



Jaguar Jottings

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Twenty years ago today ...



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*Charter members of the OJC at the first meeting,
4 August 1985.*

Merv Clarke took the photo.

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August Meeting

Monday, August 8 - 7:00 p.m. at Jaguar Ottawa, 1300 Michael St.

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Market Place

This newsletter accepts advertisements in good faith, but it is in your best interest to make every effort to check offers personally.

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Pièces de XK120-XK140-XK150, aussi de MkI, Mk II et quelques unes pour 420G, MkIX, XJ serie 1 et XJ6C. Il y en a trop pour faire une énumération, des petites comme des grosses. Deux trouvailles récentes : un bouton de klaxon de XK150 complet et une paire de pare-soleil en Perspex pour un XK150 FHC. Si vous cherchez quelque chose, demandez par courriel. Qui sait?
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NEW: 1987 XJ6. Excellent condition; stored every winter. Blue exterior and interior. Contact Lorraine Huska, 613-727-9610.

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Images from the ABCD, July 16th

Phil Karam and his XK120—what a winner!

Photo by Yann Robin

Member Profile: Merv Clarke

and a little Club History

As a founding member of The Ottawa Jaguar Club, and the only remaining active member from that first day 20 years ago, **Merv Clarke** shares his story and memories of how it all began.

A Mercedes driver back in the early 80s, Merv couldn't help but notice the 1973 Azure



Blue Jaguar E Type that belonged to a regular visitor to one of his neighbours. After getting to know the owner of the car, **Chuck Cowie**, and learning more about Jaguars, it wasn't long before Merv determined that he had to have one for himself.



Merv's first Jaguar was a mint 1973 E Type Roadster. This car was soon followed by a brand new 1986 XJ6, a 1964 E Type Roadster project car, and then a 1964 3.8 "S" Type. Merv proudly points out that he still owns all of these cars. There was one other Jaguar, a 1959 MK9. He held onto this one for seven or eight years, but parted with it after determining it was more of a project than he wanted to tackle.

All of Merv's cars are maintained in beautiful condition, and he has some thirty-seven first place wins, along with six seconds and five thirds, in JCNA sanctioned Concourses to show for it. His 1986 XJ6 has won the JCNA North American championship

twice, and his un-restored 1973 Series III E Type placed 6th overall Class 7 in JCNA in 1990.

It was at the Toronto Concours in 1984 that Merv and Chuck Cowie first discussed the possibility of a Jaguar club in Ottawa and the benefits of such a venture. Over the following year the idea grew and, during the summer of 1985, the pair prepared flyers looking for people interested in forming such a club and delivered them to Redshaw Motors, John Pritchard, English Motors and the Jaguar dealer.

The first meeting was held on August 4th, 1985, at Merv's home [photo, page 1, article page 7]. Until their mandate was firmed up and elections held, Merv hosted and lead the first several meetings assisted by a group of unofficial volunteers. Once the club was firmly established several months later, an application was made to join JCNA. In the early days the club consisted mostly of hands-on restorers who wanted to share their technical expertise and enjoy the company of like-minded Jaguar buffs.

Merv's association with his Jaguars has brought him into contact with some fascinating people. In 1987, while at the JCNA Biennial event in Boston, Merv had the opportunity to have a beer and chat with Lofty England, Jaguar's former Chairman. During the summer of 1993, he was invited by the late Karen Miller, Jaguar's Historian at Mahwah N.J., to attend a new car press release at Warren, NJ, where he met Stirling



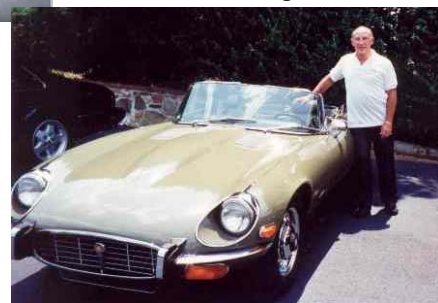
Moss and Bob Tulus. Moss and Tulus were the guest speakers at this three-day event. In 2000, Merv was again invited to a press release along with Dave Boone and Phil Karam of the Ottawa Jaguar Club. This event, at the Blainville test track, was held in conjunction with the Formula I race in Montreal – the inaugural race for the new Jaguar Racing team. Here Merv met with Johnny Herbert and Eddy Irvine who tested out and toured members of the press in his Series III E Type on the Slalom Course.



Above: Johnny Herbert (with a reporter) in Merv's 1973 Series III E-type.

Left: Eddie Irvine checks to see if any rubber remains on the rear tires.

Below: Stirling Moss



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Merv

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Blainville Test Track: Gary Bartlett's XKSS (one of 17); Merv's '73 E-Type; Dave Boone's XK150; Phil Karam's XK120

Born and raised in Ottawa, Merv graduated from Algonquin College with a diploma in Architectural Technology. He has spent 30 years in the residential construction business around Ottawa, starting as a draftsman and eventually owning his own construction company, building 25-30 houses per year. Merv and his wife Lyse have two children, Kristine and Stephen.

A tip of the hat to Merv for getting the Ottawa Jaguar Club started and for his constant involvement in helping it to be the club it is today!

Ray Newson



The nose of Merv's S-Type, July 16, 2005.

Jaguar Owners Association Montreal



Although there is no general meeting in the month of August, the guys will be gathering at the Cote St. Luc BarBQ at the usual time (6:30) on August 16th.

Our next event will be a drive to Montebello on August 28th, when we join the Ottawa Jaguar Club. The Ottawa people will drive to

Hawkesbury to cross the bridge into Quebec and on to Montebello.

I suggested to event organizer Al Graves that we meet at some point and drive together into Montebello.

I'll send out a note with the details.

Jim Begg

Concours 2005 Results

Class	Names	Car	Score
C03	Richard Whyte	1957 XK140 OTS, BRG	99.91
C03	Julian Brosseau	1956 XK140 FHC, primrose	98.76
C05	David Kenny	1967 E 2+2 FHC, BRG	98.09
C05	Grant Edwards	1966 E FHC, primrose	97.93
C06	Robert & Jean Dunlop	1968 E OTS, emberglo	98.76
C07	Michael Divine	1973- E type, BRG	98.91
C10	David Brooks	1970 XJ6, white	89.92
C11	Stewart & Paddy Robertson	1977 XJ6 C, greensand	97.46
C13	Mike Olsen	1989 XJ40, red	97.04
C14 *	Graham & Margaret Stokes	1998 XJR, blue	100.0
C15A	Cliff Thompson	1987 XJS, black	95.75
C16	Hugh L. Siddons	2003 XK8 Conv, red	98.34
C19	Merv Clarke	1973 E-type, OTS, fern grey	98.42
D02	Trevor Klotz	1964, E-type, Series 1, red	9.730
D03 *	David Jordan	1970 E FHC, yellow	9.989
D03	David Jordan	1971 E OTS, black	9.959
D03	Herb & Barbara Woods	1969 E OTS, blue	9.929
D03	Guy Goodman	1968 E OTS, silver	9.676
D05	Phil & Fadia Karam	1966 MkII, opalescent green	9.840
D05	Ken Fewkes	1963 Mk II, blue	9.218
D06	Bob Higgs	1992 VDP, black cherry	9.987
D06	Paul Davis	1982 XJ6, met blue	9.940
D07	Jocelyn Ferguson	1995, XJ6, BRG	9.930
D08A	Daniel Lokun	1990, XJS 2+2, red	9.760
D08A	Dave Hurd	1986 XJS, ble	9.751
D08A	Marc & Sheila Chappell	1988, XJS, black	9.547
D08A	Sidney & Wendy Mackay	1979 XJSC white	9.266
D08B	James & Gladys Walker	1996 XJS Conv., red	9.836
D08B	Bruce Pearson	1995 XJS, jade green	9.610
S3	Jean Nocera	1969, XKE, OTS, green	98.58

Congratulations to all—and thanks for participating!

** Best in Show—Champion and Driven Classes*



The first All British Car Day was held at Britannia Park, on the banks of the Ottawa River. The weather was almost ideal—maybe 4 degrees too warm—and the turn-out was excellent for a first year event. We parked about 160 vehicles ranging from a 1923 Roll-Royce to a 2005 Mini-Cooper convertible, with an excellent contribution of Jaguars from our club and other owners.

Phil Karam's XK120 was especially remarked upon – favourably of course – as was the little red Morris Minor convertible that received the British High Commissioner's Award. The people's choice award went to the 1923 Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost.

The volunteer team was great, and that meant that the actual duty shifts tended to be even lighter than planned. Special thanks goes to all the OJC volunteers who helped make the event a success.

Lunch was provided by Dave Smith's organization and provided the needed stamina to keep going in the afternoon. The show wrapped up around 3:30 and everybody was away from the site by 4:30.

The response to the event was so positive that planning is already starting for a repeat event next year, likely on July 15th.

There were so many nice cars of all marques that it is impossible to include pictures of them all, so I have provided a photo-montage instead.

If anybody has any suggestions for improvements to the show, please forward them to me. I will table them with the organizing committee.

Al Graves



OJC History: 20 Years Old

① JAGUAR MEETING MINUTES

A JAGUAR OWNERS MEETING WAS HELD AT 122 MARINA DRIVE, CARLETON GOLF AND YACHT CLUB, 4 MILES SOUTH OF MANOTIC ONTARIO FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A JAGUAR CLUB FOR INTERESTED PERSONS RESIDING IN THE OTTAWA AREA OR ELSEWHERE.

THESE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE INITIAL MEETING WERE:-

MEMBER NUMBER	NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE(S)	CAR (E)
1.	MERV CLARKE	122 MARINA DRIVE	(H) 672-4239 (B) 725-3365	VIZ E
2.	CHUCK COWIE	1275 BLAISE ST	(H) 818-1254 (B) 982-7897	VIZ E
3.	TED POWELL	933 MUSKOGA AVE	(H) 722-9397	SORT E CAR XT 12 IN
4.	RIC LITTLE	2-27 BERTHA ST	(H) 224-8220 (B) 723-0320	JAGUAR OF OTTAWA
5.	GLENYS PHILL	319 MACKAY ST	(H) 741-6315 (B) 998-4912	4.2 E
6.	RON JACKSON	201 CASTLEMAN RD	(H) 836-3379 (B) 225-0335	4.2 F
7.	LAUREN HANSMAN	156 DAVALL STREET	(H) 819-4389 (B) 727-1580	3.8 E
8.	MIKE KASSNER	5 BOLDUNE RD	(H) 226-3906 (B) 587-8979	VIZ E
9.	LOU MACDONALD	1841 MANOTIC CVD	(H) 672-2481 (B) 235-4316	VIZ E
10.	PAUL HUNT	130 B. GREENHILL AVE	(H) 232-9876 (B) 992-6442	VIZ E
11.	OSCAR MCLENN	6 PARK CASCENT	(H) 445-2834 (B) 237-0230	CHRYSLER PT 12 IN
12.	JOE LARRY LESTER	813 WATLEY RD	(H) 733-9421	3.8 IN 2
13.	RAY CHAMBERS	70 AMERICAN CREST RD	(H) 226-5577 (B) 233-6425	4.2 E
14.	CONRAD WATERS	150 GREEN AVE	(H) 230-5305	XT 15 IN 5
15.	DAVID JOHNSON	50 BURNING AVE #203	(H) 728-9632 (B) 737-2191	XT 4/80

THERE WERE MANY OTHER PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS WHO WERE TO ATTEND DUE TO THEIR COMMITMENTS FOR THE LONG WEEK END (SUNDAY) BUT WHO WERE UNABLE TO BE PRESENT AT THE NEXT MEETING.

On August 4, 1985, **Chuck Cowie** penned the minutes of the first meeting of the Ottawa Jaguar Club. Twenty people attended the inaugural meeting, and the first fifteen membership numbers were assigned (five were family memberships). **Merv & Lyse Clarke** are first on that list.

As Chuck Cowie wrote these minutes, I wonder if he paused for a moment to wonder what they were creating, and if the club would still exist twenty years in the future? If he could have looked ahead he would have seen with satisfaction that the original fifteen members who congregated that August afternoon did accomplish their mission. The club they created took root and grew.

For two decades the OJC club has successfully promoted the marque, and provided a forum for sharing and preserving technical information. Perhaps more importantly, the OJC brought together many people from diverse backgrounds who forged deep and enduring friendships. The OJC of 2005 is a vibrant, active, and successful organization.

Chuck remained an active member of the OJC until he passed away three years ago. Of the fifteen members who set the original course for the club, only Merv Clark remains. Since then, however, many others have come forward, dedicating their time and energy to build on what Chuck and Merv created on that day.

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MERV CLARKE (THE HOST) WELCOMED THE GROUP AND GAVE A SHORT INTRODUCTORY ADDRESS ON WHY HE THOUGHT A CLUB SHOULD BE FORMED FOR THE OTTAWA AREA. FOLLOWING A GENERAL DISCUSSION ON WHAT THESE IN ATTENDANCE EXPECTED FROM SUCH A CLUB, IT WAS ULTIMATELY PROPOSED BY CHUCK COWIE THAT AN INTERIM STATE OF OFFICERS BE APPOINTED AS AN INITIAL ORGANIZATION STEP FOR THE REMAINING IN 1985 PROVIDING THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS BY MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING TAKES PLACE IN 1986 ON A DATE TO BE SET BY THE CHAIRMAN. THESE APPOINTMENTS WERE:-

- (A) CHAIRMAN:- MERV CLARKE
- (B) SECRETARY:- CHUCK COWIE (PRO TEM - FOR THE TIME BEING)
- (C) TECHNICAL:- TED POWELL (CHAIRMAN) ERIC ARSON, OSCAR MCLENN, LARRY LESTER, CHUCK COWIE
- (D) ACTIVITIES/SOUND:- RAY CHAMBERS (CHAIRMAN) GLENYS PHILL, LYSE CLARKE, RON JACKSON, MIKE KASSNER
- (E) MEMBERSHIP:- LAUREN HANSMAN (CHAIRMAN) JOE LESTER
- (F) TREASURER:- PAUL HUNT
- (G) DRIVERS SAFETY SKILLS:- TED POWELL
- (H) NAME TAGS:- LOU MACDONALD
- (I) GRAPHICS:- RAY CHAMBERS
- (J) JAGUAR CARS REPRESENTATIVE:- RIC LITTLE

SEVERAL POINTS FOR MEMBERS CONSIDERATION FOR THE NEXT MEETING ARE:- (1) NAME OF CLUB (NOT OTJA) (2) CONSTITUTION (3) AFFILIATION WITH ONTARIO JAGUAR OWNERS ASSOCIATION (OTJA) (4) CLUB FEES FOR MEMBERS (5) CLUB ACTIVITIES (6) GENUIS (KOCAL) AND OTJA 1987 (OTTAWA) (7) NEWS LETTER (8) EDITOR (9) OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

RIC LITTLE JAGUAR REPRESENTATIVE FROM MANOTIC MOTORS GAVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE MANOTIC MOTORS NEW DIVISION WHICH HE WILL HEAD. "JAGUAR OF OTTAWA" WILL BE LOCATED ON MERIVUE RD IN THE PERMITS PREVIOUSLY OCCUPIED BY CITIZEN AUTOMOBILES (VAN DEALER). AC ASSURED THE GROUP THAT "AVARAGE" SPARES WOULD BE KEPT IN STOCK. HE ALSO INFORMED THE GROUP THAT MR JOHN EGAN CHAIRMAN OF JAGUAR P.L.C. (UK) WOULD BE IN CANADA IN SEPTEMBER AND MAY VISIT OTTAWA. IF SO A MEETING WITH CLUB MEMBERS WOULD BE TO MEET MR EGAN WOULD BE CONSIDERED IF POSSIBLE. GREAT STUFF!!

MEMBERS WERE ASKED TO INVITE OTHER JAGUAR OWNERS TO COME OUT TO THE NEXT MEETING TO SEE IF THEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CLUB. THERE ARE NUMEROUS VANS RUNNING WITH PROUDLY TELEGRAPHING THE UNAPPROVED TO EXCESSIVE SINCERE REGRETS FOR HAVING TO MISS THE INITIAL MEETING. THEY WILL BE SENT A COPY OF THESE MINUTES AS WILL THE PRESIDENT OF THE ONTARIO JAGUAR OWNERS ASSOCIATION MR DOUG LAM. MR MIKE COOKE OF JAGUAR CLUBS OF NORTH AMERICA, IOWA N.J. U.S.A. AND MR JOHN MACKIE PRESIDENT JAGUAR CARS CANADA.

AS A MATTER OF INTEREST THE ONTARIO JAGUAR OWNERS ASSOCIATION HAVE THE JENA CHAIRMAN FOR ONTARIO THEREFORE

Thank you, Merv. Thank you, Chuck.

MUST ~~NOT~~ DISCUSS THE SUBJECT OF MEMBERSHIP WITH OTJA. AS WE CANNOT GIVE THEM OTJA OUR YET-TO-BE-ESTABLISHED MEMBERSHIP FEES WE WOULD HAVE NO FINANCES TO RUN THE CLUB. TO EXTEND OUR FEES BEYOND THE OTJA \$40/\$45 PLUS 7% FOR THE JAGUAR JOURNAL WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE AT THIS TIME.

THE SECRETARY WILL DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH THE PRESIDENT OF OTJA LATER IN AUGUST AFTER HE HAS RECEIVED OUR MINUTES.

THE NEXT MEETING IS TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 8TH 1985 AT 1300 HOURS AT 122 MARINA DRIVE CARLETON GOLF AND YACHT CLUB. IF DIRECTIONS ARE NEEDED CALL MERV CLARKE 672-4239 OR CHUCK COWIE 828-1254.

BEST OF LUCK - AND DON'T FORGET TO INVITE YOUR OTHER JAGUAR FRIENDS TO JOIN.

C.A. COWIE
SECRETARY (PRO TEM)

ANY MEMBER WHO FEELS HE HAS THE SKILLS TO OFFER A SUB-COMMITTEE IS WELCOME TO JOIN THAT PARTICULAR GROUP. PLEASE DISCUSS IT WITH THE SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN. IT IS IMPORTANT.

EVENTS UPDATE: AUGUST–SEPTEMBER

We are now into the late summer season. This update covers the seven events up to the end of September, plus a significant question about an upcoming October event. Please support your event organizers and volunteers by joining when you can and by letting us know in advance, where requested. This makes the job of the organizers much easier.

Algonquin Park Weekend, August 13-14th - Alan & Susan Graves

This two-day leisurely trip across Algonquin Park and back will include many off-road highlights and some of the better-served side-road locations. The details of the trip are as follows:

Meet at Renfrew, 10:30 Saturday morning (13th) for a staged drive along Hwy 60 to just west of the park, stopping in Barry's Bay for lunch before spending most of the afternoon in Algonquin Park. The return trip (14th) will back-trail the outbound trip until east of the Park and then cut south to Bancroft and come back via a more southerly route, ending in Almonte around 6 pm.

You are responsible for booking accommodation. If you are coming on this event and have not received the Algonquin Update 2b (which was handed out at the last meeting), please contact Alan Graves for a copy as soon as possible, by phoning 592-6176 or e-mailing afgraves@rogers.com.

Boots & Bonnet British Car Show August 21st - Don & Nell Hobbs

Rendezvous in Merrickville for a country/seaway cruise down to Kingston to join the Boots n Bonnets British Car Club annual show in Kingston, arriving around 10:30 – see <http://www.bootnbonnet.org> for details. The timing and details are as-follows:

Meet in Merrickville	8:00 am
Leave Merrickville	8:30 am
Drive back roads to Gananoque and take Hwy 2 west to Kingston, arrive	11:00 a.m.
Leave Kingston	3:00 pm
Arrive Merrickville	4:30 pm
Leave for Ottawa	5:00 pm

Notes: Bring drinks and lawn chairs. Entry fee for show (\$20) includes two lunch tickets.

If the weather is uncertain, a decision will be made by 7:30 a.m. and participants will be called if a phone number is provided at registration.

A list of all participants and their phone numbers is required – please call Don at 613 926-2664

E Ontario/W Quebec Drive, Brunch - August 28th - Alan & Susan Graves

We will meet in the parking lot of Place d'Orleans shopping center at 10:00 for a 10:30 am departure. We will proceed, via country back roads through eastern Ontario to Hawkesbury, where we will cross the bridge

into Quebec and drive east along the north bank of the Ottawa River to arrive at Montebello around 1 p.m. This will allow those who are interested to participate in Chateau Montebello's famous Sunday Brunch, at the 1:30 sitting or, for those with lesser gastronomic needs, lunch can be had at any of several eateries and restaurants in Montebello itself. After a short 2 hour stop in Montebello the group will reassemble for a drive east along the north shore of the Ottawa River to Masson, where we will take the ferry to Cumberland, then follow the south bank eastwards to Orleans for the end of the trip. If you want to partake of the Chateau's brunch please make a reservation with the restaurant at 819 423 6341, requesting the 1:30 pm Brunch sitting.

Fall Rally and Treasure Hunt September 10th – Lee Harrington

A Saturday treasure hunt / questionnaire road trip will start in Winchester. We're planning a leisurely country drive down to the Iroquois Locks for stop #1, along Hwy 2 and Lakeshore Drive to Morrisburg and Ingle-side, and along the Long Sault Parkway to Cornwall. We'll have Lunch/Brunch in Cornwall and then back cross-country along Hwy 43 to Winchester with 1 or 2 stops for 6-7 hours total, about 300 kms. Rain date Sunday the 11th. Final details in the September Jottings. Anyone planning to attend please e-mail leeh@robertconstruction.ca.

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Stowe and/or Bronte— September 15th to 18th

Club interest in organizing a group drive to/from these events will be assessed at the next meeting. If there is not enough interest, informal participation will still be encouraged.

Joint Jaguar / MG / Triumph Event – September 25th (Tentative) - Alan Graves

This is being worked between the three clubs, and may take the form of a two to three hour drive with lunch, possibly in the Gatineau Park / Wakefield area. Details to be provided at the next club meeting and September JJ. Alternatively, this may be combined with September 10th event.

Upcoming Events

Fall Colour Drive, Oct 9th or Oct 15/16th – Alan Graves

Why the two dates? That depends upon you. How many of you would prefer a two-day colour drive, like last year's trip to Picton, and how many would like a local half-day drive, like we did in 2003? I can organize either form of drive but want to hear from the membership first. So please get back to me at afgraves@rogers.com with one of the following....

- I am interested in a half day colour drive
- I am interested in a two day colour drive with an overnight stop
- I am interested in either form of drive
- Thank you, I'm not interested

Responses by August 7th would be appreciated so I can table the preferred scenario at the August 8th club meeting. I will treat "no answer" as "no interest".

President's Message

By Guy Larabie

Summer is now in full swing with unprecedented heat, humidity and sunshine all mixed together. Even though, as true Canadians, we all love to complain about the weather, it's really been a great driving season for all the car nuts in eastern Ontario and western Quebec. One only needs to bring the top down or turn on the air conditioner to enjoy fabulous driving weather.

Thanks to an active membership and an excellent activities chair (**Al Graves**), we are well on our way to reaching our goal of having 20 activities for our 20th anniversary year. The last activity, the All British Car Day at **Britannia Park** (what a great moniker and location for an English car show!) was a resounding success with excellent participation from OJC members. We may well want to look at this location for next year's Concours d'Elegance.

This is an amazing organizational feat if we consider that it was the first year for this event which attracted more than 150 British cars and throngs of spectators. The organizing committee deserves kudos. By the time the current issue of the Jottings

comes out, we will have also had our Thousand Island cruise (organized By **Don and Nell Hobbs**), which promise's to be a great event.

Moving on to another area of interest, **Simon Gardner** (our friendly Jaguar sales manager) has offered OJC members an unbelievable offer. **He is willing to sell us in-stock used cars for \$ 500 over cost!** I doubt that you can find a better deal anywhere. The dealership has been very supportive of our club and I urge you to give Simon a call if you are considering buying any used car. Not only will you get a good deal, but also great follow up service at their modern and well equipped facilities.

On a sad note, I want to pass on our most sincere condolences on behalf of the Club, to **Ray and Bonnie Newson** in light of the recent passing of Ray's brother Dennis. A donation of \$100 has been made to the Cancer Society in remembrance.

Finally, I want to remind you that our next meeting will be on August 8th.

NOTE: Due to technical difficulties, the July meeting notes are not available this month.



*...at 2:30 the skies opened, and
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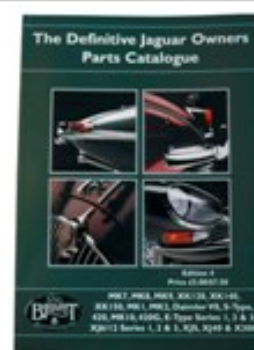
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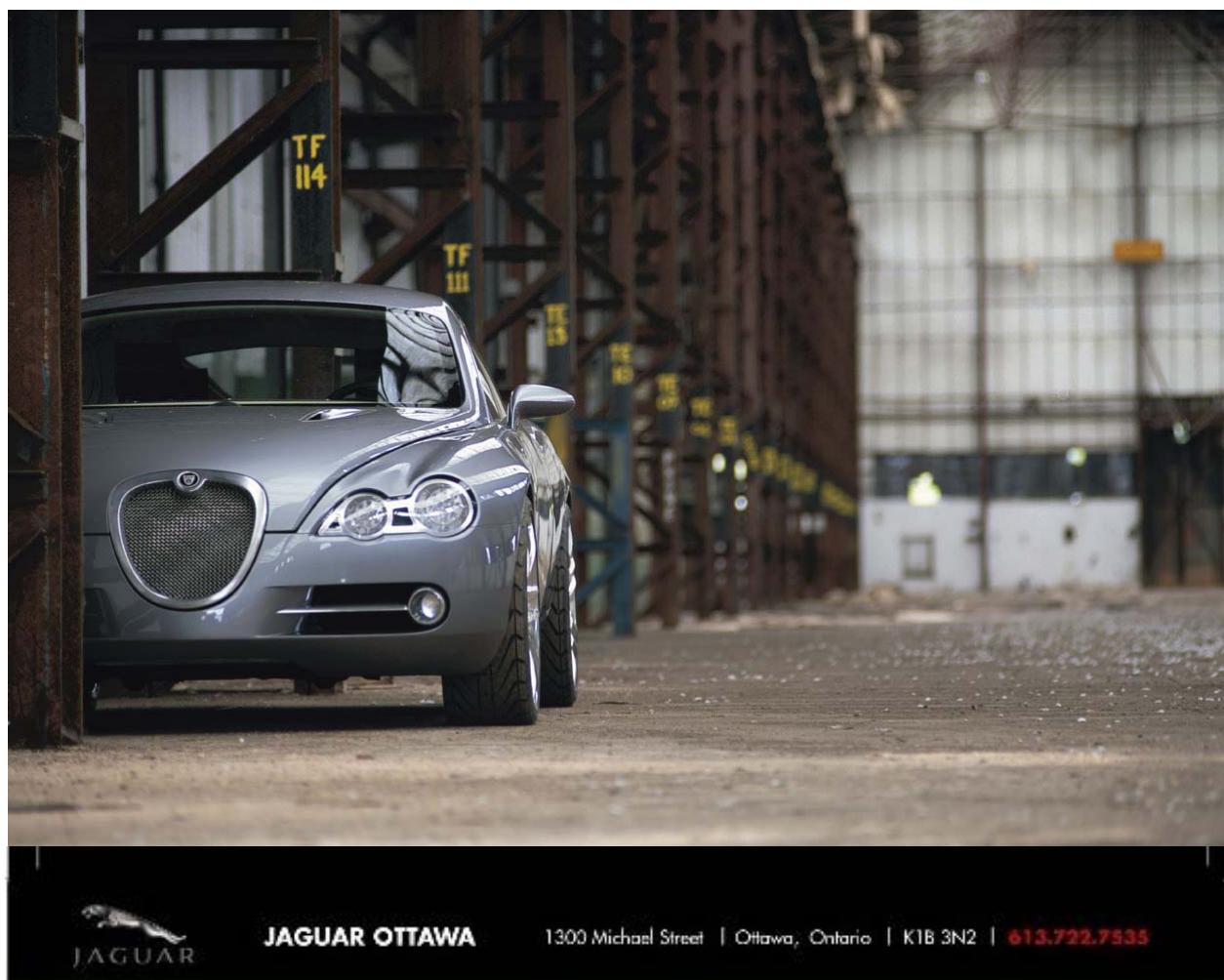
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