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September Meeting

**Monday, Sept. 11th
7:30 at Capone's Restaurant
Industrial Road, Ottawa**



Frank Basten's VdP and **Stewart Robertson's** XJ6C snagged the best parking spots at the 2000 Aylmer Car Show – it was lovely and cool in the shade on the best show day of the summer!

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A Typical JCNA Member

We teased you with this in the last issue of Jaguar Jottings. Now you can see if you fit into the mold.

A typical JCNA member is a high income, educated mid-50 year old married man owning two Jaguars - an E-type or XK and an XJS. He likes to drive his Jaguars and cares for them himself. If his car required restoration he did about half the work and hired out the rest. He aspires to doing more work on his car in the future.

He is an active person. He plays golf or tennis, likes to go out to dinner and vacations frequently. He appreciates finer things like antiques or art and music. Given his age and financial status he has traveled extensively.

He makes a good living but is committed to a lot of expenditures; home, cars, children, lifestyle, and Jaguars.

He is only able to attend club functions a few times per year and makes the Concours a priority. He also likes to go to a tech session if he can and attends the holiday party or a dinner once a year.

The main thing he sees from JCNA is the Jaguar Journal. He has also ordered a vehicle report from the archives.

He reads at least one of the main automotive magazines (R&T, Automobile, etc.) and picks up Jaguar World or British Car off the newsstand. He gets a lot of information on new models including Jaguars from the major magazines.

He likes the Journal because it focuses on the cars that he loves. He therefore wishes it were more focused on details of Jaguars that he cannot get from other magazines. He would like it to have more information about restoring and preserving his Jaguar and ways to keep his car in good running order. He passes by the articles about JCNA or news items on Jaguar cars finding it uninteresting or considering it advertising by Jaguar.

He appreciates the work that goes into the Journal considering it good for a club effort, but wishes it were bigger and had better and more colour photography.

He loves his Jaguar, enjoys driving it once in a while on nice weekends and has taken it to the club Concours the last two years.

He is getting a little burned out on the club events. They seem to be a bit repetitious and too socially oriented. He wishes they had a tour

he could go on. He may not rejoin next year as all he really gets from it is the local newsletter and the Journal and he would rather spend the money on a subscription to Jaguar World.



Editor's Note:

Wow!! I have no intent on trying to put together information on "a typical OJC member" but it would certainly be interesting to receive your comments, either on this article or on your wish list for our Club, and for my benefit, comments on the monthly Jottings. No names - no pack drill, just forward your comments to me [Jim Walker].

Thanks.

OJC Web Site:

*We have an address –
www.ncf.ca/~en900*

*We are working on having it
changed to a more identifiable
name - i.e. www.ncf.ca/ojc.*

Events Calendar

Sept 3	Rockland Street Show, Rockland, ON
Sept 15-16	British Invasion, Stowe, Vermont
Sept 17	Bronte British Car Show
Sept 24	Y2K Northeast Regional JCNA Slalom, Springfield, MA
Oct 7	Our annual "Colour Drive"
Nov 18	Go-Kart night
December 9	Christmas Party at Hugh Siddons new house

President's Message

I think this will be referred to as "The year we had no summer." Other than the beautiful four days that we were blessed with on August 12-15, there hasn't been a heck of a lot of hot, sunny days. But look at it this way: crummy summers like this really help us appreciate the good ones when we get them!

Of course, there are still some good days coming. There has to be - we're going to be at Place D'Orleans cruise night on August 23; we're going to enjoy a drive to the country and a fun day socializing with the Morgan Club on August 27; and look at all the other events Yann has planned for us and we will, of course, have marvelous

weather. Hope to see all of you at some of them.

Thanks to Jim Walker for providing an Editorial Comment last month. Yes, **John Charman** and I were in Alaska, although not "tramping the wilds." We were on a cruise of a different sort. The boat we were on was only 90 feet long and is reported to accept 70 guests. There were 73 on our trip, so we were really crowded! Not really, but it was a great trip. Ask me and I'll tell you how much greater it is than seeing Alaska on a large cruise ship. I just had a thought - a boat like this would accommodate the entire Ottawa Jaguar Club! Wouldn't that be a Club Event to remember!!

As Jim mentioned last month, he thought something controversial would be good for the Club. Funny that this is also the time of year when we start thinking about next year's Executive. Is there a connection? Every year, we struggle to find people to serve on the Executive. Every year, there are people on the Executive who have already served in one capacity or another in the past. Why is it that about 10 per cent of the Club members do about 90 per cent of what it takes to make the Club run? Commit yourself to being a contributor for next year. It can be a very rewarding experience. Really! Ask me, I'll tell you.

Wendy VanderMeulen

Market Place

This newsletter accepts advertisements in good faith, but we suggest it is in your best interest to make every effort to check offers personally.

For Sale: 1984 XJ6 Sovereign, Right Hand Drive, imported in '99. Needs some work, plenty of parts available. 115,000 miles. Willing to sell parts or car complete. Asking \$1500. Call Barry Moore at (613) 256-8554.

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Tip of the Month

by Walt Osborn

All Models - Broken bolts and fasteners

Sometimes there is no way to get a screw or a bolt out. It just breaks. Particularly if it has been there for a long time and the threads are rusted or corroded. The corrosion residue expands and binds the threads tighter. It also roughens the thread surfaces. Between the two, the fastener becomes bound up and will not move.

There are, however, a few remedies for preventing breakage:

1. Try to soak the rust with some kind of penetrate. There are many different brands out there. I use "PB Blaster", but there are others that work, even kerosene seems to work well. These products can seep into the rust and help the corrosion

crystals to collapse. Repeated soakings are sometimes necessary.

2. The shock treatment. Use a hammer and punch to whack the head of the fastener. The sudden shock will sometimes break the grip of the corrosion.

3. Heat. On some castings, heat can be applied without destroying something adjacent. On cast iron the casting should be heated until red and then the fastener removed. This is very effective in removing studs from exhaust manifolds. On steel parts, do not heat until red hot because the threads will usually gall. Heat only enough to get some enlargement of the part. Using heat on aluminum works only to a limited degree but the threads in the aluminum tend to gall easily, so here again only enough heat to readily evaporate water splashed on

the part (spit works well and may be the handiest source of liquid).

Do everything possible to keep from breaking the fastener. The above is mostly concerned with fasteners in threaded holes. For those, which go through from one side to the other and have a nut, which is exposed, it's much easier.

If the fastener is broken there are still some options. If enough of the shank is exposed, I still use the same methods and use vise grips (locking pliers) or weld a nut on the exposed shank of the broken fastener. When the fastener is broken off flush, much more care must be exercised to save the casting or part. I drill a small pilot hole in the centre. If possible I mount the part in the drill press to assure squareness. Sometimes the new left hand stud extractor drill bits work. But, they require a reversible drill or drill press. Next drill with the correct size tap drill, tap out the residue of the stud's threads and examine what is left. If they are okay - you are done. If not, better use a Heli-coil or a similar thread repair insert.

Good Luck!

Walt

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Aylmer Car Show

Jaguars were the majority in Class 20 (Non American) at the 9th Annual Aylmer show, on 13 August. **Raymond Redshaw** won best in Class. It was the nicest Sunday we'd had, weather-wise, this summer. There must have been at least 400 cars, mostly American. The show was excellent.



Raymond Redshaw's car gleamed in the sun



Mark and Catherine Roberts with young Sarah and James

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A late-arriving photo from the 2000 Concours – **Ray Redshaw** receives the Hershenhorn "Best in Show" award from Club president **Wendy VanderMeulen**.

Moggies on the Grass

This past Sunday (August 27th), three Jaguars made the trek (via the Stittsville Flea Market) to Phantom Farms near Almonte for a picnic hosted by the Morgan Club of Ottawa. **John Charman, Wendy VanderMeulen, Yann Robin, Barb Woods and Paddy Robertson** enjoyed a lovely afternoon chatting with new friends. The weather was beautiful, and we had a tour of a very interesting barn and stables. Yann's Mk II was a definite hit.



By the way, for a while Jaguars outnumbered Morgans, but they soon caught up and tied us for first place in (auto) attendance figures!

Thank you to the Morgan Club for their gracious invitation!

Notes from the August Meeting

By Guy Larabie

President Wendy opened the meeting in the presence of about 30 members. As was not often the case this year, the weather was quite nice and a good assortment of Jaguars showed up in the parking lot.

Wendy began by encouraging members to participate in the Jaguar Touring Club annual Concours d'Elegance in New Jersey. This event will take place on September 23rd, which is a great time of the year, not too warm or too cold. We have also been invited to a country "garden party" being hosted by the members of the local Morgan Club. This event will take place on August 27th at Phantom Farms near Dwyer Hill.

Wendy also informed the membership of a new book by Philip Porter, "Most Famous Cars in the World", which has recently become available. Going on to another topic, she thanked members who attended the Manotick Classic Boat and Car Show as well as those who attended the Aylmer Car Show.

Phil Karam was quite happy at having attended both shows with his XK120 Roadster as he won a free Caribbean Cruise for two at the Manotick Show on the Saturday. **Raymond Redshaw**, on the other hand, won his class at the Aylmer Car Show and received a nice trophy, on the Sunday. I think quite a few people may be flocking to Manotick next year, especially if they continue to raffle off free Caribbean cruises!

Yann Robin was away on vacation but you can see the listing of upcoming activities in the Events

Calendar section.

Our guest speaker, Yoni, from Larry's Driving School, arrived and was quickly pressed into service. He gave an "inspirational" talk on defensive driving saying he didn't believe in "accidents" because most could be avoided with the exercise of good judgment, common sense, a good attitude, luck, defensive driving knowledge and practice. He claimed that most drivers who have been driving for 20-30 or even 40 years or more without major "accidents" were probably just lucky. A short one hour driver's assessment would probably be beneficial to most drivers as every one picks up bad habits and few drivers keep abreast of changes in the Rules of the Road. Yoni's comments were followed by a short question and answer session. Wendy thanked Yoni, who had received a healthy round of applause, and then turned the meeting over to the floor.

Frank Basten commented that he was quite impressed by the field of cars (approximately 411) at the Aylmer Show. There was a wide diversity of cars and the quality was quite good. Eleven Jaguars showed up for the Import Class and as was mentioned, **Raymond Redshaw** won "Best Import" with his beautiful MKII sedan.

Harry Brownell reported that we have approximately 65 paid up members. This does not include spouses or significant others who participate in club events.

Our treasurer, **Roger Gough**, openly declared, "I like money, bring it to

me," as Wendy turned over the proceeds of our golf shirt sales. He gave an abridged financial report and members were happy to learn that most of our bills are paid off and we have a couple of thousand dollars in the bank.

There was nothing to report from the Vice-President or the Secretary. It seems July was a slow month administratively.

Wendy gave a quick update on our WEB Page development. Christine Clarke is working on it and we hope to have a final product by summer's end.

The meeting was then adjourned and members set off for the parking lot for some chitchat and car talk.

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