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Club Events This Month

30 MAY **EUROCARS CLUBS DRIVE**

TBA MAY **CONCOURS JUDGES TRAINING**

(details inside, on the website)

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President's Musings



A year ago January Rob Dunlop phoned and said he had heard I was good with wiring and electrics on old cars, which is curious as I am an aerospace engineer, who spent 40 years designing jet engines. He then asked if I could sort out the front wiring harness on a 1965 MK. 2 that Mike O'Brien was helping Lee Harrington to restore. Having nothing planned for that month and into hibernation mode I agreed to have a look. When I arrived at Lee's garage I found a dirty pile of what somewhat resembled a wiring harness. After I had desultorily picked at it for a while, Mike suggested I could take it home to review. It turned out that it had been removed without first marking all the connections meaning it would be necessary to identify the various connections by trial and error with the guidance of a formal wiring diagram. But, since the wires had lost their individual coloring and were all a dull brown or gray, it would be mostly insight and trial and error. I was able to stretch it out on our pool table roughly laid out as in the car. As the dash panel was attached it was possible to find the generator connections to the ammeter and start there using a 12 volt utility battery and a multimeter to identify the other ends of the wires. By working from the instruments and switches on the

panel I gradually eliminated unknown wires. Not all the wires fed through to the panel, but having eliminated the panel origin wires I had a lot less to identify. It took longer to sort through the non-panel wires, but I did finish the job within a month of elapsed time including roughly 50 connections.

When I delivered the harness to Lee, I pointed out that, while all the connections were now identified and tagged, I had used a personal shorthand due to space limits and I would remember the code. A few weeks ago Mike told me that they had installed the dash panel and fed the wiring through to the engine compartment and laid it out there according to the original spec.. It was now ready for me to make the connections in situ. When I got there Thursday past, I had forgotten my personal coding and spent over an hour just familiarising myself with the connections. As soon as I understood something we made that connection and eventually were able to connect the two fuse terminals, the coil and the automatic choke. A puzzle was the connections to the new alternator installation with a conversion from the original generator. Having installed an alternator on my E Type I was able to sort out the changes and we completed that wiring including a call to Rob Staruch to confirm the alternator terminals. The whole process took us about 6 hours. We will continue next Tuesday. The moral of this tale is that you never know where agreement to be involved in a task like this will lead. And, that electrical engineering course I had to take over 50 years ago is finally paying off.

Time flies and our summer main event, the **Concours and Family Day**, is only six weeks away. There's still plenty of time though to get your

Jag looking bright and shiny and ready for display. The editor has included a "**Concours 101**" article in this issue for the new members to help understand what all the excitement is about but also to remind the others of the great fun and benefit realized from taking part. We'd like to set a record for club car turnout this year...we need everyone to participate.

Our first 2015 driving event is the **EUROCARS DRIVE on SATURDAY, 30 MAY**. We had a great drive last year with an amazing variety of cars. This is a super opportunity to blow your Jag's cobwebs out and enjoy a little fellowship with other Eurocar enthusiasts.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

DAVE KENNY

Members' Corner

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to the OJC:

David (Joanne) Thomas,
Ottawa - 2013 XJR

Mark Rosenstein (Myrian Assouline), Montreal - new car on order

Welcome/Bienvenue and we look forward to seeing you all out at club events.

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

OJC SPRING DINNER

As sure as the snow (eventually) melts, the jagged potholes emerge and the warming sun beams to welcome our annual rite of spring; the OJC Spring Dinner. On 18 April, 42 club members and guests gathered at the Algonquin College International Restaurant to dine and reacquaint with friends and colleagues separated by the cruel Winter of 2014/2015. Uniquely this year, we had the pleasure of presenting Jaguar Ottawa staff with the JCNA Dealer of the Year award for 2014. Guests of OJC, they included **dealership owner John Mierins, General Manager Mark Weisbrod, Service Manager Vernon Brown and Chief Technician Carlo Spinello** with their ladies. Mr Mierins was thrilled with the award and encouraged the club to approach the dealership any time with ideas to enhance the relationship. The evening was further highlighted by a delicious dinner and excellent service by students of the Algonquin College culinary school.



John Mierins meets the members



New(er) members Helen and Doug Rowland

JAGUAR OTTAWA ANNOUNCES SERVICE DISCOUNT FOR OJC MEMBERS

Our local dealership took the occasion of the Spring Dinner to announce a 20% discount on the hourly service charge for OJC members, effective immediately. This is in addition to the cost plus 10% rate for spare parts currently enjoyed by the membership. Many thanks Jag Ottawa!



Club ladies compare winter survival techniques



Alan Graves and Don Leblanc in verbal joust

CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE 101

(This is a repeat with updates of a past article intended to introduce and encourage new members as well as remind current members of our main event each year...the Concours d'Elegance.... with the objective of getting as many club cars out on the day...regardless of the level of participation.....editor)

A **CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE** has been an integral part of the Ottawa Jaguar Club since its beginning in 1985. Founding members attended several US events under the auspices of the Jaguar Clubs of North America (JCNA) while formulating plans for the club and decided they wanted to include a concours in their activities. The first OJC event occurred in 1988 and has been held every year since over the intervening 27 years. It remains our annual marquee activity. **This year our OJC Concours and Family Day takes place Sunday, 14 June, at the Cumberland Heritage Village Museum.**



SO WHAT IS A "CONCOURS" ANYWAY?

A concours is basically a car show which focuses on the judging of competing cars to determine which ones best meet an established standard for originality and condition. There are numerous variations but the version we follow is based on the rules and regulations established by our parent JCNA organization for Jaguars and related Daimlers. The official JCNA definition reads:

"The foremost purpose of the JCNA concours is to encourage the owners of Jaguars to preserve, maintain and present their Jaguars in as clean and authentic condition as possible (with some classes excepted) ... (with) the secondary purpose to celebrate all Jaguars and their owners by creating an event where people may share all degrees of interest in owning, driving, maintaining and restoring Jaguars."

So while the event involves car judging, it's also about getting the maximum club cars out on display.

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED

There are three levels of participation:

Enthusiast - cars aren't judged...simply give your beast a good clean and drive out to the Cumberland Heritage Village site, park it and enjoy the ambience of all the Jags and meeting your club colleagues. That said, our good friend and Jag expert Rob Staruch sponsors the Miniman Trophy, presented each year to the favourite enthusiast class car and owner. Lunch, a museum family pass and door prizes are included in your \$20 admission for two.

Driven Class - the entry judging level. Cars are checked and scored for mechanical operation, the exterior and the interior. Scoring is detailed in the JCNA concours manual on their website (link below). Trophies for first through third are provided for each car class.

Champion Class- top judged level. judges check the same areas as for Driven Class plus the engine compartment and the boot (trunk). Again details are available on the JCNA website and three trophies are presented for each car class. There are also other special judging classes for original, modified and competition cars when needed. The judging fees for Driven and Champion class entries are \$30 per car (\$20 per additional car) mainly to offset the JCNA trophy costs.....

...CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE 101

"HERE COME DA JUDGE..."

In order to accurately and equally assess competing cars across the 60+ clubs, JCNA has developed a very detailed rule book and requires that members doing the judging must regularly attend classes and pass a test to stay current. The judges function under a Chief Judge (currently Rob Dunlop for OJC) who organizes the training, sets up the judging teams and runs the judging on the day. The rule book is available to all members on the JCNA website (link below). Members can compete in any North American JCNA concours and must compete in at least three to qualify for the JCNA Championship for their class.



JUDGING ESSENTIALS

The judges are evaluating the different areas of the cars using three criteria: authenticity, condition and cleanliness. Authenticity: are the parts/components/finishes correct for that model and year of Jaguar? Condition: are the parts/components rusty etc? Cleanliness: are the parts/components dirty, oily, muddy etc? The overall objective is the car should appear as it would/should have when it left the Jaguar factory. Scoring is out of 100 for Champion and 10 for Driven. Judges assign deductions as required. Detailed judging score sheets are sent out to competitors after the event.

THE "SO WHAT?"

In summary, the concours event provides Jaguar owners with a means and opportunity to maintain their cars' condition, originality (and consequent value) and equally important, provide a venue where all club cars can be viewed and appreciated at least once a year. It's also a great way to get to know your car in greater detail. If you can only attend one club event with your car each year, this has to be the one. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Rob Dunlop
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JCNA CONCOURS RULE BOOK 2015

http://www.jcna.com/sites/default/files/files/2015_Rule_Book_Contents_Only1.pdf

ATTENTION CONCOURS JUDGES

PER USUAL, THERE WILL BE A TRAINING SESSION BEFORE THIS YEAR'S CONCOURS. ALSO, DUE TO A NEW JCNA RULE, ALL JUDGES MUST BE CURRENTLY QUALIFIED TO PARTICIPATE. ACCORDINGLY, WE WILL ALL NEED TO ATTEND THE TRAINING AND WRITE THE OPEN BOOK JUDGE'S TEST IN ORDER TO JUDGE. I EXPECT TO ANNOUNCE A DATE IN THE THIRD OR FOURTH WEEK OF MAY SHORTLY.

ALL CURRENT JUDGES (AND THOSE INDICATING INTEREST IN BECOMING A JUDGE) WILL BE CONTACTED BY ME VIA EMAIL TO CONFIRM YOUR AVAILABILITY FOR THIS YEAR'S CONCOURS (14 JUNE) AND TO ADVISE THE TRAINING DETAILS. IN THE MEANTIME, TAKE SOME TIME TO REVIEW THE REVISED RULEBOOK (LINK SHOWN ABOVE).

THERE ARE A FEW MINOR RULE CHANGES THIS YEAR AND THE JUDGING CLASSES HAVE BEEN ADJUSTED AND RENAMED.

CHEERS, ROB DUNLOP, CHIEF JUDGE

Events & Activities 2015

May	2-3 Autorama Classic/Custom Car Show - E&Y Centre Ottawa - <i>All British Car Show, Beaconsfield PQ - CANCELLED (see 2 Aug)</i> 17 Wicked Garage Open House Show/Shine - Greely 18 Byward Market Auto Classic - Ottawa - CANCELLED 30 Eurocar Clubs' Drive - to Upper Canada Village - <i>Concours judges' training - St Anthony's - DATE TBC shortly</i>
June	14 OJC Concours & Family Day - Cumberland Village Museum 19-21 Ottawa Ferrari Festival - Preston Street, Ottawa
July	7-9 Auto-Show Gatineau, Parc des Cedres, Aylmer 12 Merrickville Cruise & Shop 18 All British Car Day (ABCD), Ottawa 26 Canadian Guide Dogs Charity Tea/Garden Party - Manotick 31 UK Car Display, Glengarry Highland Games, Maxville, ON
August	2 Baie d'Urfe Auto Show, Baie d'Urfe PQ 16 Boot and Bonnet British Car Show - Kingston City Park 22 Race the Runway - Smiths Falls Airport 23 Club Drive to Rotary Club Day - Perth, ON
September	<i>Technical event TBD</i> <i>Hazeldean Mall British Invasion - Kanata</i>
October	<i>Fall Colours Drive</i>
November	<i>Annual General Meeting and dinner</i>
December	<i>Christmas Dinner</i>

NOTE: **Club events in italics and bold type.** 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

EUROCAR'S CLUBS DRIVE

Saturday, 30 May, 8 AM

Meet at the South Keys Shopping Centre

Routing: Hwy 31 South to Hwy 2 East to Upper Canada Village
approx. one hour enroute

Covered parking at UCV in event of inclement weather

FINAL DETAILS TO BE CONFIRMED BY EMAIL BEFORE EVENT

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 KICKING OFF THE DRIVING SEASON!**

Tech Talk

PENETRATING OILS

"Machinist's Workshop" recently published information on various penetrating oils. The magazine reports they tested these products for "break out torque" on rusted nuts and bolts. A subjective test was made of popular penetrating oils, with the unit of merit being the torque required to remove the nut from a "scientifically rusted" bolt. Average torque load to loosen nut:

No Oil used516 foot pounds
 WD-40238 foot pounds
 PB Blaster214 foot pounds
 Liquid Wrench127 foot pounds
 Kano Kroil106 foot pounds
 ATF/Acetone mix..... 53 foot pounds

The ATF/Acetone mix is a "home brew" mix of 50/50 automatic transmission fluid and acetone. Note this "home brew" released bolts better than any commercial product in this one particular test.

Our local machinist group mixed up a batch, and we all now use it with equally good results. Note also that Liquid Wrench is almost as good as Kroil for 20% of the price.

ATF/Acetone mix is best, but you can also use ATF and lacquer thinner in a 50/50 mix. (ATF = Any type of Automatic Transmission Fluid).

This version of the story was in one of the Military Vehicle Club newsletters.

<http://www.hotrodders.com/forum/what-best-penetrating-oil-227739.html>

Submitted by Guy Goodman

..SEEK AND YE SHALL FIND..

One of the challenges (some sadistic types say pleasures) of Jaguar ownership is seeking and finding that elusive part or parts to keep your beast's roar healthy. Compared to other Euro vehicles, Jaguars are generally well served by major US and UK suppliers such as SNG Barratt, Welsh's, XKs Unlimited etc, directly through your local Jaguar dealer (in our case at a sizeable discount), small independent suppliers and possibly wreckers. Another option to consider is the interchangeability of parts. Given the costs and complexities of modern cars in particular, many Jaguar parts are out-sourced and shared with other car companies. Knowing the interchangeability of parts can be a great time saver and broaden the possibility of finding the part(s). I recently came across a super website which provides just such information...

www.findpart.org

Virtually all auto and parts manufacturers are listed. As an example, the Jaguar entry contains 486,208 items on 334 pages (!!). I tested the site by checking for a rear window wiper motor for my X-Type Estate. I knew it was manufactured by Bosch and sure enough it was listed with the relevant Bosch part numbers as well as uses in other autos (BMW estate). This is definitely better than picking through rusty old wrecks...although maybe not as much fun!

Rob Dunlop

Brits & Pieces



You say that your ole E-type lacks a bit of "oomph" ? Here's one possible solution (seen at Watkins Glen classic car races ...no, it didn't race)



Also at Watkins Glen, Darth Vader made a guest appearance in his V12 E-type coupe...suggests a new meaning to the expression "...use the Force, Luke.."

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