

May 2002

May Meeting
Monday, May 13th
7:30 pm at Capone's
Ristorante
831 Industrial Road



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Let's Go-Karting

By Jim Walker

It may not be Formula 1 racing but it sure was fun! It's much more interesting being behind the wheel in a race than watching it from afar. About nine of us from the OJC spent part of a Saturday afternoon at the Top Karting indoor racing track in Hull where for about \$20 per 10 minutes you can lose yourself amidst the roar of engines, the smell of burning rubber, the challenge of competition and the constant colour and lights of the fabulous indoor track. Not only that but you get to dress the part with racing togs (coveralls), hairnet (for those with flowing tresses), helmet and visor.

As a 'first timer' on the track I was impressed with the instructions we received prior to racing. A high degree of concern was shown for safety and I felt confident at the outset.

There were eight of us in the first race and I started in 4th position for the practice/familiarity lap. Nice! A smooth start, responsive steering and very little fade in the sharp turns. I was very happy in my little world imagining spraying champagne in the winners circle when I was suddenly awakened to the reality that this was no Sunday walk in the park. This



*Yann in his favourite position -
'leading the pack'*

was a Race and someone (Yann) had just zoomed past me disappearing around the next turn before I could ingest any of the large amounts of testosterone hanging in the air. The wake-up call was good because I then got serious, quit dreaming,

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Market Place

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

1963 MK 10 for sale, 50 miles, auto, pb, ps, pw, leather interior, two tone black and silver. Contact Lou Sebesta 737-4278. Car is in Kingston, Ontario.

E-Type 1970 Roadster, brown with tan leather interior, 4.2 litre, 4-speed, 70K miles, no rust. Only 3500 of these built, \$32,995 U.S. Located in Dallas, Texas. View photos at <http://www.shutterfly.com/my/osi.jsp?i=67b0de21b31d39ef45c2on> or contact Marty Malliton at (214) 797-2886

1985 XJS for sale. Antelope brown. About 100k miles. Great body, absolutely no rust, never winter driven. Brand new cooling system, radiator, hoses. Converted a/c. \$7500. Contact Stewart or Paddy Robertson, 729-8859 in Ottawa.

This space is free to OJC and JOA-Montreal members. If you wish to sell parts or vehicles, contact the Editor (details page 1).

OJC's Activities for 2002

The following activities are being planned for 2002. If you have any suggestions or want to help, please contact **Wendy VanderMeulen** (613-833-3543) or one of the team members mentioned below.

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|--------------------|---------|---|---------------|
| Sun., Apr.28 | 2 pm | Rally/Bar-b-q (at the Woods' residence, Kanata; cost \$10) | CANCELLED |
| Sun., May 26 | 11 am | Drive to Hudson, PQ for British Car Show (leave from St.Laurent Mall promptly at 8:30 am) Tail Gate Picnic included! | Wendy V. |
| Sun., June 2 | 10 am | ByWard Market Auto Classic 2002 | |
| Fri., June 14 | 7 pm | Concours Hospitality Night | Concours Ctee |
| Sat., June 15 | All day | Concours d'Elegance (Museum of Science & Technology) | Concours Ctee |
| Sun., July 7 | 10 am | Picnic drive to Fort Henry | Robertsons |
| Sat., July 20 | 11 am | Slalom (Rain date, July 21) (Aviation Museum confirmed) | Frank Basten |
| Sun., Aug.18 | 10 am | Tentative - Picnic drive to Buchanan's in Burnstown (leave from Pinecrest Mall) | Wendy V. |
| Fri-Sat, Sep.13-14 | | British Invasion , Stowe, Vermont | |
| Sat., Oct.5 | 3 pm | Colour Drive and Dinner | Wendy V. |

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OJC Meeting Notes, April 8, 2002

The meeting was called to order by **Daniel Thompson** at 7:30 p.m., at Capone's Restaurant with 25 members in attendance.

Ron Woltman, President of the Motor Sport Club of Ottawa, gave an interesting talk on how to organize a slalom event. The MSC of Ottawa has a long history and experience in this type of event and if there is enough interest by OJC members, they would assist in running a slalom. A tentative date would be either 20 or 21 July and the cost to each member participating would be \$50.00. Ron's club would also be able to provide the timing devices and cones with the liability insurance being covered under the Motor Sport Club of Ottawa. Ron will discuss this with his executive and confirm their participation.

Daniel Thompson discussed some of the highlights of the Kansas City meeting and it is hoped that an effort will be made to standardize Concours judging.

A proposal was brought forward

to have some new OJC business cards printed up in order for members to be able to stimulate interest in the Club and recruit new members. A short discussion took place as to what characteristics made up the profile of a 'new' jaguar owner and what we could do as club members to stimulate more interest for these younger new-car owners.

Daniel introduced **Evan Gamblin**, who has returned to the OJC after a few years absence. Evan is in the process of restoring his XK140 OTS. Welcome, Evan!

The Go-Kart event is still scheduled for 13 April 2002 at the Top Kart in Hull.

Barbara Woods is organizing a Rally to be held on Sunday, 28 April 2002. The cost will be \$10.00 per person.

The Hudson Car Show will be held on 26 May 2002 in Hudson, Quebec. A motorcade is planned to leave St. Laurent Shopping Centre at 8:30 a.m.

Frank Basten asked for some help with the upcoming Concours. Don't be shy if you are interested in helping out please contact Frank at 613 342-0467 or via email at

Fbasten@recorder.ca

Harry Brownell plans to run a Judging Seminar before the Concours so contact Harry if you are interested in judging. His seminar is extremely informative, especially for new judges, and helps to instill some of the confidence required in being a judge.

As of 8 April 2002, the Ottawa Jaguar Club has 56 paid up members.

Daniel Thompson adjourned the meeting and the usual informal discussion and socializing took place.

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JOA Montreal

JOA Montreal Spring Dust-off

By Daniel Thompson

The Jaguar Owners Association of Montreal held their annual Spring Dust-off drive on Sunday, April 21st. These days, you never know what the weather will bring, but we had enjoyed temperatures in the mid-80's for most of the week leading up to our dust-off, it was t-shirt and air conditioning weather! So it was with mild



Montrealers don't like rain but cold doesn't stop them. We had an excellent turn-out considering many owners of vintage Jaguars hadn't even had time to take their cars out of winter storage (but then again, that's the whole idea of a spring "dust-off"). Several E-types, a lovely MK2 on its first club outing, several XJS' and XJ6-12's and one X-type. Nobody was crazy enough to put the top down but it was possible with a "toque".

We were headed for a small English pub lost in the countryside about an hour outside of Montreal. The owner



of the pub was a British car and bike fanatic and she frequently invited clubs to come by for a pint and a steak and kidney pie. Problem was, none of us had ever been there and, truth be told, we couldn't even find it on the map! But club member **Gary Gilmore** (red XK120) is a regular customer of the pub and provided us with very detailed (long) rally style directions. So off we go into the cold and sunshine, the sight of a dozen beautiful Jaguars always stops traffic and

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surprise that I awoke Sunday morning to see the thermometer reading -1 Celsius (that's just below freezing for you Fahrenheit junkies). To make matters worse, it was cloudy at 7 a.m. Fortunately the sun was shining by the time the dust-off was to start and we were treated to a balmy +3 Celsius (38 Fahrenheit) by midday.

JOA Montreal

Calendar of Activities 2002

- May 21 Monthly meeting, Cote St Luc BBQ
- May 26 British car show, Hudson, Qc
- Jun 1, 2 Rendez-vous British, Lac Beauport, Qc
- Jun 15 OJC Concours, Ottawa
- Aug 25 Boot'n Bonnet, 13th Annual British Car Day, Kingston
- Sep 13, 14 British Invasion, Stowe, Vermont

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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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this trip was no exception. The route took us through some lovely small Quebec towns with names like Salaberry de Valleyfield, Ormstown, Godmanchester (Dewittville) and Rockburn. Along the way, we crossed the St. Lawrence river (actually Lake St. Francois) and the Chateauguay river. We traversed lift bridges, swing bridges and drawbridges that were too narrow for two cars. On the little road leading into Rockburn from Dewittville we were treated to the sight and sound of a flock of snow geese that passed about 15 feet over our heads on their annual migration north.

The pub food was great (as was the ale), the route and directions perfect; nobody got lost and nobody broke down. All in all a perfect day even if it was missing a few degrees of temperature!



Note: Rockburn Pub is in Rockburn, Quebec (just north of the flashing light, you can't miss it) and the phone number is 450-264-2239; ask for Joanne.

Cars and places

By Guy Larabie

Over the years, many automobiles have been named after interesting and/or exotic places. Some manufacturers were and still are quite creative in selecting names that would resonate with the buying public. Unfortunately, most of these cars did not live up to the excitement or charm associated with their namesakes. Here is a list of 25 such vehicles to test your wit. See if you can fill in the blanks.

To help you along, I have put in a few hints. The answers will be given in a future Jottings.

Alfa Romeo _ _ _ _ _	Was thought to be an homage to the Olympics.
Buick _ _ _ _ _	A land yacht introduced in 1964.
Buick _ _ _ _ _	Could almost be bought with Monopoly money.
Cadillac _ _ _ _ _	No orange peel paint on this one.
Cadillac _ _ _ _ _	Famous for its gold tone paint.
Chevrolet _ _ _ _ _	A justly forgotten compact car of the 80's.
Chevrolet _ _ _ _ _	Born in the seventies, it endured for two decades.
Chrysler _ _ _ _ _	Named after a famous racetrack.
Chrysler _ _ _ _ _	Famous for its rich Corinthian leather.
Dodge _ _ _ _ _	This would-be sports car was based on a K car.
Dodge _ _ _ _ _	A real favourite with skiers!
Dodge _ _ _ _ _	An urban cowboy's favourite.
Dodge _ _ _ _ _	You could easily lose your shirt with this one.
Edsel _ _ _ _ _	A warm and sunny kind of car.
Ford _ _ _ _ _	The new mid-size Fords for the seventies.
Ferrari _ _ _ _ _	A scuderia made car.
Hyundai _ _ _ _ _	A Korean cowboy.
Kaiser _ _ _ _ _	An uptown kind of a car.
Kia _ _ _ _ _	A favourite in Brazil.
Lincoln _ _ _ _ _	An effort to introduce French class in a mid-size.
Mercury _ _ _ _ _	A favourite with the Pebble Beach crowd.
Packard _ _ _ _ _	Packard could have moved their money there.
Panhard _ _ _ _ _	A real nice little car that very few people know.
Pontiac _ _ _ _ _	Born as a near muscle car, died as a sub-compact.
Pontiac _ _ _ _ _	A real gem for speed freaks.

Important JCNA website announcement

by Pascal Gademer
JCNA webmaster

Over the past few weeks, new software has been installed and developed on the JCNA website to offer clubs and members new services.

Online Scoring System

In 2001, the timely posting of scores was very successful and popular with members. For 2002 we now offer clubs an easy and convenient system to enter and submit their Concours, Rally and Slalom scores right on the Website. Results are immediately displayed on the site along with up to date standings; official reports are automatically generated from the data entered and ready to be mailed to the official scorekeepers.

Take a moment to look at the following page for details
<http://www.jcna.com/scores/scorehelp.html>

The new Online Scoring System has been designed for easy use and is compatible with any browser/computer. You don't even have to type in the name and home club of participants, they are looked up after you enter the participant's JCNA number saving a

lot of typing and reducing the risk of error. Note that VIN numbers are no longer needed. All you need to type in, is the class, place, JCNA number and score, it couldn't be easier!

Club Data Page

Club data pages have been improved and now present more information on your club and its activities by displaying the Calendar and Results on the same page making it an easy reference point.

Please review your club data and fill in the blanks as complete and accurate data will eventually allow us to export this for use in the official JCNA directory. Your club editor's address can now be listed and is important as many clubs have requested the creation of a mailing list for newsletter mailings.

Club Event Calendar

The JCNA online calendar is now fully automated and allow clubs to post their own events, sanctioned or not, with space to add additional information which couldn't be displayed before. After you enter your event, you can also generate a complete Sanction Re-

quest form making it easier. Details are available at <http://www.jcna.com/calendar/calhelp.html>

To update your club data, enter events in the calendar or use the Online Scoring System, please go to <http://www.jcna.com/php/login.php> and use your club current user name and password. If you do not have it, email webmaster@jcna.com (for security reasons, login info will only be emailed to addresses already listed on a club page).

Any question or suggestions, do not hesitate to contact me.

NEW JAGUAR BADGE

Baracat Design has introduced a new Jaguar E-Type car badge. It is \$50 plus \$5 shipping & insurance, available from Baracat Design, 125 West Main Street, PO Box 489, Rutledge, GA 30663 (706 557 8434).



Tip of the Month

By Walt Osborn

MK I & II Drive Shaft Vibration

(also affects the other sedans with two-piece drive shafts. Rear axle mountings are different but need to be looked at).

When the factory installed the shaft, it was balanced and everything was in its proper location. The pinion drive flange on the rear end was at the same angle as the drive flange on the back of the transmission.

Over the years as the center carrier mount wore or sagged, U-joints were replaced (and perhaps not exactly centered) and the rear axle mounting fatigued causing the drive shaft to develop a vibration. Another problem that is easy to spot is the index of the U-joint crosses. As you look along the shaft from one end to the other, the drive shaft yokes should line up with each other.

On MK I & II the upper links or torque arms on the rear end have large metalastic rubber joints, which fatigue. The spring eyes have bushings, which fatigue and the spring mounts to the body in large rubber pads. All of these rubber mounts can contribute to drive-line vibration.

Carefully look at each. The center carrier mounting sags. The U-joints wear, run out of grease, stiffen and cause vibration. Be careful when installing U-joints to use high quality, greaseable U-joints and install them so that the locks are centered or fully seated in the grooves.

Sometimes, so-called mechanics use large hammers to knock these apart and bend the yokes throwing the shaft off center and out of balance. Have the shaft professionally serviced and re-balanced.

Oil leaks- Jaguar- all models

It has been an ongoing problem with our cars to detect and correct oil leaks. In the early days, the garages were built with two strips of paving for the tires to run on and a wide strip in the middle of gravel or sand to absorb the oil leakage of the machinery. Today, garages are part of our homes and oil leaks are not tolerated. No drips are good. No seepage is ideal.

As the lubricants tend more toward synthetic and exotic additive packages, they are able to seep through some gasket materials and very small openings. So the oils of today are much harder to contain. Thus, we have some high tech sealers and gasket dressings

plus new gasket materials. The high tech way to locate oil leaks at the service facility is to put light sensitive dye in the engine, or power steering system or air conditioning, or transmission, or the radiator, etc. And then observe the suspect areas with a "black" light which reflects the light sensitive dye and the seepage or leak is detected at the source even though a whole side of the engine might be wet.

Reseal the leaky part and that area dries up. Up until recently the "black" light has been somewhat expensive. But a new small, battery powered pencil light is available made by Streamlight. It is available from most tool dealers in the U.S. for about twenty dollars or less. It does not react with all dyes, but most. The dye is also available in small one ounce or similar containers from the tool dealers and the auto parts stores for five to ten dollars. So for thirty dollars or so you can use the high tech approach to see where the oil (or antifreeze) is coming from.

Good Luck! Walt Osborn (c)

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and started to drive. The biggest surprise, aside from the sheer thrill of driving, was the amount of energy it took out of me over the ten laps. By the end of the race I was exhausted, physically and mentally, the latter not being much of a stretch!

Yann Robin won both races even though **Peter Whitworth** recorded the two fastest lap times. **Wendy VanderMeulen** and **Joelle Larabie** showed their mettle and were not to be denied a place on the winner's dais taking a third place in each of the races. **Frank**

Basten, our Concours Chair, won the most attractive hair-net award and finished the race out of the money along with **John Smiley**, **Louise Larabie** and myself.

All-in-all a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon. Thanks to **Guy Larabie** for organizing the event.



Frank Basten making a wide turn on the last lap.



L-R Frank Basten, Joelle Larabie, John Smiley, Wendy VanderMeulen, Peter Whitworth, Yann Robin.
What's under the hairnet Frank???

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