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September Meeting

Monday, September 8th

7:30 pm at Capone's Ristorante

831 Industrial Road

"Guest" Speaker

Daniel Thompson

will discuss the in's and out's of JCNA



Waiting for a straggler ... too nice a day for sitting around.



*On the road again!
 Some of the group poring over the map
 outside a local "wildlife" park.*

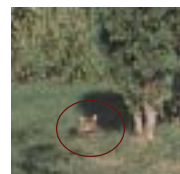


August 11th's Drive

Wendy VanderMeulen & John

Charman led us on a lovely drive through the farms east of Ottawa. We ended up with an excellent dinner at Myranda's in Orleans.

The only wildlife visible at the zoo is well camouflaged in this photo!



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Notes from the August 13th Meeting

John T. Smiley, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by **Michael Stott** at 7:30 p.m., at Capone's Restaurant, with 34 members in attendance.

Frank Basten invited **Stephane Bruneau**, Education and Interpretation Officer at the Canada Science and Technology Museum to give a short briefing on the future of next year's Concours. A discussion followed as to what improvements could be made regarding such things as signage, static displays and the availability of a tour of the warehouse. Stephane indicated that after this coming November, the Museum is planning to conduct tours of the warehouse.

Barb Woods has organized a trip to Kingston to attend the Boot and Bonnet Car Show on 26 August 2001.

Barb also reported on the proposed September Wine Tour.

Phil Karam had just returned from the U.K. and gave an interesting talk on his tour of the Jaguar factory at Brown's Lane and other auto related places of interest. Phil also passed around several magazines and articles he had picked up including the brochure on the new X-type Jag.

Paul Davis received a letter from North America Jaguar outlining their new image.

Michael Stott adjourned the meeting and the usual informal discussion and socializing took place.

Jag Artworks:

These are the details for anyone interested in the flyer Michael presented on Jag Artworks: website is www.racing-art.com or you can email cphillips@sympatico.ca or telephone 905 648-0329. If you are feeling somewhat technologically challenged after all this you can write to Chris Phillips, 23 McNeil Place, Ancaster, ON L9G 2N9.



Market Place

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Major Reduction in Price: 1994 XJ12 Sedan, burgundy/sand, transferable FADA Platinum warranty to January 2003. Now asking \$15,000. For details contact Michael Jackson at (514) 937-7605 or (514) 720-8543.

Moving to Mexico - 86 XJ-S Can't Come! Red with gray interior; built for American market; 34,653 miles (55,450 km). Everything metal is in excellent shape; some of the wiring and rubber needs attention. \$11,000 as is. Roger Heath, (613) 828-3592.

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President's Message

As I mentioned in a couple of meetings recently, things are afoot in the JCNA. There have been significant changes in the leadership recently and I thought it would be a good idea to get some feedback on what's been going on. After all, out of our annual OJC membership dues of \$50.00 almost half (US \$15.00 or C \$24.00) goes to JCNA. That's the biggest single item in our budget. So it would be worth our while to make sure we understand what is happening and also to make sure we get what we need from it.

In the past JCNA has been run by a closely-knit group of people who have been in their offices for a long time. Some have said that they have been there too long. On the other hand they have provided yeoman service which has been unpaid and frequently unrec-

ognized. Frequently, elections are unopposed and in some cases nobody is willing to stand for some of the vacancies so it's hardly surprising that the same names keep showing up over again. They are in many cases the only ones willing to put in the effort.

In order to help us navigate through the shoals of what's happening, **Daniel Thompson** will be giving a presentation at our 10 September meeting concerning the internal workings of JCNA and some of the current issues. I urge everyone to attend if possible so we can become acquainted and if necessary formulate some views and make them known.

Daniel, as you may know, is planning to run for Regional Representative next year.

Michael Stott

SPECIAL NOTE!

JCNA (Jaguar Clubs of North America) is holding the annual elections in October in order to elect Regional Directors for all the various regions in North America. You will receive a ballot in your October issue of Jaguar Journal magazine, which I urge you to fill in and mail.

I believe that we (the Canadian clubs) need more representation at the executive level of JCNA. Remember, almost one-half of your annual dues goes straight into the coffers of JCNA!

Please take the time to check the box marked "Daniel Thompson" and mail it in!

Editor's note: Anyone who has met Daniel Thompson cannot help but be impressed with his enthusiastic approach to things Jaguar. He is articulate and freely imparts his impressive knowledge of the Jaguar Marque and its history as well as his own family connection to Jaguar Clubs in the Montreal area. If you have read any of Ottawa Jaguar Club's "Jaguar Jottings" in the last year you will certainly have witnessed the impact that Daniel has had on our own Club. His initiative and creativity would certainly contribute to JCNA affairs and he is an outstanding representative worthy of your consideration. Your vote is critical in having Daniel elected to JCNA, so please take the time and effort to fill out your ballot and send it in to JCNA.

Jim Walker, Editor

OJC Events Calendar

September 8

Monthly meeting, 7:30

Sept. 14-16

British Invasion, Stowe, VT

September 16

Bronte Auto Show

Note: The Sept. Wine Tour has been cancelled due to a small turnout.



More humorous traffic signs from **Guy Larabie**



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JOA–Montreal: Editorial - We Are Surrounded by Jaguar Clubs!

Many of our members don't realize it, but we are "surrounded" by other Jaguar clubs here in the Northeast corner of North America. Of course, we Montrealers are fortunate to have the Ottawa club as neighbours and we will be sharing more and more events with them in the future. However, members should be aware that there are a total of 13 clubs in the Northeast division and many of them hold events that are both interesting and close enough geographically to attend.

Here are the clubs and the areas they serve:

Jaguar Association of New England: 234 members; serves Massachusetts and Southern New Hampshire.

Jaguar Club of Southern New England: 100 members; serves south central Connecticut.

Jaguar Touring Group: 200 members; serves northern New Jersey, south eastern New York and south west Connecticut.

Jaguar Auto Group: 46 members; serves southern New Jersey.

Empire Division: 52 members; serves metro New York City.

Jaguar Aficionados of Greater Buffalo: 59 members; serves the greater Buffalo area.

Jaguar Association of Central New York: 76 members; serves the Syracuse area.

Jaguar Drivers Club of Long Island: 110 members; serves Long Island area.

Delaware Valley Jaguar Club: 208 members; serves the Philadelphia area.

Nation's Capital Jaguar Owners Club: 237 members; serves Delaware, Maryland and the District of Columbia.

Virginia Jaguar Club: 20 members; serves the Richmond area.

Ottawa Jaguar Club: 54 members; serves the Ottawa region and eastern Ontario.

Jaguar Owner's Association – Montreal: 63 members; serves the province of Quebec.

Note that we have the Ontario Jaguar Owners Association with 146 members, serving Toronto, central and western Ontario. There are also two clubs in the Vancouver area.

The point of all this is that we can (and should!) plan on attending events that are held by our neighbouring clubs. The Ottawa concours was one such event, but the Toronto club also puts on a great concours. The Jaguar Association of New England holds a concours and rally in Sturbridge, Mass. every August. This is only a 4-hour drive from Montreal through some of the nicest roads in the Northeast.

I have spent the last 2 months gathering information on the various clubs in JCNA and the activities they host that we may wish to become a part of. I have also asked these clubs to forward me a copy of their newsletters every month so our club can be kept up-to-date on everything happening across the country.

JOA-Montreal Calendar of Activities 2001

September 9th, 2 p.m.–4:30 p.m. –

"Open House/Open Garage" meeting at Daniel Thompson's house in St. Bruno; a British car mechanic will be on hand to give advice (contact Daniel at 514-848-0716 to reserve a spot, spouses are invited and space is limited!).

Rain date September 23rd.

September 7-8-9 "Zippo" U.S. Vintage Grand Prix, Watkins Glen, NY

September 14-16 British Invasion in Stowe, Vermont

September 18 JOA meeting at Cote St. Luc BBQ

October ?? JOA drive in the countryside and brunch

October 16 JOA meeting at Cote St. Luc BBQ

November 20 JOA meeting at Cote St. Luc BBQ

December ?? JOA Xmas party at home of JOA president

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Duff Young - FundMonitor 1998

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Peter Brewster - Globe & Mail Report on Business; February 6th, 1997

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Larry Davis - This week in Business; January 27th, 1990

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For Sel

August 10, 2001

Dear Jaguar Club member,

I wanted to inform you of an important announcement we will be making today media. Effective September 1, we will be consolidating the North American operations of Aston Martin, Jaguar and Land Rover within one new organization.

As part of the Premier Automotive Group, Aston Martin, Jaguar and Land Rover share many common systems, business practices and franchise partners. Our integration in North America are designed to help provide a strong central organization that will execute aggressive growth plans for all three marques. This new organization will provide the critical mass to be a more serious challenge to BMW, Mercedes-Benz and Lexus in a non-competing product portfolio that does not compromise the integrity of the individual brands.

As the current President of Jaguar North America, and now the President of this consolidated organization, I am very aware of the need to keep the Jaguar tradition and core marque values alive and thriving. This new organization is about exactly the same as the marques special and unique, but providing the combined strength to grow the future.

I recently attended the 2001 JCNA Challenge Championship in Nashville, TN and was struck by the sheer enthusiasm, passion and dedication of all those who attended. It is this passion for Jaguar that must never be lost. I also believe that this further strengthens Jaguar's position in the market.

As you maybe aware, this month sees the relocation of all three companies to the Premier Automotive Group facility in Irvine, California. This move will help us make building this new organization and ensuring that we stay focused on the Jaguar Club member.

If you would like to read more about this announcement, you may take a look at the media news release by going to our media website at: www.media.jaguar.com

All the best

Mike

Mike O'Driscoll
President
Aston Martin Jaguar Land Rover North America

More Concours photography by Alan Heartfield of Selkirk, MB



A nice XJ-S Lineup



Phil Karam's variation on an XJ-S!
The X200.



Photography at the Concours is complicated by the soaring Atlas ICBM which towers over the site at the Museum of Science & Technology

Member Profile

JOA-Montreal will try to profile a different member of the Club every month. This month, we profile one of our younger members, Michael Rasmussen.

Personal Profile: **Michael Rasmussen**

Age: 37

Marital Status: Married to Margo; 2 children.

Profession: Officially a cabinet maker, but specializes in residential woodwork and restoring antique furniture. Michael restored the woodwork in his own Jaguar and would be happy to restore Jaguar woodwork for other club members (for a fee, of course!).

Car history: Michael just finished the "epic" ten year restoration of a 1966 Mk10 4.2 saloon. He did virtually all of the work himself including panel fabrication, welding and woodwork. The car was put back on the road in August of 2001 and the results are highly impressive. We will be seeing a lot more of Michael and his sleek, black Mk10 at future JOA events.

Michael has only ever owned one Jaguar. Before that, when he lived in Europe, he owned a succession of Alfa Romeo's.

Other information: A native of Norway, Michael is fluent in Norwegian, German, French and English. He met his lovely bride Margo in Norway and emigrated to Canada in 1989. Margo and Michael recently celebrated the arrival of the second child (a boy!).

Tip of the month

Horns

Up through about 1959 Jaguar ran the ground for the horn through the brush gear on the steering column. As it became dirty- it started arcing and wore the brush out prematurely. The fix, besides replacing the brush, is to install a horn relay so that the ground on the steering column only grounds the control circuit of the relay. Much less amperage and much longer life for the steering column brushes. For wiring diagram - just check one for later car such as a MK II.

P.S. Thanks Reno Jaguar Club.

Hard Start

If the engine in your car is hard to start, you may or may not have a problem with the starter. Pay attention to what is really happening. Does the starter really grunt to turn the engine over? If the engine is turning over okay, just not starting - you have a tune up or lack of spark or fuel problem.

If the starter is having a hard time turning the engine - especially when hot - you have a starter circuit problem. The starter circuit consists of the battery, the cables (3 or 4), the starter solenoid, and the starter. If the starter engages and disengages when you turn the switch on and off- the solenoid is probably okay.

The easy test on the battery is to run a

draw test. You can use an instrument or turn the head lights on bright and try the starter. If the lights go dim, nearly go out, there is a problem with the battery, starter, or the cables. Carefully jump start with another battery and jumper cables. Hook the jumper cables direct to the battery. If it starts right up - battery is low. If it's no better - problem is in the cables and/or the starter (assuming the jumper battery and cables are good). Battery may be low because it's not properly charged - charge the battery.

The three cables are:

- the positive between the battery and solenoid
- the negative from the battery to the body (these cables may be reversed on early cars)
- the ground cable between the engine and the body.
- and, some cars have a 4th cable from the remote solenoid to the starter.

If any connection gets hot, it is a poor connection - clean it.

If you now move the ground jumper cable to the engine instead of directly on the battery and the engine starts easier - the problem is probably a poor connection somewhere in the ground side of the circuit. The most neglected cable is the one from the body to the engine. A dead give away on this cable having "poor connection" is the throttle linkage or throttle cable gets warm or hot when trying to start the engine. If everything else checks okay, the problem probably is the starter.

Good Luck,
Walt

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