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4th Sep - Hazeldean Mall British Invasion

10th Sep - Club Night

29th Sep - Fall Drive and Scavenger Hunt

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President's Musings

August was generally another glorious weather (and driving) month although we edge inevitably towards fall and eventually winter (aargh!!). The two club events last month (summer drive and club picnic) had a 50% success rate. Unfortunately we believed an overly-pessimistic forecast and cancelled the summer drive when in fact it was a reasonable day after all. A special thanks goes to our tireless activities coordinator, **Alan Graves**, whose meticulous drive plan was regrettably set aside.

The 20+ attendees of the club picnic at chez Robertsons in Carleton Place was greeted with sunshine and blue skies. A warm thank you to **Paddy and Stewart Robertson** for their generous hospitality to the picnickers and the use of their "pool" (you had to have been there...).

In discussing the "**weather issue**" amongst club members, it occurs to me that perhaps we've been spoiled by perfect conditions in the past and are a bit hasty to cancel if flawless weather conditions aren't expected. Many of the members who normally attend are cosseted in four door, hard top Jag luxury so the threat of a few sprinkles shouldn't deter an opportunity for a pleasant drive in the company of club friends. Accordingly, in future, unless the weather forecast includes the words "monsoon, hurricane or snow storm" in it, from now on, we will remain calm and bang on!

By the time you read this, the annual **Hazeldean Mall British Invasion**, (Tuesday 4 Sep) will be upon us on indeed just passed. Either way, hopefully we will see a good turnout from members for this usually very popular event. At the other end of the month, the 29th, you can expect our **Fall Drive**, with details to follow shortly. Regarding this event, please see my comments above regarding

weather, so you can indeed expect this to occur.

JEC Tour

Many of you will be aware of a UK Jaguar club tour of the eastern US and Canada, transiting Ottawa 4 to 6 Oct. We had been approached in July by the international and local tour organizers about assisting and participating in their activities while they were in our area. Unfortunately, as details of the program came to light, there was in fact no interest in our input and no flexibility permitted to allow us to meet up with the visitors other than escorting them from Kingston on a route of their choosing. It would have meant numerous club volunteers for a long day of highway driving with little to no benefit to either group. As a result, we've unfortunately had to decline to participate in the event.

2012 AGM and new Executive

Looking ahead to our AGM in November and the related executive "elections", we'll forego the "dinner with business" format of past years and revert to a traditional AGM business meeting in order to give the membership an opportunity to better engage in discussions about our club's operations. Our **executive nominees' coordinator is VP Dave Kenny** who will be contacting individuals to volunteer for the executive. For those members with us for a while, you'll be aware of the generally "rubber stamping" of the existing executive in the absence of new volunteers. This is not good for the health and growth of the club and unfair to the members repeatedly called upon (and expected) to retain their club duties in the absence of others stepping up. Please give careful consideration to helping out you club. No job (mine included) demands an onerous amount of time.

And besides, you might even enjoy it!

Cheers and happy, safe motoring,

Rob Dunlop

Members' Corner

The club membership continues to grow as we welcomed four new members in July and August:

Denise and Lorry Brooks

Russell—2003 XKR. They are looking forward to club cruises and social events.

Wayne and Gail Warnica

Ottawa—1997 XK8 convertible. Soon to be moving to the area, they joined through the JCNA website.

Chris Maloley

Russell—1997 XK8, 2012 XKR-S. Interested in social events, cruises, drives and car shows. His garage contents are guaranteed to create significant envy amongst club members.

Brian Cooper

Gatineau—1995 XJS convertible. Another applicant through JCNA.

Welcome aboard all and we very much look forward to meeting you at our upcoming events!

Please note, our membership coordinator, Karen Wilson, is producing quarterly an updated club list with full contact details for all members which you will receive via email.

Sincere belated congratulations to Ed & Ada Theoret on their 55th Wedding anniversary (17-Aug-2012). Very best wishes from your friends at the Ottawa Jaguar Club.

The Summer Picnic

Paddy and Stewart Robertson hosted the Club again this year to a quiet, rural picnic in the back garden of their home in Carleton Place. I arrived late but would say that there were about 20 in attendance. Out of the sun and with a light breeze, the day was very pleasant. The Robertsons were very thoughtful to provide a wading pool complete with a frog and a rubber ducky for the ladies to play with as they soaked their feet. It was a great gathering and a lovely afternoon. The pictures speak for themselves.

Mike O'Brien



Bits and Bobs

XFR Speed Pack

Don't you just hate it when you're on your way to work and you hit the 255km/h limiter? I know how you feel. But don't fret, Jaguar has just introduced an optional Speed Pack that raises the limiter to a more tolerable 280km/h (174mph). A new front aero splitter and a new rear wing is also provided to distinguish the Speed Pack cars.



Vikram Ambrose

Exciting new thinking at Jaguar

In keeping with the current trend amongst Jaguar's luxury segment competitors, Jaguar will replace the standard 5.0 litre V8 in the XJ and XF models with a supercharged V6 and a turbo Inline 4 respectively starting with the 2013 MY. In addition, all wheel drive (AWD) will be available across the range of V6 models only—more on this on page 7. All models will also benefit from a new eight speed automatic transmission and a stop-start function. The existing supercharged V8 will remain available in the XF and XJ as well as the XK.

The 2 litre inline 4 with turbocharging, currently in the Land Rover Evoque, will become the base engine for the XF. The base XJ will have the 3 litre supercharged V6 with 345 BHP. The same V6 engine tuned for 85BHP will appear in the new F Type sports car, scheduled to be launched at the Frankfurt Auto Show on the 27th of

September 2012.

A possible view still further into the future became evident with the announcement that three plug-in hybrid versions of the current XJ will enter the RAC Future Car Challenge in November. These cars will be equipped with a 2 litre turbocharged engine coupled to a 69kW electric motor and lithium-ion battery producing 73.5 mpg and very low CO2 emissions. The event gives drivers a maximum of three hours to cover a 63 mile normal road course.

Finally, with the huge success of diesel XFs in Europe, can a diesel Jaguar for North America be far off? The standard reply has been that Americans don't see their luxury cars as diesel powered but the recent announcement of the latest Porsche Cayenne with a diesel engine for

North America seems to indicate that may have changed. An ad for the Porsche in a local newspaper this week indicates 1400 km on a tank of diesel fuel, 406 ft-lbs of torque and 0/100kmh in 7.6 secs. All this with 28% lower fuel consumption than the gasoline-version of the same vehicle. Seems to me if Jag is prepared to jump on the supercharged V6/AWD band wagon, will it be long before they also join the growing diesel trend on at least some of their models?

Rob Dunlop

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How to sell a car

So you want to sell your car? Recently I have been approached by several people wanting me to sell their cars for them. They either found the concept too daunting or they had no success on their own. I thought it might be helpful to share some of my experiences and the things that I did and the lessons that I've learned.

Prepare your car

All the folks that came to see the cars that I had for sale wanted to make sure that they were not in for any surprises. They insisted on having the car certified and where appropriate, emissions tested. Take your car to your mechanic and have them do a pre-safety. If you don't drive it much you may be able to have them sign the paperwork later when the car sells. The "safety" is only valid for 36 days. The next more important thing is to clean it well. If you have no time then have it detailed professionally... you will get back much more than you pay. A spotless car speaks of good maintenance practices. A buyer's first impression may make or break a sale.

Establish a selling price

Determine the current market value of your car. You can do that by seeing what similar models are selling for on-line. Places to look are: usedottawa.ca, craigslist.ca, hemming.com, autotrader.ca and kijiji.ca to name a few. Please note that the prices you see of other folks trying to sell their cars are "asking" prices. Many people believe their car is worth more than the current market will bear. Watch these cars for a week or so and see what sells. Call vendors who sell a car like yours and see what they got for it.

Advertise

Having determined what you want for the car you have to let the world know that it is available. I have determined that the more current

photos you provide the better. Most on-line places allow you up to 10 photos. Keep the size and resolution small enough to fit on a computer screen (max 800 by 600 pixels@96 dots per inch for the geeks). Show all four sides, the tire depth, the interior and the engine compartment. Put the car somewhere safe with a for sale sign on it. Walk-by traffic is a very good source. Also prepare a notice to be taped to the inside of a rear window that shows mileage, options, significant maintenance, asking price and a contact number. If you have a mobile phone, list that number instead as buyers don't like leaving messages.



Do your paperwork

Have everything ready for a prospective buyer. The Province of Ontario requires that the vendor provide the buyer with a used vehicle information package UVIP (\$20.00). This lists all registered owners, any liens registered against the car, if there is a brand (salvage etc) and depending on the age of the car, the retail and wholesale value. If the car is more than 20 years old you may need an MTO appraisal that can be done on a ministry form at some local garages. The HST will be calculated on the selling price or the appraised value whichever is highest. For vehicles with a listed value on the UVIP the tax will be calculated on the wholesale value. You only need to know

this when helping a neophyte buyer calculate what the overall cost will be at your price. Have a file with all the maintenance records available for the buyer to review. Offer the name of your mechanic (clear this with the mechanic in advance). Finally double check your ownership to make certain that the VIN number on the ownership is the same as that on the car. I always create my own Bill of Sale. I don't use the basic one on the UVIP. In my version I note that the car is sold as-is and emissions tested (where warranted) and with no warranty either expressed or implied. This may vary for a newish Jaguar that may have transferrable warranty.

Now to close the deal...

Buying a car is always "Buyer Beware". I encourage each buyer to take their time and check the car over very carefully and to ask questions. You should expect a knowledgeable buyer to check all the fluids so make sure they are topped up and

clean (clear red for transmission fluid). The buyer will want to drive the car. Be polite and ask to see their drivers' license and take down the details - dealerships do this. Your insurance will be invalid if the license is not. Always go with the buyer. Do not accept a personal cheque. I normally ask for a cash deposit, particularly if the buyer is returning with the balance or the car needs some work as part of the sale. The balance should be payable to the owner in the form of a bank draft or a money order.

I hope that this helps you the next time that you're selling a car.

Mike O'Brien

New All-Wheel-Drive Jaguars

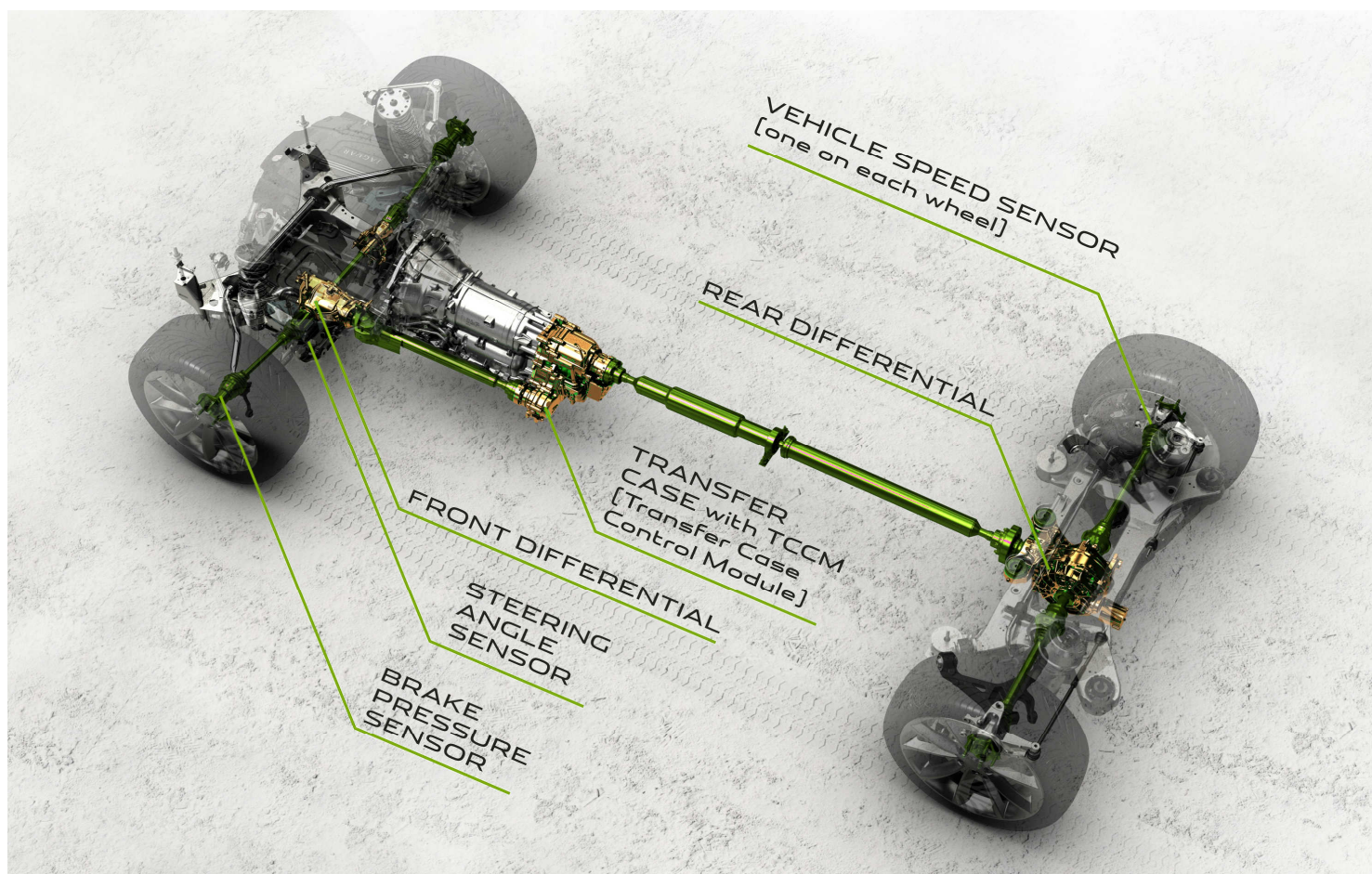
At a recent unveiling in New York, Jaguar announced the introduction of an All-Wheel Drive (AWD) XF and XJ sedan for the 2013 model year. The AWD sedans will be powered exclusively by Jaguar's new 3.0-litre V6 Supercharged petrol engine in 340PS trim. But it gets better! These AWD models will use the new 8-speed autobox and will be available in North America.

Whenever car manufacturers intro-

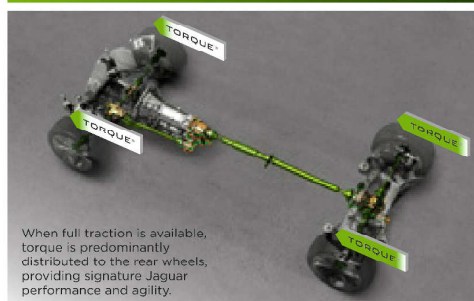
duce AWD models, they are traditionally spun into one of two categories, indirectly hinting to the underlying performance. The first being marketed to snow bound Northerners; the BMW xDrive and Mercedes 4matic come to mind here. Not surprisingly these system are junk compared to the Audi Quattro system for example, which unlike the BMW and Mercedes system, is marketed as a performance enhancement.

Call me cynical, but Jaguar has not spun this as a performance enhancement. Instead, all the press material keeps repeating a frighteningly self-conscious message about still "preserving" driving qualities of a rear-wheel-drive (RWD) chassis. Suggesting this new system's only role is to fill a tick box in the modern luxury car buyer's requirements.

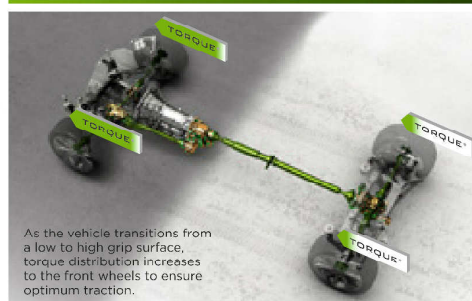
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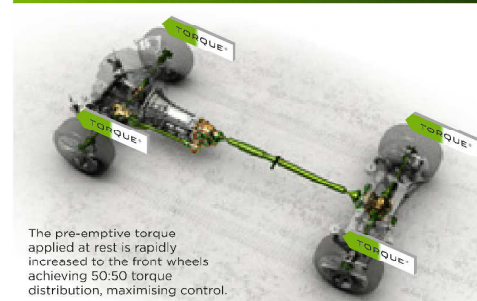
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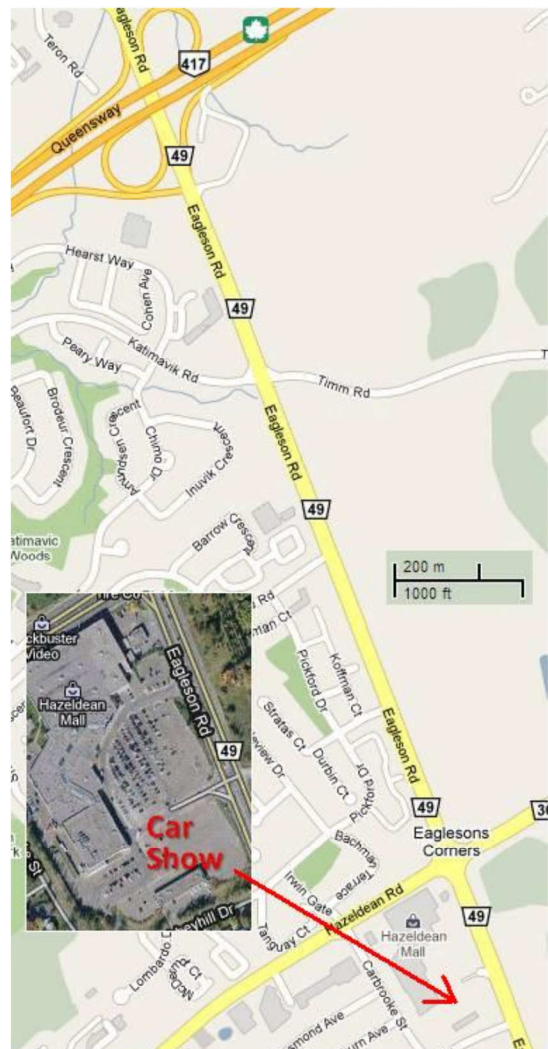


Ottawa's "British Invasion"

It's "British Invasion" time again!!! There will be a "British Invasion" of the Hazeldean Cruise Night, similar to previous years, this year on September 4th, combined with a gathering at a nearby dining spot afterwards. The Hazeldean Cruise Night organizers have again agreed to extend their hospitality to us and to provide us with the space for our "British Invasion". This show raises money towards CHEO from some of its activities but there is no entry fee.

You (and the members of all the other British Car Clubs in Ottawa) are invited to come and join us to show your car in the "British Invasion" zone any time after 5:30 pm on Tuesday, September 4th, at Hazeldean Shopping Center on Eagleson Road, just south of Robertson Road/Hazeldean Road and about 2 km south of the 417 exit on to Eagleson/ March Road. We will leave the show at about 7:00 pm and go for a short 20 min drive and then dine.

Over 5 of the last 6 years we have had a great turn out – up to 55 cars. Three years ago we were rained out but joined a later show – this year, if we are rained out we will do the same, the rain date being the 11th. No decision on a rain date will be made before 6 pm on the 4th – so if the weather is half way decent come on out.



If you have any queries contact Alan at afgraves@rogers.com or 613 720 6176

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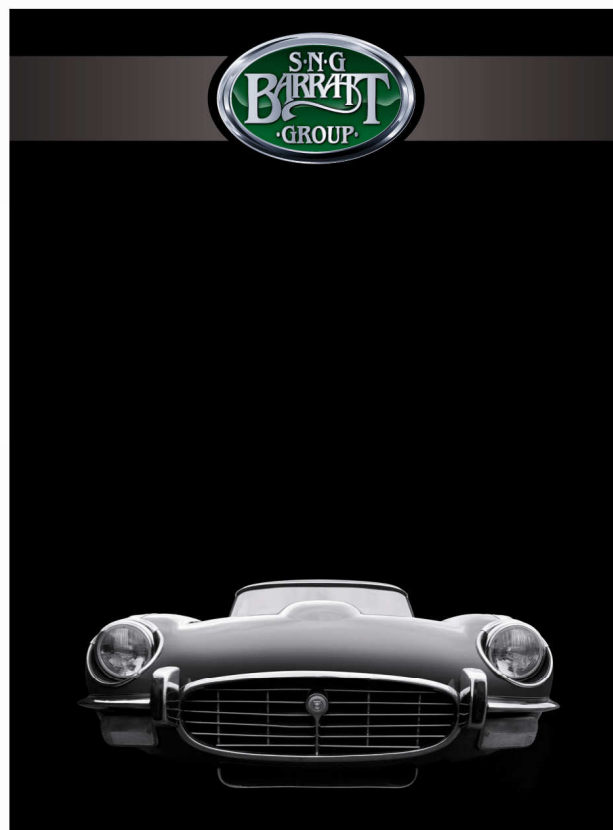
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