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***All is set for our annual
OJC Christmas Dinner.***

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February Jag Night

***Monday, February 8, 7 pm,
68 Knoxdale Road***

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Club Events

February Jag Night - Monday, February 8th, 7 pm

LOCATION: 68 Knoxdale Road

Come join us for a talk from Mr. Emile Therien, former President of the Canada Safety Council and spokesperson on public health and safety issues/concerns. He'll focus his time with us on road safety issues.

Inter Club Darts Tournament - Saturday, February 20th

Information to follow on our website.

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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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Club Events List (Until July 2010)

February

- 8 Guest Speaker at Knoxdale. OPI Rob Dunlop
- 20 Inter Club Darts Tournament. OPI Mike O'Brien

March

- 8 Pub Night at Royal Oak. OPI John Price

April

- 18 Spring Brunch at Brigadoon Restaurant.
- 24 Spring Hoist Check. OPIs Lee Harrington and Mike O'Brien

May

- 10 Visit to Autobahn Tuning in Manotick/Pub Night in Manotick. OPI TBD
- ? Concours Judges Training. Date TBD. OPI Mark Roberts
- 29/30 Spring Drive/Intro to Slalom. OPI John Price

- 30 Hudson Car Show. OPI Frank Basten

June

- 6 ByWard Market Car Show. OPI Rob Dunlop
- 14 Concours Preparation at Knoxdale. OPI Mark Roberts
- 26 Club Concours d'Elegance. OPI Mike O'Brien

July

- 17 ABCD. OPI Mike O'Brien
- 31 Club Slalom/BBQ. OPI John Price

OJC Christmas Dinner

Thirty-eight members and spouses/friends joined Marc and Sheila Chappell in their home to begin the festive season. The evening began with a gathering on the lower floor of their home that overlooks the Rideau River just south of Manotick. A three course meal was served by the caterer Sucre et Salle following which everyone returned to the lower level for a gift exchange. Rob Dunlop presented Sheila Chappell with a gift from the Club and thanked her and Marc for their hospitality.

Mike O'Brien





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President's Musings

The year 2010 ... where did the last decade go?? The ole planet experienced a lot of changes, good and bad and as we enter the next decade, the general consensus is "cautious but well-founded optimism" for Jaguar Land Rover. The radically-new XJ makes its physical appearance in Canada sometime in March, while sales of the XF and XK with the new 5 litre V8s are promising, particularly considering the still shaky global economy. Rumours of a new small Jaguar sports car in the near future persist, hopefully with good reason. All in all, not a bad start to the next ten years ago for our favourite marque. Something perhaps to reflect back on in the February 2020 Jottings ...

January Jaguar Night. Close to 20 members took up the invitation on 11 Jan. to visit with Mike Bathurst of *5 Star Painting* on Enterprise Ave. to see the progress on Mike O'Brien's 3.8 S Type. Mike is having the rear wheel arches widened out (à la Mark 2) and the car painted. (See the cover of the Nov. 09 Jottings for a photo of what the finished product will look like). With a touch of ingenuity and significant skill, Mike B has incorporated two replacement front wheel arches into the back openings, ensuring an accurate arc radius for the arches. The overall effect is very positive, and goes a long way to

reducing the large mass of the S Type's back end, creating a more modern, but still Jaguar look. Can't wait to see Mike's new beast on the road. Mike B joined several members for a pint afterwards at the nearby Royal Oak.

February Jaguar Night. Our next gathering is on Monday, 8 Feb., at the Knoxdale Community Centre. We are privileged to be able to welcome Mr. Emile Therien, former President of the Canada Safety Council and much sought-after spokesperson on public health and safety issues/concerns. He'll focus his time with us on road safety issues including "traffic calming" and share his not always conventional views on this and other aspects of road safety. Come out for an evening of discussion and a first class cup of coffee. There's also an Interclub Darts Tournament coming up on Saturday, 20 Feb., more to follow on the website. Time to dust off those arrows and do a little practice...

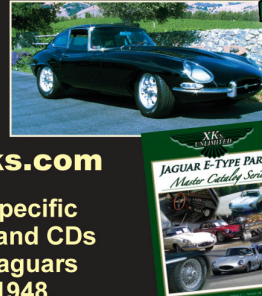
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Editor's Ramblings

Well, here we are nearly a month into 2010 and much of the snow has melted here in Brockville.

Just read the Jaguar Club of Victoria BC magazine and there are a couple of very interesting articles in the "Sharing Information" section - one is about OB11 codes for Jaguars and the other is about the "sealed for life" ZF automatic gear boxes installed in many late Jaguars - a must read. Instead of showing the web address for our members to go to read the articles, I contacted John Gordon, the layout editor of their magazine and asked permission to copy articles and reprint them in our Jottings. He was, to quote him "flattered by" the request. All he asked was that we acknowledge the source of the article.

The following article is from "The Growler" magazine, with kind permission from the Jaguar Club of Victoria BC (<http://www.jcna.com/php/clubdisplay.php?club=NW61#newsletter>):

SHARING INFORMATION

by Bryan Bailey (Jaguar Club, Victoria BC)

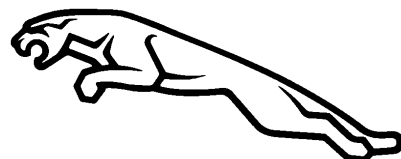
[Http://www.engine-light-help.com/jaguar-check-engine/light](http://www.engine-light-help.com/jaguar-check-engine/light). This website lists the meaning of all of the Jaguar check engine codes. Some JCCV members will be aware of the meaning of the codes but not all and after discussion with some club members it was decided this was information which should be shared and was the motivator for this article.

Another issue about which debate is beginning is whether or not the fluid should be changed in the ZF sealed transmissions which Jaguar has been installing for a few years. The last few years of the S-Type and the X-Type have them installed as do the XK8, XKR, XJ8, XJR, XK, XF and the new XJ. For those who are not aware, these transmissions are sealed and have no dip sticks, filler tubes or drain plugs. Officially, Jaguar suggests there is no need to change the transmission fluid, simply replace the transmission at around 200,000 miles. JEC has done some testing and after discussion with Shell, the fluid manufacturer, recommends changing the fluid every 30,000 miles and has published a 153 step procedure for those wishing to do so. Incidentally, Jaguar supplies a kit for those who decide to change the fluid. In the December 2009 issue of the Enthusiast, JEC Technical Guru Mike Horlor opines as follows: *"In my experience, in a previous life as a fleet operator, maintenance is all about cost effectiveness. Jaguar believes it is cost effective (for them and the purchas-*

ers of new cars) to recommend a routine which minimizes the maintenance costs which the factory and professional fleets use to calculate whole life cost totals. For those of us that run cars way beyond the Jaguar warranty period, Jaguar's approach is not sensible without increasing maintenance activities and costs above those that Jaguar recommends". "The dilemma for us is the lack of hard statistical data which would indicate the effects of changing transmission fluid at specific intervals. No doubt, ZF, GM and Mercedes will have done their durability testing and will have the answers tucked away in drawers marked "top secret". "Not even Jaguar will be a party to the results. Jaguar will have asked for gear boxes of certain torque capacities capable of lasting Jaguar's warranty period with zero maintenance. In response, the gear box manufactures will have dug the durability graphs from those drawers and chosen boxes with statistical lives to match." "This approach is right for Jaguar as long as Jaguar has chosen the correct usage data". "Should the credit crunch result in fleets hanging onto cars long enough to reach the zone of unreliability and hence begin to effect Jaguar's new car reputation and resale values, then Jaguar will become very interested in the problem! Until that time, we second-hand car purchasers can only glean the crudest of information about when to change transmission fluid. After all, changing the fluid regularly does not prevent all wear, it only slows the process". "I am sure if I worked at a transmission reconditioning unit, it would make much sense to change my car's transmission fluid very frequently as a low cost precaution. However, I do not work at that type of facility so, on the (vaguely relevant) evidence of older auto boxes, changing fluid at three years or 30,000 miles always used to result in acceptable gear box lives. Hence newer boxes with better oils ought to enjoy longer service lives with similar oil change routines. In my humble opinion, without real statistical information to populate graphs of failure rates verses different mileage change points, it is difficult to get much closer to a genuinely valid conclusion".

Food for thought for those of us with the sealed ZF six speed. You may also wish to visit the following URL: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yHny69FP_3M&feature=Playlist&p=7CD13E52032B920B&index=17.

Finally, I can't understand why every Jaguar owner is not a member of JEC and privy to this type of information.



Visit to the Paint Shop

Here are some photos of the visit to the 5 Star Industrial paint shop where **Phil Karam** had three cars painted and where my S Type is "underway". Note that I am having Mike the painter open the rear wheel arches so that I can install E-type wire wheels with large tires and give the car a more MK2 look. I have also attached a photo of a car done like this by XKs Unlimited for a fellow in Arizona.

Mike O'Brien



Out of the Paint Shop

Some photos of Derek Houghton's E-type just out of the paint shop.



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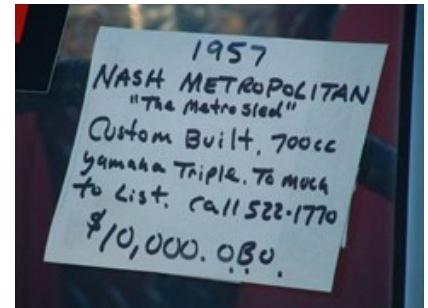
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