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Club Events

January & February

- ♦ **9 January.** The Club is meeting at Rob Staruch's in Carp for a technical show & tell, followed by a pint at the Cheshire Cat. Look for details on the website and by email.
- ♦ **13 February. Darts & Ale.** Warm up for the inter-club dart tournament—join us at St. Anthony's for darts, pizza and beer. Come one, come all!
- ♦ **18 February. All British Car Clubs Dart Tournament** will once again be held at the **Barrhaven Legion**, 3500 Fallowfield Road in Nepean. The tournament will take place on **February 18, 2012 from 1 to 4 p.m.**

Dues are DUE for 2012

Membership Dues are a very reasonable \$50. 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*—and much, much more!

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Merry Christmas in Winchester...

December 10, 2011



Lee & Alex—our gracious hosts.



Ger ready. Set. Shoot! Mike O'Brien's usual pose

President's Musings

This issue of the Jottings brings to a close an exceptional motoring year. For those of us keen to "put rubber to the road" in our Jag(s), the summer of 2011 was outstanding weather-wise, with plenty of opportunity for cruising under blue skies with warm sunshine. It's a well known fact that Jags (indeed all cars) that get exercised regularly, run better with fewer problems. Something to bear in mind when planning your activities for 2012...

This issue also brings us to the end of your executive's mandate. 2011 featured the concours at a new location and an interclub rally organized by OJC. Both events were very successful, no doubt due to the excellent organization headed by **Mike O'Brien**. Other drives, interclub events, the BBQ and social activities were generally popular, so overall the executive team earns a "well done" with sincere thanks on your behalf for their time, commitment and enthusiasm.

AGM, Dinner and Awards Night

Once again, the new format for our AGM proved a winner, as 35+ members and ladies congregated at *Robbie's Italian Restaurant*, 7 November for dinner, socializing and AGM activities. Details are elsewhere, but the evening went very well, including three birthdays on the same day! To the newly-elected executive members (**Dave Kenny** – Vice President, **Karen Wilson** – Membership Secretary and **Vikram Ambrose** – Jottings Publisher), welcome aboard and thanks for stepping up.

Christmas Party

This past Saturday, **Lee Harrington** welcomed the club to his

lovely home near Winchester for the annual Christmas Party. Usually the best attended event, once again 40 members, spouses and friends enjoyed a wonderful evening and excellent meal. Many thanks to Lee and Alex for their gracious and warm hosting.

The coming year

Planning is already underway for next year, with the new executive meeting 12 Dec. In addition to the traditional activities, we hope to add some new things for you and your Jaguar to enjoy. *Of critical importance, we still need a new Jottings Editor starting in February. Please contact me if you would like to help the club out with this vital function.*

Parting Notes Update

You may recall the hapless stories of

Bob Higgs and **Ed Theoret** in the October issue: Bob lost his VDP in an accident and Ed had a nasty fall with back injuries. I'm pleased to report that Bob was gushing about the performance and gas mileage of his new X350 at the Christmas party ("...I hardly miss the VDP...") and Ed is now very much mobile with his walker.....which I fully expect he'll have equipped with wider wheels and disc brakes the next time I see him. Good news all round.

Thanks to all for your friendship and participation in 2011. Until the next meeting in January (second Monday), have a Merry Christmas, Joyeux Noel, Happy Holidays and all the best for 2012.

Cheers and Happy and Safe Motoring,

Rob Dunlop

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Editor's Ramblings

SS100 Legend

Interesting content in the Victoria, BC Club magazine *The Growler* this month. The restoration of a SS100, Part 4 "Bringing a Legend to life".

Plus, "Laws of Physics for British cars". Very apropos.

Please see in <http://www.jcna.com/php/clubdisplay.php?club=NW61#newsletter>

Dust Free?

Marie Paule has submitted some info regarding a Carnauba Wax polish she recommends.

<http://www.joys-of-lavender.com/lavender-furniture-polish.html>

Thought this might be of interest to our OCJ readership; well, at least for those who do the dusting in their house. I have been using this method now

since the summer and find it amazing. It keeps the dust away, for at least three weeks which is great for me and those busy people that still wish to keep their house clean. After I clean the bathtub, I also use the Carnauba Wax around the tub walls; it keeps the soap scum away and keeps the tub shining. A word of caution: **do not use on the bathtub floor**, it is too slippery. I do not use chemicals in the house for cleaning so this method was welcomed when I found it.

Have you tried it on your new car yet, Marie Paule? Black is an excellent colour for polishing. Nice looking vehicle you have, same year as mine. I will ask Mike to add it to "Members' car pics page" on our web site.

Frank Basten
Editor



Marketplace

Jaguar Jottings accepts advertisements in good faith, but it is in your best interest to make every effort to check offers personally.

However, we don't have any adverts for December! Got anything to sell? Let us know ... send your input to Frank Basten.

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Picton, August 2011



Rally, September 2011



ByWard Market, June 2011

Conversation at OJC Concours:

Jean Dunlop, registration to Mark Roberts, chief judge:

"Well Mark, he insists he qualifies for the Special Class: Jaguar engine equipped with more than 35 points of non-authenticity."



**OTTAWA JAGUAR CLUB
Annual General Meeting
Monday, November 7, 2011
Robbie's Italian Restaurant
Ottawa, Ontario**



Minutes

7:00 PM Pre-AGM dinner with 35 attendees. Welcome by President, Rob Dunlop

8:30 PM. Meeting called to order by president. With 20 members of the 80 person club membership in attendance, a quorum was declared.

Financial Statement

The 2011 Income Statement, Balance Sheet as at 6 Nov 11 and Financial Summary 2008-2011 were presented by Treasurer, Steve Fox. Overall to date, for 2011, the club had realized a profit of \$963.19 with a balance of \$10,593.14. In general, expenses (chiefly for concours) and income (memberships and concours) were in line with past year figures.

MOTION: Pending the final figures at FY 2011 end, Guy Goodman proposed acceptance of the financial report. Seconded: Peter Whitworth

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Reports

A. Membership & Secretary: Lee Harrington
Lee advised the paid-up membership for 2011 is 80 members. He noted that registration bookkeeping difficulties with JCNA had been resolved and will result in improved Jaguar Journal delivery to new members. As Lee is passing on his membership duties for 2012, the president thanked him for his dedication and good work (noting that we owed him a plaque!)

B. Activities: Coordinator, Alan Graves
Alan reviewed the club's events (see website for details), noting attendance varied widely from excellent to poor. The exceptional summer weather encouraged participation although competing cottage time and other good weather activities continue to have an impact on attendance. Social events were generally well attended.

The president noted that the club sponsored 22 driving events and other activities in 2011. He thanked Alan for his continued commitment and excellent organization, particularly the overnight tour to Prince Edward County.

C. Concours D'Elegance: Chair, Mike O'Brien

Mike was generally satisfied with the new location at the National Aviation Museum and revised format (tech inspections on entry). The shared aircraft/military vehicle/Mustang club venue was well received, providing a variety of activities for attendees. The membership commented on the excellent club tent with associated amenities.

Attendance by club members was minimally satisfactory (22) with 8 non-OJC attendees. Mike noted that the continuing low number of Champion class concours competitors (nine) and seven Driven class entries suggests that continuation of a JCNA standard concours should be reviewed by the club. He pointed to the extensive training/maintenance of qualified judges in order to assess very few cars. A general discussion ensued leading to a suggestion for a subcommittee to examine the issue. The president concluded that the matter should be left to the incoming executive to consider.

The president thanked Mike, Lee Harrington, Chuck Robinson, Mark Roberts and his judges, Bonnie Newson and Jean Dunlop and the rest of the concours team for another well-run event.

D. Rally: Guy Goodman

Guy outlined the extensive preparation and successful conduct of the Marcus Chappell Memorial Rally in September, two years in the making and involving six Ottawa car clubs (for details see report in Oct 2011 edition of *Jaguar Jottings*). Under the inspired direction of Mike O'Brien, 60 enthusiasts and 18 cars drove or ran the challenging yet satisfying event. Guy's dedicated commitment and over 100 hours work was particularly singled out.

E. Meetings: Rob Dunlop

Rob noted that the best attended club events by far are the Wednesday morning breakfasts where typically a dozen members meet weekly to discuss Jags, politics, religion, etc. For 2011 the club relocated its indoor meetings from the spartan Knoxdale Community Centre to the St Anthony's Tifosi Car Club facilities. Notwithstanding the \$260 annual membership fee, the comfortable room, automotive decor and "beverage facilities" were very well received by members and spouses alike. Greater use for next year is recommended. The social events (pub nights, Jaguar Ottawa visit, spring dinner, 2010 Christmas dinner and Robertson's BBQ) were all appreciated and well attended. In the case of the spring dinner and BBQ, Paddy and Stewart Robertson's organization and generous hosting were duly noted.

Election of Officers

The president acknowledged with thanks ailing Vice President Ed Theoret who canvassed the membership and organized the slate of nominees (attached) and Dave Kenny for standing in.

MOTION: In the absence of any response to a request for further nominees from the floor, Guy Goodman proposed the election of the full slate of officers as per the nomination list. Seconded: Paddy Robertson

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Presentations

The president presented plaques (in absentia) and acknowledged "...with appreciation for your support, dedication and enthusiasm..." two departing members of the executive:

Paul Davis – Jaguar Jottings Publisher – 2007-2011

Ed Theoret – Vice President – 2010-2011

General Discussion

There were no further points raised by attendees

Final Words

The president noted that, overall, 2011 could be considered a successful year for OJC, particularly noteworthy being the honour and distinction of our Paddy Robertson being recognized by JCNA for the prestigious Andrew Whyte Service Award she so richly deserves. Rob Dunlop thanked the executive and volunteers, the hard core of people who are willing to take on the work.

10:15 PM. The meeting was concluded.

Lee Harrington
Secretary
Ottawa,
November 07, 2011

Mike O'Brien's Next Car ...

Jaguar's weird world of a scoop Christmas card

By Tim Pollard
Weird Stuff
08 December 2011
09:53

We were quite surprised when Jaguar dropped a 'scoop' shot of a disguised Jag XF Sportbrake on to its Twitter feed this week. Particularly when it had Father Christmas in piling up the boot with presents.

It goes to show what a strange media landscape this is nowadays, one where car manufacturers – like any big business – try and control the message, seed out teasers on social media and engage directly with consumers bypassing traditional media channels such as print and broadcast.

There are certainly myriad more options to promote a new car nowadays than there were 30, 20 or even 10 years ago.

It's rare for a business to launch a new product without having its own Facebook page, Twitter feed and probably a fancy bash in London with a host of C-list slebs. Which is fine – we just hope they don't blow the marketing budget on tosh which could be spent on making the car look, drive, ride and steer better.

So does this Jaguar XF Sportbrake photo tell us much?

Apart from the fact that Santa appears to have a good taste in cars, it gives us a quick glimpse inside the new XF Sportbrake, Jaguar's new XF estate which is due to be seen in 2012.



We can't see much of the boot, but he's obviously piling up a few boxes and we're impressed by the ease of access to the boot; there's no lip whatsoever visible in this shot.

Might the bootlid feature a pop-up glass screen like on the 5-series Touring? We suspect it might, and can see some impressively heavy duty dampers lifting the boot.

But judging by the fast-raked roofline, the XF Sportbrake won't win class honours for overall boot volume. Class swot for load lugging remains the voluminous Mercedes E-class wagon, with its 695 litres

Courtesy of CAR Magazine, CAR Blogs

Submitted by Mike O'Brien



Progress on Phil's XK140

Progress on the restoration of the XK140 that was previously owned by Jaguar's Chief Engineer William Heynes, and later sold to Jaguars race driver, Duncan Hamilton, is now moving along.

Good buddy **Charles Robinson** 'kick started' me 18 months ago, and we were able to load on the chrome, bumpers, weather stripping, lights, and anything else we could find. Unfortunately, a lucrative paying job robbed me of my precious foreman. The XK140 lingered, unattended, for about a year, collecting dust...

Last month, along comes a gentleman, **Tom Davis**, who is restoring his XK150 FHC, wanting to look at mine for reference. I obliged, and as well sent him off to see **Ed Theoret** and his XK150 OTS.

It was then that it struck me, what am I waiting for... I began to open the 'interior kit' that I had purchased in 2006 and never even opened. This 'jig-saw' puzzle didn't seem too bad, so I called my good buddy Chuck over in order to sort it out further.

Together we decided that the project was do-able, short of the headliner installation. Attached are pictures of the trunk and backseat area awaiting further progress.

Phil Karam

P.S. After a few drinks at the Christmas party, and bragging to my foreman Chuck of the progress I was making, I came home and finished the rear seats.



Hatch into trunk



Back seat area awaiting seats



XK150 used as a storage shelf and XK120 used as a workbench



Trunk interior completed—and the seats installed (right)





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Tach Challenges

I recently discovered that the tachometer in my E-Type was seriously under-reading the true RPM. The mechanic, Rob Staruch situated in the rural area of Carp and operating under the original Miniman business name, diagnosed it and explained the following fix.

I knew that these tachos functioned by reading the voltage output of the mini AC generator attached to the rear of the right hand side camshaft. Rob explained that the generator magnets gradually lose their magnetic field over time and their voltage output diminishes so that the circuit in the tacho responds with a diminished needle deflection. An instrument repair shop in California has devised a fix which in-

volves replacing the tacho circuit board based on voltage with a new one based on reading frequency of the generator output. This frequency sensing is independent of the strength of the voltage output as the magnetic field continues to deteriorate and therefore maintains a precisely accurate output signal to indicate RPM.

It might be useful to put a note in the Jottings regarding this phenomenon as it applies to all JAGUAR models with this type of tacho sensing system, basically all E-Types and similar vintage sedans as well as the latest XK 150s. Rob Staruch has a direct

connection and long history with this shop in California and he regularly sends groups of tachos to them for repair for approximately \$300 per unit.

Dave Kenny

Publisher's note: Dave discovered an article on the internet that explains the concept with photos. The article wouldn't fit on the page...ask me for a pdf copy by email.

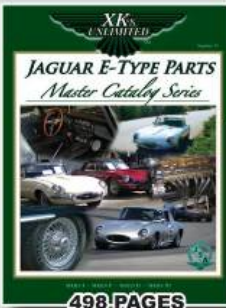
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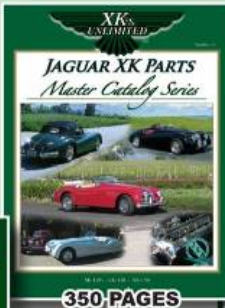
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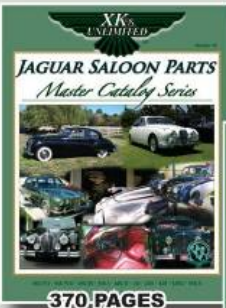
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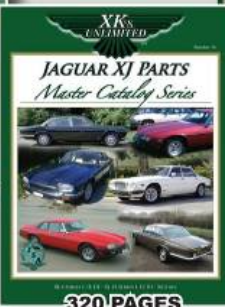
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