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***Chuck Robinson's 1961 Bentley S2
Strikes an Elegant Pose***

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January Jag Night

***Monday, January 14, 7 pm
68 Knoxdale Road***

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Club Events

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January Jag Night - Monday, January 14th, 7 pm

LOCATION: Community Centre at 68 Knoxdale Road

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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

No one goes there nowadays, it's too crowded.

- Yogi Berra

If you aren't fired with enthusiasm, you will be fired with enthusiasm.

- Vince Lombardi

Finance is the art of passing money from hand to hand until it finally disappears.

- Robert W. Sarnoff

I told the doctor I broke my leg in two places. He told me to quit going to those places.

- Henny Youngman

The best car safety device is a rear-view mirror with a cop in it.

- Dudley Moore

When I get real bored, I like to drive downtown and get a great parking spot, then sit in my car and count how many people ask me if I'm leaving.

- Steven Wright

It takes 8,460 bolts to assemble an automobile, and one nut to scatter it all over the road.

- Author Unknown

Member Profile - Charles Robinson

Club elections came and went again at our Annual General Meeting. We are happy to say that the new guy on the Club's executive team is **Charles Robinson**.

Chuck is a very welcome addition as Vice President and for those who don't know him, our new VP tells his story



I joined the Jag Club after the first JONAT tour in the summer of 2004. I had volunteered to help Mike O'Brien organize the tour because of my lifelong admiration of 50's and 60's Jags.

I have always been interested in cars and boats, and was a pretty dab hand with outboard motors. As a boy as we spent our summers on an island in Georgian Bay north of Parry Sound messing about in boats.

With regards to cars, most of my early cars were British except for an incident with my Mother's Studebaker Commander (about 56 vintage, I believe) which she lent to me and my buddy for the weekend when we were in High School: it blew an oil seal and cooked the engine just south of Parry Sound.

A '48 or '49 Morris Minor (black and unreliable, but very simple and easily fixed) was followed by a white, frog-eyed Austin Healy Sprite. The Sprite required an engine overhaul, accomplished with significant assistance from my father who was a tool & die maker. He made a few parts for it, including replacement head bolts which required some experimentation with case hardening, I think, as the first set he made stretched when torqued down.

All worked in the end, after we

discovered that the fuel pump could be installed 180 degrees out of phase. The distributor drove off of the fuel pump, making timing awkward. Ear plugs were recommended as the best solution for a rather persistent transmission whine, Dad said the Brits were always whining, why wouldn't their transmissions? The electrics were never quite right, and for the wipers to work, you had to turn on either the fan or a directional signal.

During University, I went a few years without a car and there was an embarrassing interlude with an ex-Ottawa City Police Lambretta scooter about which my wife



Pamela recalls some very amusing incidents. I do not!

In '70, I got a good deal on a '67 Rover 2000 TC. I loved it. It was beautiful, over-engineered but under-built, and if you needed anything more than a spark plug, it was back-ordered from Solihull UK, and seemed never to arrive. It ran like a top unless it was damp, when it wouldn't start, or engaged reverse and second gears concurrently which was rather intriguing, infuriating and frequent.

I then ran through a series of American Iron, and you can say

what you like, but the bastards ran. It seems I never lost my masochistic streak, however, and have always secretly craved MG As, TR3/TR4/TR4As, Austin Healey 3000s and every kind of Jag up to the late 60's. In 2004, I found myself drooling over XKs & MkIIs on e-Bay. I should mention that during 1966 I worked in London at the Dorchester Hotel in Park Lane, and the place was filthy with Rolls, Bentleys and Jensen Interceptors, all of which made an indelible impression on my feeble young mind, as did my wife, Pamela, whom I met in London.

While looking at Jags on e-Bay, a two-tone green '61 Bentley S2 in St-John NB caught my eye. Pam said I couldn't have it, and I wasn't serious anyway (silly girl). In any event, she quit saying I couldn't have it, so I now have it. Coincidentally, the Rover 2000 TC used to be taken to Brunswick Ford in Moncton NB to be fixed by a gifted mechanic named John Wilson, who would patiently defrag the transmission every time it jammed. I hadn't seen him since 1972, but located him. He inspected the Bentley for me, found only minor deficiencies, and recommended it. I think he was trying to get back at me for the TC's tranny! I am besotted by the Beast though, and have only regretted the purchase briefly in the first few weeks of ownership, after it spent 19 straight days up various hoists trying to get the brakes to work.

They were finally fixed by Norm Wagorn at Wagorn's Garage on Cyrville Rd. The only Jag I have ever had is a 1-18 scale die-cast model of an XK120 coupe.

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Member Profile - Charles Robinson (continued)

None of my cars have ever won any awards, but I believe the Rover was a 'Royal Pain' nominee.

Although I have been a fraudulent (I don't own a Jag) member of the Club for about three years, I scrupulously avoided taking responsibility for anything until Mike O'Brien asked if I could help him by replacing Frank Basten as VP. How can you say no to Mike? I greatly enjoy my association with the Club; you are a terrific and very welcoming group of people. Having an old car which needs work, care and love, I have been very happy to have met several people who have been more than willing to advise, assist and encourage me in those endeavours.

I worked as a CA student out of University, but was ill suited to sedentary work at the time, so I quit and spent 22 years in the RCMP. I took an early retirement, worked as an investment advisor/planner for 16 years, and have been retired since August of this year. We have two adult children, our daughter (photo, Page 3) got married in October and the Bentley was featured in that happy event. Our son lives in Vancouver, and is beginning to make noises about perhaps marrying his girlfriend of 3 years.

Charles Robinson

President's Musings

We have entered the doldrums in Club activity. The cats have been put to bed and we await Santa with the promise of mechanical goodies to break up the long winter.

The Club election was held and the new slate is essentially the old slate with one notable exception. **Frank Basten** has stepped down as Vice President. Frank has done yeoman service to the Club and has my gratitude for his timely advice and good cheer. He finds the drive from Brockville to Ottawa too long at night and in bad weather. He will not disappear, but won't be pressured to attend all the various events. **Chuck Robinson** was nominated and elected as Vice President. Chuck (Charles) and his wife Pamela have a lovely Bentley.

We will base our planning for 2008 on the comments we received from the workshop that we conducted at the AGM. The key recommendations were: shorter drives, more "pizzazz" at meetings, more social activities linked to car use, and new activities such as a rally.

Planning for the Concours has begun and a committee formed. The Concours is scheduled for Saturday, 21 June at Rockcliffe Airport. More details will appear in due course. We will have a new class that will offer some fun prizes for work done on daily drivers that don't make it to judged Driven Class.

Let me close with a wish to all of you for health and happiness in the coming year...for both you and your car(s).

Cheers,

Mike O'Brien



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New JCNA Event of Interest

The Ottawa Jaguar Club has added a new event to the JCNA online Calendar.

Date: 2008-6-21

Type: Concours

Name: OJC Concours

Sanctioned: P

Location: Rockcliffe Airfield, Ottawa ON

Chair: Mike OBrien, 613 258 9136 president@ottawajaguarclub.com

33 Somerville Road Kemptville Ontario Canada K0G 1J0

Co-chair: Lee Harrington

Chief Judge: Mark Roberts

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

Trivial Matters

1. Name the rock and roll disk jockey heard on "American Graffiti" car radios?
2. What Chrysler nameplate became a separate brand in 1955?
3. Which comedian often joked about his old Maxwell car?
4. Studebaker and Subaru used which name to describe systems that prevented their manual transmission cars from rolling back when stopped on hills?
5. Which Canadian-born racer won the 1995 Indy 500?
6. What car won the 1995 to 1997 World Rally Championships?
7. Name the first passenger vehicle built in the United States that combined four-wheel drive with an automatic transmission.
8. In a famous television ad, what brand of mustard did a distinguished gentleman in a Rolls-Royce request?

Answers on Page 9.

November Meeting (Annual General Meeting)

Mike O'Brien opened the meeting at 7:20 pm with 24 members present. Mike reviewed the agenda for the meeting and then introduced new member **John Sims** from Oxford Mills, Ontario. John has a 1984 XJS H.E. This is his project car and he will be looking to our members for assistance and advice in restoring the car. Mike also acknowledged **John Woods** from Roblin, Ontario, near Belleville. John has a 1936 SS Sedan that has been in his family for 40 years. John got it running this past summer and has been an OJC member since early 2007 but has had difficulty attending Club events due to the distance.

Mike then asked the Directors for their reports. **Lee Harrington** reported that the Club had a total of 73 members for 2007. Lee also requested that members send him their 2008 membership dues (\$50 by Dec.31st / \$60 after) along with forms with any changes to their contact or car information.

Alan Graves then gave a brief overview of the Club events of the past year and their success.

Roger Gough provided an update on the Club's finances and posted a balance sheet. He will provide a financial statement at the February meeting. **Ray Newson** briefed the members on the Jaguar Jottings and encouraged everyone to participate in providing articles for publication. Without member participation the Jottings will not exist as we know it today.

Mike then set up a workshop. Members grouped at tables were asked to come up with a list of the three best things about the Club

and the three worst. After 20 minutes, the results from each group were written down for a synopsis of direction.

For the new Executive:

The Top "Best" things were:

CONCOURS

DRIVES

WEBSITE / JOTTINGS

The Top "Worst" things were:

DRIVES (SOME ASPECTS)

MEETINGS (SOME ASPECTS)

MENTORING OF NEW MEMBERS

The following list was provided for the consideration of the new executive:

1. Short drives on summer meeting nights.
2. Mentoring by matching new members to existing members with similar cars.
3. Organize a rally with other clubs.
4. Organize the longer drives into groups of 4 to 5 cars and divide the groups into either fast or leisurely driving.

Elections

Mike posted a list of the proposed 2008 executive and asked for nominations or volunteers from the floor. Mike then thanked **Frank Basten, Paddy Robertson** and **Rob Dunlop** for their valuable contributions to the Club for 2007 and the many past years.

With no response from the floor,

Mike stated that the list of nominations for the 2008 Executive would stand, and asked for a show of hands. The new slate of officers and team leaders was unanimously accepted by the membership present.

The 2008 Executive is as follows:

President: Mike O'Brien

Vice President: Chuck Robinson

Secretary and Membership:
Lee Harrington

Treasurer: Roger Gough

Events Coordinator: Alan Graves

Technical Coordinator: Phil Karam

Web Master: Mike O'Brien

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Paul Davis

Concours Chief Judge: Mark Robert

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NOTE

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As we usually get requests for winter storage tips or suggestions at this time of year, we thought the Checklist on the next page may be of some benefit to members.

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Trivial Matters Answers

Question 1

Wolfman Jack

Question 2

Imperial

Question 3

Jack Benny

Question 4

Hill Holder

Question 5

Jacques Villeneuve

Question 6

Subaru Impreza

Question 7

1963 Jeep Wagoneer

Question 8

Grey Poupon

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HEAT WHEN YOU NEED IT!!!

As winter is upon us and the joys of motoring are reduced to simply getting there in one piece and hopefully keeping warm, a neglected heating system will soon have you shivering! Not to mention the steamed up windows and a windscreen that ices up on the move! Here are a just a few prices of the parts that might stop you seeing your breath as you drive!

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E-Type S3	£33	€72	\$86
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XK150 late	£90	€123	\$146
MK10 3.0	£89	€122	\$144
XJ6 S3/XJS early	£59	€80	\$95
XJS late /XJ40	£69	€93	\$111

HEATER VALVE

XJ6 S1	£35	€47	\$56
MK2/V8	£37	€51	\$60
E-Type S1/2	£21	€28	\$34
E-Type S3	£33	€73	\$86
XJ6 S2/3	£33	€44	\$53
XJ40	£26	€36	\$42
XK150/MK1	£28	€39	\$46

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