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A visual preview of the 2010 Jaguar XJ.

January Jag Night

***Monday, January 11, 7 pm,
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Club Events

January Jag Night - Monday, January 11th, 7 pm

LOCATION: 68 Knoxdale Road

The first Jag Night of 2010.

Membership Dues

Dues are \$60. 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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New Baby for the Jag Club Family!

As some of you learned last meeting, we were waiting for the arrival of our second daughter, Andrea Lucia (I already asked Lee for a name tag!!).

Andrea Lucia Tamez was born Friday, November 13 at 8:54pm! She weighted 5 lb 14 oz and is 49 cm long. Both baby and the mom are doing great! She was 10 days earlier than expected and a little bit under weight, but is eating a lot.

Edwin Tamez

Here a picture of Andrea Lucia:



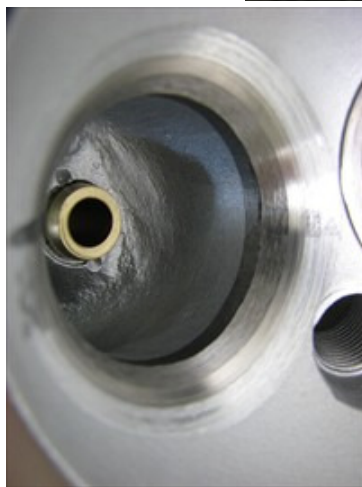
Refurbished Head for '64 E-type

Here are some interesting pictures of **Marks Roberts'** refurbished head for his '64 E-type.

This is the "new" head, after machining. The head needed 0.008" taken off to flatten it, and the valve seats were re-ground. There are also new valve guides installed. You can see that at some point in the engine's life, there was an incident involving cylinders 3 and 4 as the head has had some minor damage - most likely from pieces of piston rings flying around. They were deemed to be not sufficient to weld up and re-cut, but that would be an option in the future. The same for the water jackets, i.e. the rectangular holes in the first picture. There is a bit of corrosion there, but it does not go beyond the sealing surface of the head gasket, so they were not welded and re-cut.

Most heads that are 40+ years old do need this done, so this one is in pretty good shape.

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I'm pressing the old computer keys with numb fingers, having just come in from the chilly garage where I finished the E-type's winter hibernation ritual...wash and vacuum, up on blocks, wheels changed, batteries out, oil/filter changed and "to do" list for next season completed. Another driving season (such as it was) has seemingly raced by and there's nothing left to do but read car mags and dream of a sunny summer 2010... which, by the way, based on discussions at this year's AGM, promises some great OJC activities.

Annual General Meeting. Many thanks to the 25+ members who attended and participated in this year's AGM. The current slate of Club Executives decided to run again and was re-elected. In addition, John Price agreed to take on the Activities Coordination to include his personal interest in more competitive-style driving events like slaloms, rallies and obstacle courses. Mike O'Brien also tacked on Interclub Coordination to his other duties as Webmaster and Executive Advisor. The whole crew did an outstanding job for the Club this year and are most deserving of our thanks for their efforts and for agreeing to stay on.

Looking Ahead. Already announced, our annual concours in June will, for the first time, take place in Gatineau at the Vintage Wings classic aircraft facility. The combination of classic cars and airplanes should be a magic

scene for members and enthusiasts alike. If there's an occasion to get "Ol' Betsy" shined up and put on display, this has to be it. We also want to demonstrate some different driving activities to the membership next year to gauge interest and offer something new. We're looking at the JCNA slalom event, elementary rallies and some driving skill courses. Be advised, none of this requires tire smoke or slipping clutches to have fun! We're also moving the Spring Dinner to April from March to improve the chances of the weather actually representing what the event title suggests and perhaps catch a few more of our snowbird members returning from down South. We'll continue with the pub nights which were popular and check into other activities aimed at catching the ladies' interest. All in all, lots to appeal to your automotive and social interests and all the more reason to order those parts you need now, and don't wait for the spring rush!

I'm writing this in November for the December Jottings which, with no January edition, means you can relax until February before having to read this column again. It also means it's appropriate for me to wish each and every member and family a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and all the best for the New Year. I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming Christmas party chez Chappells.

Cheers and Happy and Safe Winter Motoring!

Rob Dunlop

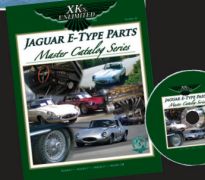
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Annual General Meeting
Monday, November 9, 2009



Minutes

7:05 p.m. Meeting called to order. Welcome by President, **Rob Dunlop**. With 25 (eventually 27) members in attendance of the 73 club membership, a quorum was declared.

Reports from the Executive:

(1) Technical Events: **Phil Karam**

Visit to Stebro Exhaust (25+ attended); seminar on buying an old Jag, hosted by Phil; seminar on leather restoration, also by Phil (12+); visit to Rob Staruch's garage where several members' cars were in various stages of restoration; a very good and detailed demo by Dave Batten of the rebuild of the IRS on his E-type. All sessions were popular and appreciated. Phil is looking for tech event suggestions for 2010, such as a two-part 'Lucas electrics' session.

(2) Activities (Other Events):

Al Graves - The spring drive brought out only 4 cars; an excellent September drive and treasure hunt in the Kemptville area drew 8 cars. The Kars barbecue was again a success, thanks to **Pete Whitworth's** flying tours.

Monthly meetings - Rob added that, as intended, we used the community centre less this year, only three times in 2009; the Club met at a pub several times, and attended the Jaguar Ottawa 'intro' of the XF.

Spring Dinner - **Paddy Robertson** reported that more than 30 attended the Club dinner on March 8th, held at the Courtyard Restaurant. It was a very pleasant evening with good company and good food.

Christmas Party (2010 Plans) - **Marc and Sheila Chappell** are very kindly hosting a catered, sit-down dinner on Saturday, December 5th at 6:00. They are limited to 50 guests, so attendance will be on a first come-first served basis, registration and pre-payment to **Mike O'Brien**. Cost will be about \$65/person, less a subsidy from the club. (Note: revised cost now \$55/person less subsidy.)

General - Rob added that 6 cars participated in the June 'By Ward Market' Auto Classic display, and we'll encourage more people to come out in 2010. Also, the March dinner may be moved to April in order to catch some of our 'snowbird' members who go south for the winter. The Concours preparation night drew only a few members.

Marc Chappell commented on the "Tiptoe through the Tulips" Rally that was cancelled this year due to lack of participation. The chosen date unfortunately coincided with the MG and Triumph Clubs own fall colours drives. The cost of the rally is about \$300 + 200 man hours: a capital-intensive event. Discussion concluded that a rally can only succeed as an inter-club event, as the OJC hasn't the manpower to both man and drive the route.

(3) Concours d'Elegance Report:

Chair - Mike O'Brien: The Rockcliffe Flying Club has hosted us for the last three years. As there is going to be construction at the RFC in 2010, we approached Vintage Wings in Gatineau, and they have agreed to host us on June 26th in return for a donation of about \$10 per car. The space is well laid out for a display of our usual size. The date has been approved by JCNA. The Concours will have to be planned a little differently; we'll expect more cars because of the location.

Judging - **Mark Roberts**: The number of cars being judged has decreased each year as attendance has dropped and the competitive focus has shifted from Champion to Driven to Enthusiast class. The number of qualified judges is decreasing, too, which could cause problems in the future. Only one new judge (**Steve Fox**) was trained this year.

All members are encouraged to bring their car out to the premier Club event of the year, regardless of whether they want to be judged or not.

(4) ABCD and Interclub Activity: **Al Graves**

There are two levels of interclub events: those organized by clubs who invite others to participate, and those organized jointly by the clubs (only the ABCD at this point). ABCD, due to heavy rains, drew only 70 cars this year. Hazeldean Mall Cruise Night, postponed to September because of rain, was a success. Guide Dogs for the Blind English Tea was also a success. Al suggested looking at clubs of Marques other than British to hold joint events.

(5) Membership: **Lee Harrington**

Currently stand at 73 members (72 paid, 1 lifetime). Members are local and from Quebec, Nova Scotia, and New York. Will set up a table at next year's Concours to attract members. Have asked the dealership to distribute OJC business cards with each car sale. The annual membership dues remain at \$60 (\$50 on renewal before 31 Dec) including US\$22 for JCNA membership.

"In 2009, the Ottawa Jaguar Club will have a larger surplus than the government of Canada."

The interim statement as of 31 October 2009 is available to members. The Concours ran as a break even event only because of sponsorships received (\$2500), which, as Stewart noted, are not guaranteed for the future. The impact of losing all or part of the sponsorships needs to be kept in mind when considering the current budget surplus situation. Although the Club Constitution states a requirement to appoint an audit committee of two to review the Club's finances, the membership has been satisfied with the Club accounting and no audit committee has been appointed in recent years. This practice will continue at the discretion of the membership.

(7) Jaguar Jottings: **Frank Basten/Paul Davis**

The biggest issue for the newsletter remains getting sufficient articles and material to publish each month. Any input, small or large, is welcomed and it doesn't have to be directly Jaguar or car-related. Vacation and travel experiences for example could provide very interesting reading. The President thanked Frank and Paul for their invaluable contribution to the Club and noted that a lot of members choose to get little else from the Club other than the monthly newsletter. A quality newsletter is vital to OJC for maintaining members' interest and support.

(8) Website: Mike O'Brien

The website has 8.5 gigabytes of information, and costs \$110/year to sustain. Members' car photos are very welcome, and should be sent to Mike O'Brien. www.ottawajaguarclub.com

(9) Items from the Floor

MOTION: Lee Harrington moved that Item 30 (b) of the Constitution, which reads: "Membership of any person may be terminated by the Board of Directors if: (b) After due enquiry, he/she be found to have conducted himself/herself, on more than one occasion, in a manner offensive to the members generally, unbecoming to the Ottawa Jaguar Club, or contrary to its best interest", be amended to read: "on one or more occasions". Seconded: Paul Davis. **CARRIED**

PROPOSAL: John Price suggested holding more (competitive) driving events such as racing, track days, rallies and slaloms. General discussion focussed on previous unsuccessful attempts and the challenges appealing to the older club demographic. John volunteered to organize "demo" events, such as a short rally, slalom or gymkhana to introduce the membership to this type of activity. It was agreed that the Executive would consider this and other suggestions, and include one or more of these events in the 2010 activities calendar.

MOTION: Stewart Robertson moved that the Club subsidize the Christmas dinner to a maximum amount of \$20.00 per person attending. The final subsidy amount would be determined based on maintaining the personal cost per attendee at \$45.00. Seconded: **Dave Brooks**.

General discussion before voting ensued with both pro and con points of view being expressed. Supporters noted that the Club has a history of subsidizing Christmas events to encourage attendance and keep the personal costs at a reasonable level. Also, the Club currently has a healthy budget surplus. Finally, it is one of the two premier events of the year for the Club, very popular with members and therefore worthy of subsidization. Dissenters expressed concern that \$20 (\$40 per couple) represents a large part of the annual membership dues. **Ray Newson** suggested that the Club's surplus funds may in future be needed for the Concours. Voting followed with the motion for a subsidy being **CARRIED**. The President indicated that given the uncertainty of Concours commercial sponsorship, the issue would continue to be considered on an annual case-by-case basis.

MOTION: JCNA Membership - **Guy Goodman** raised the subject of JCNA membership with a suggestion that it could be reviewed by the membership. Following discussion, Guy moved that the Executive should be allowed to consider an appropriate review process. Seconded: **Guy Larabie**. **CARRIED**

(10) Elections

Chuck Robinson, Nominations Chair, advised that the officers and directors of the current Executive (less the Interclub Activities Coordinator and vacant Activities Coordinator) had agreed to stand for re-election. John Price volunteered to stand for Activities Coordinator (to include driving events) and Mike O'Brien was agreeable to assume the Interclub Activities Coordinator position. **MOTION:** With no other nominations from the floor, Guy Larabie moved that the proposed slate for the Executive be accepted as presented. Seconded: Peter Whitworth. **CARRIED**

(11) Final Words

Rob Dunlop thanked the executive and volunteers, the hard core of people who are willing to take on the work. He personally thanked all of the executive members for making his job easy. The meeting concluded at 10:04 p.m.

Paddy Robertson, Secretary

Ottawa, November 23, 2009

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Editor's Ramblings

Well, where did the year go? At least the mild month of November has helped to shorten the winter.

Just put my toys away. I am fortunate to have a garage that is large enough for the XJ12VDP, XJ-S & XJ6 (40). This leaves me with my workshop to carry out other projects. To winterize the cars I place wire mesh covers over the exhaust pipe exits, moth balls in the engine bay and wire mesh over the inlets to the air filters. Plus, small bags of silica-gel inside the cars, pump the tyres up to approximately 55 lbs and remove the batteries for storing in the workshop. The garage is not insulated so on the concrete floor I place 10mil polythene film which is then covered by 7/16 OSB board. This minimizes condensation when temperature changes occur. In the past, during a very cold spell, I opened the garage door and, due to outside air high humidity, there was a sudden frost on everything in the garage.

Enough of my ramblings. I wish you all a happy, safe Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Regards,

Frank and June Basten

Purrfect Thoughts

Santa Claus has the right idea: Visit people once a year.

- Victor Borge

What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to peace.

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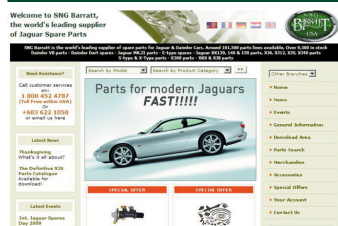
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