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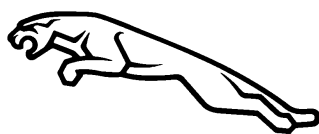


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Mark Roberts, Chief Judge: no time to stand around!



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Club Events

July

17 July ABCD, Britannia Park—OPI Mike O'Brien

August

15 August: Boots 'n Bonnets Club, Kingston at the city park; the feature car is "JAGUAR". This will be a great event, especially if we can get many OJC members to go along (rain or shine).

Late August: Club Slalom/BBQ—OPI John Price

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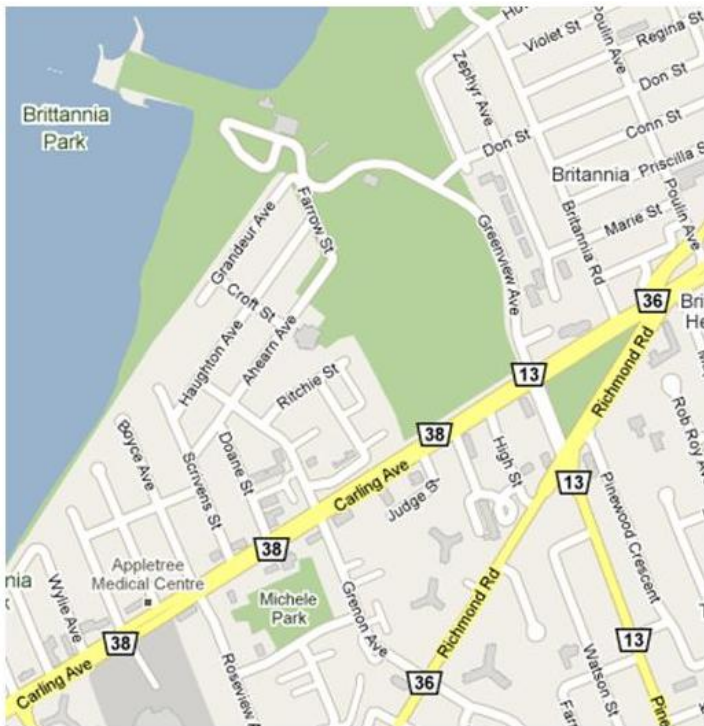
Thank you,
Dan Petschenig
President

Jaguars are the Focus at All British Car Day – 17th July 2010



In 2010 the All British Car Day will celebrate 75 years of Jaguar vehicular lineage – from the SS90 that started it all in 1935 through to the brand new XK, XF and XJ of 2010. Of course, in those days Jaguar had another company name but it is also the 65th anniversary of the renaming of the SS Car Company to Jaguar in 1945.

Hence we are looking for a particularly strong turnout of fine Jaguar automobiles for this year's event – the sixth annual show since July 16th, 2005. Weather permitting, the day is very enjoyable – this is not a competitive show but is a chance to meet fellow vehicle owners, socialize, see some magnificent vehicles of yesteryear and generally have a good time in the beautiful location of Britannia Park (Lakeside Gardens).



The show officially opens at 10:00 am though many cars arrive well before this, and the show wraps up around 4:00 pm. Do come, do bring your car – preferably clean and tidy, but this isn't a prerequisite – and your foldable chairs, etc., and enjoy the day at Britannia Park on the shore of the Ottawa River.

For show details see the poster in this edition or go to www.britishcarday.ca



Jaguar Day 2010



Even on a dull day (and it was a very dull, damp day), **Catherine Roberts** got great photos of the participants.

Clockwise from top: XK140 and XK150; **Tim Whelan** of Jaguar Ottawa; **Rob Dunlop** gives **Frank Basten** his first prize; Lee **Harrington's** prize-winning XJS; E-type noses—with **Merv Clarke's** S-type at the far end; **Chuck Robinson's** Bentley in solitary splendour; Catherine receiving her 1st prize (photo by her son James); Reflections in a bonnet.



Stewart Robertson took advantage of our host's generosity to tour and photograph the Vintage Wings collection of rare aircraft. The hangar is spotless, and crammed full of aircraft in various stages of restoration. We were also treated to an acrobatic display by the Harvard.

Clockwise from top: **Steve Fox** won the Hershenhorn Trophy for Best in Show (Champion Class); Steve's spotless engine compartment; Jaguar Ottawa's fleet arrives; **Rob Dunlop** presents a delighted **Mike O'Brien** with a plaque for the "newest Jaguar"; **Rob Staruck** receives acknowledgement for donating our newest award for Enthusiasts Class; **Dave Boon** is interviewed by a TV crewman beside his XK150; tail-end Charlies; **Ken & Barbara Law's** MkII— winner of People's Choice.



“C” is for Competition: The “Jaguar” Slalom

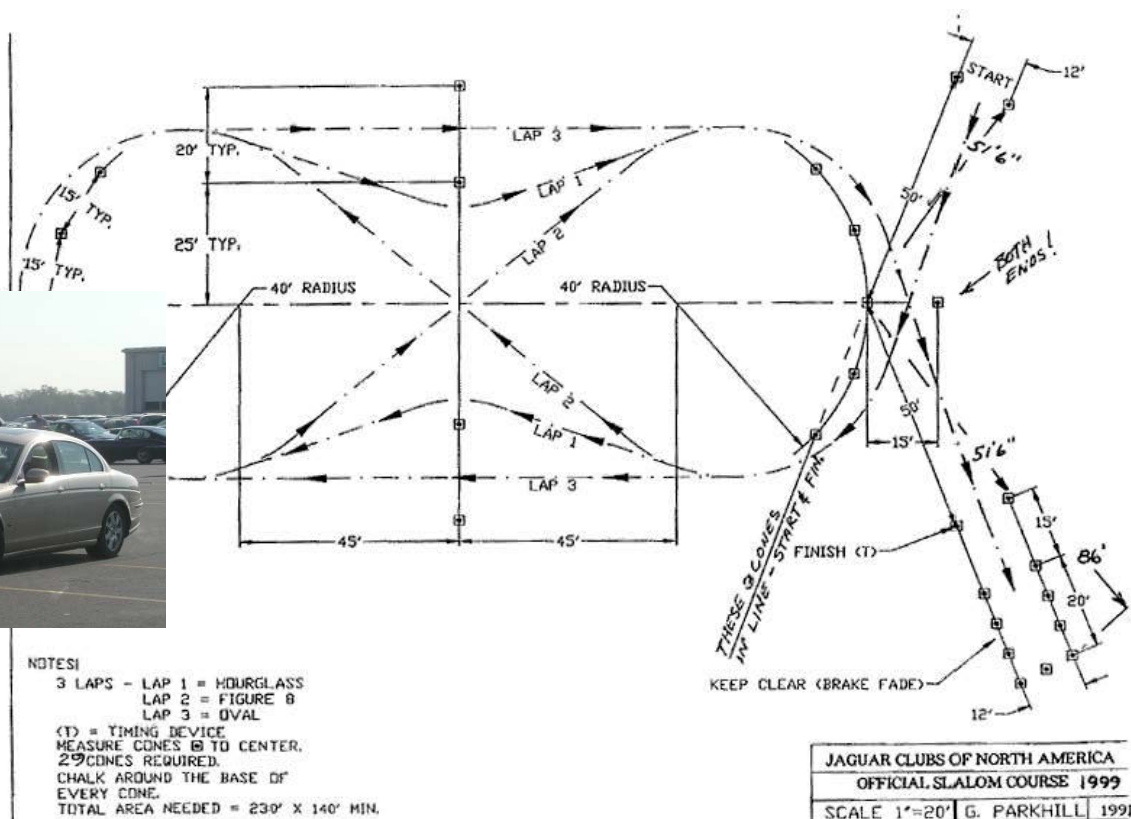
The Jaguar Clubs of North America sanction a fast growing slalom event which is run at the Club level. For those of us who are looking for something extra to do with their cars but do not want to go to the (considerable) expense and (possible) risk of vintage racing or track days, this type of event might be ideal. With no preparation necessary, and a very simple event to run, this particular slalom is designed for Jaguars big and small and Jaguar drivers at all skill levels. It is also designed to be competitive, if the Club so wishes, or just as an event where all of the participants can have a lot of fun.

The slalom itself is laid out on a local parking lot and uses standard plastic traffic cones to delineate the course. It is relatively short, not very fast and emphasises precision over speed. In its basic form it has a start and a finish position and a requirement to complete three laps, each in a different sequence. The first lap is hour glass shaped, the second a figure eight and the last an oval. Starting is from a dead stop and the finish is a complete

stop within a delineated box. In its competition form, cars are run in various classes to give everyone a fair chance and each participant gets three runs. Penalties are fairly simple – hit a cone and get a penalty, run on the wrong side of a cone and you are DNF. In its fun mode, you get as many runs as you want, with as many drivers as want to give it a try.

The Ottawa Jaguar Club will be holding a “demonstration” event, in conjunction with its summer BBQ, tentatively scheduled for one of the latter two weekends in August. Details will go up on the website as soon as finalized, but plan to come out, bring the family, enjoy a BBQ and take the Jag for a short but fun run.

John Price



Concours d'Elegance—26 June

Our annual event got off to a tenuous start with grey skies and misty light showers greeting early risers heading over to the Vintage Wings site at the Gatineau Executive Airport. Cool temperatures and threatening skies eventually gave way around noon to sunshine peeking out from the clouds and warmer temps, which remained for the rest of the day.

The concours team quickly had the site set up and awaited arrivals with some trepidation given the weather. Vintage Wings opened up their facilities for viewing and were standing by with assistance. Slowly, Jaguars started to appear out of the mist and the new parking lot began filling up. Jaguar Ottawa's convoy of three new cars (XK, XF and XJ) led by Tim Whelan took their place in front of the marquee tent for all to see and admire, followed by four Jags from the Montreal club. **Chuck Robinson**,

caterer par excellence, soon determined we had more food than attendees and broke out the sandwiches early. With the moisture finally gone, Chief Judge **Mark Roberts** extended the "rags down" time to 1 PM to give the proud owners time to dry off their cars, which were all gleaming as the judging began.

With judging underway, a mighty roar filled the air, as the Vintage Wings bright yellow Harvard took to the skies and entertained the attendees with a wonderful aerobatic display. A miniature biplane "Pitts Special" followed the Harvard with more aerial daring-do ("how do they fly upside down for so long??").

Judging progressed quickly with just six Champion class and seven Driven class cars to be examined. Attendees enjoyed themselves checking out the various concours contestants and the 15 Enthusiasts class cars, meeting

and chatting with members and old friends as well as partaking of Chuck's excellent lunch. Quite a few passersby stopped in to check out the event as well.

With scores tallied by **Paddy Robertson** and **Jean Dunlop**, it came time for the presentations. The results score sheet is elsewhere in the Jottings but it's particularly noteworthy that the gentleman who briefed the club on "detailing" the week before the concours, came away with the "Best in Show" top score of 99.86, in only his second year of competition. Well done, **Steve Fox**...clearly you really do know what you're talking about! The Best in Driven went to **Lee Harrington** for "Toby the XJS". In addition to the JCNA concours trophies, we recognized the "Furthest Traveler" (**Louis Roch Taillon**, Montreal), the "Best of British" (XJ VDP, **Catherine Roberts**, OJC) "Peoples' Choice" (Mark 2, **Ken** and

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tion: less than one per day. April 2010 Rust Check inspection: "Excellent condition for an '87 model - still structurally sound". Fenders: "Minor blistering" "Frame: intact/solid"

Items to watch or perhaps work on: Dent ahead of driver's door! Dec 29 2009. Shallow, but unsightly and heart-breaking. LS inner headlight bulb cloudy. Small areas of rust blistering rear wheel arches, lower door skin, windscreen. Headliner sagging. (Can DIYs or when car painted). Cruise control (none since purchase 2002). A/C was working 2 summers ago (Duracool). Dash has usual time-crackled finish (kit available, or just use teak oil). Driver's mirror remote sometimes not. Connection loose? New oil pressure sender reads lower than actual. Bonnet left side hinge bracket has some play. Rear brakes? (Should probably do pads/rotors all around.) Drips oil at rear seal since

purchase. I check regularly and keep topped up.

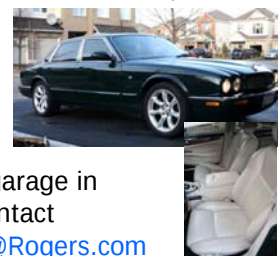
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Concours

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Barbara Law, Boots & Bonnets) and **Rob Staruch** awarded his new, imposing trophy for the Best of the Enthusiast Class. We also acknowledged our generous and faithful sponsors with presentations before drawing for the many door prizes.

The poor showing by club members (18 cars) was disappointing but all in all, it turned out a better day than initially expected. Our hosts Vintage Wings could not have more accommodating and our super sponsors came through for us once again.

Many thanks to "the usual suspects" in the club who are always involved and never fail to show and to the other attendees who helped OJC to celebrate its 25th year of existence.

Concours Results ...

Class	First	Last	Year	Model	Scores	Special Awards
DRIVEN						
D1	Dave	Boon	1958	XK150FHC	9.462	
D5	Merv	Clarke	1964	3.8 S-Type	9.919	
D6	Catherine	Roberts	1988	XJ12 VDP	9.895	Best of British
D7	Ed	Theoret	1990	XJ6 SR4	9.791	
D8A	Wayne	Caverly	1989	XJS	9.570	
D8A	Lee	Harrington	1989	XJS	9.985	Global Auto Best in Driven
D8A	Henry	Huxsel	1987	XJSC	9.742	
CHAMPION						
C3	Gary	Grant	1957	XK140 DHC	84.310	Oldest Jaguar
C10	Dave	Brooks	1970	Saloon	92.990	
C13	Frank	Basten	1994	Saloon	99.730	
C13	Stephen	Fox	1996	VDP X300	99.860	Hershenhorn Best in Champion
C15A	Cliff	Thompson	1987	XJ-S	99.670	
C18	Mike	O'Brien	2005	Estate	99.740	Newest Jaguar

President's

June was a month of mixed blessings on the weather front. Notwithstanding the sunny skies during the week, we went "0 for 2" for the first two weekend car events at the Byward Market and the Rideau Carleton Raceway due to monsoon-like conditions forcing cancellation in each case (Rideau Carleton is postponed to 11 Aug). The concours was touch and go at first, but the sun finally appeared to salvage the day. Hopefully, things will improve for the many remaining activities to come this summer.

June Meeting

A dozen members gathered for the monthly meeting at the Knoxdale Community Centre to discuss concours preparation. Following a lengthy parking lot debate, the crew heard **Steve Fox** outline the proper process to prepare a car's exterior using various professional products. He passed on a few "trade secrets"



and "dos and don'ts", in addition to explaining the world of detailing. We hope to include Steve's info on the website, as it applies to all Jag owners not just concours participants.

XJ Launch

Definitely the highlight of the 2010 auto social season, Jaguar Ottawa hosted an outstanding launch of the new XJ on 3 June to an amazingly large crowd, including many OJC members. Thanks to **Alan Graves**, the club assembled one each of the preceding XJs, back to **Dave Brooks'** 1970 XJ6. While the new XJ was obviously the hit of the event, numerous male club members were seen to be frequenting the wine bar, no doubt enamored by the robust nature and heady aroma of the wine bar's offerings (...you had to have been there). An excellent evening thanks to **Tim Whelan** and his Jag Ottawa team (..and the wine bar staff...). A goodly number went on to Liam Maguire's afterwards for a brew and a chat.

Concours

The annual event is covered elsewhere this month, but I do want to add a comment. With ever declining numbers and apparently dwindling interest in what we bill as the club's premier event each year, clearly we need to examine the way ahead if it's not meeting the majority of the membership's interests. Please give it some thought, send in your ideas and we'll discuss further at the AGM in November.

An interesting observation on the

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day...while a number of members commented favourably about Jaguar Ottawa's display of a gorgeous (I think) new XJ and the current XK and XF, it seemed an almost equal number mentioned to me that they weren't impressed by Jaguar's new styling direction of late. How do you feel about the new styling? Why not drop the editor a line and we can start a discussion on the various merits of "old school vs. new school" Jag styling.

Finally, don't forget the upcoming All British Car Day (ABCD), Sat 17 July where we will be commemorating the 75th year of the Jaguar name. If you need an excuse to get your car out only once this season, I can't think of a better one...

Cheers and Happy Motoring
Rob Dunlop

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