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5th May— Judges Training for the Concours

14th May— Detailing your car

27th May— Ottawa Jaguar Club Spring Drive

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# President's Musings

Egads! What happened to our weather?? It's probably my fault as I swapped the snow tires off the winter cars some time ago....clearly too soon. The temp is in fact inching (or metric equivalent) upwards, so hopefully washing/polishing/driving weather will be here very soon.

## Club Spring Dinner

Our 2012 activities got underway in earnest with the Club Spring Dinner, 14 April. The happy group of 40+ members and partners, out of winter hibernation, reacquainted with club friends old and new over hearty Italian fare and appropriate beverages at Robbie's Restaurant. Amongst the crowd were special guests from Jaguar Ottawa; **Mike Comtois**, Parts Manager, **Alan Taylor**, Jaguar Parts Specialist and **Carlo Spinelli**, Diagnostic Specialist, with lovely guest. Mike and Alan were instrumental in bringing about the recently-announced reductions in parts prices from Jaguar Ottawa, exclusive to OJC members (special hand shake and code word required). I was pleased to announce the new status of all three as Associate OJC members, particularly as they are very keen to be active in our program and get to know us and our cars better. Also in attendance were new members **Louis and Lola Robichaud**, owners of a recently acquired XJS. Many thanks to **Paddy Robertson** for putting the dinner together... a success as ever.

With **Jaguar Day and Concours (9th June)**, a mere six weeks away, preparations by Mike O'Brien and his team are well underway. The next two events are also intended to help members and cars prepare for the great day of Jaguars on display.

**Concours Judges Training (5th May)** Conducted by Chief Judge, Mark Roberts - obligatory for current judges but open to anyone keen to

learn judging or to entrants wanting to know how judging is conducted ... includes practical judging on actual cars. It can't be difficult if I do it!

**Car preparation and detailing (14th May).** Join Steve Fox, detailer par excellence, to learn the basics of washing, polishing and cleaning as well as share tips and tricks with other experienced members. Not just for Concours entrants but anyone keen to show their pride of Jaguar ownership.

Speaking of the Jaguar Day, I recently spoke to several members who confessed being reluctant to bringing their Jags out as they aren't shiny, spotless show cars. Jaguar ownership means different things to different people but the common bond amongst us all is the joy we get owning and driving these wonderful cars. The purpose of Jaguar Day is to share that joy with others like-minded and with the public. This is simply a case where quantity is infinitely better than quality. We want all club cars on the field together. Recent years have been pretty lean.....let's make 2012 a special year.

Cheers and happy, safe motoring,

**Rob Dunlop**



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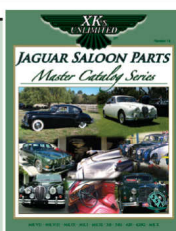
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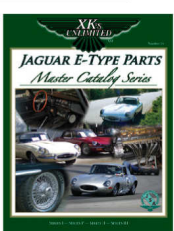
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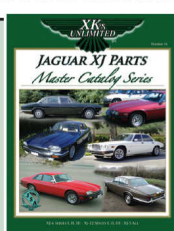
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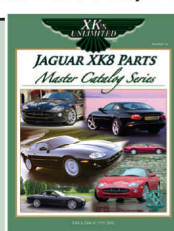
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# auto classic

The 2012 car show season gets underway with the traditional Byward Market Auto Classic, Sunday, 3 June. The Ottawa Jaguar Club has regularly attended with 8 to 10 cars (or more), usually parked together in the picturesque Tin House Court in the downtown Byward Market area. The \$10 entry fee provides for a lunch, grab bag and a charitable donation. All models of Jaguars are welcomed and they don't need to be pristine show cars (...although a wash and clean would be a good idea...). To facilitate parking together, I submit a group entry on behalf of all OJC cars, so if you get an individual invitation, please ignore and reply to me. The site mentions providing photos but it doesn't apply to us.

It's important to get our entry in early to get a good parking area, so if you are interested, please return a completed entry form to me [president@ottawajaguarclub.com](mailto:president@ottawajaguarclub.com) no later than Friday, 4 May. I will pay the \$10 entry fee for all cars and collect back from you at the event. As such, if you submit the form and then no-show, you'll still owe me the \$10 entry fee.

# The Jag was probably toast

This was my father Mordecai's last car. I maintained it impeccably. It was mint, and then all of a sudden it wasn't.

I WAS AT the back of the queue outside the car wash, stationary, impatiently waiting my turn, when I heard the horrible sound of shattering plastic and metal crushing metal—and realized that a passing garbage truck had just plowed into the rear end of my 1997 Jaguar XJ6.

This was my father Mordecai's last car. He drove it for four years, and then when he died in 2001, I took it over. I maintained it impeccably and it was mint. I mean that it *was* mint, and then all of a sudden it very much wasn't.

"You, you speak Portuguese?" asked the truck driver, after clambering down from his battering ram, cellphone clapped to one ear.

About as well as you drive, I thought to myself.

He had not been travelling very fast when he struck the glancing blow, but the monstrous mass of his truck had nonetheless unleashed some wrathful laws of physics. A cursory inspection of my car showed a kink in the roof, and that the gaps around its doors had been compressed on one side and widened on the other. The frame was bent and the car was all but certainly toast.

"Sorry," the truck driver said, and went on his way.

I reported the accident to my insurer and then drove the Jag over to my local garage, where the adjuster would come by to assess it. And with that in mind, I thought to take a few things with me. Like my father's old hip flask, which I kept in the glove compartment, half full of Macallan 18-year-old single malt—designated exclusively for sprinkling on his gravesite whenever I visited. Insurance adjusters never understand such things.

My father bought the Jag early in the summer of 1997. Actually, in my capacity as his automotive adviser, I negotiated the purchase for him. When I did so for his previous car, a Saab, he had managed a morning visit to the Montreal showroom—but only to inform the salesman that the deal was off if the new car and any papers that required signing were not delivered to him at Grumpy's on Bishop Street in time for the conclusion of happy hour.

This time we went one better. My father was in Toronto on business, staying at the Four

Seasons. I dropped by his suite for drinks, informed him that his colour scheme should be British racing green with a tan interior, and then picked up the phone and ordered one up from Decarie Motors in Montreal as if from room service. All they had to do was deliver the car to his downtown apartment in time for my father's return in two days, so that he and my mother could leave straight for the cottage on Lake Memphremagog.

All went according to plan—which is to say

noises the car made when he pressed buttons on its remote key fob (his first). After his noisy Saab, Volvo and Peugeots he savoured the near-silence of the Jag's smooth, insulating ride.

A little too much, maybe. Once, after a busy day in Montreal, my father was driving alone on the Eastern Townships autoroute to the cottage, enjoying a cigar and lost in deep thought—or, just possibly, singing along to *H.M.S. Pinafore*—when he suddenly noticed a *Sûreté du Québec* cruiser shadowing him in the lane alongside, lights blazing. He pulled over on the shoulder.

"You know why I stopped you?" the cop asked.

Naturally my father had a pretty good idea that it had something to do with happy hour at Winnie's Bar, on Crescent Street—but not the type to self-incriminate, he said nothing.

"You have a flat tire," the cop said.



**Tidying up:** I took my father's old hip flask from the glove compartment, half full of single malt

that he never had to be bothered with knowing where the dealership was, and he really enjoyed the car. The 1997 XJ6 was the last of the big Jaguar sedans to be designed with an aesthetic uncompromised by pedestrian concerns like legroom and cargo space—and consequently, it was a lithe beauty. He liked that. He also got a kick out of the bleeping

"Of course," my father replied. "I was just about to pull over!"

Last week the insurance inspector came back with his predicted analysis: the car is a goner. But its ignominious end is not absolutely terminal: it will be auctioned for salvage, and raided for parts for old Jags in need. Donor organs—with pedigree. **JACOB RICHLER**

## Bits and Bobs

### Angelina Jolie's Jaaag

Most know her for her presence on the big screen, but did you know she's a Jag enthusiast? The sexy lady has a pension for supercharged Jags.

From the little I've gathered, she has owned for personal use, a 2002 XJR and a 2005 XJ Super V8. Her limo of choice? A Jag of course. An X351 XJL.



Both engines deliver their power through a new eight-speed automatic transmissions.

### Club Clothing

It is my intention to have some club clothing examples at Jaguar Day on 9 June. Examples may be a T-shirt, golf shirt, spring/summer jacket and winter jacket. I will then take orders at the jaguar day. I plan to only do this once a year so if a winter coat is on your list, order it in June. I have attached two images: a dark spring jacket and a winter jacket. The embroidery would have a leaper plus "ottawa jaguar club" in either silver or gold.

**Mike O'Brien**

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### WANTED: Newsletter Editor

With the retirement of our long-serving Jaguar Jottings editor, Frank Basten in January, search for his replacement continues without success. The chief responsibility is to assemble material for the publisher (Vikram Ambrose) to artfully craft into our monthly newsletter. If this is of interest or you'd like to know more, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

**Rob Dunlop**

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### New Engines

Jaguar is introducing two additional forced-induction petrol engines to its range for the 2013MY; a new 3.0-litre V6 Supercharged Petrol, and a four-cylinder 2.0-litre I4 Turbocharged Petrol. The 3.0 V6 S/C will be available in different states of tune up to 380PS/460Nm. This is almost 127PS per litre - the highest specific output of any Jaguar engine.

The 2.0-litre I4 Ti 240 produces 240PS and 340Nm, replacing the 3.0-litre naturally-aspirated petrol AJ-V6 in Non-American XF and XJ saloons.

## *The XJ Ultimate*

At the recent Beijing Auto Show, Jaguar unveiled what is being called the "XJ Ultimate". With heightened levels of opulence for rear-seat passengers, the XJ Ultimate represents the pinnacle of the XJ experience.

While the regular XJ gets that flimsy plastic tray, the Ultimate gets a "business table", machined from solid

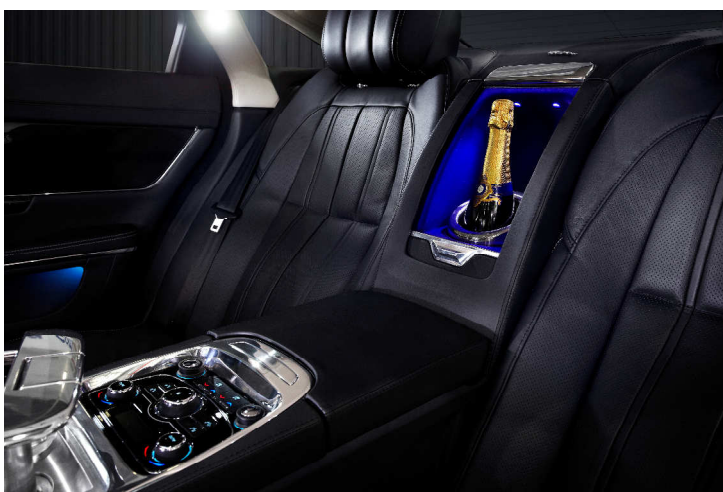
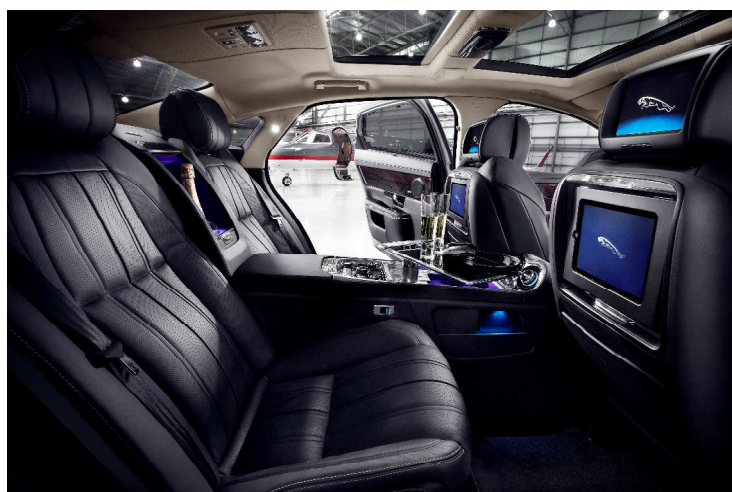
aluminium with piano black trim. A champagne chiller between the rear seats cools a bottle to perfection and **automatically** presents it to you when the cabinet is opened.

And it doesn't stop there. The Bowers and Wilkins sound system isn't good enough for the Ultimate either. The Ultimate gets a 15-channel, 20-speaker surround sound system

engineered specifically for the XJ by British audio specialists Meridian.

Only 30 Ultimates will be sold in the U.S. Your \$155,875 will get you a 2012 Ultimate in any colour as long as its Celestial Black.

**Vikram Ambrose**



# Looking Back : Part III

*Paddy and Stewart explore the early years of the club*

## The Foundation of the OJC

Scanning through twenty-five years of membership records is quite an experience – especially seeing the names of those who are long gone and possibly forgotten, and at the same time so many early members who are still active.

The Club began assigning membership numbers in 1986, awarding Chuck Cowie the honour of holding the first club membership. Twenty-five years later, 339 members are on record. Including families, this adds up to quite a crowd of people who have driven with the OJC.

Truly impressive is the number of members who step beyond participation to active leadership in the club executive and organizing activities. It takes a big commitment in time and resources to keep the club running over twenty-five years.

As the chart of the positions is too large to print legibly, here is a summary of the primary positions with the names in alphabetical order. You may notice that some positions overlap – as some jobs were shared. This happened frequently, as did one person doing more than one job! That's dedication for you.

**President:** Dave Boon 1989; Rae Chalmers 1990, 1991, 1995; John Charman 1994; Merv Clarke 1985; Paul Davis 1998-89; Rob Dunlop 2009-2012; Lauren Hansman 1986-1987; Guy Larabie 1996-1997, 2004-2005; Mike O'Brien, 2006-2008; David Pollard 1988; Stewart Robertson 1992-1993; Yann Robin 2003; Nishika Sardana 2000 (January-February); Michael Stott 2001; Daniel Thompson 2002; Wendy VanderMeulen 2000.

**Vice President:** Frank Basten 2005-2007; Ernie Bayliss 1991-1993; Dave Boon 1986-1988; Chuck Cowie 1985,

1990; Paul Davis 1996-1997; Rob Dunlop 1994; Phil Karam 1998; Dave Kenny 2012; Trevor Klotz 1989; Guy Larabie 1995; Yann Robin 2002; Chuck Robinson 2008-2010; Ricarda Smith 1999; Michael Stott 2000; Ed Theoret 2003-2004, 2010-2011; Daniel Thompson 2001.

**Secretary:** Jack Buchanan 1995; Chuck Cowie 1985; Ron Foster 1993; Lee Harrington 2006-2008, 2011-2012; Guy Larabie 2000; Mike O'Brien 2004-2005; Stewart Robertson 1996-1999; Paddy Robertson 2009-2010; Ron Sierolawski 1986-1992; John Smiley 2001-2003; Wendy VanderMeulen 1994.

**Treasurer:** Rae Chalmers 1988; Merv Clarke 1989-1990, 1998; Al Cohoe 1997; Steve Fox 2011-2012; Roger Gough 1999-2008; Lauren Hansman 1991; Mike Kassner 1986; Mark Roberts 1992-1996; Stewart Robertson 2009-2010; Craig Turner 1987.

**Concours Chair:** Frank Basten 2001-2002; Ernie Baylis 1991, 1993; Dave Boon 1988; Rae Chalmers 1990; John Charman 1998; Merv Clarke 1994; Grant & Tanya Edwards 2004-2005; Bob Hiland 2000-2001; Trevor Klotz 1989; Mike O'Brien 2008-2012; Catherine Roberts 1996-1997; Stewart Robertson 1995, 2006-2007; Paddy Robertson 1996-1997; 1999, 2003, 2006-2007; Daniel Thompson 2003.

**Chief Judge:** Harry Brownell 1999-2002; Rob Dunlop 2003-2007; Ron Foster 1988-1989; Charlie King 1991; Trevor Klotz 1996; Mark Roberts 1992, 1994-1995, 1998, 2008-2012.

**Membership Director:** Ernie Bayliss 1994-1999; Doug Bell 1993; Harry Brownell 2000-2002; Rae Chalmers 1987; Merv Clarke 1989-1990; Lee Harrington 2006-2011; Trevor Klotz 1987; Jim Levangie 1991

-1992; Mark Roberts 2003-2005; Craig Turner 1986; Karen Wilson 2012. With so many people coming, going and occasionally returning, OJC membership directors had no easy task recording names, collecting (and sometimes chasing) dues, and communicating with JCNA to ensure members get their Jaguar Journal and JCNA membership.

**Activities Director:** Frank Basten 2004; Ernie Bayliss 1990; Dave Boon 1992; Dave Brooks 1991; Rae Chalmers 1986-88, 1996; John Charman 1998; Rob Dunlop 1993; Ron Foster 1990; Al Graves 2005-12; Lauren Hansman 1989, 1994; Trevor Klotz 1988; Guy Larabie 2003; Louise Larabie 1997; John Price 2010; Mark Roberts 1991-92; Yann Robin 1999-00; Wendy VanderMeulen 1995, 1998; Barbara Woods 2001. All these people would have had no fun at all without the generous support of the members who hosted Christmas parties and summer barbecues.

**Technical Activities:** Phil Karam 2006-12.

**Jaguar Jottings Editors and Publishers:** Vikram Ambrose 2012; Frank Basten 2009-2011; John Charman 1991-1996; Paul Davis 2007-2011; Trevor Klotz 1992-1998; Guy Larabie 1996-2000; Ray Newson 2004-2008; Donna Reid 1990-1992; Paddy Robertson 2000-2006; Ron Sierolawski 1989; Jim Walker 2001-2003

**All the Other Guys:** We don't have room to list them all! Members have sustained the Club by being Concours judges, arranging and leading activities, planning special events, and playing various supporting roles (such as tallying Concours scores, setting up and tearing down events, storing equipment and supplies, ordering signs and plaques and trophies,

organizing lunches and dinners – the list is endless). Don't forget our excellent website, instituted by Mark Roberts and for many years designed and managed by Mike O'Brien. And the photography! We have an excellent library of photos taken by Al Graves, Catherine Roberts and Stewart Robertson and many others. Our library (and history) is kept by librarian Merv Clarke. Then there are the technical advisors, from Ted Powell, Chuck Cowie and Ron Sierolawski, to Guy Larabie, Harry Brownell, John Smiley and Phil Karam. Tony & Susan Fisher have been long-time sponsors of the Concours; they've been joined in the last few years by Robert Construction (Lee Harrington) and Donalco (J.P. Giard).

Who have we forgotten? Well, it's impossible to say. It's a long and wonderful list of active members who are committed to the Club's purpose: *to provide a means for exchange of*

*information, technical and otherwise, among those owning or having interest in Jaguar and Daimler automobiles; to encourage interest in and support for automobile sport, and to hold and participate in such competitive events as are considered suitable for this particular automobile club, and to provide social occasions for its members; and to foster continuance of the Jaguar and Daimler automobiles and of their high quality.*

Happy motoring!

**Paddy & Stewart Robertson**

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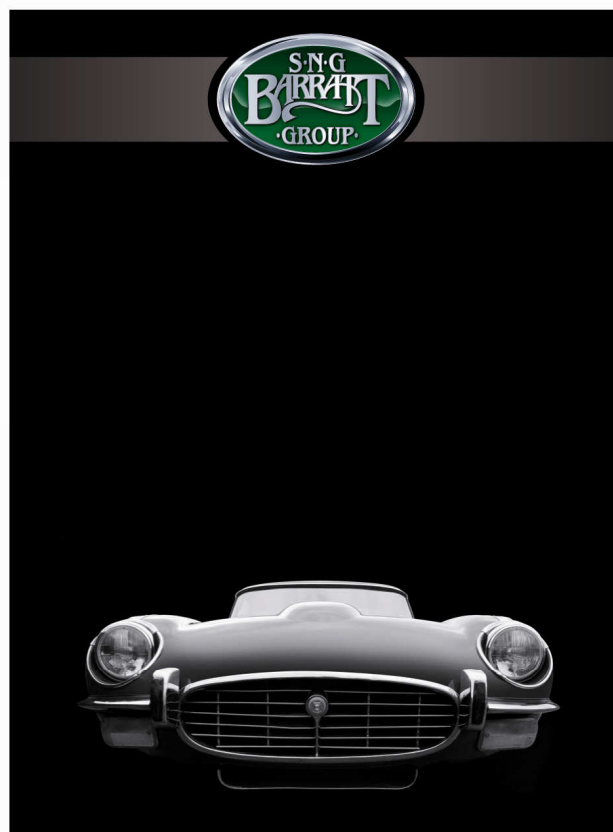
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**Where?** The Canadian Aviation and Space Museum, 11 Aviation Parkway, Ottawa

**When?** Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Cars should not arrive before 9:00 AM.

**Benefits:** Free entrance to the grounds for entrants and immediate family members; free lunch for entrants and immediate family members, door prizes, free entrance to the Museum for entrants and families, and an opportunity to show off your car and seek advice from others with the same marque and model.

### Other Events:

- The Aviation Museum is filled with many interesting aircraft that visitors can see such as the Spitfire above
- Vintage Flight Werks is arranging the attendance of several other car clubs and individual collector cars as well as a number of vintage aircraft that will be flown from the area of the Jaguar Day. Finally it is possible that there will be some military vehicles from the National War Museum
- The club will hold a meet and greet at Jaguar Ottawa on Friday 8 June at 7 PM for members and visitors. Jaguar Ottawa will provide a cash bar and finger food will be available. Jaguar Ottawa is located at 1300 Michael Street, Ottawa

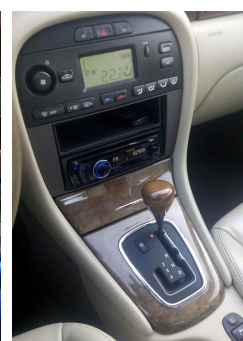


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