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Events This Month

14th March - Military vehicle guided tour and stop at Mill Street Brew Pub

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President's Musings

February club activities lured out a goodly number of members despite the seasonal cold and chill. The annual mixed **"Darts 'n' Pizza"** night on the 4th, attended by 18 members, proved very popular and successful. The following weekend's **Interclub Dart Challenge** included OJC representatives who did us proud in the event. Reports on both are elsewhere in this issue. Many thanks for those able to join us and contribute to the friendly competition and socializing.

JCNA AGM

Our parent organisation, Jaguar Clubs of North America's annual general meeting takes place this year at the end of March in balmy Dallas, Texas. With no OJC member wintering in the area, our interests will be represented by the new Northeast Region rep, Peter Crespin. The extensive proposed tweaks to the concours rules have been reviewed by our chief judge, Mark Roberts and other club members and comments passed on to JCNA. For most of us the impact will be minimal as the changes chiefly delve into the minutiae of judging.

The Mark 2 Project

The club restoration of Lee Harrington's Mark 2 continues although we are on a bit of a hiatus awaiting parts and team leader, Mike O'Brien enjoying a couple of weeks of sunshine down south. At this stage, it's worth reporting that the final car will now incorporate parts from five Mark 2s as better derelicts continue to surface. If this keeps up, OJC will be eligible for a government recycling grant!

Tifosi Club F1 Breakfasts

With our use of the Tifosi Clubhouse at St Anthony's for meetings, we are invited to all Tifosi activities including their regular breakfasts on Formula

One race days (i.e. Sunday mornings). You'll need to book in advance with the Tifosi club if interested. I have it on good authority that they don't only serve breakfast pizza and you don't have to wear red and cheer for Ferrari. Book your place at <http://www.tifosiclubhouse.com>.

Coming Events

The initial **2013 activities program** is up on the club website. Per usual, this will be updated regularly with the most accurate and current listing of the club's activities throughout the year. We'll also provide the latest info via a club email. In the meantime, be sure to mark your calendars for the following upcoming activities:

March Meeting. Thursday 14th March at 6:00 PM – National War Museum, Lebreton Flats. Visit and guided tour of the military vehicle collection followed by noggin 'n'natter at the nearby Mill Street Brew Pub. Once details confirmed, an email will follow this week. RSVP will be required soonest (president@ottawajaguarclub.com) in order to firm up numbers to obtain a guide.

Annual Spring Dinner. TBD April.. Details/date to be confirmed shortly. Please stand by....

Cheers and happy, safe motoring

Rob Dunlop

Members' Corner

A hearty welcome to two new club members:

Martin & Tracy Burt

North Gower—1968 420 saloon. Interested in cruises, technical events and car shows.

Lee & Rita Downhill

Frankford—2004 XK8. Looking forward to drives, technical and car shows and social events.

Contact details for new (and old) members are provided through the membership list emailed periodically by membership director, Karen Wilson.

Darts & Pizza Night

Monday, 4th February, eight mixed teams took up the challenge of throwing sharp pointed objects at round, numbered boards...

The object: high scores, low injuries and a chance to practice for the Interclub Darts Challenge taking place the following Saturday (9th February).

While there were several veterans of pub crawling and darts, many participants were rank amateurs or first-timers. Teams were picked by lottery to ensure no couples' teams and to avoid potential marital strife. Guy Goodman set up the round-robin and managed scores. After a couple of rounds, the mob adjourned for pizza and refreshments before taking up the task anew.

In the end, it was rank amateur **Peter Whitworth** and first-timer **Deanna Laroche** who emerged undefeated and victorious. I had the dubious distinction of defeating my wife Jean's team and knocking them out of first place...for which I will no doubt pay.

All in all, a super evening. Thanks to Guy for keeping the event on the rails. Once we've replaced the multi-perforated dry wall surrounding the dart boards, St Anthony's may let us do this again....

Rob Dunlop



Interclub Darts Challenge

9th February. After some training at St Anthony's on the preceding Monday Night, members of the Ottawa Jaguar Club joined the competition (The Ottawa MG Club and The Ottawa Valley Triumph Club) at the Royal Canadian Legion on Fallowfield Rd in Barrhaven. Several of us were late to arrive, however our hosts the Triumph Club were very patient and were setting up their scoring and scheduling program anyway.

This day is always very special due to the very warm camaraderie between the three clubs. The Triumph Club members always seemed to win and it is not due to skulduggery...they must just practice a lot.

Representing the OJC (based on memory) were; Guy Goodman. Tony Jefferies (the pros), Al Graves, Peter Whitworth, Don and Janet Leblanc, Lee Harrington and myself. Our cheerleaders for the day were; Christine Goodman and Sue Graves.

As usual the Triumph Club took the Gold but we took the Silver (Lee is a dead eye Dick).

Our compliments to the Triumph Club for their great hospitality.

Mike O'Brien



MK2 Restoration : Day 3 and Day 4

Following the restoration of Lee's MK2

How many MK2s does it take to restore a MK2?

Day 3

One evening after the team had gutted the red MK II and I had towed it up the hill at Lee's destined for Cohen and Cohen I was surfing Kijiji Ottawa and found a MK II and accompanying parts car for sale. The body had been sorted, the engine (3.8) had been professionally rebuilt and there was a rebuilt GM 5 speed automatic transmission mated to the back of the engine (T700R4) using a John's Cars conversion kit. We (Lee and I) had just cut the sills out of the red car and were ruminating about what a challenge Mike Bathurst at 5 Star (the painter) was going to have installing them and in fact Mike confirmed that the metal work alone was going to be \$2,000.00 whereas the nearly finished car and parts car were being offered for \$4,000.00. So was born Tech day 3. This was a mid-week event with Rob Dunlop, Bob Hiland, Merv Clarke and me. The task was to strip Lee's keeper and get it up the hill. We were so busy that there is no record of this. There wasn't much left but it took us all day...gas tank, steering column, wiring harness, some glass etc etc. It now rests at the top of the hill waiting for the truck to jaguar heaven.

Day 4

The following Saturday Rick Mutzke and Louis Robichaud joined Lee and I to travel with truck and trailer to the home of John Ferguson past member of the Club who had sold Lee the two cars. The aim was to load it and get it back to Lee's in time for us to get to the Interclub Darts Challenge at Barrhaven Legion by 1PM. The trip was about an hour and was warm until we started to load. The keeper was unloaded at Lee's and is awaiting the snow to melt for a more detailed inspection.

Technical Day 5 will be in late march when we begin the assessment of the new project and rebuild the front cross member and the rear suspension with parts now on order.

And if you haven't figured it out yet, we are up to five MK IIs and there is no end in sight.

Mike O'Brien

Photos: Rick Mutzke



JLR Encourages Young Women To Consider Engineering Careers

Jaguar Land Rover is offering female students interested in engineering, technology and manufacturing careers a unique insight into the world of work at the UK's largest luxury automotive manufacturer.

A new educational programme called '*Inspiring Tomorrow's Engineers: Young Women in the Know*' has been developed in partnership with Birmingham Metropolitan College to change outdated perceptions of engineering to encourage more young women to consider engineering and manufacturing careers.



The 28 female students, aged 16-18, will be participating in a week-long programme of events from Monday 18th February at Jaguar Land Rover's manufacturing, design and engineering sites in Gaydon, Whitley, Solihull and Castle Bromwich. They will meet female apprentices, graduates, engineers and managers to find out about their education and career histories and will spend a day on work

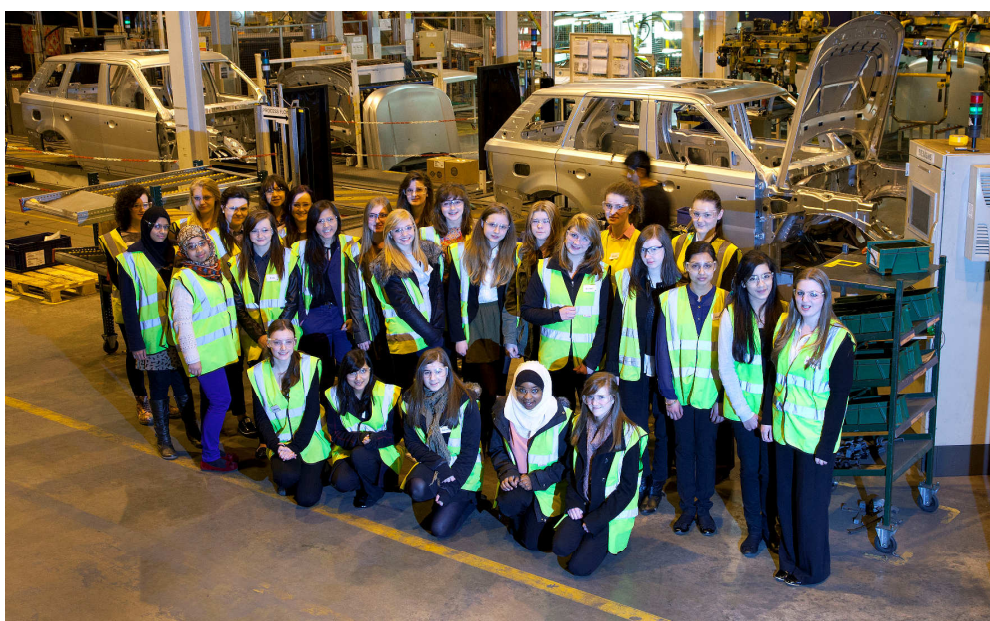
experience at the Solihull plant. They will also find out about Jaguar Land Rover's apprentice and graduate schemes and participate in workshops on job applications, assessment centres and interview techniques.

Jaguar Land Rover Engineering Director, Bob Joyce, said: "Jaguar Land Rover has ambitious plans for growth and it is engineering talent that will develop the products and technologies that appeal to customers in the future. We believe that the success of our global business - and the UK economy - lies in engineering and innovation. We offer a wide range of education programmes with the aim of getting young people excited about engineering and crucially, to encourage them to make the right subject choices at GCSE-level and beyond. The '*Young Women In The Know*' course has been developed to encourage female students to consider engineering careers and we hope some of the students on the course today will join Jaguar Land Rover as engineers in the future."

Danella Bagnall, Project Planning and Integration Director at Jaguar Land Rover, added: "I started my career as an apprentice 25 years ago which was a great way of continuing education, developing skills, and getting into industry. I am now a senior engineering manager which demonstrates the excellent career progression opportunities available to women in a modern engineering-led business like Jaguar Land Rover. It is a very exciting time to join our business. We are investing more than £2 billion a year in research and development and we need talented young people to deliver new technologies, new applications, new approaches and new ideas. I would thoroughly recommend a career in engineering to girls and hope this programme inspires lots more women to become engineers."

Vikram Ambrose

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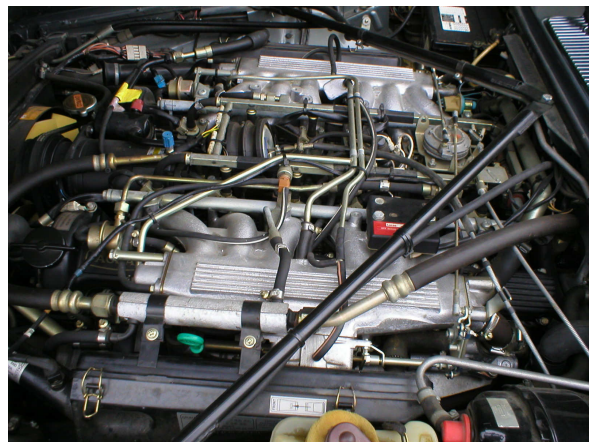




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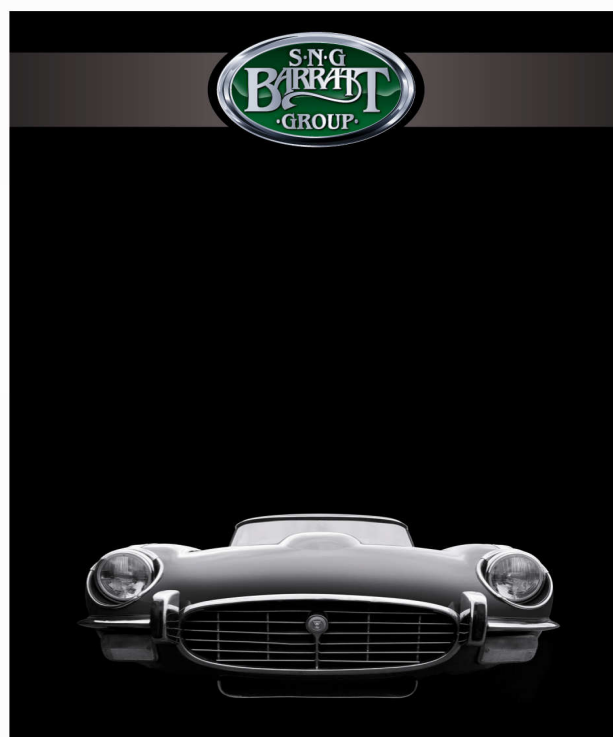
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