



Jaguar Jottings

February 2005



Snowleaper

This poor feline appears frozen in place while trying to escape Ottawa's frigid winter!

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Club Jacket Opportunity

LEATHER WINTER JACKET with
OJC CLUB LOGO

I have been looking for a good winter/fall jacket with some sort of Jaguar logo since I first thought of getting a car to wear it in. Several were available on e-Bay but never my size (more than large). I decided to have one made and did some research. I have a supplier that can provide three different jackets with a body shell of Melton wool and sleeves of leather. The cuffs, waist and collar can be leather or knitted. **Colors vary depending on the style chosen** but include black/red; navy/navy; forest green/forest green; black/black; forest green /black; black/burgundy; black/forest green and red/dark navy. There are several choices for a logo but because of the cost of digitization

of the image only one is possible for this project. The image chosen is a leaping jaguar facing right to avoid trademark infringement in gold or silver thread with black highlights. The leaper chosen is from the club logo. The price for each jacket, irrespective of style or color is \$150.00 plus tax (\$172.50).

Below are images of two of the styles. There is one other model, 212S, that has knitted cuffs and waistband and a leather stand-up collar. It has snaps, as does model 216S, while 228 has a zipper. I have 7 orders and plan to place the order on 15 February.

If anyone is interested please contact me at jaguars@silverstonekennel.ca or by phone at 613-989-1342, or see me at the club meeting on 14 Feb.

Mike O'Brien



Model 228 has leather sleeves, cuffs and collar



Model 216S has knitted sleeves, cuffs and collar



The Club's leaper logo
will be used

February Activity – Alan Graves

The Triumph/MG Darts Match Becomes the Triumph/MG/Jaguar Darts Match

This informal match/tournament will be held at the Broadway Bar and Grill, 3777 Strandherd Road, Barrhaven, starting at 2 pm on Saturday, Feb 26th.

We need a few teams of two, although individual players are welcome also (often the mixed club teams do better than the single club teams). This should be 3-4 hours of serious fun and less-than-serious competition (as long as we win!!!). If you are interested contact Alan Graves before Feb 10th, Guy Larabie after the 10th, or just turn up.

Member Profile: John Charman

John Charman has been an active member of the Ottawa Jaguar Club since 1990. He served as assistant editor to the Jottings for a year and then editor for five years. During his tenure as editor our newsletter won the JCNA award for best newsletter in its category.

John has also held the positions of Club Chairman and Concours Chair. Not to be outdone, John's other half **Wendy VanderMeulen**, has been Activities Director several times and continues to organize functions under the current director(s). She has also organized several weekend events and the Concours hospitality evening for the last few years. Jointly they have organized and run three rallies with the help of **Guy Goodman** and several day trips and club dinners.

We are very lucky to have John & Wendy as members of the club, especially as membership did not come easily to them. When John bought his first XJ-S at the dealership, there was a club member there who said that he would send him information about the club, but nothing ever arrived.

John later entered a car show in Detroit where he met **Jim Levangie**, an OJC member at the time, and John gave him his phone number. While chatting, it was noted that they had a common friend in the wife of the current Deputy Commissioner of the RCMP. Jim lost John's phone number but did track him down through their mutual friend and John was finally able to join the club!

Ray Newson

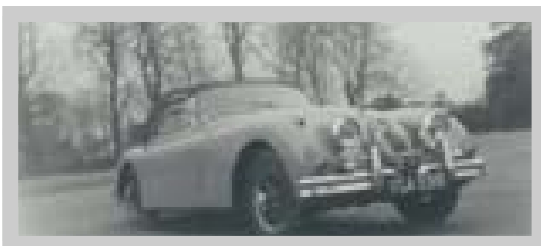
This is John's story ...

My involvement with Jaguar cars goes back a long way. I had just got my drivers license when the E-type was first announced. Like everyone at the time, I wanted one. What better car to pick up girls with? But reality set in: no money, no car, no

girls. Also, I had just started work and a Jaguar was not the type of car to drive in our English village; I know because my father told me so in no uncertain terms. But being English, when you are told you cannot do something, it is the first thing you go out and try to do. So now the story unfolds.

My first Jaguar was a MK V 2 1/2 litre. I bought it when I was just 18 years old. It was black and caused quite a stir when I brought it home. It was a great car that I only had one trouble with: a con rod broke and put a hole in the side of the engine. The only replacement I could get was a 3-1/2 litre so I had that put in. I used the car for some time but the itch for a sports car was still there. So, I traded it in for an XK120 [left].

This car was in pretty bad shape. It was painted red and white [see photo below], and the bumpers were missing, but it was a lot of fun. Many years later I realized that it was probably one of the first 50 cars made. This is based on the license plate number, which is very close to those in photos of earlier cars. One other item on the car was a swallow. It also looks very much like the original mascot used by Jaguar in early years. I still have it. I used this car in several rallies and did quite well, usually earning a prize. The only problem I had with this car was when the Moss gear box jammed in first gear. I bought a workshop manual



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Profile - cont'd

for just over two pounds, removed the gear box, had it fixed, and then replaced it. This was a known problem with the Moss gear box and stood me in good stead later on.



Next came a XK140 Drophead Coupe [photo on front page]. This was a decided step up, a very nice car in my favourite colour BRG. Then came a bright red 3.4. This car was modified with larger SUs, different cams and a very noisy exhaust system. Had a lot of fun with this car, even ran in several club races at Brands Hatch. But I was not very good at it; much better in rallies.

Then came a XK150 SE Drophead Coupe. This car was gray and was now too refined and heavy for rallies, etc. I had the same gear box trouble as with the XK120, but this time the engine and gear box had to come out as a unit. This was because this car had an overdrive unit and there was not enough room to pull the gear box off on its own.

The last car I owned while living in England was not a Jaguar but a Facel Vega HK500. A very nice fast car— I wish I still had it. Anyway, by this time I was well known to the various police forces in our area so decided to put some distance between us and move to Canada, bringing the HK500 with me. It was tricky driving across the Atlantic but we made it.

After several years of driving North American and one German car, I decided that it was time to get back to driving Jaguars again. In 1989 I bought a new XJ-S in British Racing Green and drove it for nine years of summer driving only. Never had any problems with the car and you can still see the car today as it is now

owned by **Mark Roberts**. The only reason to trade it in was that I bought my current XJS convertible in 1997.

As a daily car, in 1994 I bought a 1990 XJ6 as a test to see how it would hold up during the winter. As I was now driving about 1,000 to 1,500 km's a week, the mileage soon added up. Had several problems with this car: the worst one was with the brakes. When braking one wheel would lock up, which was quite exciting as this happened in the winter. Took some time to fix, as Jaguar would not admit there was any reason for it to happen. Only when Jaguar Service Advisor **Jeff Jardine** talked to a service manager in the USA was the problem corrected.

Next came a 1994 Sovereign (XJ40), which ran well until a piston ring broke and the cost of fixing it was more than the car was worth. So I got a good deal on the current XJ6, it was a 1997 with only 14,000 km. In my favourite colour again, BRG. Still going strong with 100,000 km in four years.

Did I get the girls? Not really, had to work two jobs to be able to afford all these



1989 XJ-S Coupe

cars, but I did find **Wendy** and I didn't even own a Jaguar at the time. Made lots of friends through the Ottawa Jaguar Club and meet interesting people anytime we go out for a drive in the XJS. People of all ages still stop us to ask about the car and say what a nice car it is.

While owning all these Jaguars, I also collected an extensive library of books and sales material. I have some XK150, C-Type and original E-Type brochures as well as many others from the sixties through to this year.

John Charman



1995 XJ-S

Market Place

Don't forget! Marketplace ads work just as well for that special, hard to find part that you need. Place a "Looking For" ad in marketplace and there's a good chance that one of our members has one tucked away in the back of his garage or at least can point you in the right direction.

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January Meeting Notes

The President, **Guy Larabie**, opened the meeting at 7:00 pm by welcoming all those in attendance. Guy noted how successful the Christmas party had been and thanked Hugh and Haley Siddons for their hospitality in hosting this function. Guy then reminded everybody that this is the 20th anniversary of the OJC and that the group had set a target of 20 activities for 2005. **Alan Graves**, Activities Chairman, noted that he already had a wish list of some 34 activities to be discussed. That this was the final meeting to be held at Campbell's facility and where we go from here was then discussed with no final resolution at this time. Twenty-eight members attended.

Guy welcomed **Sonny Dauncey** from Campbell Ford who explained that the Jaguar dealership was being transferred to the Mierins Family of Auto Dealerships in Ottawa and will be co-located with the Volvo and Land Rover dealerships just off St Laurent Blvd. Sonny will be staying with Campbell Ford in the all-model leasing department. Some Jaguar service will be available at Campbell Ford however it will be straight time. It was recommended that members take their service requirements to the new dealership or elsewhere given the cost. Guy thanked Sonny for the support offered to the Club and for his specific assistance to Club events such as the concours.

The location for future meetings has

not been decided, members will be notified prior to the next meeting.

Alan Graves, the new activities chair, gave a detailed explanation of some 34 events that could be held in 2005. [The list is on page 11.] Alan would like your feedback by returning the list showing your interest in both attending and conducting an event.

There followed a gripping presentation by **Marc Chappell** on the frame-off restoration of his 1936 Packard. This was supported by slides and snickers from his wife when he initially wouldn't tell the members how much it cost. All present complimented him on a professional job and an interesting presentation.

The President introduced the new Executive whose names and telephone numbers can be found on page 12 in this issue of Jaguar Jottings.

During the discussion period, **Mike O'Brien** offered to order good quality Melton and leather jackets for members as part of a search that he did for a jacket for himself. Details are elsewhere [page 2] in the Jottings

The meeting closed at 1 minute to 9 p.m. as members ran to their cars before being locked in with all those lovely new Jaguars for the night.

*Mike O'Brien
Secretary*

Club Activities, 2005

I am pleased to report that good progress is being made in establishing a suite of 20 activities for the 2005 year. This will meet the goal of one activity for every year of our 20-year existence plus give us a photo-op to be combined with one of them to produce the "20th Anniversary Photo". Guy Larabie and Mike O'Brien are organizing the first activities, which are in January and February. I urge you to support these activities.

The Candidate Activities List, page 11, is currently sitting at 28, several of which are annual stalwarts although many others are new. There will also be a 20th anniversary group photo, which will be combined with one of the events, probably the Concours.

The stalwarts include the Annual Dinner, a Spring Drive, the Concours, Merrickville, the Boots and Bonnets, the annual tussle between Stowe and Bronte and, to cap out another year of glorious Jaguarhood, the Christmas party. Some major newcomers include a Fly/Drive Day with one of the local flying clubs, the ABCD car meet set for July 16th a drive and lunch at Chateau Montebello, with its astounding Sunday Brunch, and a two day trip across Algonquin Park and back.

In addition to the ABCD we are planning two or three other joint events with other British Car Clubs, the first of which is on the afternoon of February 26th at the Broadway Bar and Grill, 3777 Strandherd in Barrhaven. I need a hearty and hardy set of volunteers to join in the annual inter-club darts match, between the other car clubs and us. This is a really good chance to get make / renew friendships with the members of other clubs who also will be co-exhibitors at the ABCD [see page 7]. Please let me know if you are coming.

The current list of 28 events needs to be reduced to about 20, so I urge all

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those who have not already responded to me by e-mail/snail-mail with their preferred events. In particular, I am looking for volunteers to organize, help organize or host some of the events labelled OPEN, since I cannot carry out the hosting, detailed planning and logistics of all the events. I will work with the responses I receive by Feb 10th or thereabouts to produce a quasi-final version of the activity list for next month's Jottings, which we can ratify at the March meeting. Please feel free to send your comments and your volunteering for organizing events to me, preferably at afgraves@rogers.com or alternatively call me at 613 592 6176, evenings or weekends.

With your help we will make this one of the best years ever for OJC events!!!

*Alan Graves
Events Coordinator*

ABCD: All British Car Day

The organization and planning of the All British Car Day (ABCD) is progressing rapidly. We now have representation on the planning team from the Jaguar, Austin-Healey, Triumph, MG, Lotus, Rolls-Royce, Singer and Morgan clubs. We are still working on bringing in Land-Rover.

The event date has been set as Saturday, July 16th, at Britannia Beach Park, which is a delightful grassy tree-lined peninsula protruding into the Ottawa River at the north end of Pinecrest Road. The event itself will likely last from 10 a.m. to about 4 p.m. and will be mainly a social recreation event with a few competitive elements, but not a rigorous judging schedule. Most likely we will have popular vote for best car, best wheels and things akin to the Boot and Bonnet Show. The first cut at a site plan indicates that we can readily accommodate 180-220 cars in a relatively low-density plan.

Catering will be arranged for the lunch period and there will be a small entry fee for vehicles, mainly to cover the cost of the park rental. We may also organize an optional evening festivity for those interested.

A domain name has been reserved for this event and a website will be operational shortly under the domain name www.britishcarday.ca (not to be confused with www.britishcarday.com, which is the web site for the Bronte event in September in Toronto).

The organizing group meets roughly once a month (it met on Jan 11th and meets again on Feb 1st) and your Jaguar representatives are **Alan Graves** and **Mike O'Brien**. Please feel free to forward any queries to them. And, yes, we ARE looking for volunteers to help on the day!!! If you are willing to help, please contact Alan at afgraves@rogers.com or

ASK THE EXPERTS!

In response to many members' requests for more technical content in our monthly newsletter, a new monthly feature "Ask The Experts" is being introduced.

Don't know how to get at that hidden part? Is there a less expensive way to resolve that Catalytic Converter problem? Who can recommend where to get a headliner repaired? Just email you problem to Ray@Newson.ca, we will publish your questions in the Jotting's. All we ask is that the experts out there respond with their solutions, (to Ray@Newson.ca) and we will publish the answers the following month for the benefit of all of our members.

Between the Ottawa and Montreal Clubs, we have a resource pool of over 120 members. Let's share our knowledge and all learn from each other.

Ray Newson

Question #1

Hugh Siddons writes –

The exhaust on my Series I, 4.2L E-Type is leaking where the flex pipe connects to the muffler. The flex pipe is seized, therefore not flexing, and is probably the cause of the leak.

Is there a more practical/economical way to repair this exhaust short of using standard factory replacement parts?

Question #2

Lorraine Seed writes -

We were wondering what the club recommended regarding protective spraying/coating of Jaguars. Ours was sprayed by Spartan two years ago following extensive body work and a re-paint...because we have put so much work into [it], we don't want to take any chances...so if you could suggest the type and frequency of spray, we would appreciate it.

OK, now let's hear from the experts. Send your opinions and solutions to Ray@Newson.ca and we will publish your answers/solutions in the March issue of Jaguar Jotting's.

And don't forget: if you have a Jaguar-related problem that you could use some help with, send us a note. We'll see who can help.

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President's Message:

Changes for '05

Before going into my 2005 agenda, I want to close off 2004 by thanking **Hugh and Halley Siddons** for a most wonderful Christmas Party on December 10th. Hugh and Halley entertained forty plus guests in their beautiful home with their usual flair, panache and savoir faire! Everyone had a great time and the Club is very thankful to them.

I would like to start off 2005 by wishing everyone a most happy and prosperous New Year. May the New Year bring you health, joy, a smooth running Jaguar and tons of sunny days to drive your car and participate in club activities. As most of you know, **this year will be our 20th anniversary** and we are planning a host of activities to mark this occasion. Alan Graves is the Activities Chair and he has a diverse list of proposed activities for the membership [see p. 11]. I invite you to review this list and make your preferences and/or suggestions known to Alan as soon as possible.

For those of you who weren't at the last meeting, it is important to know that this was our last meeting at Campbell Jaguar. Our warmest thanks go out to the management and staff of Campbell Jaguar for having supplied us with a meeting room for the last two years. Our arrangement with them was really a win-win situation for both parties: they sold and serviced some of our members' cars and we got a great location for our monthly meetings.

We are sorry to part ways with them and particularly with **Sonny Dauncey** who was always willing to go out of his way to assist us. For those of you who may be entertaining the idea of buying a "nearly new" Jaguar in the near future, Sonny is staying on with Campbell Leasing and you should keep in touch with him as

he will have some Jaguars coming off lease. Also, in his new capacity he can also offer you a lease deal on any make of car.

The Jaguar dealership is being transferred over to the Mierins Automotive Group and the new dealership will be located in the east end, on Michael Street. Jaguar will join Land Rover and Volvo, which are currently sold and serviced at this location. We really look forward to getting to know and working with them to put the Jaguar nameplate in the forefront of luxury brands in the Ottawa area.

Unfortunately, their new dedicated Jaguar facility will not be ready until the end of the year. Consequently, we have to find a new location for our monthly meetings. As of the writing of this issue, no location has been nailed down yet and we are still looking. If you have any suggestions, your input would be greatly appreciated. We will be e-mailing you the new location as soon as it can be confirmed.

Finally, our annual go-carting activity will be held on Saturday January 29th. We will be congregating at Top Karting on Edmonton Avenue in Gatineau (Hull) at 12 noon. Depending on the number of participants, we may be able to have a "race" for club members only.

Otherwise, we will have to mix it up with their general clientele.

We should be done by 2pm and we will then go for a light lunch at a nearby establishment. I invite all

members to consider participating in this first activity of 2005. This is a really safe and fun indoor event that can truly be enjoyed by all. As there is usually not much to do on a cold January day, we should have a good turnout. If you are just curious to observe before you try, you are welcome to come and encourage your fellow club members and share in the good time.

Activities - 2005

If you have suggestions or wish to help, contact Activities Coordinator **Alan Graves**, Ottawa 613-592-6176 or afgraves@rogers.com.

- Feb 14: Monthly Meeting
- March: Annual March Dinner—TBA
- Mar 14: Monthly Meeting (to be confirmed)
- Apr 11: Monthly Meeting
- May 9: Monthly Meeting

See the list of proposed activities for 2005 on page 11.

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OJC 2005 Candidate Events List

New event number		When	Tier	I would be willing to organise	I would be willing to help
1	Indoors competition e.g. Go Karting in February	Jan 29th @ 12 noon to ~2 pm.	2	Guy Larabie	
2	Visit an automotive machine shop or garage in February or early March	Late Feb/ early Mar	1	Mike O'Brien	
3	Triumph/MG Club annual dart tournament	Feb 26th	2	Alan Graves	
4	Annual dinner in March	2nd-3rd wk March	1	Guy Larabie	Paddy Robertson
5	Spring (April) thaw special i.e. first drive around the City	April (late?)	2	Alan Graves	Peter Kenny, Lee Harrington
6	Attend RM Toronto International Spring Classic Car Auction	April 15-17	3	OPEN	
7	Spring country drive	Mid May	1	Alan Graves	Paddy Robertson, Peter Kenny, Lee Harrington, Gord Mount
8	Fly/drive day with Rockcliffe Flying Club or Gatineau	May or Sept?	1	Alan Graves	Peter Kenny, Marc Chappell
9	Meet at Beaconsfield with Montreal Jaguar Club in May	May 21 or May 28?	2	Guy Goodman, Frank Basten	
10	Hospitality night (Pre-Concours)	June (16th?)	1	OPEN	Paddy, Jim Walker
11	Annual Concours in June	June (17th?)	1	Grant Edwards	Paddy Robertson, J Walker, M O'Brien, F Basten, B Hiland, G Mount, M Chappell, J Charman, D&N Hobbs
12	July (or Aug) BBQ	July /Aug	1	OPEN	Paul Davis
13	Hazeldean cruise night/supper with Triumph club	Any time in the summer	2	Alan Graves	
14	July Drive & Day @ St Lawrence - country drive and picnic, sightseeing, possible dinner on return (Merrickville?)	July (not July 16/17)	1	Don and Nell Hobbs	Lee Harrington
15	Eastern Ontario/Western Quebec Drive and Brunch @ Chateau Montebello	Summer Sunday	1	Alan Graves	Peter Kenny
16	July All British Car Day in Ottawa	July 16th	1	Alan Graves	Paddy Robertson, Mike O'Brien, Frank Basten, Don & Nell Hobbs
17	Merrickville Canal Fest-car display and Picnic	July (was July11/04)	2	OPEN	
18	Canadian Tire Car Show	July 30th	3	OPEN	
19	Tire shop or auto body shop visit	Aug/Sep?	2	OPEN	
20	Boots & Bonnet British Car Show	Aug	2	Don & Nell Hobbs	Alan Graves
21	Algonquin week-end (2days/1 night)	Summer	2	Alan Graves	
22	British Invasion in Stowe	Sept (15-18?)	2	OPEN	
23	Bronte British Car Day	Sept 18th	3	OPEN	
24	Fall Rally and treasure hunt	Sept	2	OPEN	Paddy Robertson
25	Joint event with Triumph and MG club	Sept	2	Alan Graves	
26	Annual Colour drive	Sept/Oct	1	OPEN	Paddy Robertson
27	Christmas Party	Dec	1	OPEN	Paddy Robertson
xx	20th Anniversary Group Photo - associated with another event				

Note Tier 1 = 50%+ support from first survey, Tier 2 = 25-49% support, Tier 3 = 12-24% support. Data used for preliminary sort to generate this list. List needs to be reduced to ~ 20-22 activities.

Please let Alan Graves know if you are able to organize, help organize or host some of the events labelled OPEN, by Feb 10th. Send your comments to afgraves@rogers.com or 613 592 6176, evenings or weekends.

Summer Day Memories!



Membership Renewal

Dues are \$50 per year (\$60 if you pay after Dec. 31st). Due include membership in OJC and the Jaguar Clubs of North America, the *Jaguar Jottings* monthly newsletter and JCNA's bi-monthly magazine, *Jaguar Journal*.

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