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OJC Annual Christmas Party



Where: Mike Stott's home
 15 Nesbitt St., Nepean, Ontario
 596-9484

When: Saturday, 9 December 2000
 7 p.m. – until the last one leaves

Cost: \$20.00 CDN per person.
 Buffet style food and BYOB

Directions: Take Queensway to Moodie Drive exit. Head North on Moodie to Carling Avenue, at traffic lights. Turn left onto Carling then immediately right onto Grandview Rd. Nesbitt Street is the 2nd turn to right off Grandview (about 200 yards from Carling) #15 is about half-way down Nesbitt Street on the left.

Remember: There will not be a December Meeting

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Membership in the Ottawa Jaguar Club

What are the benefits?

*Monthly meetings
Enjoyable events
Annual JCNA-sanctioned Concours d'Elegance
Subscription to Jaguar Journal
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Krown Rust Control, Campbell Jaguar
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*Dues are \$50 per year payable by December 31, 2000
\$60 starting January 1, 2001*

*Contact Harry Brownell, Membership - 613-774-3649
See the form attached to this newsletter*

Local Tips

Paul Davis provided the following information:

(1) General Auto Glass & Upholstery (Robert Villemarie, 828-8100) did a great job in replacing my headliner, the cost was \$267.50 including taxes. They also did the R&R on my windshield and rear window as part of the work I had done at Lusitania and it appears to be solid work. At this time I should also mention the great paint and body work done by Lusitania. After 5+ months of curing, it looks great.

(2) I ended up going with Pirelli P4000 tires as a replacement for the old Pirelli P5s. They were purchased through Campbell Jaguar and cost \$694.37 for 4 tires mounted and balanced including taxes.

- If any member has a slightly worn Pirelli P4000 tire (205/70VR/15), I'd be interested in purchasing it to use as my spare tire.

Editor's Note: Thanks, Paul. If any other OJC members have tips to pass on, please contact me at my e-mail address: manotickwalker@yahoo.com. This kind of information exchange is extremely beneficial and can save both money and time when it comes to shopping around for quality work at a reasonable price!



**We are always looking for good photos for Jag Jottings - colour, black & white or digital. Originals will be returned.
Contact the Editor.**

Events Calendar

Dec. 9, Sat. Christmas Party
at Mike Stott's residence

Jan. 8, Mon. First Club
Meeting of 2001 at Capone's

March 2001 March Munch!

June 9, Sat. OJC Concours
d'Elegance



Photo: Shannon Lee Manion

One cool cat!

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: 1000 lb. Engine stand \$75.00. Four P215/70R14 used radial tires \$20.00. Contact Dave Brooks at 613 728-5370.

This space is free to OJC members if you wish to sell parts or vehicles.

President's Message

Well, it's the end of another year and the end of my term as President. That means it's time to say thanks to those who have helped to make my job as President easier. Many, many thanks to **Mike Stott**, Vice President. I had to miss the March Dinner and the October meeting, and Mike very ably filled in for me on those occasions. As a matter of fact, I heard so many comments of how good a job he did that I'm looking forward to the year ahead, when he is the President of the Club!

Thanks to **Roger Gough** for keeping the books and keeping us in line with our finances. He knows his stuff and is doing a great job. Thanks to **Bob Hiland** for a terrific Concours. It was superbly organized and the location was a real bonus! Thanks to **Guy Larabie** for getting the meeting reports in our Jottings every month and for continuing to remind us that we have a library of magazines and manuals. Thanks to **Harry Brownell** for handling our Club memberships (and **John Charman** for putting together our membership directory) and keeping us on track with JCNA's mailing list. Thanks to **Jim Walker** and **Paddy Robertson** for their excellent work in putting our monthly Jag Jottings together.

And finally, thanks to **Yann Robin** for organizing the year's activities. Being Activities Director can be a thankless job, when the number of participants in each activity is so small, so thanks for keeping your spirit up and continu-

ing to organize various events. We (John and I) didn't make it to many events this year, but we sure enjoyed the ones we did make it to.

Speaking of which, we had a BLAST at the go-karting track on November 18th. Out of the 5 that showed up, only 2 of us had ever go-karted before, and for me, it'd been 23 years (not bad when I'm only 29, eh?!). So we were basically all novices racing each other (we had to share the track with others, as our group was too small to claim the track to ourselves). The standings for the Best Lap time – it's all monitored by computer and camera, and we each got a printout of our race afterwards. Best time, **Yann Robin**. Second was yours truly, third was **Peter Whitworth**, fourth was **Guy Larabie**, and fifth was **John Charman**. We all agreed that we were just getting

comfortable with our karts and the track when our 10 minutes were up. So, Guy and Peter raced again, improving their lap times considerably.

Anyway, it was so much fun, we thought we'd try harder to get more of the Club out some other time and do it again. We only need 12 people to have the track to ourselves; that is, we would be racing against each other, not with just whoever shows up at the track. I can think of lots of you who would have really enjoyed it. Where were you? Would you like to try it some other time? We'll talk about it.

In the meantime, I hope to see a good crowd out at the Christmas Party, Saturday, December 9, at Mike Stott's house.

Wendy VanderMeulen

Holiday Greetings

The members of the
Ottawa Jaguar Club
wish all of our affiliates throughout the
world sincere warm wishes for the
Holiday Season, and health, happiness,
and Peace in the New Year.



Tip of the Month

by Walt Osborn

Tach Generator woes 1959-67 cars

The tach generator located at the R.H. rear of the cylinder head is driven off the inlet camshaft. It provides a small current to the tachometer which is proportional to speed. This is a closed circuit which has nothing to do with the car's 12 volt electrical system. The main problem is improper installation of the tach generator. If the drive tang is not correctly lined up with the drive dog on the rear of the camshaft, it will not slide home properly. If the bolts (allen socket head screws) are then tightened up to pull it the rest of the way, it forces the tach generator shaft and bushing back into the housing and shortly the tach generator dies. The tang must be lined up and the tach generator must slide home by hand. Keep checking and trying until it does.

The other common problem is the

bakelite cover on the top with the two male spade connectors. It often gets smashed when removing or installing the engine or the cylinder head. Always remove the tach generator so it does not get damaged.

On the rear of the inlet camshaft, the drive for the tach generator is comprised of three parts: a drive adapter, a drive dog, and a circlip to hold the drive dog in place. Once in a while the drive dog wears out and must be replaced. The tachometer and tach generator can be bench tested by connecting them together with two wires with female spade connectors on each end of the wires and turning the tach generator with an electric drill. Slot the end of a piece of 3/8 wooden dowel and chuck it up in the drill. Put tape around the end of the dowel so

the tang of the tach generator will stay in place easily. Mount the drill in a vise. Holding the tach generator by hand, engage the tang in the dowel slot and run the drill. You should get a reading on the tachometer.

A simple test of a tach generator to see if it "works" is to touch your tongue to both terminals of the generator and turn the shaft with your free hand. You should just be able to feel a little current.

Good Luck!

Walt

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Notes from the November Meeting

By Louise Larabie

In the absence of the official Secretary at the meeting, I will attempt to provide concise minutes. There were approximately 28 at the meeting.

The nominations and election of the new Executive had been completed by the time I arrived (a little late). However, this is how it played out and here is the official new Executive of your Club:

President	Mike Stott
Vice-president	Dan Thompson (Montreal)
Secretary	John Smiley
Treasurer	Roger Gough
Activities	Barbara Woods
Membership	Harry Brownell
Concours Chair	Frank Basten
Chief Judge	Vacant

As President **Wendy VanderMeulen** stated, if anyone is interested in making a contribution and would like to see things done their way, they are more than welcome to offer their services as Chief Judge for the Concours. Speaking of which, it will be held on June 9th, 2001.

Dan Thompson, as the new vice-president elect, spoke a few words to explain how he saw the 'amalgamation' of the Ottawa Jaguar Club and the Montreal Club. Dan spoke of his parents being part of the original JOA-Montreal Club in the 50's when they were the proud owners of three

XK120's. The Montreal Club stopped operating in the early 80's and Dan has been the unofficial representative/organizer for the last decade or so.

Dan expects to that 50-60 members will pay dues to the OJC and their chapter will be called the JOA - Montreal and have their own meetings and activities. He expects to attend every second meeting in Ottawa and try to bring others to meet our members. There will be at least one page plus articles in our Jottings devoted to the Montreal Club.

Dan will be also organizing the event at Beaconsfield the last week of May. This is a very popular event and a great location. As this is the 40th Anniversary of the E-type, he would like to get 40 E-types in attendance. A good excuse to get them out of moth-balls. Should be fun.

By the way, Dan mentioned that he is also the first on the list for an F-type with Decarie Motors in Montreal. Lucky him!!!

A new person was introduced, **Emile Masbou** who later signed up as a member. He bought **Allan Sierolawski's** (Ron's son) '87 XJ12 and he also has an '87 XJS. [Ed. Note: It looks exactly like the Robertsons' XJS but with European headlights.]

On a separate item, a good website with lots of info. etc., is www.jag-lovers.org.

The Club's Christmas Party at Mike Stott's house will be held on Saturday, December 9th, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. until whenever. The cost is \$20.00 per person and BYOB. Directions were given out at the meeting and you can find them elsewhere in the Jottings. There will be a low-cost (usually under \$10) gift exchange on the premise of "bring a gift - receive a gift" basis.

As is customary, because of the Christmas Party, there will be NO monthly meeting in December. Hope to see you all on December 9th.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

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