

November Meeting

Monday, **November 11th**
7:30 pm at Capone's
Ristorante
831 Industrial Road

**There is NO December
meeting**

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In Memoriam

John (Jack) W. Buchanan 1922—2002

Ottawa Jaguar Club members have lost a friend in Jack and take this opportunity to extend their heartfelt condolences to Jack's wife, **Marion**, and family members.

Jack and Marion, for many years, have hosted country drive with a stop at their "country" retreat near Burnstown. We only have to go back to August 25th of this year for memories of a smiling Jack.

Alastair Allan writes that years ago, he worked with Jack in the Navy on the design and construction of the St. Laurent Destroyer Escort Programme as well as on the refitting of the HMCS Bonaventure. While their careers parted in the mid-60's, they met up again much later as members of the OJC. Alastair fondly writes, "He was a joy to work with and will be greatly missed by his friends and colleagues. Through his family and his contributions to Canada, he left this place better than he found it."

Gordon Mount adds a couple of anecdotes involving the early Club days when Jack first got his XK 120 Roadster. "We were on a Gatineau Hills jaunt, and his rear brakes seized up. After a lot of roadside kibitzing, we got it freed up enough to get him home. Jack retained his good humour, as was his wont, through the ordeal." Gord attended this year's visit to Jack's place in Burnstown "with Jack seemingly in good fettle. If Jack had to go, it was a most fitting way for the OJC to say good bye to Jack." Gord adds, "We visited Jack in Hospital, just before we left (for Florida). Considering his circumstances, he was in amazingly good spirits. Typical Jack."

And so we say fond farewell to a good friend.

Jim Walker, Editor



OJC Meeting Notes, October 7

John Smiley, Secretary

Daniel Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at Capone's Restaurant with 36 members in attendance.

Jim Walker reported that **Jack Buchanan** was in the hospital seriously ill and **Gord Mount** said that he had visited Jack in Elisabeth Bruyere and, while quite ill, he still was in good spirits.

Michael O'Brien was welcomed as a new member.

Wendy VanderMeulen reported that the 20 October fall drive was still on and everyone from the OJC will meet at Place D'Orleans at 10:30 a.m. across from Tim Horton's. JOA members will be meeting in Montreal and then both clubs will meet at Au-

berge des Gallant for lunch.

The Club is still looking for a place to hold the Christmas party. If you would like to volunteer your home, please contact Wendy at (613) 833-3543. The date is Saturday, December 7th.

The delightful and infectious guest speaker for the evening was **Bob Higgs**. He admitted to having a lengthy love affair with Jaguar cars and wood finishing in particular. He discussed his approach to refinishing the dashes of several Jags and maintained that "patience" was the key ingredient to having a successful finished product. He talked about the steps he took in his procedures and the products he recommended. Bob fielded numerous questions from captivated members and then showed samples of

his work which were impressive. Anyone wishing more information on the methods used by Bob can contact him at peddlerbob@aol.com. (Also, see page 10.)

Daniel Thompson discussed the upcoming executive elections and encouraged members to contribute their time and skills to enhancing the operation of the OJC. **Phil Karam** asked Daniel about the exchange of correspondence that was reported in the previous Jaguar Jottings between he and other members of JCNA and this set off a very interesting debate on the value of JCNA and other possible alternatives.

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



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President's Message

Daniel Thompson

Coming off a string of very interesting and well attended monthly meetings, a well attended Fall Drive and a superb Concours, the Ottawa Jaguar Club is looking stronger than ever and carrying momentum as we head into 2003.

Although my official term as vice president/president is set to come to an end, I do not intend to go quietly into retirement! There are several vacant positions that will have to be filled for 2003 and I fully intend to volunteer for one or more of them. Specifically we need a president, although we already have a strong possibility to fill that role. We need a (new) vice president, and again I am delighted to say that we have a candidate available for that position. We also have a requirement for a Concours chairperson, but again a candidate has come forward for that position. We need a chief judge, but a candidate has stepped forward for that. We need a treasurer, a membership chairman, a secretary and an activities director. Some of these positions will be filled by incumbents but please feel free to offer your services!!

So as you can see we are in a strong position going into the November meeting and 2003. There is no need for you to "hide" at home for this one in an attempt to avoid the peer pressure. Please come out to our next meeting and lend your support and encouragement to those who volunteer.

Elections

The Ottawa Jaguar Club is well served by our volunteers—if you are interested in taking a more active part in the Club, contact Dan Thompson or Yann Robin (contact info on the back page).

Positions are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Concours Chair, Chief Judge, Activities Team Leader.



2002 Christmas Party

Sunday, December 8th

7:00 p.m.

Noah's Restaurant

(Minto Suite Hotel, Kent & Laurier)

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JOA Montreal

JOA Montreal President's Message

Bill Taylor

The group welcomed **Mr. Don Christie**, Jaguar Canada's after sales market manager, who regaled us with stories of keeping Jaguars running and pleasing customers. Don also offered valuable and helpful advice to owners of Jaguars old and new.

A special presentation was made by Don Christie to **Daniel Thompson**, JOA membership chairman and treasurer; it seems Don's family bought the house Daniel's family had lived in until 1969, and Daniel's father had left behind a few interesting items (like engine blocks!). Don presented Daniel with a mint condition "Canadian Capers" silk screened JOA license plate circa 1958, an item he had found in the basement and kept for the last 33 years!

Daniel Thompson informed the group of plans to host a JOA "Regional" concours in September 2003 in conjunction with the Stowe, Vermont British Invasion weekend. This will be a MAJOR effort and much help will be required from our club, the Ottawa club and all the Northeast clubs.

The JOA Christmas party will

once again be held at Restaurant Yo-Yo's in early December; stay tuned for an announcement of the date.

Daniel is to approach **Decarie Motors** with the idea of having them purchase a one year "special" club membership for every person who purchases or leases a new Jaguar.

The club still has a stock of badges, pins and patches. Al-

though sales are going well, every effort will be made to finish selling these items over the winter.

Decarie Motors has offered to supply the club with a parts list of all obsolete items they carry in inventory. These are items that for the most part pertain to models that are more than 10 years old. Decarie would consider allowing the clubs to sell these items and keep the proceeds.

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Jaguar Clubs & JCNA: What do the Members Want?

Members are asked to cast their vote (given verbally to **Bill Taylor**) for "Member of the Year" (2002 version) at the November club meeting.

Planning is well underway for executive positions in 2003, with the following nominations already on the floor:

President: **Jacques Bernard**

Vice president: **Daniel Thompson**

Treasurer: **Bill Taylor**

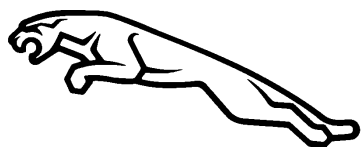
Membership: **Daniel Thompson**

Activities: **Guy Goodman**

Technical director: **Norm Carroll**

These are NOT final, nominations are still being received and the line-up will be finalized at the January, 2003 Annual General Meeting of the club.

Bill Taylor



The 2003 version of the Jaguar Clubs of North America (JCNA) Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for March 20th-23rd in Charlotte, South Carolina. The JCNA AGM is traditionally the place where new initiates are discussed, new ideas brought to light, new regulations voted on and new ways of doing things given the chance to stand on their own. The AGM will be attended by regional representatives from the six geographical regions of North America and representatives of most, if not all, of the 50-odd local clubs will be present, carrying the right to vote that is the backbone of the democratic process behind JCNA.

In my capacity as vice president of JCNA and a regional director, I would like to encourage the executive of all JCNA member clubs across the country to make sure that their voices are heard, their concerns addressed and their desires for improvement understood. All of us who run local clubs face the same challenges: attracting and retaining Jaguar

enthusiasts both young and old, veterans and "newbies" through a combination of offerings designed to appeal to everybody. Drives, tours, rallies, slaloms, concours, BBQ's, technical seminars, dinner parties, high performance track days.... you name it and we try it! The role of JCNA is to act as a central clearing house for ideas and initiatives that could benefit the membership as a whole by fostering excitement and enthusiasm at the local club level. Hopefully, our presence helps make the local club's job just a little easier.

I am hoping to put together what I colloquially call a "top ten" wish list of items that can be addressed/discussed/implemented at the 2003 AGM next March. These initiatives can and will come from the local club and membership level. I encourage you to make your opinion known by sending me an email at dthompson@jcna.com or phoning me directly at 514-848-0716 (working hours E.S.T.) or writing to me at my home address listed in the Jaguar Journal.

Items to consider can come from the following:

- is your club membership shrinking, growing or stable?
- if it is growing, what are the keys (in your opinion) to your success and can other clubs benefit from that knowledge?
- if it is shrinking, why are mem-

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bers departing? Have you appointed someone as "membership turnover chairperson"? Basically a fancy title but it entails polling the departing members and asking them why they are leaving and what it would take to get them back. We can learn a lot from this information.

- if your membership is stable, what do you think it would take to move it into a growth pattern?
- looking at the list of events you hosted for your club members in 2002, what events would you qualify as a success? As a failure? Have you tried out new things that resulted in increased enthusiasm amongst members? What are they and can the lesson be applied to other clubs?

- does your club hold a JCNA sanctioned concours? What percentage of your membership is interested in concours versus simply participating in a car show? What about slaloms and rallies? Would you like to see other nationally or regionally sanctioned events added to the activities list? What type of activity?

- do you link up with other Jaguar clubs in your geographic region in order to hold joint events? If you have, has it been a success? How can JCNA or your regional

director help make this concept more of a reality for your club?

- what is the average age of your club members? Do you have concerns about attracting and retaining younger members or younger generations of Jaguar enthusiasts? What initiatives have you put in place to address the situation? Have they been successful? Why or why not?

- does your club have a positive relationship with a local dealer or Jaguar corporate? If you do, what have been your experiences? If not, do you think such corporate support would be beneficial?

- does your club enjoy a close relationship with your JCNA Regional Director? If not, in what ways would you see your regional director playing a more active role in the management of your club? If yes, can you give examples of the support you have received and specifically how you think your experience could help other clubs/regions?

- what is your impression of the Jaguar Journal? Are you happy with the content and frequency of the magazine? If you had the opportunity to suggest improvements, what would they be?

- do you or members of your club utilize JCNA's website services? Are you happy with the

content? Do you have any suggestions for improvement?

This list of questions is not intended to be all-encompassing, but rather just some points designed to get the thought process kick started. Again, please feel free to contact me in any one of the ways described above to discuss further. I promise your concerns will receive a receptive and sympathetic ear and will be given the attention they deserve!

May I humbly suggest that this letter be published in your local newsletter (if you have the space) and members encouraged to communicate directly with me with ideas.

Many thanks for your hard work and commitment to the hobby,

Daniel Thompson

JCNA Vice President
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British Invasion 2002—some of Daniel Thompson's photos



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JOA Montreal and Ottawa Jaguar Club Fall Colours Drive

Daniel Thompson

Success again! It is always nice to plan an event and have MORE people turn up than were expected. Such was the case with the Fall Colours drive held on Sunday, October 20th.

The Montreal gang met up at the Dorval Dunkin' Donuts and the Ottawa gang at Place d'Orleans. We headed northwest and Ottawa headed southeast, only to meet up at the beautiful and secluded "Auberge des Gallants" in Rigaud just after noon.

The weather? Just fine thank you. Remembering that our spring

drive featured sunshine and temperatures in the thirties, this time we had (mostly) sun and temperatures in the low forties. But at least it did not snow! The Auberge had kindly reserved a room for us which was nicely decorated with seating for 25... except that we had 30 people show up! No problem; we all squeezed in anyway. The food was excellent and the company appreciated. This was the final driving event of the 2002 season.



The Ottawa Club warming up for a colourful drive



*Part of the line-up at the Auberge des Gallants. It looks like **Herb Woods** is thinking—sorry, that's a lamp post!*

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The promotional material I received on this site says, "it may be just what you need to marry the love of your car with your use of the Net...is geared toward Anglophile gear-heads that want to combine their hobby with the digital age."

Wayne Estrada, the founder of BritishCarLover.com is the former President of the Virginia Jaguar Club. So why not give it a peek.

Jim Walker, Editor

New Jaguar Book ready for Christmas Stockings

Steve Kennedy, Editor of the 7th Edition of the JCNA Rule Book, has written a new book on Jaguars titled, JAGUAR, The Classic Marque and ready for shipping December 1st. Steve also happens to be the editor of the Rocky Mountain Jaguar Club's newsletter "Cat Tales".

At 360 pages it is a photographic chronicle of Jaguar car history cover-

Fall Drive—cont'd

No glitches were reported among the faithful who made the approx. 60 minute trip from Montreal. We had E-types, an XK120 and XK150, an assortment of XJ-S's, XJ12's and a new X-type. **Ken Carlton**, driving his XK120 roadster with no top and aero screens, won the unofficial "nutball of the day" award. Rumour has it that it took 20 minutes for him to extricate his frozen body from behind the wheel...



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Wood'nt it be nice.

Attached is an article provided by **Bob Higgs**, the guest speaker at October's Ottawa Club meeting. It's a useful guide to doing your own woodwork refinishing, if you have the nerve!

Contact Bob if you'd like him to do the work for you. Plan to leave your car with him for several weeks.

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