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Merrickville for the Fall Drive.***

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November Jag Night

***Monday, November 12, 7 pm,
68 Knoxdale Road***

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Club Events

November Jag Night - Annual General Meeting - Monday, November 12th, 7 pm

LOCATION: Community Centre at 68 Knoxdale Road

This is formal notification of the Ottawa Jaguar Club Annual General Meeting. The order of business will include a recap of the year's events as well as a short report from each director present. The election of next year's executive will also take place. If you are interested in helping to serve the Club, let any of the existing executive know prior to the meeting. The executive can always use members with new ideas. If you have any items for discussion regarding last year, please forward them in writing 14 days in advance to Mike O'Brien or Lee Harrington so the executive can table them at the meeting. There will be an allotment of time for some discussions from the floor but the time period may be restrictive due to the length of the evening's events. We hope to see a large turnout - remember, this is every member's Club.

Annual Christmas Party - Sunday, December 2nd, 6 pm

The Club's Annual Christmas Party will be held at **Friday's Roast Beef House** on Elgin Street, at **6 pm on Sunday December 2**. The price is \$31.75 a plate, plus tax and gratuities. The Club will provide wine. (The menu is on Page 8.)

Please contact Mike O'Brien by Tuesday, November 13th, whether or not you are planning to attend. We already have 36 guests signed up, and hope more will come to enjoy each other's company. We will have the usual small-gift exchange (maximum \$15 value), and perhaps some fun activities, too.

Membership Dues

Dues are \$50 before the year's end and \$60 thereafter. Our excellent benefits plan includes membership in OJC as well as the Jaguar Clubs of North America, the *Jaguar Jottings* monthly newsletter and JCNA's bi-monthly magazine, *Jaguar Journal*.

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Purrfect Thoughts

You know everybody is ignorant, only on different subjects.

- Will Rogers

Health consists of having the same diseases as one's neighbors.

- Quentin Crisp

A pedestrian is someone who thought there were a couple of gallons left in the tank.

- Author Unknown

Green Sand?

Stewart was bored.

He isn't often bored, but this was early April 1991 and we were in Victoria visiting my family. I was off to do "stuff" with my sister, so I dropped Stewart at the edge of town (not literally, but nearly), so he could walk back through the used-car lots, enjoying the sight of all the old, rust-free Victoria cars. This wasn't the first time he'd made the trek.

Our future changed when he reached the Jaguar lot and found this rather odd, gold-coloured



1977 Jaguar XJ6-C with a black vinyl roof. He ventured into the dealership, and was taken for a ride. The car was on consignment from an older gentleman who lived on one of the Gulf Islands. It was in very good shape; it looked like fresh paint was needed, and perhaps some attention to a little rust around the edges, probably the result of those B.C. Ferry trips across the strait to Victoria.

Stewart came home eventually (still on foot) and called our old friend Ron Sierolawski in Ottawa. We knew Ron was a Jaguar expert and valued his advice. When Ron heard the car was a 1977 XJ6-C, he said there weren't very many made and suggested it might be a good find. Stewart had a vision of fixing it up and selling it for a little profit.

We both went back to the dealership to take the car out for a spin. I was more than a little astonished at the colour, but I was excited as this was my first Jaguar drive. What a comfortable interior! Everything was so nice and clean and the green leather was soft. The woodwork glowed. The engine purred. I was sold.

So, quite conscious of how glamorous it would be to own a JAGUAR, we negotiated and bought the car, giving little thought to the fact that we were five thousand kilometres from home. We then had to run around town to get it licensed and insured, and called Auto-Haul-Away to ship it to Ottawa. The hitch was, we had to get the car to Vancouver before our flight home the next day. We changed our return flight tick-

ets, picked up my rather astonished mother from the hospital (she'd had surgery that week), had dinner at my sister's home, and then fell into bed exhausted.

The next day was a real adventure. Neither of us knew anything about Jaguars. We climbed into the car with pride: puffed up new cat owners! We drove to the ferry from Vancouver Island to Vancouver, got on the ship without a problem (except for being a bit worried about how close the cars were parked), and left the car deck to enjoy the one-and-a-half hour voyage.

When we returned to the car deck at the appropriate time, we were nervous. Would the car start? Our fear was well founded. It cranked and cranked, and nothing happened. The other cars were starting to leave the vessel, but we sat. So, we crossed our fingers, cranked once more and suddenly the engine turned over! We heaved big sighs of relief (along with the drivers behind us) and carried on off the ferry. (We were to learn that this is the usual practice with this particular Jag; it takes several tries to start when it has cooled down.)

Next was the chore of finding Auto-Haul-Away's location in Vancouver. We expected to drive a while, and were watch-

ing the gas gauge. It sure dropped quickly! While driving, I checked the manual (the original one in its plastic envelope) to discover what all the mysterious buttons on the dash were about. That's when we discovered that we had two gas tanks! What a relief. Unfortunately, the second one was empty. Not a problem, we made it to the shippers, delivered the car after a quick inspection, paid the bill, and took our luggage and ourselves off to Vancouver Airport.

The car was shipped to Toronto rather than Ottawa; we can't recall whether it was cost or practicality. At any rate, it arrived about two weeks later. Stewart and his mother took to the train to Toronto to bring our new acquisition home.

Stewart picked up a rather filthy car that resembled a Jaguar; he only knew it was ours by the gold paint that peeked through the grit. He and his mother drove back to Ottawa, and en route he fell in love!

(Remember, we bought this car as a short-term investment. We were going to give it a lick and a polish, and sell it again at a profit. Hah!)



So, that's it. Over the last sixteen years we've entered nearly every OJC Concours, and have a grand selection of Driven

and Champion prizes. The colour (actually Green Sand) is an eye-catcher, but we've grown used to it and hardly notice any more. It's in fine, if not quite perfect, shape. We store it every winter, and can't wait to see it in the spring ... it's like getting a new car all over again! One that we're keeping, not selling.

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From Cindy Armstrong

Mike,
Thanks for the kind words and the opportunity to speak to your members about motorsport. Please be sure to pass on my contact info to anybody who might be interested in coming out to see what 'speed' events in all their various formats are all about. There are two websites that might be of further interest to your members.

www.mco.org is the url for the Motorsport Club of Ottawa and lists many of our activities - winter driving schools, slush-n-slide events, the road race we organize at Calabogie, our race driving school, Autoslalom, Rally and SoloSprint.

www.casc.on.ca is the url for the Canadian Automobile Sport Clubs - Ontario Region. This is the group that sanctions motorsport in Ontario and on that site there is information on other racing in the province (at Shannonville and Mosport) as well as SoloSprint, Autoslalom and Ice Racing.

Best regards, Cindy Armstrong

October Meeting

The meeting began at 7pm with a brief parking lot session before it got too dark.

Club President, **Mike O'Brien**, opened the meeting to the 19 members present. Mike then introduced **Cindy Armstrong** from the Canadian Automobile Sports Clubs - Ontario Region. Cindy and her family have been involved in auto racing for some 31 years. Cindy's appearance was initialized by Ray Newson who had previously seen Cindy's presentation on racetrack marshalling at racing events.

Cindy went through the process of describing all of the different positions available for volunteers. She gave a brief description for Scrutineers, Grid Crews, Stewards, Judges of Fact as well as Race Control.

Her presentation was well received by members and Mike thanked Cindy for attending and presenting at our meeting.

New members, **John and Karen Wilson** from Perth were introduced. They have just purchased a 1969 E-Type FHC and are looking forward to learning from members' expertise as they begin their restoration journey.

President's Musings

This fall has been relatively quiet in the Jaguar world. Rumours abound regarding the possible sale of Jaguar and Land Rover to a capital investment firm or an Indian automaker and the market is flooded with older Jaguars for sale driving the prices for the like of Series III Saloons through the floor.

Despite that, the Club has been active. The fall drive, details of which you will find elsewhere in Jottings, was well organized and well attended. The discussion on the future of the Concours was positively mind-numbing with more input than any event or meeting that I have attended (and no blood was found on the floor at the end of it). We were also entertained by a presentation on the operation of a race track.

The Club year end is 31 December and we have at least two events left. Monday 12 November is the Annual General Meeting. We collectively choose a new executive to carry on the planning and conduct of Club events for the coming year. It is my hope to also use this time to run a short workshop to determine what the Club should do in the coming year as a leg-up for the new executive. It is essential that we have a good turnout for this meeting. If you don't voice your opinion, you can't really complain ... the basic right of all members of all clubs.

There are quite a few members of our Club who have paid their dues over the years in various roles on the executive. There are also a number who have not. It is important that new blood be added to the executive to keep the Club stimulated with new ideas and enthusiasm. While the majority of the current executive are prepared to carry on for another year, if you have an interest in any of the jobs see me at the start of the meeting on the 12th, or send me an e-mail (president@ottawajaguarclub.com).

'nuff for now.

Cheers, Mike

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New JCNA Event of Interest

The Jaguar Association of New England has added a new event to the JCNA online Calendar.

Date: 2008-08-09 to 2008-08-10

Type: Concours

Name: Jaguar of New England 36th Annual Concours d'Elegance

Sanctioned: P

Location: Sturbridge Host Hotel, Sturbridge MA

Chair: Michael Kaleel, (617) 557- 4375 ideacounselo@earthlink.net

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Co-chair: Brenda Soussan,

Chief Judge: Aldo Cipriano, (508) 473-1435

Additional information on these events can be found in the JCNA Online Calendar <http://www.jcna.com/calendar/events.php>

Trivial Matters

1. What is generally considered to be the first "pony car"?

- A. Pontiac Firebird
- B. Mercury Cougar
- C. Ford Mustang
- D. Chevrolet Camaro

2. What was the first Japanese car to be produced in the United States?

- A. Honda Accord
- B. Mazda Miata
- C. Toyota Camry
- D. Nissan Maxima

3. What year was the Corvette first introduced?

- A. 1943
- B. 1953
- C. 1963
- D. 1973

Answers on Page 9.

Christmas Party Menu

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Group Menu for Dinner

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OJC Fall Drive

The Fall Drive was held on Sunday, October 14th and was well attended. We rendezvoused at a coffee shop in Merrickville and headed out around 9:45 for Westport via Jasper and Rideau Ferry, avoiding Smiths Falls and Perth, by staying on country roads. After a brief station-stop in Westport, it was off south through Newboro, Forfar and Lyndhurst then past Charleston Lake Provincial Park to Rockport and lunch. After lunch in the waterfront eatery, we headed east along the 1,000 Islands Parkway through Brockville and back to Merrickville via Maitland for an arrival around 3:45. The weather was cool and mainly cloudy but most enjoyed the day.

Alan Graves



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Trivial Matters Answers

Question 1

Ford Mustang

Question 2

Honda Accord

Question 3

1953

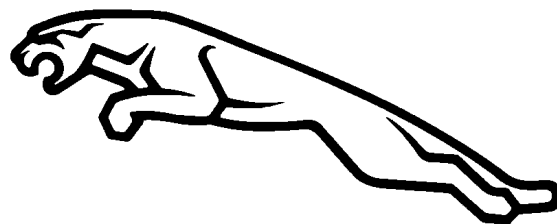
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