



Jaguar Jottings

March 2004



*What a pair!
Ron Sierolawski's cats
soaking up the sun*



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Ottawa Jaguar Club's
Concours' d'Elegance
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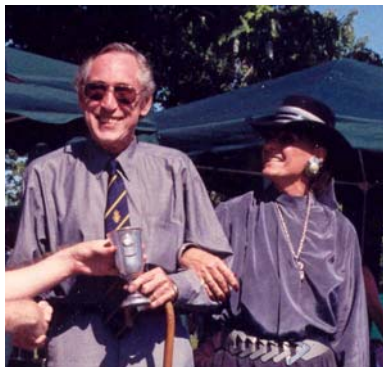
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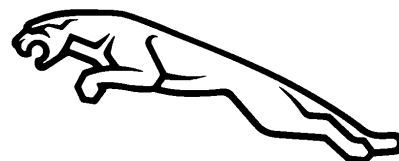


The members of the Ottawa Jaguar Club offer their sincere condolences to Odette Rowley and the family and friends of our member, **Anthony Rowley**, who passed away on February 18th. Anthony's smile and quiet manner will be missed by all.

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By Stewart Robertson

Next June 19th, the Ottawa Jaguar Club will hold its fifteenth annual Concours. We thought it might be time to look back over the past few years, perhaps renew some memories, and see how things have changed - or haven't.

Paddy and I have been involved with Concours activities for only twelve of those years, so that is as far back as we can take you, but it is an interesting period.

The first concours we will visit is 6 June 1992. I was president and **Ernie Bayliss** was concours chair. In these early years our meet and greets were in a hotel room at the Baron's Motel in Bells Corners, and the concours itself was in Andrew Hayden Park overlooking the Ottawa River. We had only a dozen people at the meet and greet, which was typical of the time.

The morning of the concours it rained and by 1100 I thought we were going to have to scrub the

event. We convened a meeting with chief judge **Trevor Klotz** and just as we were about to shut things down, it suddenly cleared up. We instructed judges to ignore water spots, and carried on with a successful concours. Once the judging was finished, we all went home to change for a formal dinner at Baron's Motel where the awards were made. This was quite a lavish function with fifty people attending.

In 1993 we were back at Baron's Motel and Andrew Hayden Park. This time the weather started clear on the morning of 5 June, and it didn't start to rain until the judging was just finished. That was a relief, as the High Commissioner from Belize was there to represent the Jaguar Preserve. We changed for our formal dinner and awards ceremony at Baron's. **Gary Magwood**, a famous race car driver, was our guest speaker and shared some

interesting stories about his career.

The following year, on 11 June 1994, we had one of the largest turn-outs to date, about sixty cars. We also had a well attended meet and greet at Baron's, and the next day the weather was perfect at Andrew Hayden Park. At the formal dinner and awards **John Arnone** from Jaguar Canada made the presentations.

The 1995 concours was held on 10 June. Again we had only a dozen people show up at the meet and greet. On the day of the concours we had excellent weather for the second year in a row, followed by the usual awards banquet and dinner at Baron's.

The **Roberts** and **Robertsons** were co-concours chairs, and we found that after the end of a long hot day, many people weren't anxious to go home, change, and come back for another several hours. This was the last year we had a formal concours awards dinner.



*1996: Founding members are represented in this photo at Andrew Hayden Park: from left - **Brock & Francine King**, **Chuck Cowie** seated, and **Ron Sierolawski**. (Paddy was Concours Chair that year.)*

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The 8th of June 1996 began with a cold rain, but fortunately it cleared up by noon. We had the awards immediately after the judging results were available, and then had a picnic dinner catered by Lone Star Catering on site in Andrew Hayden Park.

The next year was a concours of firsts and lasts. This was our last at Andrew Hayden Park, and the first that we were privileged to have **Barbara Woods** arrange our meet and greet. On the 7th of June, we had fifty two cars register for the concours, which was



1997: **Brock King** receives a 1st for his 1949 Mark V from **John Arnone** of Jaguar Canada

one of our best years. **Michael Bell**, the new owner of Jaguar Ottawa, brought along an XK8, and this was the first time many of us had a chance to see (and test drive) this new beauty. This was also the first year that British High Commissioner **Sir Anthony**

and **Lady Goodenough** came to make the 'drop dead gorgeous' award. Lone Star served a meal on site again.

For the 1998 concours we moved to the Aviation Museum. It poured rain in the morning and we had fewer than forty cars register, which was hardly surprising. It was a good thing that **Michael Bell** had set up a large marquis tent for us. **Sir Anthony Goodenough** presented the awards, by which time there were some welcome sunny breaks. We finished the day with a dinner on site, once again catered by Lone Star.

The following year, 1999, we had a special concours. This was the launch of the new Jaguar S-Type, and **Michael Bell** asked if we would hold the concours in a concurrent ceremony with the official launch. The concours was held in the Aberdeen Pavilion, and moved to Sunday, 6 June. It was quite a show. A jazz band was on hand,



1997: Andrew Hayden Park always saw a lot of XK's out and about

with pipers and colour party, and later the band of the Governor General's Foot Guards. **Sir Anthony** and **Lady Goodenough** again presented the awards.

The 2000 concours was our first on the grounds of the Museum of Science and Technology, with a meet and greet at the Chimo Inn organized by **Barbara**. Unfortunately, Saturday 10 June dawned cold and overcast - a worry for concours chair **Bob Hiland**. The feature marque was the XJ-S - 20

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1997: **Pete Whitworth** and **John Smiley** show great interest in the Mk II - *Vodka (the Samoyed) has other interests.*

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years of production. We had quite a line-up. Fortunately, we weren't rained out, and after the awards we had cold cuts and salads under a tent set up for us by the museum.

By this time we had seen enough rain, and decided to move the



*1999: In the Aberdeen Pavilion, courtesy of **Michael Bell** and Jaguar Ottawa. We could get used to this!*

concoirs one week further into June in hope of finding better weather.

We certainly got our wish on 16 June 2001. After a spectacular

meet and greet organized by **Barbara** at Capone's we had a perfect day for the concours at the Museum. It was hot and sunny most of the morning and afternoon. Just as the awards began we had a windstorm and downpour that brought everything to a screeching halt. Fifty people were suddenly crammed under two small tents exchanging pleasantries with **Sir and Lady Goodenough**. When the rain let up a bit we headed off for dinner at Capone's. This was the last year we were to see the Goode-

noughs.

In 2002, the meet and greet at Capone's was organized by **Barbara Woods** and **Guy Larabie**, and we had a big crowd. Fifty-three people participated. The next morning on the 15th we woke up to a torrential downpour. Under



*1998: OJC's Ladies Waiting: from the left - **Joyce Mount, Marthanna Allen, Maryvonne Lalonde, Barb Woods** and **Fadia Karam**.*

any other circumstances this would have washed out the concours completely, no questions asked. But the Museum came to concours chair **Frank Basten's** rescue. They invited us to move our concours inside the museum, mixed in with the rest of the exhibits. The new British High Commissioner participated. It was still pouring when we went to Capone's after the awards.

Last year we held the concours on a blistering hot day on the 21st of June. It was perfect concours weather, if you like heat. We had fifty-five cars registered (with quite a few from the JOA-Montreal) and a great day. Following the concours we went to Kelsey's restaurant for dinner.

So there you have it - a thumbnail sketch of the last twelve years. (More photos on page 11)



2001: The Canada Science & Technology Museum. What a field! Each year it gets better

OJC Activities - 2004

If you have suggestions or want to assist Activities coordinator **Frank Basten**, contact him at fbasten@ripnet.com.

- March 6 - Annual Dinner at Myranda's Restaurant, Orleans (6:30 for 7:00) - contact John or Wendy (833-3543)
- March 8 - Monthly meeting, 7:00 at Campbell Jaguar
- April 12 - Monthly meeting
- Spring Drive/Rally (TBA)
- May 10 - Monthly meeting
- May 30 - Hudson British Car Show, Hudson, QC
- Concours Judges Training (TBA) - Rob Dunlop
- June 6 - By Ward Market Car Show
- June 14 - Monthly Meeting
- June 18 - Meet 'n Greet
- June 18 - JONAT drivers arrive in Ottawa - Mike O'Brien
- June 19 - Concours d'Elegance at Canada Science & Technology Museum
- July 12 - Monthly Meeting
- Summer Barbecue (TBA)
- Tour of the Karam Collection (TBA)
- Jag Jymkana (TBA) - Frank Basten

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OJC Meeting Notes 9 February 2004

President **Guy Larabie** opened the meeting at 7:00 pm by welcoming all those in attendance. He explained that he had created a discussion list with time allotted to each subject. He then opened the meeting with some comments:

- He will be away for 6 to 8 weeks on a tour to Australia and New Zealand. the **Vice President** will be invited to chair the meetings beginning in March.
- There may be a conflict between the Ontario Jaguar Owner's Association (Toronto) Concourse on Sunday 20 June and ours on 19 June. Given that ours is booked with the museum there is no scope for a change in our date.
- Guy warned those present about an internet buying scam-be careful what others offer.
- We were made aware of the Triumph Club's darts tournament on 17th April, usually held at "Le Skratsh" on Merivale Rd.
- Guy again asked if anyone was going to the JCNA AGM in California. The silence was deafening.

Go Carting. Guy Larabie has volunteered to organize a go-cart activity at "Top Carting" in Gatineau (Hull). The venue opens at noon and can be cold so attendees are recommended to bring gloves and warm clothes (it is indoors). The event [was] held on **Saturday 21 February.**

March Dinner. John Charman and Wendy VanderMeulen are

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planning the March Dinner at Myranda's Restaurant 2440 St Joseph Blvd in Orleans for Saturday March 6th. Notwithstanding the dinner, members felt that there should be a March club meeting that will be held on Monday March 8th at Campbell Jaguar.

Picton Colour Drive. Hugh Siddons described fully the advantages of participating in a weekend drive to Picton on 23/24 October. He has tentatively booked 10 rooms in the annex to Waring House and those who wish to have one of these rooms at \$140.00 should book with Carol at 613-476-7492 and then let Hugh know that you have done so.

Barrett Jackson RM and Detroit Automobile Auctions. Phil Karam made a very interesting presentation on his recent visit to Scottsdale AZ via Detroit and the wonderful mechanical marvels that he saw at these various auctions of fine automobiles. He did not tell us how many air miles he garnered by giving up his seat to others.

2004 Concours. There was much discussion on the subject of a leader for the committee that is planning this year's concours. The committee is in place, the key players have volunteered, however there is no one to coordinate the committees work. If you have some spare time your assistance in this role would be appreciated. Contact **Frank Basten**. [Ed. Note: Three cheers for **Grant & Tanya Edwards** who have volunteered to co-chair the 2004 Concours d'Elegance.]

Jaguar Owner's North America Tour (JONAT). I had the pleasure of spending 10 minutes updating those present on the Jaguar Tour that starts in Orlando FL on 14 April travelling around North America (Canada and the US) and arriving in Ottawa on Friday 18 June. There will be a joint Concourse welcome and JONAT welcome on the Friday evening and the visitors will be invited to visit the Concourse on the Saturday. The tour, including as many club members as possible, will leave Ottawa for Montreal, Quebec City and Stowe VT on Sunday, 20 June. For details see www.jonat.org or call me at 989-1342.

Activities Update: Frank Basten, the Club Activities Coordinator, had circulated a list of proposed events for members to complete and return to him. After the meeting he reviewed the 18 of 60 possible event lists that were returned to him and circulated the results via e-mail.

Given the poor response he has made a second call for those of us who did not respond to do so. He is also looking for organizers for the events that are ultimately chosen.

Executive Reports. The Treasurer reported that we have \$5372.00 in the bank and the Membership Coordinator reported 59 members had renewed. Members were encouraged to wear their club badges to meetings.

Members' Comments. This meeting ended with a round table introduction and description of cars owned by all of those present. The discussion list that was used to control the presentations at the meeting was deemed to be an excellent idea and president was encourage to continue its use.

Don't forget the dinner on March 6th and the meeting on March 8th.

Mike O'Brien
Secretary

Preview: 63 E-Type 3.8 - Seat Restoration

By Mark Roberts

... I started with the passenger seat, as it was the better of the two. The seats and the rest of the interior had at some point in the car's life been re-done. Everything had been recovered taking care to get the same style and pattern as the original, just with different (read: wrong) material. As I took the seat apart, I kept as much of the wood bits as I could. I kept samples of the staples and tacks, when I could find original ones, and as many of the original copper split rivets as possible. Most of the wood tacking strips were in many pieces, as the 5/32" 3-ply plywood that they were made out of was falling apart, but the centre seat back "bolster" backing was still in pretty good shape, showing how it had been sanded on the edges and notched for the centre vinyl seam to lay down flatter and not cut into the seat occupant's back. The seats from a 3.8 E-type had a bad enough reputation as it was.

Next month's *Jaguar Jottings* will contain the full article.



1998: **Chuck Cowie** and **Dave Boone**



1999: Judging was a challenge under the Pavilion lights - **Hugh Siddons, Roger Gough, Mark Roberts** and **Alastair Allen**.



Right: The 2002 Meet 'n Greet at Capone's Restaurant with Concours Chair **Frank Basten** taking the limelight.



In 2001, **Herb Woods** assures **Merv Clarke** that it "really doesn't matter what kind of clamps he uses because he won't notice anyway".! In 2002, Merv doesn't believe him!



2000: the XJ-S's feature year: this one belongs to **John Charman**.
Below: **Merv Clarke's** 1973 E-Type.

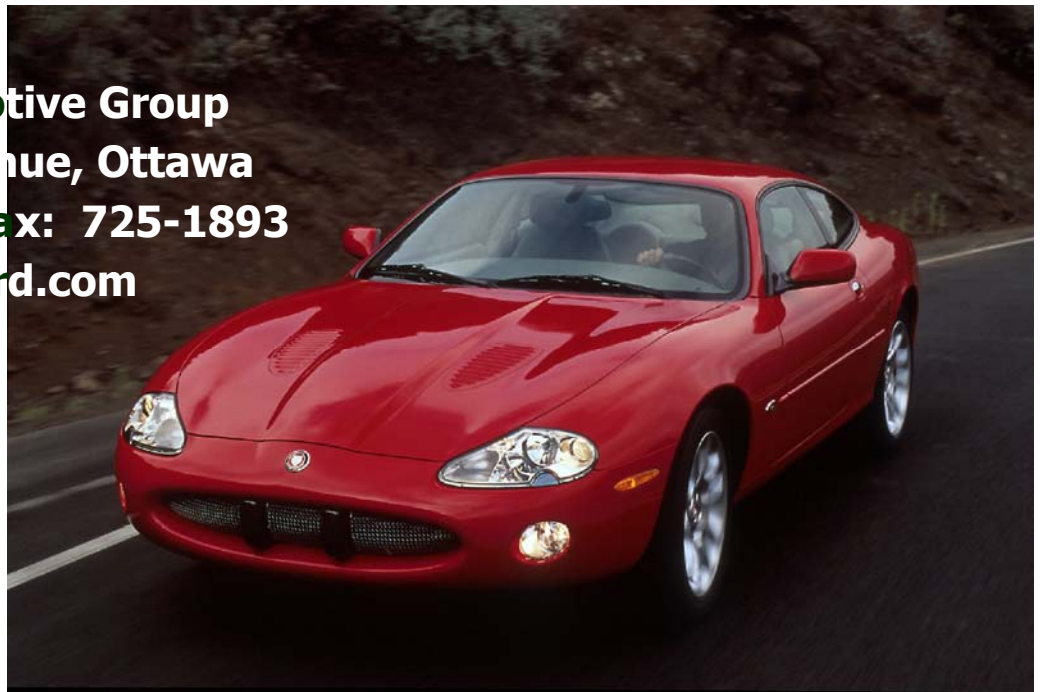


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