



Jaguar Jottings



February 2003

February Meeting
Monday, February 10
7:30 pm at Capone's
Ristorante
831 Industrial Road

New OJC President's Message

By Yann Robin

As the new president of the OJC, I was wondering how I would start my very first article in the Jottings. Many options came to my mind like talking about the cold weather and then expanding as to whether we will ever be able to drive our fine cars in the foreseeable future.

But I think that the most appropriate beginning is simply to say "Thank you". Thank you for giving your confidence and support to the newly appointed team that will drive the club in 2003. I would like also to thank Daniel Thompson for his contribution to the club as a president over the past term.

January is always the season when we set ourselves some goals for the coming year. As a member, I'd like to share with you what I would like to see happening within the club. Over the next couple of meetings, please feel free to share your own ideas so that we can collectively set new objectives for 2003.

This newsletter – if I may say – is our jewel in the crown. It really shows to the world how strong our club is, and in fact that its

success can't be achieved without your contribution. These columns are really open to any of you, so I invite you to submit articles. There are so many subjects that can be covered in the Jottings, like ownership experience, motoring history, winter projects, tips, etc., so I heartily encourage you to participate.

Starting next month, I will initiate a series of articles called "MKII adventures" to share with you

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Annual March Dinner

Saturday, March 8th
At the National Press Club
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7:00 p.m.

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OJC Meeting Notes, January 2003

John Smiley, Secretary

Yann Robin, our new president, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at Capone's Restaurant. There were 16 members in attendance.

Ed Theoret, the newly elected vice-president, presented a short brief on his thoughts on how the Ottawa and Montreal Clubs could harmonize events and still enjoy their own independence. [Ed: This is a follow-on to **Daniel Thompson's** "thought piece" which was emailed to members, and discussed by **Jim Walker** in December's Jaguar Jottings.]

A proposal was put forward by **Guy Larabie** and it was unanimously agreed that a Committee of four plus a Chairperson be established to look into these ideas. The Committee would have two members from Ottawa and two

from Montreal. It is hoped that the Committee can be formed and report back by 31 May 2003. [See Ed's article on page 3.]

The issue of Club event insurance has again become a problem as most insurance companies have increased their rates substantially.

Ed Theoret proposed that a signed waiver by each member might be the way to resolve the situation. The validity of a signed waiver will be asked of legal counsel.

Guy Larabie proposed and it was unanimously agreed that the Club procure the series of Jaguar Workshop Manuals on CD from Welsh Enterprises.

Guy Larabie presented a list of proposed events for the year 2003 [see page 3].

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. and the usual informal discussion and socializing took place.

John T. Smiley

2003 Club Dues

Pay your dues; the new rate is **\$70.00** as of January 1st, 2003.

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how "life" has been with a 1961 Jaguar over the past 8 years. The first chapter will be, and I hope this is not too controversial, "Why a Jaguar?"

I think that collectively, we possess an incredible amount of valuable information that we should share even more. I suggest that in addition to our monthly guest speakers, we should create some small technical workshops. As far as I'm concerned, I'd love to learn how to do some basic maintenance on my car like setting the points or the SU carburetors. If you're willing to support such workshops, please let me know. When we're getting close to the Concours, we could also hold a "detailing" workshop. I may then learn that the only way to clean my wire wheels is to use a toothbrush.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at our next monthly meeting.

Happy New Year! Bonne Année!

Provoking Thoughts

by Ed Theoret

As presented to the members at the 13 January 03 meeting, Daniel Thompson's "thought piece" has many facets and the common article by our Editor [see *Jaguar Jottings*, December 2002] assists in bringing home the following points:

- increase in membership
- volunteers
- finances
- publication for club
- meeting locations
- event sharing
- further extension of club boundaries

My thoughts as a club member on the above points are as follows:

That the current club is of a very friendly, social type that attracts on average thirty (30) members to each meeting. The local net-

work within this club is very active, dealing with assistance be it technical, mechanical or social.

"Jag Jottings" is very professionally done but does require much more input by the membership, such as a quarter page or more pertaining to their experiences as related to the Jaguar car.

To keep from rehashing this subject at future meetings, we should thank Daniel and Jim for their contributions and form a committee with representation from Ottawa and Montreal to make recommendations to both clubs. Since the Ottawa club was approached and asked to assist in the re-forming of the Montreal group, it may now be the time to assess our position.

It is proposed that the following options be discussed:

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OJC 2003 Events

This is the line-up for 2003. If you have any suggestions, or want to help organize, contact Guy (info on last page).

February – Go-Karting (Guy Larabie)

March 8 – Annual March Dinner at the National Press Club

April – Visit to a local body shop. (Guy)

May – Cruise night at Place d'Orleans on 3rd Wednesday and The Car Show in Beaconsfield, Quebec on last Sunday in May

June – Concours 21 June (new date) ; Also a slalom demonstration organized by Mark Roberts and Rob Dunlop.

July – Scenic Drive

August – Boots 'n Bonnets show in Kingston, Ontario

September – British Invasion, Stowe, Vermont featuring Montreal's Concours.

October – Colour Drive to Picton, Ontario.

November – Visit to local engine shop (about rebuilding).

December – Christmas Party



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Concours re: odd years Ottawa, even years Montreal; possible.

Shared use of "Jaguar Jottings" and associated costs.

Yearly get-togethers (social) and invitation to local activities.

Expansion, larger membership base, new name, etc.

Editor's Note: **Ed Theoret** has offered to chair the committee; at the January meeting it was proposed that the committee hold meetings in the near future and make recommendations to the Clubs by the end of May.

OJC Christmas: What a party!

A record number of members and guests turned out at Noah's Restaurant in Ottawa for our annual Christmas dinner. The food was excellent (state-of-the-ark, of course), the company fun, and we all had a lovely evening.

Thanks to **Wendy VanderMeulen** who, as usual, organized a wonderful event for all of us.

Market Place

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

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JOA Montreal

Montreal Jaguar Christmas Party: a "Yo-yo" of a good time

JOA - Montreal members enjoyed another fun-filled Christmas dinner at Restaurant Yo-Yo in the city's plateau area. Just like the year before a good gang of people turned out, including many spouses for a change, to enjoy the French cuisine.

The highlights of the night were a rousing speech by Club president Bill Taylor, interspaced with some of the worst jokes anyone had ever heard and the presentation of two very special club awards.

Guy and Chris Goodman took home the prestigious "Member of the Year" award given to the club member who displays the most commitment to the advancement of the club, the marque and the hobby.

Michael and Margo Rasmussen took home a handsome plaque given each year to the "Most Ambitious Restoration"; Michael and his long-suffering wife Margo toiled for over ten years to bring a derelict 1966 Mk10 4.2 back to its now pristine condition. Congratulations to all!



T: Guy Goodman, in his own special way, accepts the "Member of the Year" award from Bill Taylor

L: Michael Rasmussen accepts the "Most Ambitious Restoration" plaque from Daniel Thompson

Technical Workshop: Talon Tire

By Daniel Thompson

The regular January monthly meeting of JOA - Montreal was replaced by a fascinating technical presentation given by Howard and Jay of respected Montreal area tire specialists Talon Tire.

The enthusiastic club members who braved frigid temperatures were treated to a presentation on

high performance and classic tires (supplemented by coffee and donuts) and then taken into the back of the shop to see an experienced technician mount and balance a set of new (vintage) Dunlop SP41 185HR15 radials onto a set of new Dayton wire wheels for club member Daniel Thompson. Few shops in Montreal or Ottawa have the experi-

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JOA - Montreal 2003 Schedule of Events

Feb 18, 2003 Regular monthly meeting at Cote St. Luc
BBQ

Mar 18, 2003 Regular monthly meeting at Cote St.
Luc BBQ

Mar 20-23, 2003 JCNA A G M in Charlotte, NC

April 15, 2003 - Regular monthly meeting

April ??, 2003 - Spring Drive

May 1-5, 2003 JCNA Challenge Championships in
Phoenix, Arizona

May 20, 2003 - Regular monthly meeting

May 25, 2003 - Beaconsfield All-British Car Day

May 30 and 31, 2003 - Lime Rock high performance
driving school

June 12-15, 2003 - Formula GP of Canada and asso-
ciated events

June 17, 2003 - Regular monthly meeting

June 21, 2003 - JOA and OJC annual Concours
d'Elegance in Ottawa

June 27-29, 2003 - VARAC vintage racing at
Mosport

July 4-5-6, 2003 - Sommet Des Legendes vintage
racing at Mt. Tremblant

September 16, 2003 - Regular monthly meeting

September 18-21, 2003 - Stowe, Vermont British
Invasion and JCNA Regional Concours/Slalom

October ??, 2003 - Fall drive

October 21, 2003 - Regular monthly meeting

November 18, 2003 - Regular monthly meeting

December ??, 2003 - JOA Xmas party

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ence or equipment necessary to correctly mount and balance tires on skinny vintage wire wheels (beware of those who claim they can!) without doing damage. True to form, although the first three tires mounted with a minimum of fuss, the fourth was stubborn and it ended up taking the better part of three hours to finish the job properly. This didn't bother the members present, however, as they were learning all sorts of new things from Talon Tire owners Howard and Jay.

Of particular interest was the shop's computer which stores a database of all high performance wheel and tire combinations that can be mounted on any given make and model of car, then displays a full colour rendering of what the finished installation would look like "in the flesh". Feeding in the data for a 2002 X-type resulted in the wild looking possibility of putting 19" wheels and ultra low profile tires on the car. The computer confirms that this crazy combination will indeed fit under the wheel wells with no modification!

Howard was able to delve into his mountain of notes and come up with a very good alternative for those who are thinking of buying a reasonably priced set of new tires for their 6 cylinder E-type: Vredestein makes a 185SR15 tire that will do the job quite nicely at only \$208 per tire installed and balanced. Compare that price to some of the other brands out there!

Howard or Jay can be reached at Talon Tire, 2607 rue Diab, Ville St. Laurent, Quebec (514) 337-0833.

In Memoriam – Ken Carlton

It is with heavy heart that I report the passing of one of our most well-liked members. **Ken Carlton**, owner of a wonderful 1954 Jaguar XK120, passed away suddenly on January 17 of a heart attack. Many of you will have met Ken at various club functions, in particular he was there in freezing conditions in the XK120 (which sported aero screens and never had a top!) at our October brunch at Auberge des Gallants. We were also happy to see Ken and his lovely wife at our club BBQ in Stowe, Vermont this past September. He was certainly one of the "good guys" on the local car scene; he was a true gentleman and I can't give a higher compliment than that.

We extend deepest sympathies to Ken's wife and family.

Daniel Thompson

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Statistics to Ponder

Daniel Thompson

I thought these statistics on an unnamed Jaguar club might be interesting as a planning tool:

Jaguar Club: No name used but a real club!
Members: 67 dues-paying
Average age: 55.5524 years old

- E-types comprise 43% of member's principal cars*
- XK120-140-150's represent 19%

- XJ6-8-12's represent 15%
- XJS represent 6%
- XK8 represent < 1%
- 27% of principal cars are not in running condition (long term = 1 yr. +)
- 25% of members own more than one Jag
- 42% of members own other, non-Jag classic cars
- 42% of members have children < 18 years of age
- 22% of members are considered "retired", 78% are still working
- 15% of members attend club meetings/events on a regular basis**
- 37% of members attend club meetings/events on a semi-regular basis***

Notes:

- * if they own multiple Jags, then this car is considered to be THE reason why they joined the club. We have NO members who joined the club solely on the basis of owning a (modern) S-type or X-type and only one who joined because he owned an XK8 (which he bought after selling an XK 120).
- ** considered to be greater than 50% of meetings/events measured over one year
- *** considered to be greater than 25% of meetings/events measured over one year

Editor's Note: *It would be a very interesting project for someone from the OJC to carry out a similar survey. The results could have a positive influence on the issues forming the basis of our own interests.*

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