



Jaguar Jottings



October 2002

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

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Stowe, Vermont Annual British Invasion

There was a bit of apprehension surrounding the British Invasion this year.

First, the weather forecast was mediocre at best. Second, my wife and I were planning a BBQ on Saturday evening at a house we had rented for the weekend; the Key question: would anybody show up?

I'm happy to say that we achieved a 9 out of 10 on both fronts! The weather, predicted to be cloudy and rainy, turned out to be HOT and mostly sunny up until 8 p.m. on Saturday evening, after which time it was cloudy and rainy. There were no real fall colours to admire, unless you count the red hue of most participants' skin after getting sunburnt on Saturday!

The drive down was uneventful and enjoyable. I took the X-type this year. Those twisty, hilly roads between Enosburg and Jeffersonville are an absolute driver's dream! My wife was happy to report that she saw daylight under all four of my car's tires on at least one occasion. 100 m.p.h. in a 50 zone, what fun!

The show field was re-arranged for the better this year and the

expectation was for upwards of 600 cars. I would say they got pretty close to that, with the parking lot offering even more spectacle. The quality of cars seems to have gone up, too, as witnessed by the large amount of 100 point E-types in attendance. Montreal and Ottawa club members walked away with a LOT of silverware. I'm afraid I'll miss someone but I know **Jacques Bernard** received a trophy for his E-type; **Raymond Redshaw** a best in class for his beautiful Mk2; **Terry Watson** (represented by **Richard Grenon**) a 2nd in class for his recently acquired E-type, and so on, and so on. Congratulations to all the winners!

The BBQ was an unqualified success. We had homemade salads, marinated chicken breasts done on old fashioned charcoal, all the wine and beer you could drink and superb homemade pies for dessert. All of this in a large house, which backed on the Lamoille River just 5 minutes from the show field. Over 35 people from Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto came, including several kiddies, and the ambiance

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OJC Meeting Notes, September 9

John Smiley, Secretary

In the absence of Daniel Thompson, **Frank Basten** was designated as the vice-vice-Chairperson and opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m., at Capone's Restaurant with 27 members in attendance.

Wendy VanderMeulen reported that eight cars had attended the picnic lunch at **Jack Buchanan's** cottage on 25 August 2002 and a good time was had by all. Thanks to Jack and his wife Marion for the invite.

Hugh Siddons advised that the proposed weekend trip to Picton has been deferred until next year because of accommodation problems.

There will be a colour drive and dinner on 5 October. Everyone is to meet at Orleans Shopping Cen-

tre at 3:00 p.m. The dinner has been scheduled for Auberge de Gallant.

If anyone has a suggestion for a place to hold the Christmas Party, please contact Wendy at (613) 833-3543.

Frank Basten gave a short talk about repairs he had recently done to his car's air conditioning system, i.e. the removal of the dash and evaporator fan.

Guy Larabie introduced the guest speaker for the evening, **Peter Aliferis from Spartan Collision** who have been in business in Ottawa since 1955. Peter gave an extremely interesting talk on rust repairs, undercoating and the preservation of vehicles. He owns a VDP himself and has performed a complete undercoating job on that vehicle so he is well

aware of the areas that require attention in Jaguars. As a point of interest, Peter said that his father was the co-inventor of Ziebart. A lively question and answer period followed his talk and provided much food for thought on the various forms of undercoating available at local businesses, and the dubious warranties offered. "Buyer Beware". An invitation was extended to the Club to do a tour of his workshop at 1792 Bank Street. An evening session would be fine according to Peter.

It should be noted that the October Jaguar meeting will be held on 7 October, the first Monday or the month, rather than the second.

The meeting was adjourned and the usual informal discussion and socializing took place.



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OJC's Activities 2002

The following activities are planned for 2002. If you have any suggestions or want to help, please contact **Wendy VanderMeulen** (613-833-3543).

Sat., Oct.5	3 pm	Colour Drive and Dinner
Mon., Oct. 7	7:30	October meeting (not the 2nd Monday)
Mon., Nov. 11,	7:30	November meeting

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was great. This is definitely something we will be repeating next year. Here's hoping the Ottawa Club decides to come to Stowe again!

There is an idea floating around in conjunction with Jaguar being the featured marque at next year's British Invasion: perhaps the JOA-Montreal will host their first ever JCNA sanctioned Concours d'Elégance at the British Invasion. Just an idea right now, but watch this space!

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JOA Montreal president's message

Here we are, another October is upon us. I hope that all the members spent a great summer with plenty of enjoyable driving.

Two events of note passed in August and three in September.

In August, we enjoyed the visit of the New Jersey club to Montreal and Mont Gabriel and the drive and brunch at Rube's. In September, we enjoyed a superb brunch/BBQ hosted by club members Michael and Margo Rasmussen. I would like to offer my thanks to them for a "wonderful time". At the regular monthly meeting we enjoyed a large turnout and were treated to a tour of the new Decarie Motors premises. Thanks go to Bruce Segal and the team at Decarie for a fascinating tour and to all the Club members who came out in force to attend.

Finally we enjoyed a superb weekend in Stowe, Vermont for the British Invasion and were treated to a BBQ on Saturday evening hosted by club members Daniel and Mady Thompson. The weather was great and we were pleasantly surprised to see 35 people turn out for the BBQ. The Montreal Club would like to

encourage more people from the Ottawa Club to attend the Stowe show; recent improvements and the new BBQ have made it worth the trip!

The club has put in place a new policy regarding monthly meetings. At each meeting we will endeavor to invite an interesting guest speaker or someone to give a presentation. The Decarie Motors tour was the first such initia-

tive. The next monthly meeting is scheduled for October 15th and we have already confirmed as a speaker a representative of Jaguar Canada's technical team who will address the crowd and answer questions. See you there!

Happy driving and thank you for supporting your club,

Bill Taylor

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JCNA Politics—Fact or Fiction?

Who Says JCNA Politics aren't interesting? Here is a recent exchange between some of the executive including our very own Daniel Thompson. The exchange was sent to all Jaguar Club newsletter editors by Judy Ferring who asks the question, "are you interested enough in the national organization to get involved somehow." Judy's email address is jagman@sprynet.com

If you have any comments, pro or con, after reading this exchange please forward them by email or post to Jim Walker at manotickwalker@yahoo.com or 6623 Marina Drive, Manotick, ON K4M 1B3

September 10, 2002

To: Daniel Thompson

From: Barbara McPherson

Subject: And the dabate (sic) goes on.

Dear Mr Johnny Come lately,

What makes you think the Directors want or need your material to chew on?

Are you saying that the Spouse of

the Director can't qualify on their own to serve??

We have 4 grown sons and my advise (sic) is that you spend your energy and time with your precious children as they need you more than JCNA. Thanks for the advice about our retiring as Regional Directors. You are entitled to your opinion. Sorry you can't attend the Board meeting. I do believe that is one of the duties of the Regional Directors and certainly the Vice President.

Cheers Barbara

September 11, 2002

To: Barbara McPherson

From: Daniel Thompson

Barbara,

If you wish to participate in a debate with me where all the regional directors and board members are copied on the correspondence, that's fine. I'm not interested in exchanging emails privately on a debate that should involve everyone.

Thanks,

Daniel

September 11, 2002

To: Daniel Thompson

From: Barbara McPherson

I did send this email to Gary, Lisa, cavicke, mksiazek, etc, I must have the wrong email address for Carr as it came back, so the ball is back in your court.

Thanks,

Barb

September 12, 2002

To: Barbara McPherson

From: Daniel Thompson

Cc: numerous executive members including Judy Ferring

OK, here, goes. I must admit that I don't really see anything to "debate" in your reply.

First you call me a name, then you state that Directors are not interested in my opinion, then you state that I should stay at home because JCNA doesn't need me. This is debate? Perhaps the solution is just to let you and your friends run all of JCNA. The rest of us can stay at home.

As far as director's spouses qualifying on their own, I have to repeat what I said to another director earlier: you are missing the point. I am not calling in question anybody's qualifications as a director. I am simply stating that this organization needs fresh faces, fresh enthusiasm and new ideas. If we cannot find people

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with those qualities, then I believe we have a serious problem. Serious because it threatens the future of the club.

It really is a shame that we have to sit around the table and spend a lot of time inventing rules to deal with situations like this. First we have to create a rule limiting directors to six years. Second, because the rule is six "consecutive" years, we'll have to create a rule banning family members from running for a couple of years while their spouses come back for another six years. Tell me something: what "service" are we providing the membership in all of this? Surely they must look at the board, at the crazy rules, at the votes for non-elected members, at the article X amendments etc. etc. etc. and wonder just what the heck these people are doing. Why vote? Why even bother electing a board if they are going to act in this manner? As has been said to me many times: this is a CAR CLUB, for Pete's sake!

I'll make my personal situation clear: I don't want to be involved in politics and I don't think politics have any place in a car club. I'm happy to see people like Phil Wert and Jerry Wise come on board and I'm pretty sure they don't carry any politics, pre-conceived prejudices or personal vendettas around with them. Wouldn't it be lovely if we could keep it that way? I'll make another thing clear: I'm not "in somebody's pocket", nobody is "whispering in my ear" and I'm not "out to get someone". I'm here to work hard and make JCNA a better club. I'm

not interested in politics.

Here's a radical idea: we all walk away from the board and sign an agreement promising not to interfere in any way with the operation of the new board. No whisper campaigns, no defamation of character, no twisting of people's arms to vote against motions just because "that guy's a jerk" etc. etc. As a matter of fact, we'll get all previous presidents and board members to sign the same agreement. Of course this is far fetched but you know what? I bet it would be good for the club in the long run.

Time out for an example: I was on the phone this week with a club president from a region that is not my own. He told me that 2 clubs in his region were "on the ropes". He expected that these two clubs would disappear by the end of 2003. Between the two clubs they have 160 members. I'm intentionally not listing the names of these two clubs because I want to see if the regional directors in this area are 1) aware of the problem, 2) doing something about it. This type of situation should be the #1 priority of the board; and the board, let's not forget, is made up of the regional directors. The directors should have one thing on their minds: how do I help the clubs in my region attract and retain the greatest number of Jaguar enthusiasts? They should be concentrating on this goal and not internal politics.

One last somber note: I speak to people all over North America about Jaguars, Jaguar clubs and JCNA. I am constantly amazed at the poor image JCNA has in

the minds of the average enthusiast. They've heard about what it's like "at the top" and they are not impressed. Quite a reputation we've built over the years! Then I call and speak with people who have been involved with JCNA in the past. Some of these people offer me sound and valuable advice, others spend an hour on the phone with me stating "this guy's a jerk" or "she's an idiot" or "that guy should be in jail" and so on and so on.... Not much help in that I'm afraid. Not much service to the membership either. Ultimately we will all be judged by the value of what we bring to the membership and NOT by what sort of political wrangling we did behind the scenes. The more time we spend on politics, the less time we have to deliver quality to the membership. I don't know about you, but my time is limited.

Time out for one last example: Pascal Gademer, the JCNA webmaster, has done a marvelous job in putting together a web resource that is world class. Bottom line is that we now have within JCNA an asset that will ultimately help us to attract and retain members, not just in one particular region or club, but all clubs in all regions. Not to embarrass or single out Pascal, but if we could "clone" that type of effort and apply it to every single aspect of the JCNA experience, we'd have the best car club in the world.

Have a safe trip and a good board meeting,

Daniel

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JCNA Politics

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September 12, 2002

To: JCNA Editors

From: Judy Ferring

Subject: JCNA's Future

As JCNA's editors, you all have the most influence on JCNA's membership. Please read this exchange all the way through and ask yourselves and your members if they are interested enough in the national organization to get involved somehow.

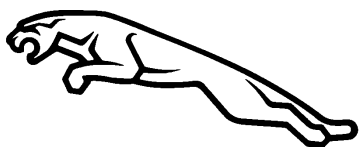
Although the principals may disagree with me, I think the basic argument here is whether or not there really is enough interest to find regional candidates for the Board of Directors. The answer will probably be manifest at the March 2003 AGM in Charlotte.

Hopefully I will see most of you there. I too will not be at this weekend's Board meeting. Much as I value all the friendships I've made through JCNA, I simply have better things to do with my time right now.

Judy Ferring

Past president (interim, not elected)

Past Northeast Regional Director



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By Eric Friedman

Just a quick note to Jaguar Club folks about the remaining sets of prints from a small edition focusing on four classic Jaguar scenes. Creative Showcase LLC is a vendor to many of the car companies as a marketing services supplier. We created this set of just 40 (plus a few artist proofs) hand numbered, signed and hand titled prints as part of a project for Jaguar. Each is also embossed with a seal for authenticity. Each of the prints is a Giclee on 100% Rag paper. First Class, just like the cars! Each print is about 18x22 inches.



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Regards,

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Good Luck! Walt Osborn

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Anyone Travelling to Arizona in October?

The Jaguar Club of Central Arizona (JCCA) and the Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona (JCSA) are presenting an Arizona Concours Weekend. On Saturday, October 26, the JCSA will be holding its annual Concours in Tucson while on Sunday the JCCA will be showing their Saloons in the Old West Concours (for all Jaguar automobiles) 100 miles north in Phoenix.

In Phoenix, the Saloons in the Old West concours are highlighted as the cars that made the profits for Jaguar in good times and kept them afloat in bad. Their lofty place in Jaguar history is recognized by the offering of a second Best of Show award just for saloons.

Information, including schedules, lodging, weather averages and extremes, awards, maps, and entry forms can be found on the JCCA website at www.jcca.us and the link to the site is located under the Upcoming Events heading.

Sneak Peek at the 2003 Jaguar X350

You have a choice of two web sites to check out the latest Jaguar offering. Our very own JCNA website at <http://www.jcna.com>, or at www.jag-lovers.org/x350.html.

Happy hunting with thanks to **Daniel Thompson** and **Phil Karam**.

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