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Events This Month

15th Oct - Hagerty Insurance Presentation

Late Oct - Impromptu end of season drive

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President's Musings

September raced by taking with it the final two club drive events for the year. The **Hazeldean British Invasion**, delayed a week, saw an excellent club turnout and following dinner at the Glen (report and photos on our website). Last weekend's fall drive (aka **Magical Mystery Tour**) was equally well attended with fun had by all...report elsewhere in the Jottings. Many thanks to all club members who took the time to take part in our driving activities in 2012.....I know your Jag thanks you for it!

Looking ahead, the club goes into its cocooning mode for the remainder of the year. For October, we will return to our irregular indoor meeting schedule with a gathering at **St Anthony's, 7 PM, Monday, 15 October**, to hear a presentation by a US representative from **Hagerty classic car insurance**. We've invited a number of other car clubs to attend to make the most of the opportunity. We need numbers to arrange for a suitable room there, so please let me know **by 10 October** if you plan on attending.

Per usual, November is time for our **Annual General Meeting** (12 Nov), including "determination" of next year's executive. You'll note I haven't used "election" since one needs candidates to have elections...sadly, once again, the silence from volunteers to date has been deafening. We also need the club's input on a number of issues including how to handle the \$8 increase to JCNA dues beginning in 2013(..absorb the cost? bump up our annual dues? etc). Your AGM attendance is vital if the club is to accurately representative your interests and expectations. The agenda will be circulated shortly.

Finally, Lee Harrington has once again generously offered his lovely home for

our **annual Christmas Dinner** in December (date yet to be determined but usually early in the month).

Restoration Projects

This winter, club members will have the unique opportunity to observe and/or take part in two members' restoration projects: **Lee Harrington and an E-type (2+2 coupe) and Mike O'Brien and a Mark 2 saloon**. The intention is to complete these projects for next summer and include all aspects of restoration. Lee and Mike are experienced restorers and have kindly offered to show members the ropes as well as welcome assistance at various stages of their projects....experience not required. Please stay tuned for dates, times and places.

The F Type

The exciting new two seat Jaguar sports car, the F Type, made its first public appearance at the Paris Auto Show this past week. Available with both 6 and 8 cylinder supercharged engines. See page 6 for the full article.

Cheers and happy, safe motoring,

Rob Dunlop

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Hazeldean Cruise Night 2012

We had 49 cars turn up and about 30 people joined us for supper. We started congregating at Hazeldean Mall parking lot around 5 pm, headed out en masse around 7:15 for supper at the Glen in Stittsville. Everybody seemed to enjoy themselves and a few new faces were observed.

Alan Graves



Magical Mystery Tour

Saturday, 29 September, ten (eventually eleven) OJC cars assembled at Winchester "Timmie's", the occupants intrigued by Lee Harrington's challenge to master his "Magical Mystery Tour". Suitably armed with instructions, a map, plus a litre or so of Tim's Finest, the teams pulled away eastward precisely at 9:30 under cool but promising skies. Lee's novel directions included photos of items to be identified enroute plus a list of photos to be taken by participants for bonus points (...did we mention that a camera was required?). Assignments included photos of a team member with a cow, a non-participant in a Jaguar, most people in a single car and someone performing car maintenance (...based on past drives' experience, this last one was considered a no-brainer...).

The route took us through the pretty little towns of Stormont Dundas county, the now emerging sun highlighting the brilliant early fall colours along the lightly-travelled roads. Lee thoughtfully provided a "shop-stop" for the ladies at a small, but surprisingly high end mall in Moose Creek. Ever focused on the mission, Ed Theoret spent the time in the parking lot trying to convince a suspicious mom that he had only the best of intentions when he asked if her young

daughter would pose for a photo in his XJ6. By this point, our eleventh car had joined up; new member Chris Maloley with his magnificent new XKR-S.

The drive continued, crews dutifully completing the photo IDs before a second stop in St Albert for squeaky-fresh cheese curds. The meandering through the rural countryside continued until, all too soon, it was lunch time and our final destination in Carlsbad Springs at the curiously-named "Jacquestrap Restaurant" (... the site of a former strip club, it suggests the basis for the name....who says Canadians aren't heritage conscious??). After a substantial and tasty lunch scores were tallied and the Batten clan in their X Type came out on top. Kudos to Jaguar Ottawa who once again came through with event prizes.

All in all, a super day with great company. Sincere thanks to Lee and his daughter for the imaginative and highly pleasant drive. At one point, Chuck Robinson in his Bentley and Chris in his supersonic XKR-S got separated and elected to go direct to Carlsbad Springs.....I can almost imagine the stately Bentley pushing the rocket red XKR-S faster as they hustled along the backroads....at least that's how Chuck tells it.

Rob Dunlop



The F-Type

It cannot be emphasized enough, how important this car is for Jaguar. For a marque that got its name in racing 50 years ago, and continues to remind us of its pedigree in every advertisement, to not offer a true 2-seater sports car is simply ridiculous.

After seeing the radical departure of the classic XJ lines with the introduction of the X351 chassis car, the F-Type is quite sedate in comparison. It's almost as if they held back. Nevertheless, Astons aside, it's likely the best looking modern sports car you're going to get today.

The car was launched at the Paris motor show last week. Jaguar teamed up with pop musician Lana Del Rey (pictured on the next page) to compose a song for the new car. The song is called "Burning Desire" and is supposed to be inspired by the F-Type. You can listen to the song on Youtube at this link: youtube.com/watch?v=Ey383WefAPk

Believe it or not, but Jaguar is also sponsoring a short film that

prominently features an F-Type. No word yet on when the film will be out.

Three models will be available; the standard F-Type (3.0L V6), F-Type S (V6) and the F-Type V8 S (5.0L V8). All three models feature Eaton Twin-Vortex superchargers, 8-speed ZF automatics and are governed by standard Bosch engine management software. Power is tuned in at 340HP, 380HP and 495HP respectively. All cars weigh in at around 3600lbs / 1600Kgs thanks to their XK inspired all alloy chassis.

The range-topping V8 S will do the 0 to 60mph sprint in 4.2 seconds, eventually topping out at 186mph / 310kmph. The V6 and V6S will do the same dash in 5.1s and 4.8s respectively.

The F-Type is positioned a third between the Porsche Boxster S (Canadian priced CAD\$70k) and Carrera Cabriolet (CAD\$107k). U.S. pricing starts at \$69k, add \$20k for the V8S. Suggesting a Canadian base price of around CAD\$80k.

Mum's the word but rumor has it that a hotter (think 'R') car will be available with a manual gearbox! Now that is a Jaguar I'd like to own. The autobox cars are fitted with paddle shifters and a more conventional automatic gear selector as opposed the new JagDrive select gizmo (as in the XF, XK and XJ).

If there was any doubt to Jaguar's future under Tata ownership I think we can all rest easy now. The F-Type is the first car developed under Tata ownership, and is shaping up to be a success. The convertible will be available for delivery early spring with a Coupe following shortly.

I've put two high resolution photos on the next page for you to enjoy. Check out Youtube for the official launch film featuring some sweet V8 sounds. youtube.com/watch?v=K4D1-bI3p8Y

Vikram Ambrose





Bits & Bobs

Tifosi Club Drive

In response to an invitation from the Tifosi Club (via Karen), my wife and I decided to join them for a drive on Sunday, 16 September. At first I thought this was a car club for Italian cars and I was a little puzzled as to why they invited Jaguars. I expected to see hordes of Fiats or Alfas. As it turned out, it is a car club for Italians (or wannabe Italians) with a wide variety of cars represented and not a Fiat in sight! One of the main organizers, Frank, is an MG owner and a member of the Triumph and MG Clubs.

The drive was scheduled to start at 9:45 a.m. but in typical Mediterranean fashion, did not get underway until all 20 cars had arrived around 10:15. Among the many marques represented were Ferrari, Lamborghini, Porsche, Acura NSX, Mazda RX7, Corvette, Volvo/Ford V8 hybrid, Jaguar Mk 2 (Phil & Fadia Karam) and Louise and I in the AMG Mercedes.

The drive was somewhat different from our regular Jaguar sorties in that the lead driver in a Porsche 944 set off at a "spirited pace" making for pleasant driving on the curvy highway 15 to Merrickville. I was following a Mazda RX7 turbo, driven by a "mature" gentleman and was surprised at how fast the guy could accelerate from a stop sign!

Despite the late start, we arrived in time for some window shopping before a very pleasant lunch under the sun at the outdoor courtyard of the Baldachin Inn. The cars attracted numerous admirers on Main Street. Louise and I concluded the day with an enjoyable drive home via Kemptville.

We thoroughly enjoyed our first experience with the Tifosi club and look forward to joining them again. We highly recommend more OJC

members take part at the next opportunity.

Guy and Louise Larabie

(Editor: Through our membership in the Tifosi Clubhouse to use their meeting room, we have a standing invitation to participate in their events)

The new Bond film—Skyfall

Daniel Craig is back as Ian Fleming's James Bond 007 in Skyfall, the 23rd adventure in the longest-running film franchise of all time. Jaguar Land Rover provided a total of 77 vehicles to the Skyfall production, including the Land Rover Defender, Range Rover and Jaguar XJ for use both on-screen and as production support vehicles.

The opening scene features a Land Rover Defender Double Cab Pick Up, (no, its not a 110) driven by field agent Eve (played by Naomie Harris). M is shown being driven in a black XJ. And the old DB5 is said to also make an appearance.

A far cry from when the production company asked for three E-types to be used in Goldfinger. Jaguar not being able to keep up with public demand for it's new E-type, Sir William Lyons refused to give up any of the coveted cars. Aston Martin jumped at the opportunity and history was made.

Now 50 years later, an all original 1964 Aston Martin DB5 will set you back \$750,000. Best we keep the E-Type our little secret then shall we.

Skyfall hits North American theaters on the 9th of November 2012.

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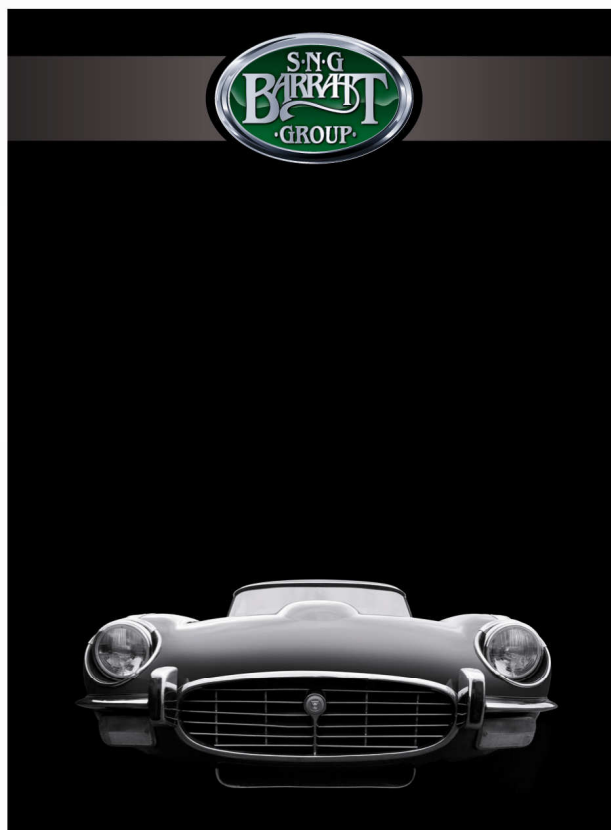
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