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13th Dec - Christmas Dinner

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President's Musings

As I gaze out my office window seeking literary inspiration, silently, cascades of fluffy white flakes begin to flit gently onto my window sill.....oh crap!! Time to trade carefree summer days of Jag cruising for back-breaking heaving of shovelfuls of the white stuff. Well I guess there's always next year....eventually. In the interim, here are a few bullets of info:

AGM

Our annual meeting at St Anthony's was a great success with 30 attendees wading through the necessary administration before enjoying an excellent Italian buffet and our very entertaining guest speaker, **Peter Lawton** from Kingston. The AGM minutes and details are elsewhere in the Jottings.

Christmas Dinner

We currently have 35 registered for the NAC event on 13 Dec but we'd love to see more. If you haven't yet signed up, **the cutoff is Monday, 9 Dec.** Details on page X.

Membership Dues

Don't forget to renew your membership for 2014. We'd be happy to receive your cheque at the Christmas Dinner, otherwise be sure to mail it to Membership Director Karen Wilson early in the New Year. Our membership list has to be with JCNA by 31 Jan.

New club website

If you haven't already done so, be sure to check out our "new look" club website. Our new webmaster, Karen Wilson has revamped the already excellent site created and maintained since 2005 by Mike O'Brien. Karen has added some new features particularly in the Jottings archive, to simplify locating articles. Thanks Mike for the many years of great service and thanks Karen for bringing new ideas

to this valued club asset.

Upcoming Events

Your "new" executive is busily working on next year's activities with the program to be revealed in the new year. In the meantime for January, expect a Technical Visit, details, date and timings to be announced shortly.

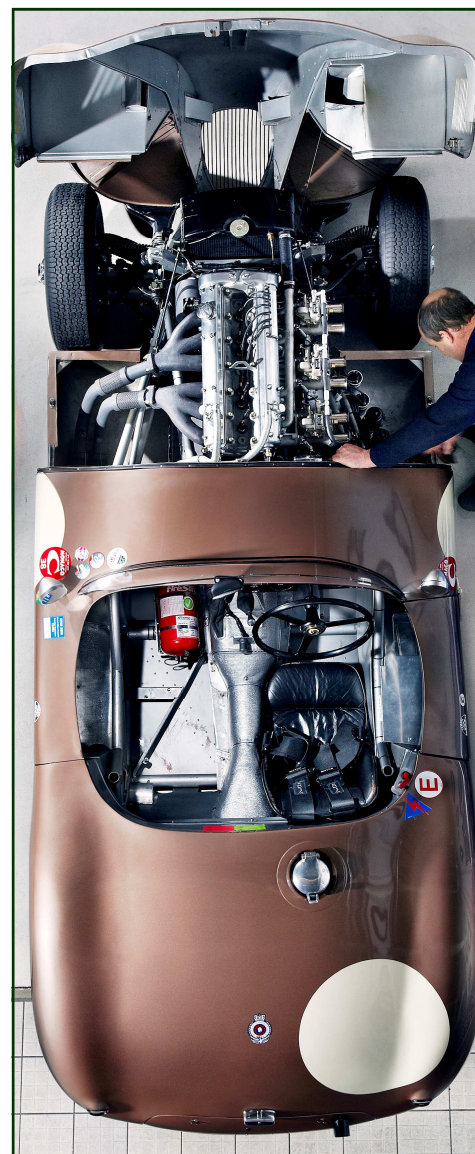
Finally, I want to recognize a very special lady who left Ottawa late November for Victoria, B.C, Sheila Chappell and her husband Marc. OJC members since 2002, were major contributors to the club over the past decade. Both were very active, including organizing a rally and hosting two Christmas dinners. After Marc's sudden passing in 2010, Sheila remained a member opening their lovely Manotick home to the club for a summer BBQ as well as attending events and helping with concours registration. She leaves Ottawa to join her family on the west coast. A classy, self assured lady with a super sense of humour, we'll miss you Sheila. Stay well and all the best in your new BC home.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you and passing on Season's Greetings at our Christmas gathering at the fabulous NAC. To those unable to attend, I wish you all a Merry Christmas, Joyeux Noel, Happy Holidays and continued success, health and happiness for 2014.

Cheers and happy, safe winter motoring,

Rob Dunlop

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AGM Minutes : 2013

6:15 PM. Meeting called to order by President, Rob Dunlop. Agenda attached. Of the 30 attendees, 19 voting members of the 93 person club membership were in attendance, which the president deemed as a quorum for approval purposes.

Financial Statement

The 2013 Income Statement, Balance Sheet as at 04 Nov 13 and Financial Summary 2008-2013 were tabled by Treasurer, Steve Fox. Overall to date for 2013, the club realized a loss of \$4.11 with a net club balance of \$11,143.57. In general, expenses (chiefly for concours) were slightly higher and income (memberships and concours) was in line with past year figures. Steve noted a new administrative expense of \$600 for one year for equipment and spare parts storage. He added that classifieds revenue was up and noted that advertisements need not only be car related.

The end year financial sheets will be circulated to the membership via email once finalized in early 2014 for membership approval by silence procedure. Any queries/comments will be processed by the treasurer and president if/as required.

Membership: Membership Director, Karen Wilson

The paid-up membership for 2013 is 93 virtually the same as for 2012. Although there were a significant number of new memberships, an equivalent drop in renewals offset the increase.

The president noted that Karen

would be leaving Membership Director to take over the club website. She agreed however to stay on pending Dave Kenny as secretary, assuming the responsibilities during 2014.

Activities: VP and Activities Coordinator – Ed Theoret

Ed reported 19 club events and activities were conducted (list attached). He reminded the membership of the attendance recognition awards instituted this year with a \$100 prize for the member and \$50 for the participant who took part in the most activities, to be announced at the Christmas Dinner.

The president noted that in general, activities were reasonably well attended. One event (ladies' tea) was cancelled when no one expressed interest.

Concours D'Elegance: Chair, Mike O'Brien

This year's annual club concours event was combined with a show of European car clubs under the title EUROCARs 2013 at the National Space and Aviation Museum. With 90 cars, double the normal event attendance, the new format was a great success. Mike noted however that with success came several challenges including visitor parking, food access and limited assistance from the other clubs. Plans for Eurocars 2014 are underway with John Blais as the new chairman. Early indications are that another venue will likely be required due to the museum expecting a significant charge to use their facilities next year.

Technical: Director, Phil Karam

Phil noted that technical events were light for 2013, with the continuing Mark 2 restoration offering an opportunity for volunteers to take part and two well-attended visits to B&N Transmissions and Dez's paint shop. A planned tire shop visit was also cancelled due to lack of interest. We'll try this again next year. He also noted that another Mark 2 project is possible.

Jaguar Jottings: Editor/Publisher, Vikram Ambrose

In Vikram's absence, the president noted that for the first time 12 monthly issues of the Jottings were produced. A shortage of articles and material from the membership continues to be a problem although excellent contributions by several were particularly noteworthy. The president also stressed that input need not be Jaguar or auto-related but any material and photos of general interest including travel experiences would be gratefully received. He also noted that Vikram now resides in California but is still keen to produce the Jottings on behalf of OJC. Several attendees applauded Vikram's efforts for his excellent work.

Website: Webmaster, Mike O'Brien, Karen Wilson (2014)

Mike announced that he is handing over the website responsibilities to Karen Wilson who has developed a new site. Karen thanked Mike for developing and maintaining an excellent site over the years. The handover to the

new site will occur shortly, likely before Christmas.

Meetings: Rob Dunlop

Rob advised that based on attendance figures, the club generally prefers visits and drives to monthly sit-down club meetings. That said, we rent use of the Tifosi Club Room to hold periodic meetings when and as required. This year, it was used only three times thus far; the Pizza and Dart Night, concours judges' training and the AGM. Which is on the low side compared to past years. Given the quality of the facilities, ease of access for the membership and associated benefits belonging to the Tifosi club, OJC will continue to rent room access, at least through 2014.

Library: Librarian, Merv Clarke

Merv described club membership interest in the extensive club library resources as "static". General discussion suggested this is a sign of the times with instant Internet access to reference material supplanting the previously conventional interest in books and even CDs. The library will be maintained at its current level and members will be reminded and encouraged to check for reference material in the

library via the website listing. A suggestion to include any club repair tools /equipment in the library inventory was supported. This currently only involves a remote camera unit.

Activities management and volunteers – Rob Dunlop

Rob identified this as "new old business" since getting members to volunteer to organize club events and activities remained as difficult this year as in past years. He stressed that while activities come under the Vice President, his mandate is to "coordinate" activities not necessarily organize them. The membership will once again be encouraged to take on organizing events for the club in 2014 and a pro-active approach will be used to seek out rather than await volunteers.

Activities' merit system – Ed Theoret

Following Ed Theoret's idea last year, a merit point system to recognize event participation and attendance was conducted for 2013. The winners will be announced at the club Christmas dinner this December.

Items from the membership

Ed Theoret suggested that the

club consider purchasing a set of wire wheel balancing cones from the UK for approx \$135 which would allow regular wheel balancing machines to be used. Several attendees identified two shops in Ottawa that can currently balance wire wheels. In that event, pending reports back on the success of local wheel balancing, considering purchasing the UK kit is put on hold.

Elections: Ed Theoret

In the absence of additional nominees or volunteers from the floor, Ed recommended the approval of the nominations slate noting that the positions of president and vice president remain vacant for 2014. The president and VP incumbents agreed to stay on in an interim capacity while the search for replacements continues. With that adjustment, the attendees approved the nominations slate as indicated.

Final Words

The president thanked the executive and regular members in attendance for their interest and enthusiastic support to the Ottawa Jaguar Club.

7:25 PM. The meeting concluded. A dinner and guest speaker presentation followed.



A True Barn Find

Early this November I got a call from Jeanie Kelford of *Oakes Towing and Recovery* here in Perth - a woman whom they had given some touch up paint for their sea doo called them and asked how to go about selling an old Jaguar. Jeanie Kelford remembered that John is restoring an old Jaguar and she called me and gave me the woman's name and asked me to call her. I called her and offered to go and look at the car and take pictures - could be advertised on our website. I called Phil Karam and he told me what to look for - chrome / wood / interior / rust, etc.

When we got to the farm and pried open the door, this is what we saw. As you can see, we could not get into the barn to check over the car properly, we could not get inside the car, nor could we check the underneath. From what we could see from the front, the car has little rust and the chrome looked good.

John said that he would love to restore it. Really! We talked about it, came home and I phoned the seller - she said that she had an offer for \$1,000 and felt it low. I called Phil Karam and explained the state of the car - he felt that \$1,000 was an insult but since we could not do a proper evaluation the worst scenario - it's a parts car. I offered the seller \$2,500 and she asked me if I would go to \$3,000 - I agreed. Considering the



inability to properly evaluate the vehicle, Phil felt that it was the right purchase price.

We got the car out of the shed - it was down deep in the dirt. Andy Kelford, owner of *Oakes Towing and Recovery*, is an artist with the truck - he took about a half hour and teased it out by first lifting the front and using blocks. When it came out it looked worse than just looking at it from the front - kind of freaky. Andy checked the underneath and said it is solid - there is surface rust underneath but it's solid.

The car arrived home safely and is awaiting restoration. Phil Karam told John to use his Penetrating Oil brew (recipe on our website) on the spark plugs prior to trying to remove them then to put some in each cylinder and leave it for a week to clean the engine. There is rust on the back corner of the front wheel wells where they were sitting in the ground and the back skirts have rust but I think that's about

it other than surface rust. The interior is filthy. The windows were down ever so slightly for the 40+ years so the dirt is to be expected.

The seller does not have the ownership papers which are long gone nor is there a key. Phil Karam told me how to obtain a key - the link is now on our website. The ownership papers are another thing. The seller thankfully has executor rights to sell the family hobby farm that the car was stored on and all of the farm contents. The car was purchased by the seller's father for his wife who refused to learn how to drive. He finally put the car in the barn which is where it has lived all these years.

As of November 21st the ownership transfer has taken place and I am now the proud owner of a complete restoration job.

Karen Wilson



Bits & Bobs

F-TYPE Coupe

Following the launch of the F-Type roadster, Jaguar unveiled the F-Type Coupe at the recent L.A Auto Show. The Coupé model line-up is headlined by the F-TYPE R Coupé, its 550PS/680Nm 5.0-litre V8 super-charged engine enabling acceleration from 0-60mph in 4.0-seconds, and a top speed of 186mph (limited). F-TYPE S Coupé and F-TYPE Coupé models complete the range, powered respectively by 380PS and 340PS versions of Jaguar's 3.0-litre super-charged V6 engine, giving 0-60mph in 4.8/5.1-seconds and top speeds of 171/161mph.

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RE: Ethanol Gasoline

Regarding Phil Karam's gasoline article on the website, pure-gas.org lists Ontario gas stations carrying non-ethanol fuels and Esso 91 is listed as non-ethanol along with Shell V power and others. However, the Federal Govt. now allows the oil companies to add ethanol indiscriminately to any gasoline, so read the pump labels carefully! Beware! The real issue with ethanol gas sitting for a few months is that the ethanol has such an affinity for water that considerable water will form in the tank below the fuel itself as the water is considerably heavier and will pool at the bottom of the tank forming an immiscible layer. On pumping the water will first flow to the carburettor or fuel injectors and the engine will not fire. Fuel stabiliser certainly helps but not entirely as the stabiliser is there mainly to maintain the easily vaporised light fraction required for starting. It cannot prevent the water from coming out of solution. This is why having a near full tank is best for ethanol fuels to minimise the tank surface area for moisture condensation.

Dave Kenny



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Entrée choices between Turkey, Steak or Vegetarian (detailed menu on the next page)

Cash bar for wine and beverages



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Christmas Dinner Menu

**Chilled baby beets & crumbled snow goat's cheese salad
Rosemary & roasted shallot emulsion**

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TURKEY:

**Herb butter basted roasted turkey
whipped baby red potatoes, natural pan juices
thyme and apricot savoury bread pudding, cranberry ginger compote**

OR

BEEF:

**AAA Alberta beef strip loin
"Manhattan" style, green peppercorn & brandy reduction
Short rib & potato hash, roasted squash and fine green beans**

OR

VEGETARIAN:

Grilled vegetable tian layers of grilled vegetables infused with herb, garlic and fine balsamic vinegar extra

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**Rustic apple tart
Nutmeg & cinnamon crème anglaise
Coffee or tea**

\$52, TIP AND TAXES INCLUDED (pay by cheque at the door)

OJC Board of Directors : 2014

OFFICERS & DIRECTORS	INCUMBENT 2103	ELECTED FOR 2014
President	Rob Dunlop	Rob Dunlop*
Vice President/Activities	Ed Theoret	Ed Theoret*
Secretary	Dave Kenny	Dave Kenny
Treasurer	Steve Fox	Steve Fox
Advisor	Mike O'Brien	Mike O'Brien*
DIRECTORS		
Interclub Coordinator	Vacant	Position Dropped
Technical Director	Phil Karam	Phil Karam
Membership Director	Karen Wilson	Dave Kenny
Concours Chairman	Mike O'Brien	John Blais
Concours Chief Judge	Mark Roberts	Rob Dunlop
Jottings Editor & Publisher	Vikram Ambrose	Vikram Ambrose
Webmaster	Mike O'Brien	Karen Wilson
Librarian	Merv Clarke	Merv Clarke
Facilities & Equipment Manager	Lee Harrington	Mike O'Brien

* Interim appointments only, pending replacements

Marketplace

XK Parts Galore! I have a large supply of chassis and engine parts from XK Jags. The short list includes; two complete 3.4L engines, one disassembled 3.8 block with rods, pistons and crankshaft. Many front end suspension parts; torsion bar and upper/lower control arms plus stub axles, two new rear springs, intake and exhaust manifolds, two cylinder heads and valve covers, complete rear axle housing, drive shafts, steering column and housing, engine oil cooler adapter plus hoses and radiator. Many other odds & ends. Contact: David Boon, 613-731-4166, davidboon@rogers.com [SON]



1984 Jaguar XJS HE V12 parts.

Steering Wheel \$60,. Drivers side wing mirror \$40, Sun Visors \$35, Rear Lens assemblies L/R \$125. Rear View mirror \$35, Spare tire cover and tie down \$25, ECU \$200, RH Headlight \$125. Contact: David (613) 822-3669.

1974 Jaguar XJ12L. Comes with Safety certificate. Lots of new parts. More details on the OJC website. Price \$3,000.00. Contact Vikram Ambrose: noel.ambrose@gmail.com



1986 Jaguar XJS V12. Good condition. 143,000km. Price include 87 XJS for parts with good engine and trans. Price \$ 10,000. Contact: lukyluke@bell.net, 819-243-2113. [ASO]



1972 Jaguar XJ6. 4.2L engine, in working order. Exterior is in fair condition, with some minor rust, paint in good overall condition, with a few minor flaws. Interior is in pretty good condition, wood trim has some minor cracking in the varnish. Running and drivable but will need some brake work, suspension bushings and some metal work. New floor pans are included with the car to replace the two front floor pans on the car. Body panels and doors are all straight and gaps are parallel. Chrome is in good condition on the bumpers, mirror, etc. Rims show some rust and pitting. Has re-built fuel pumps, the Stromberg carbs have been switched to SU's from a 420. Price \$3,500.00. Contact: David (613) 822-3669. [JAS]



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