



Jaguar Jottings

June 2004



Two of Frank Basten's fleet - his 1986 VDP at the 2003 Concours d'Elegance, and the 1989 XJS at the 2001 Concours (See Member Profile page 11)

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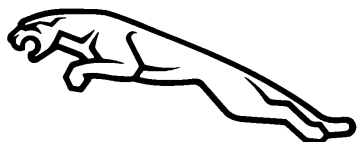
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Saturday, June 19th
Canada Science & Tech. Museum

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Meeting Notes, May 10

Guy Larabie, President, opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was well attended with 24 present. Guy gave the members an interesting over-view of the trip that he and Louise made to Australia and New Zealand.

Ed Theoret reviewed some correspondence, the details of which will be found in the Jottings. He advised the members that he had spoken with **Daniel Thompson** regarding the discussion at the last meeting about Montreal Club members retaining JCNA membership by being linked to the OJC. He advised Daniel that those members who wished to maintain the JCNA membership could join the OJC as full members.

The club treasurer, **Roger Gough**, reported that the club was sound financially. Guy Larabie asked that the British Car Council be issued a cheque for this year's insurance. The rates have risen since last year, however a straw poll of the members present indicated that we should renew.

Grant Edwards and **Rob Dunlop** gave the members an update on the Concours. One area of concern was raised during discussion: as the awards will take place indoors and the cars will be outdoors, it was suggested that some form of clearly identifiable volunteer security be provided. Rob advised those present that a judging seminar would be held in the boardroom at Campbell jaguar at 9:00 am Saturday 29 May 2004.

Mike O'Brien provided a brief update on the Jaguar Owner's Tour of North America (JONAT) that began on 14 April in Orlando Florida and will reach Ottawa on 18 June. Current registration for the Ottawa Sector is 12. Members are strongly encouraged to support this event by attending the meet and greet at the Southway Inn on Friday June 18th, and actually driving in the tour. Registration forms were provided to 12 members, 5 of whom completed them and whose registration has been forwarded to the registrar in Regina. These forms will be available at the next meeting or are available on-line

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2004 Concours d'Elegance

The **16th Annual OJC Concours d'Elegance, June 19th**, is fast approaching. Your committee has most of the arrangements in hand. So far only 8 have pre-registered and we urge the membership to mail in the pre-registration form attached to this *Jottings*. On the 19th, registration is from 9 am to 11, rags down at 12 and judging is from 12 to 3 pm. Awards will be given out at 4 pm.

Many sponsors have agreed to support the Concours and the prizes and advertisements are starting to arrive. Jaguar Canada has pitched in prizes this year and may even send a representative to our event. Campbell Jaguar will have some cars at the Concours and we hope they can arrange test drives for members.

Advertisement of our Concours is being supported by the Science and Technology Museum. They have a membership of 5400 who receive a

newsletter which includes our event in their calendar. As well, the museum will issue a general press release about the Concours and advertises in their local community paper. We have also notified the Ottawa Citizen, CJOH, CTV and the Ottawa Sun.

The Science and Tech museum have offered the facilities for balloting a Peoples Choice Award this year. We intend to take up this offer and award a prize for the Peoples Choice Award. As in past years, the museum will offer tours of the warehouse and shop facilities during the day. Tours will be at 10:30, 12:30, 14:00 and 15:30 hrs.

The Meet and Greet has been organized for the evening of the 18th at the Southway Inn, 19:00 hrs. Good food, camaraderie with fellow enthusiasts, fun and prizes are all part of the Meet and Greet. An

exciting addition to this years Meet and Greet is the attendance of some of the participants in the Jaguar of North America Tour (JONAT).

This year, the awards will be given out in the museum auditorium at the end of the day at 16:00 hrs followed by the Concours dinner at 17:00 at Kelsey's.

We are looking for volunteers to help at the event with security, the registration table, results tabulation and set up and decommissioning. We are also soliciting the donation of prizes from members or their Companies for the Concours and the meet and greet. Any member who wishes to donate a prize or help out at the Concours please e-mail us at grant-edwards@rogers.com.

Come and enjoy our club's premiere annual event.

Grant and Tanya Edwards



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at www.jonat.org or from Mike O'Brien at 613-989-1342.

Mike O'Brien introduced **Chas James** and **Charles (Chuck) Robinson** who were attending the Club meeting for the first time. Guy welcomed both.

Paddy Robertson spoke about the Hudson Q.C. gathering on May 30th, and asked if anyone was interested in organizing the picnic competition. There was no interest shown by members in attendance re the picnic event. However, those who plan to attend the Hudson British Car Show and wish to travel together should meet at the St. Laurent Shopping Center, at 8 am on the 30th, beside Toys-R-Us. A general discussion ensued regarding forthcoming events. It was noted that an antique boat show will be held at the Long Island Lock on the Rideau on July 3rd, and

members are invited to show their Jaguars that day. There is also an auto show at the National Equestrian Centre on July 19th. Dash plaques go to the first 45 entrants. Guy asked members to consider organizing more "core" club events. There will be more discussion on this topic at the next meeting.

Alan Graves then gave update on the planned Spring Drive scheduled for Sunday 16 May. It will start in Richmond and follow a circular route through Perth (lunch at Fiddleheads), Westport, the Lanark Highlands and Almonte, ending at the Graves for coffee etc. Those who plan to attend should advise Alan at 613-592-6176 or af-graves@rogers.com. [See story, page 5]

Don Hobbs provided an update on his research into the production of a member's profile. He felt that

there was insufficient interest to pursue a very detailed project.

Ray Newson responded to a comment by Guy regarding advertising. It appears that all those with a business card sized ad now get their jottings by e-mail. Guy suggested that advertising rates should be reviewed. Ed Theoret advised that he would gather a small committee together at the Concours to discuss the issue.

The meeting concluded with a request for comments from members present.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45

Next meeting. The next OJC Club meeting will be held at Campbell Jaguar at 7:00 PM on Monday June 14th, 2004. See you there.

*Mike O'Brien
Secretary*

Market Place

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OJC Spring Drive

It was a great day for a drive.

About 16 cars assembled on a beautiful Sunday morning (May 17th) in Richmond for the "Spring Drive", our first outing of the season. The first leg of the trip was to Perth and lunch at "Fiddleheads" a restaurant in the Codes Mill complex where everybody enjoyed a great lunch, along with excellent service.

In Perth a couple of additional cars joined the group, and now equipped with quiz sheets in hand headed off to Westport in two separate convoys. After arriving in Westport, a leisurely hour was spent searching for answers to the quiz and touring the town.

The next leg was a long one and the heart of the drive, taking us from the lakeland of Westport, through the Lanark Highlands to Almonte, for a deserved break, rest, ice-cream, shopping or anything else one wanted to do on a Sunday afternoon. For some of us this included seeing an XK120 under restoration.

Following the stop over in Almonte it was on to Kanata for the end of the tour, tea, coffee and refreshments and the official adjudication of the Quiz sheets. The group arrived in Kanata about 7 minutes off of the days estimate!! The total distance driven (Richmond to Kanata) was

about 199 km, in 6 hours 15 minutes of which about 2 hours and 50 minutes was actually driving.

Back in Kanata, participants gathered for refreshments and the scoring of the Quiz. The winner of the Quiz, **Grant Edwards**, received a history book and the two runners-up got some homework in the form of different books describing 50 interesting places to see in Ontario and a strong hint that they should each pick one and organize a club outing to go see it!! I will let the "winners" own up as to who they were (remember, Paddy has a photo)!! [Ed. Note: We can't keep a secret - **Don Morrison & Wendy Vander-Meulen** are our future outing-

planners.)

Amongst the contingent were at least 3 XKE's (I always want to say "E-Types"), a MkII from 1961 and innumerable XJS's of various vintages ... as well as a good cross-section of sedans/saloons representing about 40 years of Jaguar evolution.

Alan Graves

Photos: Top and below, Bonnie Newson. Bottom, Alan Graves & Paddy Robertson.



Top: Waiting to go, in Richmond. Above, on the road. Left, in Westport.

*Right, **Alan Graves** receives a humorous gift in thanks for his excellent planning and execution of the Spring Drive.*





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The Crowd in my Garage

by David Clyne

Restoring my Jag, I had thought, was a task I was going to do on my own trying to do as much of the work as possible myself. I knew I would be calling on my friend, **Grant Edwards**, for help and advice from time to time but I had no idea that I would not be alone in my garage.

Some visitors to my garage have difficulty accepting that this is my dream car and that I am attempting to restore it. My project is a 1970 E-Type FHC that last saw the highway about 1981. Its history seems to have included winter driving in Buffalo. As a result, the rust worm got a very good start. Extensive bodywork is required in the floor and sill areas. What some see as impossible, I view as a challenge. Often visitors to my garage are overwhelmed with the task. "A journey of a thousand miles begins with one step." Some understand and share my excitement of having wonderful tools, the hutzpah to try new skills, and the pleasure of working in a bright, warm garage. The most frequent question concerns my estimated date of completion. I have come to terms with the answer which is, "Longer than I think."

With time, money, resources and a sense of purpose, one can achieve

almost anything. I am retired and apparently have unlimited time. At first, I thought I could take my time and still accomplish a great deal. Heart surgery re-defined the time issue. Yes, I am healthy again but I lost almost a year of activity and now every hour counts tenfold. I feel a sense of urgency to complete the task. "I will get there eventually," just doesn't cut it!

I couldn't be more fortunate than to have this opportunity as a retirement project. I am thoroughly engaged intellectually, physically and socially. I did not imagine that research, especially on the internet, would play such a satisfying and challenging role. E-Type Digest on the jag-lovers site provides inspiration, international community and more information about the minutiae of the E-Type than you can possibly want to know. Directions to information about parts, products, skills, processes and more are accessible in a nanosecond. I am not alone in my garage. Actually, one of the best moments I had on the computer this past winter was reading a submission by one of the "listeners." He described sitting in an easy chair in his garage with his

wife looking over his under-restoration project recalling times when he was able to drive the car with his father on trips in his youth and planning future trips with his wife. What a wonderful moment to share! Since I inherited many tools from my late father, I frequently

reach for the "right" tool, take a moment and murmur, "Thank-you, Dad!" I am not alone in my garage.



I am certainly emotionally engaged in this project. Unfortunately, my "garage language" too often betrays that underbelly of my less than desirable emotions.

The money issue is simple. There's not enough. It helps that I am not a chequebook restorer but there are limits to blood and white knuckles. Money, of course, helps focus the goal or purpose. My car is to be a driver restored to the original as close as I can make it. Concours is not the goal but originality is the aim.

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Dave Clyne looks on while **Grant Edwards** takes a break under the E-Type. Top: The Rotisserie.

Jaguar Daimler Heritage Trust

The Jaguar Heritage Magazine and Jaguar Daimler Heritage Trust are currently building a database on their website that will link all Jaguar / Daimler clubs throughout the world. They have requested that we provide a copy of our OJC club logo and web address. Our logo would then appear on their website and be hot-linked to ours.

Due to the potential impact of this request, the pros and cons are to be discussed at the next (June) OJC meeting prior to accepting or rejecting this request.

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Most of the parts of the car need to be either re-built, cleaned or replaced with new or used parts. Very careful shopping on E-Bay has brought some bargains. Anything I repair is a bonus like the heater fan motor which was seized but now spins happily at the original two speeds. I am so encouraged when I see the upholstery panels shine in like-new condition after being cleaned and polished by my wife, Helen. A myriad of cleaning techniques are being learned at the same time. I am not alone in my garage. Sometimes I will take a newly constructed metal panel into the kitchen to show Helen. I can't always wait until later to share. Every panel I make I figure I am saving money. (Of course, I did spend money on the shrinker and the benchtop metal brake.)

I expected surprises on the condition of the car once I started to disassemble it. Behind the frames that hold the engine (these were always a marvel to me), behind the bulkhead are the subframe mounting brackets. I didn't know these existed until I removed the rotted sill and saw what little remained of these brackets. Enough of one existed on one side and enough of the other on the other side to allow me to make a cardboard pattern and so produce steel replacements. Restoration really is "one piece at a time."

Mig welding is another skill providing exciting opportunity for me for personal growth. Everyone says it is so easy. Not true. Especially when the welder itself needs to be restored first! Still I am impressed with how different the skill is from oxy-acetylene welding. I have had lessons from two neighbours who are skilled welders in their work areas. I figure by the time I get good at it, I will simply start again and repair the pathetic results at the start. I should live so long.

In the dark moments, what sustains me or propels me to soldier on is the people part of the project. I have inspiration from several enthusiasts on the net. Bill McKenna, has a truly exceptional web site presenting his experience on his FHC. Another is Mark DeJong, who has great pictures showing step-by-step reconstructive work accomplished by him and his sons. Several individuals have displayed or e-mailed helpful details or examples for the rotisserie that Grant designed.

Other OJC members have been very helpful as well. **Phil Karam** travelled all the way to Alberta to return with two great videos on Metalwork and Painting. **John Smiley** and **Merv Clarke** offer advice and interest at the breakfast meetings. **Ron Sierolawski** offers advice and assistance with leading. **Hugh Siddons** expressed great interest in my device for spot sandblasting and, after a visit to see his FHC with the engine out, he loaned me his battery bracket which I was able to copy.

Mark Roberts alerted me to Rhode Island Wiring at one of the club meetings. **Don Hobbs** and **Frank Basten** have helped me become more active in the events of the club.

Paddy Robertson encouraged me to write for this journal, an activity I have enjoyed more than I care to admit.



Restoring my car has brought Helen and me into contact with so many quality people, a benefit I had not anticipated. When I run into a problem or question, I know such willing voices are close at hand. With this crowd in my garage it is hard to feel alone.

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- June 6 - By Ward Market Car Show
- June 14 - Monthly meeting
- **June 18 - Concours Meet 'n Greet at the Southway Inn**
- **June 18 - JONAT drivers arrive in Ottawa - Mike O'Brien**
- **June 19 - Concours d'Elegance at Canada Science & Technology Museum**
- June 27 - OJOA Concours d'Elegance, Toronto
- July 12 - Monthly meeting
- Summer Barbecue (TBA)
- Tour of the Karam Collection (TBA)
- Aug 9 - Monthly meeting
- Aug TBA - Barbeque (Ann Foley)
- Jag Gymkhana (TBA) - Frank Basten
- Sept 13 - Monthly meeting
- **Fall Drive & Winery Tour, Oct. 23-24, Picton - Hugh Siddons - reserve early at the Waring House (613-476-7492 - mention Hugh & the OJC)**

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Tinkering with Purr-fection!

Frank Basten is the proud owner of this month's featured Jaguars. Frank's interest in British motorcars and motorcycles runs in his blood, a family interest in motor vehicles and an uncle who drove Jaguar MKII's had an early influence on his current choice of collector automobiles.

Frank's Jaguar stable includes his first Jaguar purchase, an immaculate white 1991 XJ40 that he acquired in 1997. This car is fitted with a custom body kit and certainly makes an impression at any Jaguar gathering. In 2001 Frank added his blue 1986 XJ12, VDP to the fleet, a purchase from the late Jack Buchanan (OJC member). His third Jaguar, a bronze, low mileage, 1989 XJS Coupe located by Frank on the Internet, was purchased from a doctor in Hamilton, Ontario in 2002.

An avid tinkerer, Frank's early years as an aircraft mechanic back in England, and 25 years with Black &

Decker involved in manufacturing engineering have equipped him well for his automotive hobby. He does most of his own maintenance and will readily tackle almost anything mechanical, even improving on Jaguar engineering (is that possible?) For example, by relocating the coil and cruise bellows on his V12 engines he improved the longevity of those parts and made other maintenance activities easier.

Frank has been a very strong OJC club supporter since 1999. Frank was the Concours chair for both the 2001 and 2002 Concours events. In spite of a lengthy drive from Brockville where Frank lives with his wife June, Frank is a regular at most club meetings, often stepping in to chair the meetings and always a contributor. He currently holds the position of activities coordinator.

Member Profile

Frank enjoys the camaraderie, sharing technical assistance and the "chat & gossip" as a member of the Ottawa Jaguar Club. Frank's numerous other hobbies include woodworking, furniture and house building. So when you run out of Jaguar questions for Frank, you might try plumbing.....

Ray Newson



JAGDAD is the license plate on Frank's beautiful 1991 XJ40



Jaguar Owners Association Montreal

The JOA-M spring run took place on the same day as the OJC event - Sunday, May 16. The main group assembled at Dunkin Donuts at Dorval Circle and then headed out to meet the rest of the group at Le Vieux Duluth in Dorion. As we left there, a total of 15 Jags plus one "other" (Jag still in restoration mode) headed out towards Rockburn, near the US border. Our route took us nearly 100 km along 338 and the Soulange Canal, then on 201 to Valleyfield. From there we headed down through gorgeous scenery to Ormstown, Dewittville and Rockburn.

The weather cooperated really nicely and the two roadsters, **Bissera**

Anderson's 1957 XK140 and **Guy Goodman's** 1968 E-Type both went topless. The rest of the group ate their hearts out - or wallowed in luxury, depending on your point of view. Definitely the most invigorating part of the route was the 8.4 km winding road from Ormstown to Dewittville. You can let it all hang out but watch out on the curves! At the Rockburn, we met two other local Jags and their owners, one from Rockburn itself and the other from Malone. Also, another Montreal member showed up unexpectedly with guests from Vancouver (but not in his Jag).

We had been to the Rockburn Pub a couple of years ago and found it

very convivial indeed. Same again this year and we discovered a couple of other interesting snippets. First, the owner is a Brit car fan - she has an MG TF1500 and, I think, one other (can't remember what, though). Second, they have Brit car night every Wednesday. We plan to take advantage of that some time and perhaps some adventurous OJC members will come along and join us. The beer and food is excellent.

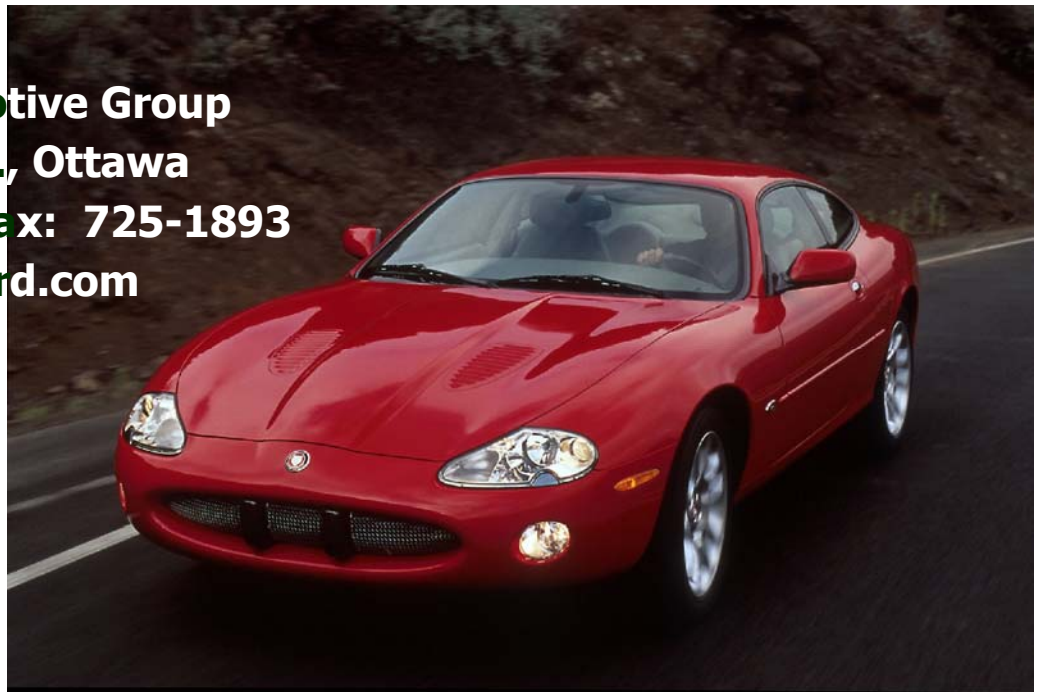
Oh, yes. We shared the parking lot with almost a hundred bikes - seems to be a big pastime down there. Ever see a Harley with a Weber carb? We did.

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