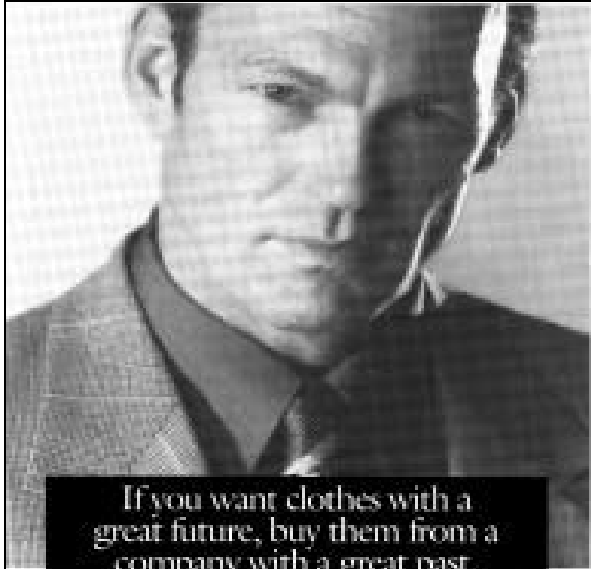
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