



Jaguar Jottings

April 2000

Executive

President:

Wendy VanderMeulen

Vice President: Michael Stott

Secretary: Guy Larabie

Treasurer: Roger Gough

Membership: Harry Brownell

Activities: Yann Robin

Concours Chair: Bob Hiland

Chief Judge: Harry Brownell

Technical Advisors:

Ted Powell 722-9397

Ron Sierolawski 729-9489

Jag Jottings is the monthly publication of the Ottawa Jaguar Club. It is produced for the information of its members and welcomes your participation.

General information:

Ron Sierolawski

351 Island Park Drive

Ottawa, ON K1Y 0A6

Phone: (613) 729-9489

Editor: Guy Larabie

(613) 445-2173

email: guylarabie@igs.net

Layout and production by

Patricia Robertson, OJC

(613) 729-8859 Fax 729-9489

or paddyrobertson@hotmail.com

A CONCOURS PRIMER

"It's the little things that count!"
Preparation and Presentation Tips for
judges and entrants

**Maximize efforts ...
minimize stress**

**Join the Club on
Monday, April 10th
7:30 at Capone's Restaurant
Industrial Road, Ottawa**

There will be a brief Concours Committee meeting afterward



*Michael Bell
accepts a gift from
the Club at our
annual March
dinner, held this
year at the
National Press
Club in Ottawa -
more photos p.3*

President's Message

Last month, I mentioned that John and I were discussing the possibilities of getting the XJ-S out of storage (our garage) in time to use it to go to Kingston on the 18th of March. Well, we did! It performed just beautifully – so much so that the Kingston Police even had to stop us and let us know, in no uncertain terms, how well it was running (or, in this case, should I say flying?). It's always a good feeling to have it out and on the road for another season.

While we were chatting with Kingston's Finest, your March Dinner was winding down. I understand it was very successful. Food was excellent, Mike Stott did a good job of being MC, and Michael Bell was very happy with his photo album of memories. I was glad to hear everything turned out as well as it did. Kudos to Yann for a job well done and thanks to Stewart for suggesting the National Press Club and for being our liaison with the NPC's powers that be.

Those who were at the February meeting will recall the short survey I had each one of you fill out. The results of the survey tell us that you want more technical speakers and visits. Your Executive will work hard to make that a reality for you. I know Yann already is working on a few ideas, and he will tell us at our April 10 meeting if there are any confirmed dates for any of these things. Another result of the survey is that everyone is satisfied with our schedule of social events. Not counting our March Dinner and December party, a few occasions in the summer seems to be what the majority expect. Now that summer is almost upon us, those activities will be starting up. Please make note of the dates on which these activities fall. I hope to see all of you at one activity at least this year.

Paul Davis passed an e-mail on to me. I'll quote it here, word for word, as I think there are several of you out there who may be inter-

ested in this project. From Mr. Brian Philby: "I am a British car enthusiast and have had the good fortune to have owned and driven many interesting vehicles over the years. I am now seeking other British car fans from around the globe who would be interested in seeing their pride and joy featured in a 2001 calendar themed "British Cars Around the World." There is absolutely no cost to any owner, and all owners whose cars are featured will receive a copy of the calendar. I would be eternally grateful if you could bring this project to the attention of your club members. Any interested parties should contact me at 407-699-8339 or e-mail at ringo66@earthlink.net. Many thanks."

Just a reminder: I'll be a Capone's for supper before every meeting, between 6:00 and 6:15. If you want to join me and visit or talk business, I'd be pleased to have the company.

Wendy VanderMeulen

March Munch photos

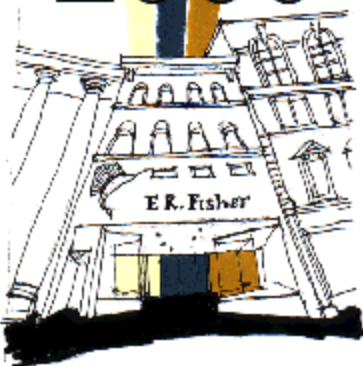


A fun group dined in style on March 18th.

Left: Alastair and Marthanna Allen along with Kathy and Bob Hiland. Right: Barb and Herb Woods, Catherine and Mark Roberts, and Mike Stott and Pauline Deziel.



E.R. Fisher 2000



Visit Our Newly Renovated Sparks Street Store

FINE MEN'S CLOTHIERS

Furze	Cambridge
Lipson	Keithmoor
Signum	Kolte/Italy
Hathaway	Hardy Amies
Gianni Rugli	Arnold Brann
Henry Grubel	Gianfranco Ferré

ERfisher

113 Sparks Street Mall
232-9636

Bayshore Shopping Centre
829-8313

The Ottawa Jaguar Club's 12th Annual

Concours d'Elegance

Saturday, June 10th

**Canadian Museum of Science & Technology
St. Laurent Blvd., Ottawa**

Advance Registration:

\$40 - Champion Class	\$10 - Club/Visitor
\$35 - Driven Class	\$15 - Dinner (each)

Events:

• Friday, June 9th

7:00 p.m. - The Welcome Mat is out at the Chimo Inn. Call 1-800-387-9779 for room reservations.

• Saturday, June 10th

9-12:00 - Registration
1-3:00 - Judging
4:00 - Awards, Best in Show, Door Prizes, etc.

•• Free passes to our World-Class Museum ••

Contact Bob Hiland, Concours Chair

(613) 692-4459

email: hilandb@attcanada.net

Tip of the Month

by Walt Osborn

Get ready for the summer heat!

For those of you residing in the Ottawa Area (the most northern point in the JCNA North East Area), we will soon be looking forward to nice hot weather and higher ambient temperatures.

As a number of old (and not so old) timers know, hot often spells trouble for Jaguars. To avoid any unpleasant surprises, it is recommended that we check the Jag over and do what we can to help it be more reliable. Coolant problems are the #1 reason for our cars to make an unscheduled stop.

Start by looking for coolant leaks. Using a small mirror on an extension, or from under the car, look particularly at the head gasket joint between the block and the cylinder head. If the cooling system is filled with a 50/50 solution of Ethylene Glycol antifreeze a leak will leave a telltale white powder trace, if it's dry. If it is leaking, try stop leak and re-torquing the cylinder head nuts.

Also, look at the coolant hose to metal joints for the same white trace. It may only leak a little when warm or vice versa. Check the resiliency of the hoses. Another place to look is the weep hole on the bottom of the water pump housing. This hole comes through the casting from the cavity between the pump seal and the shaft bearing. If it is leaking – have the pump rebuilt.

While there is no doubt that cooling problems can cause heat, there is another even more dramatic heat source that can ruin your day and that is an engine fire! Fuel injected cars are more prone to this problem because of the high pressure required in the fuel line for the system to work properly, i.e. over 180 PSI.

Just heard from another customer that is looking for parts because of a fuel leak. The fuel hose going to the cold start injector was "leaking a little." Sitting at a red light - he saw smoke start coming up from the right rear corner of the bonnet.

The owner promptly called the fire department on the cell phone and they arrived within a couple of minutes. Unfortunately, the damage was already done. It only took a few minutes to cause damages estimated at (hold on to your chair or whatever you're holding on to) over one thousand dollars U.S.!!

So, while checking for coolant leaks, also check to see if any fuel hose is hard or cracked, or seeping fuel. It's a real good idea to replace the fuel hoses before they actually start leaking. Where hoses are crimped on to fittings or injectors, they can usually be removed by sawing through the edge of the crimp piece. Use correct full circle clamps and fuel hose rated at 180 PSI.

Last but not least, carry a fire extinguisher and know how to use it.

Good luck!
Walt

P.S. We have fuel hose @ 5.95/foot and correct clamps @ \$1.00 each plus shipping.

(c) Walt Osborn 2000
This Weekly Tip Service is provided by Walt Osborn and his company, Vintage Jag Works. Address: 1390 West Hwy. 26, Blackfoot, Idaho 83221 USA Phone: (208) 684-4767 Fax: (208) 684-3386 Email: walt@vintagejag.com

Advertising in Jaguar Jottings

Full Page \$20.00/month, or \$200/year (12 issues)

1/2 Page \$10.00/month or \$100/year (12 issues)

1/4 Page \$5.00/month or \$50/year (12 issues)

Business Card \$2.50/month or \$25.00/year

Marketplace: Free to members; \$5 per placement to non-members

*Submit advertising copy to:
The Editor, Jaguar Jottings,
Ottawa Jaguar Club*

A Saga of Calendar

by Roger Cough

Rejoice! The Year 2000 Jaguar Calendars are here and will be available at the (er, ar-hum!) April meeting (honest, I promise!) at a discount of twelve months for the price of 10; namely \$10 each, no more, no less!

In fact, in view of this exceptional discount rate I am moved to claim that they are in reality only one month late. There is a story behind all this and if you care to read on I will explain.

Believe it or not, it involves our very own RCMP undercover man, 'Davis the Neverthere' and a super secret CSIS agent who goes by the Welsh code name 'Doreen the Diet' (like 'Jones the Milk', 'Morgan the Organ', or 'Llewellyn the Meat', etc.).

It all began sometime about ten months ago when the OJC executive decided in its collective wisdom that "Yes, the Club should buy the Year 2000 Jaguar Calendar." However, last year, of the sixty calendars purchased, and offered to members at *no charge*, twenty or so were unclaimed. So to avoid a repetition only thirty were ordered this year and it was decided that cost recovery at least should be the order of the day as *no charge* was definitely an idea quite deficient in revenue.

So, if you want one, come and see me soon with your ten bucks, or phone 613-837-2462 and promise faithfully to pay, then I

will keep one for you. Demand no doubt will be great and it will be 'first come, first served', and when they are gone, they will be truly gone; there ain't any more, anywhere!

I can hear the cries now: "But why were they not here earlier?" "Why are they so late?" To the first the answer is: "They were here earlier—they missed the January meeting by just five days!" To the second question the answer is a long story and that is really what I am writing about.

So, in August, in response to the directive of the executive, yours truly sent off an order and a cheque to the distributors somewhere in deepest and darkest Ohio. Then I went to sleep. I woke up in mid-November with the thought, "Where are those calendars?" Actually the thought was provoked by a realization that the cheque had not been cashed and if it did not clear the banks soon it would become stale dated and we would be in danger of having no calendars at all. This then was a disaster to be avoided!

Fortunately I found an 800 number for the distributors, so I called. No one answered. So I called and called and called. On December the 8th I got lucky; someone answered: "Oh, that's not our department. You need to speak to Brenda." Brenda's number was better than the first; although, like the first, there was nobody to answer it, there was an

answering machine. So I left a message appropriate to the matter and requested a call back. Believe it or not I finally reached Brenda, her very own self, on December the 29th! "Oh," she said, "they were mailed on December the 17th via US Mail." "Brilliant!" I thought, "they're lost in the Christmas rush." It seemed to me to be a bit less than smart to mail them in the Christmas rush.

Anyway I was a bit more than smart (for me that is) and I had the great idea of asking where they had been sent. Brenda said to an address on Albany Crescent. "What?" I cried, "I don't live there! Who does?" "Oh," says she, "a fellow by the name of Davis." "Oh," says I, coming back down to earth, "would that be a Paul Davis by any chance?" "Yes," said she. "Thanks and a Happy New Year," said I. End of conversation, start of another: "Paul, have you received the Jag Calendars yet?" Answer: "No, but I'll look out for them."

Nearly three weeks into January, after many more calls, I finally got the word "they are here!" My response: "That's a relief. But Paul, I have a problem; I won't be at the February Meeting. Please will you take them and distribute them? I am going to Cuba for a week." Well, that little matter settled and left in the capable hands of one of Canada's finest, I went off worry free to a week of surf and sun and fun and *no snow*! It was wonderful!

Continued on Page 6

continued from page 5

Well those who stayed in Ottawa know very well what happened —two great dumpings of the white stuff in less than a week. Now that immediately enabled our undercover man to put into effect one of the requirements of his job which is 'keep 'em guessing'. So while the February meeting was pondering on the Calendars and the whereabouts of their missing agent, I can tell you in confidence that he was definitely operating undercover on a very important mission — trying to free his car from underthecover of you know what so he could get to the meeting. You might say: 'Mission unaccomplished!'

"OK, Paul, I understand, not your fault at all. We'll just have to do it at the March Dinner." "I won't be there," says he. "OK ,then I'll do it, just get the Calendars to me." However, a week before the dinner, Davis the Neverthere tells me he willbethere; he had ordered a ticket and said also he would take the Calendars along.

Well, did you guess it? He kept us guessing again. The man who seemingly is neverthere, true to form, wasn't-there! And unfortunately, neither were the Calendars. So that is why you'll have to wait until the April Meeting to get your hands on them.

Of course, there is good and excusable reason for what happened (or what didn't happen you may say) related to unexpected visitors, overwork, under the weather feelings, and other oppressive and undercover things

(bed clothes this time!). However, I am pleased to report that our man is recovered and was last seen skulking around the CSIS parking lot just off Ogilvie Road.

By now you must be wondering just where Doreen the Diet comes in to this tale. Well as I said she is a super secret CSIS agent who every Tuesday is admitted to the CSIS inner sanctum for briefings extremely confidential on matters often very weighty. She leaves at a time which I am of course not permitted to disclose but nevertheless arrangements were made with our trusted RCMP colleague to meet her there to hand over the treasured goods because again true to form he had told me, concerning the April Meeting, "He wasn'tgonnabethere." (You see why I call him Neverthere?)

"Meet you at the Ogilvie Road entrance," says he. So Doreen the Diet, on leaving the hallowed sanctum, strategically positions herself at the appointed time facing the road entrance awaiting our trusted servant's arrival. You guessed, but I bet you got it wrong! He wasthere, but true to form did not arrive from the expected direction and not in the expected Jaguar either—keeping us guessing to the last!

So the cloak, but not dagger, meet occurred, the mysterious plain brown paper parcel fur-tively exchanged hands, and the agents departed on their way — all in the sight of the CSIS security cameras, can you believe?

I'm inclined to worry that, after that little operation, if CSIS is on the ball, our undercover man may hence forth nevereverbe-there and if Doreen the Diet disappears also we can say that it is CSIS who got their man (and woman) and she won't everbethere either.

The good news is that I have the Calendars and *they willbethere!* See you at the April Meeting.

Note 1: For those not in the know: Doreen the Diet actually works for Weight Watchers and conducts a weekly 'at work' meeting at CSIS.

Note 2: Contrary to repeated rumour I went to Cuba on my spouse's hard earned funds, not on those of the Club—honest, believe me!

K. Walsh & Associates
90 Yongville Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M6R 1A9
TRAVEL SERVICES INC.

Tel: (416) 929-5964

Fax: (416) 929-0051



Wendy VanderMeulen

Independent Contractor

E-Mail: wendyv@sympatico.ca

Tel: (613) 833-3543

Fax: (613) 833-0553

Global Auto Care INC.



723-8717
PARTS AND SERVICE

**“WE THINK THE WORLD
OF OUR CUSTOMERS”**

Michael Shore

- * Jaguar Canada “Master Technician”
- * Jaguar Canada “Service Manager
Fellowship” Award Winner

Michael Doherty

- * Jaguar Canada “Member Technician”
- * Extensive Factory Training

Mike Vanriemsdyk

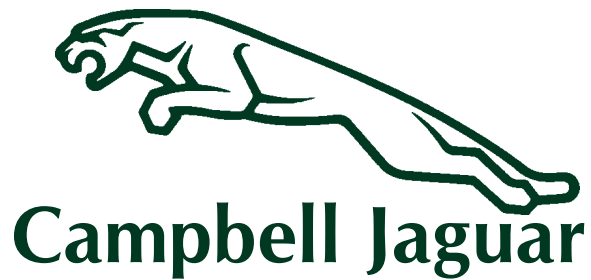
- * Jaguar Canada “Member Technician”

Igor Ratushny

- * Japanese and European Specialist

Complete repairs - Minor to Major
Computerized 4-Wheel Alignment
Special Labour Rate Discount to OJC Members
Parts Available

1796 Woodward Drive at Maitland



Just because we are one of Ottawa's
newest and finest dealerships,
doesn't mean we are more expensive.

We are totally familiar with all Jaguar cars
and have the personnel to diagnose and fix
any problem quickly and accurately. This
saves you time and cost when you need a
proper job done right the first time.

***Campbell Jaguar offers a 10% discount to members of
the Ottawa Jaguar Club.***

.....

1500 Carling Avenue (at the Queensway)

Tel: 688-0250 Fax: 725-1893

Email: julie.sauve@campbelljaguar.com

www.campbellford.com