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Club Events This Month

Rest easy, no event this month

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President's Musings



Best wishes to everyone for a Happy New Year and a hale and hearty 2015. This is my first column as president so I ask you to bear with me as I find my way around.

Christmas & Awards Dinner

With relief, Dec 7 arrived with Christmas-like snow for our annual Yuletide gathering. We had an excellent turn-out and the food and service at the Courtyard Restaurant, per usual, were excellent. There was lots of lively conversation amongst members with everyone in a festive mood. Full report elsewhere in the Jottings.

Looking Ahead to 2015

Immediately following the AGM in November, the new executive met to consider activities and events for 2015, our annual Club Day with concours being the primary focus. After reviewing several options a new and exciting site was found and booked. A full report on the lengthy deliberations and factors is elsewhere in the Jottings along with a first draft of our/your activities and events calendar for 2015. As always, this is an interactive club that relies on your input for ideas and suggestions as well as your assistance to make them happen. Our VP and Activities Coordinator, Ed Theoret, would love to hear from you

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E-TYPE DRAG ANALYSIS – In keeping with my technical interests I have been investigating automobile drag. This is generally thought to be air/profile drag over the upper surfaces of a vehicle. However, the drag between the road and the underside of the car is also important and the other major factor is the drive system drag of tire rolling resistance, wheel bearings, differential and transmission. After setting up the equation of motion and inputting various constants and values I was able to see that up to 75 kmph, the primary drag is the drive system and the streamlining of the body is of limited importance. By 100 kmph, due to the cube law of power variation with velocity, the profile drag is now significant and beyond that speed, profile drag dominates. Also numerically significant is the underbody drag due to air shear between the body and road. Here smoothness of the underbody and maximum road clearance is important. This is why modern cars have clean unit body underbody shapes and why it was so important for the E-type at the time. Some years after the E-type body was defined by Jaguar's Malcolm Sayer in a year's worth of wind tunnel testing, the blunt tail of the so-called Kamm back (so common on modern cars) was found to be just as effective as a carefully streamlined tail. Sayer was an aerodynamics graduate of the wartime British aircraft industry, where monoplane streamlined airframes including the fuselage tail were found to be significant for speed. But, for short bodies like cars, a blunt trailing edge is found to be equally effective because there is not enough length in a car (as opposed to airframes where streamlining does matter) to provide a streamlined shape to avoid separation of the upper surface airflow and forcing a

separation at the blunt Kamm back is equally effective. However, the measured drag coefficient of the E Type (0.30) matches modern cars, with these modern cars requiring extensive computer based modelling to achieve that figure. This makes Sayer's 53 year old empirical design of the E-type without the benefit of modern computer technology an even more significant achievement.

Dave Kenny

Your New Team

Hi folks I am Dave Kenny, your new president for 2015. To start I thank Rob and Jean Dunlop, our outgoing presidential team for the past six years, who have left an excellent record of stewardship and guided the club through some delicate situations and changes while maintaining the unity and sense of participation for the members. Rob leaves the club with over 100 members, a healthy treasury and a legacy of willing members for the various active positions. Ed Theoret, the current vice president, and I have taken as first priority the choice of site and organization of our 2015 Jaguar Day and Concours under John Blais. Ed has committed to maintain the activities listing and coordination with the volunteer organisers and other issues such as the availability of name and car badges. We are fortunate that the remaining

club officers and managers have agreed to continue in their positions for this year. Both past presidents, Mike O'Brien and Rob, have generously offered any help we require and this will make it possible to continue their record of achievement. I am completely open to input from any member regarding our activities and policies through the president email address, phone calls or the Wed. breakfast, which I will try to attend regularly. We have agreed to be available to advise the ABCD Car show organisers through a group of car club executive representatives including Al Graves, who has worked closely with ABCD for the past decade. Mike O'Brien who introduced the "Eurocars" concept two years ago will continue to liaise and assist the multi-club organizers as our representative. I am looking forward to serving the

members of the OJC and enjoying the accomplishments of the teamwork and volunteer spirit of the club.

Dave Kenny



President Dave Kenny on the left, VP Ed Theoret on the right

Christmas Dinner & Awards Night

Sunday evening , 7 December, forty-five club members gathered in the rustic, cosy warmth of the Courtyard Restaurant in the Byward Market for our annual Christmas dinner and awards night. Following a truly superb dinner, Rob Dunlop introduced the club's special guests, **Mark and Michelle Weisbrod**. Mark joined Jaguar Ottawa in 2014 as the General Manager and in the short time since, has been a very enthusiastic, active and generous supporter of our club. He offered a few words on his expectations for Jaguar Land Rover and the dealership for the upcoming year, including the introduction of several new models. An enthusiastic driver of his XFR, Mark also detailed his adventures at the Jaguar US test drive facilities as well as several "vigorous" runs at the Race the Runway event. As the latest honorary club member, Rob presented Mark with a club wind-shield decal and a Jaguar calendar to thank him for Jaguar Ottawa's support in 2014 and help him keep track of his obviously busy schedule.

The awards presentations included service awards with the sincere

thanks and appreciation of the club to **Vikram Ambrose** for his masterful and creative stewardship of the Jottings as editor and publisher for 2013 and 2014, **Alan Graves** for a decade's worth of indispensable contribution as our representative to the successful running of the All British Car Day and **Dave Kenny**, club secretary in 2014 and insightful technical articles contributor. This was followed by a tribute to **Rob and Jean Dunlop** for their very successful, tireless and active input to the position of president for the past six years. Rob used his strong skills of diplomacy and organising to steer the club through a number of changes and delicate situations. Jean received an attractive Christmas cactus and a striking and imposing Jaguar leaper display was presented to Rob to remind them of the happy and stimulating six years of presidency. Many thanks to both for their time and effort!!

The evening was capped off with the presentation of the club's **Bent Piston Award**, honouring the member .."who has demonstrated excep-

tional perseverance, technical skill and bullheaded determination in restoring and/or repairing a Jaguar..". For 2014, the recipient is **Phil Karam** "...for his excellent restorations of his XK120 and XK140 coupes and, as the club's Technical Coordinator, having the sheer audacity to demonstrate his mastery of the original factory techniques in front of club members, thus serving as a role model and example to all those foolish enough to take on such a project...not once but several times." Well done Phil and certainly well deserved! All in all, a very successful and enjoyable evening.

Dave Kenny



Concours & Family Day 2015

Before Christmas, the club executive was busily engaged seeking a location for the 2015 Concours and Family Day, particularly after the news that the All British Car Day would likely be searching for a new site as well. After a number of years at the Britannia Beach Park, ABCD has had growing aggravating issues with the parks staff and will look elsewhere. While 2014's joint OJC/ABCD went well, the executive determined that we would prefer to return to our usual format of the car show and concours by ourselves. Further, we also realized that the character of the annual club day has changed over the past few years and we needed more emphasis on the participation of enthusiasts and the family aspect and, given the small number of concours entries in recent years, less focus on the competitive championship level entries and judging.

With this in mind a sub-committee was formed with John Blais, concours chair, and the author as co- chairs. We reviewed possible sites and agreed to create a possible sites' priority list and pursue availability and possible dates centering around the weekend of 20/21 June. It turned out that the Rockcliffe Flying Club (used in past years) and the Nepean Yacht Club park area could not be reserved or are not suitable. Other sites had green spaces/parks but without other entertainment. In the meantime VP Ed Theoret, remembered his days as an executive in the defunct Ottawa Antique Car Club, where they successfully held events at the **Cumberland Heritage Village Museum** situated on the eastern edge of Cumberland Village at 2940 Old Montreal Rd. Further investigation revealed that this to be our best choice with a good balance of family interest and activity with an extensive museum of the 1920/1930 period including out-buildings, animals, workshops, a model train display and a gas pump corner store for relevant car photos. A

large level grassed area is available for over 50 cars in a secluded site with washrooms available and room for tents. This is all surrounded with trees and fields in a rural setting. This site is connected to both highways 417 and 174 and easily accessible for visitors from Montreal and the eastern states. It is a 30 minute drive from my area of Alta Vista and for John Blais from western Kanata it is a 45 minute drive. The museum management are very pleased to have us and will publicise our event on their website and in their advertising. While the 20/21 weekend wasn't available, we were able to book Sunday, 14 June. We have booked the date with JCNA who has sanctioned (approved) our event for 2015.

The museum is a similar format to Upper Canada Village and will provide a new and very interesting venue for our annual get-together. Further details will be advised as the planning firms up. In the meantime, be sure to mark your calendar for 14 June and check the museum photos online by searching for "*cumberland heritage village museum*" to get a flavour of the venue.

Dave Kenny

Events & Activities 2015

January	No events
February	Darts 'n' Pizza – Tifosi Club Room, St Anthony's British Interclub Dart Tournament
March	Technical Activity TBD
April	Spring Dinner – Algonquin International Restaurant
May	Byward Market Auto Classic Show, Ottawa All British Car Show, Beaconsfield PQ Concours judges' training – Tifosi Club Room, St Anthony's
June	Eurocar Clubs' Drive OJC Concours and Family Day – Cumberland Heritage Village Museum
July	All British Car Day, Ottawa
August	Canadian Guide Dogs Charity Tea/Garden Party - Manotick Boot and Bonnet British Car Show – Kingston City Park Race the Runway – Smiths Falls Airport Club Drive to Rotary Club Day – Perth, ON
September	Technical event TBD Hazeldean Mall British Invasion - Kanata
October	Fall Colours Drive
November	Annual General Meeting and dinner
December	Christmas Dinner

NOTE: This is the first draft outline for the season's activities. Details, dates and timings will be advised closer to the events. Additional events/activities will be added when/as known.

Any/all suggestions for activities greatly appreciated. **Volunteers to organize events needed and welcomed.** Please contact VP and Activities Coordinator Ed Theoret: ed.theoret@sympatico.ca

Tech Tips

ZF 6 SPEED TRANSMISSION SOFTWARE UPGRADE – UPDATE

I reported in last month's Jottings a major software upgrade for the ZF 6 speed gearbox fitted to many Jaguars manufactured between 2003 and 2010. The source article came from the *Jaguar Enthusiast Club* (JEC) magazine, citing a UK member's experience with a dealer. I approached Mark Weisbrod at Jaguar Ottawa who indicated that they weren't aware of a major upgrade which in normal circumstances could generate a vehicle recall. Otherwise, the regular practice is to check for updates on individual cars when they are brought to them for servicing and/or should a car have a transmission-related problem, Jaguar may have suggested upgrades or changes to address specific issues.

As it turns out, the following month's JEC magazine provided a clarification which in essence confirmed Mark's comments about the matter. While Jaguar could and has on occasion announced a general safety recall involving transmissions (such a situation occurred for 2002 to 2004 cars with a general recall to ensure no possibility of the transmission selecting reverse under certain unusual circumstances while going forward), the normal practice is to make software upgrades available to dealers to solve occasional problems of harsh changes and surging occurring in individual cars over the years. **That said, Jaguar has confirmed that there is NO NEW gearbox software upgrade available from them applicable to all cars fitted with the 6 speed ZF transmission.**

BBA REMAN – PARTS SOURCE

A member advised me of a franchise company which provides remanufactured components for a variety of cars (including Jaguar) such as ABS controllers, climate control compressors, engine control units (ECUs) etc. As some of us are painfully aware, these components can be exceedingly expensive to replace with factory parts, putting the value of the car's ownership in doubt. They apparently are able to offer remanufactured parts with a lifetime warranty for the original purchaser at a small percentage of the OEM cost (\$400 vice \$1300 for an ABS controller). The company, **BBA-REMAN** (www.bba-reman.cm) has a facility near Toronto. The member has sourced a DSC stability module for an X-Type and we'll follow up on his experience. While Internet reviews are generally very positive, there are several unsatisfied experiences as well, so we'll have to wait and see. Anyone else who has encountered the company or has had dealings with them, please let us know. In principle if it's a good service, it could prove a god send for Jaguar owners.

2014-2015 JAGUAR RECALL

Coincidentally, Jaguar Land Rover North America has just announced a general recall of certain model year 2014-2015 Jaguar XJ vehicles. In the affected vehicles, the brake line junctions under the vehicle may leak brake fluid. Owners will be notified by Jaguar to have dealers make the necessary adjustments free of charge.

Interestingly, the problem was first noticed and reported by Jaguar Ottawa who pursued the issue with Jaguar Land Rover until a plant process had been identified as deficient and a general recall ordered. Kudos to Jaguar Ottawa!

Rob Dunlop

My Jaguar Collection

In addition to my 1:1, sitting in the garage with a shaky underpinning (the Jag not the garage), I own 262 Jaguars plus some duplicates. These vary in scale from 1:8 to 1:127 as evidenced in the photograph below.



They also vary in material, colour, propulsion, function and wholeness (built or kit form). The common denominator is their Jaguarness; this is the only criteria for the collection and the reason that it is so eclectic.

The materials include your standard die-cast metal, plastic and resin, somewhat more unusual glass, ceramic and pewter, and the rarer fabric, paper and coal.



The functions include a pencil case, clock, lamp, paperweight, and lotion bottle. Propulsion includes remote-control, friction drive, slot, a pushy/launchy thing and finger drive.

If you are interested in starting a collection and are wondering where to find these marvels you can, of course, check out your local hobby shops. There aren't many traditional toy

stores around any more but you can usually find some cheaper items at ToysRUs. Surprisingly, you may also find them in your local supermarkets,

opened a database, not only of the models I own, but of all the models I've seen listed or advertised (currently at 2,419).

No.	112	Update	2014/12/11	find	
Year	1953	Car	XK 120	Body	Roadster
Mark	☐	Detail	#64 RAC Rally, top down		
Manuf.		Corgi Classics		Code	97705
Scale		1:43		Material	Metal
Col.		Green			
Own #	112	Vendor	Autophile	Date	1992/04/25
Notes	Special Jaguar Set of 3 (\$91.94)		Price	30.65	☐ Cdn\$ ☐ US\$ ☐ £
			Box	B1	☐ £
Vendor	EWA Complete		Page	32	Date
Notes			Price	59	☐ Cdn\$ ☐ US\$ ☐ £
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house décor, jewelers (think pewter) and hardware stores. In fact, it was a hardware store in Carleton Place that displayed the 1:8 scale pink Barbie XJS pictured above; it was irresistible. You can also find antiques at antique shops and the occasional Toy



or Memorabilia show that show up at the Nepean Sportsplex and similar venues. If you are travelling, especially in Europe (the UK is a major source) check out any toy or hobby shop you can find. Large car shows, races and events often have tents or tables selling miniature versions. And then there's the INTERNET.

In pursuit of this hobby, I have devel-

I have just finished photographing all my models and associated packaging (since the most valuable items are considered to be 'mint and boxed'). This means you should save all the boxes and bubble packs even if it means finding the space to store boxes full of boxes. On a similar note, unless you have massive amounts of storage space, you should probably concentrate on collecting smaller scales. My 1:18 models have just about run out of space.

Perhaps in a future issue we can discuss my collection of miscellaneous memorabilia and those of others. If you have any questions you can direct them to the editor or myself and they could be dealt with, also in a future issue.

Anthony Pearson

Marketplace

1996 Jaguar XJ6 Vanden Plas. Tungsten grey, grey leather interior. 118,000 kms. Exceptional condition. One owner from new. Dealer maintained throughout. Always garaged with minimal winter usage over past two years (under 1000 kms). Immaculate interior - includes new, unused lambswool rugs still bagged. Reluctant sale by a retired, senior legal professional. \$7000. Will consider offers.



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