

**October Meeting**  
**Monday, Oct. 6**  
**7:00 pm at Campbell**  
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## Jaguar Jottings

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## British Invasion

### A Beginner's Perspective

By Jim Walker

Having spent numerous winter ski holidays in Stowe, Vt., my wife **Gladys** and I were filled with anticipation at seeing Stowe in all of its September colourful glory. I had heard positive comments about this event and looked forward to seeing it for myself.

The first problem was finding accommodation at such a late date, mid-August. After several telephone calls Gladys found a room at the Bolton Valley Resort which was located between Burlington and Stowe, so how far away could that be? Well as it turned out it was approximately 15 miles on level roads and 5, winding, fun-filled, vertical miles. **Guy and Louise Larabie** had also made reservations at the Resort, so we were in good company.

My XJS convertible performed very well on the way down to Stowe, except for the fact that weather conditions dictated that the top stay up. I was feeling quite comfortable with the car's performance until a woman in a ½ Ton truck pulled up beside us and, after asking us to roll down our window, told a wild story that copious quantities of black smoke was coming from underneath our car. I pulled over immediately and discovered that

the mechanic who had recently performed some work, including an oil change, had not replaced the engine oil cap properly. This caused oil to blow out over the engine and of course down around the hot manifold causing the black smoke. The oil levels appeared to be okay and the mystery of the odd smelling countryside, that Gladys had commented on several times, was solved.

The winding road up to the Resort was a special treat, as was the room we were allocated. Very nice surroundings indeed with hints of the spectacular Fall colours in the higher regions just beginning to tempt us. The road down was even more fun and we arrived at the show grounds in Stowe with what seemed like

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## Searching for Information

Eric Fisch is searching for information about a publication called the "XK Bulletin", and more particularly about a car featured in one of its 1971 issues.

What exactly is this bulletin and is it possible to find a photo or photocopy of an article published in it in 1971? The article concerns a fiberglass-bodied XK-120, handbuilt in Canada in 1970.

Any information would be appreciated and you can contact Eric Fisch at 819 846-4080 or email: [eric.fisch@sympatico.ca](mailto:eric.fisch@sympatico.ca).

*An email went out to on-line OJC members; the following response came from Al Graves:*

I did some web-searching but didn't find much. What I did find is here. (From URL [http://www.britcars.net/classified\\_cars.html](http://www.britcars.net/classified_cars.html)). Of course, it may be that this material was the trigger for the enquiry in the first place. Searches in both Canada and UK failed to produce any information on the "XK Bulletin", although several Jaguar/XK Car clubs were identified. You might want to e-mail them and see what they have got.

Cheers, Al

*Oct. 1 note from Eric Fisch:*

Thanks for the info. As you say, that material was the trigger of my enquiry...I've always been an XK fan, and find this hand-built Jag quite intriguing, especially its technical specs and the fact that

## OJC Meeting Notes—8 September 2003

**Yann Robin**, president, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Campbell Ford. There were 28 members in attendance.

The field trip to **ASE Motor Sports** on 31 August was a great success with 23 members attending [see photos p. 5].

The Fall Drive that **Hugh Siddons** was organizing to Picton has been cancelled because of renovations at the Inn.

A new date for a Fall Colour Drive is tentatively 19 October. All members will be advised by email.

It was proposed that the 2004 Concours be held the third weekend of June [the 19th], again at the Canada Science & Technology Museum.

**Mark Roberts** reported that he is updating the Club's website ([www.ncf.ca/ojc](http://www.ncf.ca/ojc)) and hopes to

have everything up and running shortly.

The Club is looking for guest speakers for the next two meetings. If anyone has any suggestions, please contact **Yann Robin**.

**Marc and Sheila Chappell** volunteered to host the Christmas Party on 6 December 2003.

A number of members are planning to attend the British Invasion in Stowe, Vermont on 19-21 September.

**The October meeting will be held on Monday, 6 October 2003 at Campbell Ford.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. and the usual informal discussion and socializing took place.

*John Smiley, Secretary*

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## A Message from the President

The "warm" season is quietly coming to an end. Some members are already thinking about their winter projects. As far as I'm concerned, I'm not quite ready to mothball my MKII. This is true that we don't like to drive our cats in the rain and it's been raining quite a lot lately but I really hope that we still have a few sunny days left. I'm looking forward to seeing a high turn out at our colour drive. This will be our last official drive of the year.

On the activities front, I would like to thank Frank Basten for organizing the visit of ASE Motorsport in Osgoode. The weather was fantastic and it was a discovery to learn all the work and skills that are required to put classic muscle cars back to life. I would also like to thank Mark and Sheila Chappell for volunteering to host our Christmas party this year.

The Ottawa Jaguar Club relies heavily on volunteering and, as you know, there is an upcoming election of the officers in November. If you want to be more involved in the life of the club and you would like to offer your time and services, do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you!

*Yann Robin*



## Some Well-Deserved Special Thanks

**Hugh and Hally Siddons** for the generous invitation to all OJC members, attending the British Invasion at Stowe, VT this year, to partake in a cocktail party at their lovely digs. The weather was grand and the libations and hors d'oeuvres were served on the rear deck of their Stowe getaway.

It was a great opportunity to exchange stories on happenings that occurred on the judging field. Some of them hilarious, you had to be there, and others, particularly the one about Hugh's scolding from one of the British Invasion judges, downright scurrilous.

Thank you Hugh and Hally.

**Daniel & Mady Thompson** for again hosting the post-show evening dinner, this year a catered cold buffet with mouth watering pies for dessert. There were numerous guests from the Northeast region, including JCNA President, Gary Hagopian. It was another opportunity to meet such a wide variety of JCNA members and share in the anecdotes from this event as well as from many others. I'm only guessing but I would put the number of attendees at somewhere between 50 and 60. No small feat for the host and hostess to pull off successfully.



*Daniel and Mady Thompson  
- gracious hosts!*

Well, successful it was and those members from the OJC who attended extend their warm thanks to Daniel and Mady.

*Jim Walker, Editor*



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## ASE Motorsports: An Interesting Tour!



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it was built in Canada (and now "resides" in Tennessee!). As the present owner told me (by e-mail), it is essentially a 30-year old car built from 40-year old parts, and representing (according to the builder) the best technology Jaguar offered at the time.

About the XK Bulletin, I didn't dare ask the present owner, not wanting to show I was (and am) interested in his car, but I have done some web-searching myself and found out, in an Australian Jag Club site, that XK owners received such a bulletin; now, was it a local publication, or else a publication sent out to XK owners by the Jaguar Company (UK), that I don't know. I have e-mailed my enquiry to the archive department of the Jaguar Daimler Heritage Trust (UK), who, I was told, will do some searching and get back in touch with me. Interesting stuff!

Thank you for your help, and I'll keep you posted.

*Eric Fisch*

**Al Stigter**, far left, answered many many questions from 23 members and friends about restoring automobiles and the excellent work he produces. The underside is always fascinating!



Below: Don & Nell Hobbs' E-type received deserved attention.



## JOA - Montreal 2003 Events Schedule



Contact Guy Goodman (514-695-9193) for more information.

October ? - Fall Drive

October 21st, 2003 - Regular monthly meeting

November 18th, 2003 - Regular monthly meeting

## OJC 2003 Events Schedule



If you have any suggestions, or want to help organize, contact Guy Larabie (info on back page)

**October** 6th: Monthly meeting at Campbell Jaguar

19th: Colour Drive into the Laurentians—contact Guy Larabie for info

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

**December** 6th: Christmas Party at Marc & Sheila Chappell's  
*No meeting in December*

**January** 12th: Monthly Meeting

**April** Jaguar Clubs Caribbean Cruise



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thousands of other cars, all shapes and sizes, but predominantly British.

Off to the check-in tent where we were greeted by organizers and within seconds of giving our name were handed a package, given verbal instructions as well as a 'goodie bag', and then invited to partake in the buffet. High marks go to the organizers for how well they had streamlined the check-in process.

This is where I ran into **Bob and Kathy Hiland**. They had started out on the trip to Stowe in their E-Type but the coil decided it wasn't going to make the journey and conked out on highway 416, just south of Manotick. After a tow-job on a flatbed and a change of cars, they finally made it to Stowe. **John and Kathy Smiley** were also enjoying the buffet and John tipped me off that he had made his reservations the previous year, thus being assured of accommodation close to the event. The Smileys travelled in their 1984 XJ6 and all went well.

We met up with Louise and Guy back at the Resort and after a lovely visit with one or two libations to stave off the mountain chill, turned in at about midnight.

Off to the field on Saturday morning and once again the organizers were on the ball and we were whisked in and directed to our parking spot for our Class. I had never seen so many Jaguars in one spot before and was in 'awe' of the other XJS's in the Class. A quick clean-up and dusting and I was off to see the other



vehicles on display. What a variety! ACs, Singers, Land Rovers, Minis, an Aston Martin, Bentleys, and of course a couple of hundred Jags of all shapes and sizes. The day was exhausting but absolutely marvelous. Several of the Montreal Club members were there, **Bill Taylor**, **Guy Goodman**, **Jacques Bernard**, and **Daniel Thompson**, who was hosting a catered supper later that evening.

**Hugh Siddons** and **David Kenny** were on site with their E-Types and Hugh very generously invited any and all OJC attendees to a cocktail hour at his condo. Several of us took him up on his offer and were met by his wife **Hally** and **Keitha Kenny**. We all had a great time visiting and sampling the delicious hors d'oeuvres and then it was off to dinner at the Thompson compound. The place was 'rockin' with somewhere around 50-60 guests, inside and outside with lots of Jag stories on the go. Daniel and his wife, Mady, were constantly on the go and ensured that the guests were well looked after.

There were other events on Sunday including a slalom, but Gladys and I passed up the Sunday events and took our time driving home. All in all it was a delightful week-end and one that I intend to repeat next year.

Daniel Thompson will be giving his views on the event in the November Jottings and will undoubtedly have much more technical information to share with you.



**Jacques Bernard and Hugh Siddons**



**Gary Hagopian and Jim Walker**

**R: Bill Taylor and his Alpine Green XJ12**



**David Kenny's E-type—Nose On!**

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