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Club Events This Month

18 JULY - All British Car Day (ABCD), Britannia Park

26 JULY—Guide Dogs Charity Tea, Manotick

31 JULY- UK Car Display, Glengarry Highland Games, Maxville

(Event details to follow shortly on the website and via email)

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President's Musings



Well, we navigated the concours successfully. Everyone is pleased with Ed Theoret's suggestion of the Cumberland Heritage Village Museum site and facilities and John Blais' planning unfolded very well with the input of many of us. The number of entries was not as high as we might have liked, but we had some interesting cars ranging from a Mark X to an XK 150 and one first-time entrant brought two E-types. The statistics of the entrant breakdown show a drop in judged Championship and Driven cars with a rise in the proportion of enthusiast

cars; a trend we've seen coming. Also, the family benefits of the museum site need emphasizing as there are excellent facilities of interest for children and other members not steeply involved in the cars.

John has already booked the site for the same weekend next year and the curator informed us that the area next to the large enclosed/roofed shelter, where a tent was erected adjacently, will be roofed over to the extent of the paved area. We held a meeting after the Wednesday breakfast following the concours to discuss everyone's impressions of lessons learned. A longer more formal meeting will follow at the Tifosi club to work the details and assemble an early plan for next year. This should make everyone's tasks easier and give us a lot of time for preparation. Again the success of this club venture shows what can be accomplished by a willing group working together. Many thanks to John Blais and his team for a superb day and to Stewart Robertson for his great photographs.

The rewiring of Mike O'Brien's Mark 2

is now essentially complete until the battery and alternator are operational and connected including all the loads. By grounding the test battery to the car frame and feeding the positive to the horn circuit it was possible to show that the sliding contact on the steering shaft did complete the circuit and avoided dismantling the shaft assembly to do a visual check.

In several recent conversations with folks re. the inner workings of my hybrid Prius I realised that there are interesting differences between hybrids, pure electrics like the Nissan Leaf and Tesla and gas plus electrics like the Chevrolet Volt. I'm preparing a short summary of the key ingredients and differences of each type relative to conventional gas/diesels for next month.

Hopefully we'll get some better driving weather in July....we have the ABCD event on the 18th as well as the Guide Dogs Tea followed by the Maxville Highland Games at the end of the month. Good opportunities to exercise your Cat!

Dave Kenny

MEET 'N' GREET RECEPTION

Once again, Jaguar Ottawa generously hosted the traditional Friday evening gathering in the dealership showroom before the concours weekend. Set amid a glistening AWD F-Type roadster and a gorgeous BRG F-Type R coupe, forty attendees marveled at the "Best of British" taste delights prepared by club ladies and appropriate beverages served by our ever amiable host and general manager Mark Weisbrod. Animated conversation prevailed as the goodies disappeared and the evening passed quickly, highlighting another well-appreciated club social get-together. A very special thanks to Merv Clarke for the organization, Lyse Clarke, Keitha Kenny and Jean Dunlop for the fab food and of course Jaguar Ottawa and Mark Weisbrod for the outstanding hospitality. Finally, congratulations to the winner of the draw for a new F-Type (...just kidding...)



CONCOURS & FAMILY DAY (...OJC GOES COUNTRY...)



Our annual main event was blessed this year with bright sunshine, blue skies, comfortable temperatures and the rural beauty of our new venue, the Cumberland Heritage Village Museum. Thirty five cars joined us to celebrate our club and our passion for Jaguars, some travelling from Montreal and Northern New York to be with us. The recreated 1920's village including Watson's Esso Garage, provided a picturesque, dramatic contrast to the gleaming classic and modern Jags as well as a superb backdrop for photos. Several "village residents", authentically dressed, visited with us including a farmer on his vintage tractor sporting a chest-length snow white beard (ZZ Top anyone?). We quickly felt at home in the excellent facilities, probably the best location ever for our concours.

The registration process went quickly and smoothly largely due our excellent registration ladies as well as half of the attendees taking the trouble to pre-register online. With the cars in place and last minute polishing concluded, it was time to enjoy a superb, fresh lunch in the village pavilion organized by Lee Harrington, before getting to the task at hand.

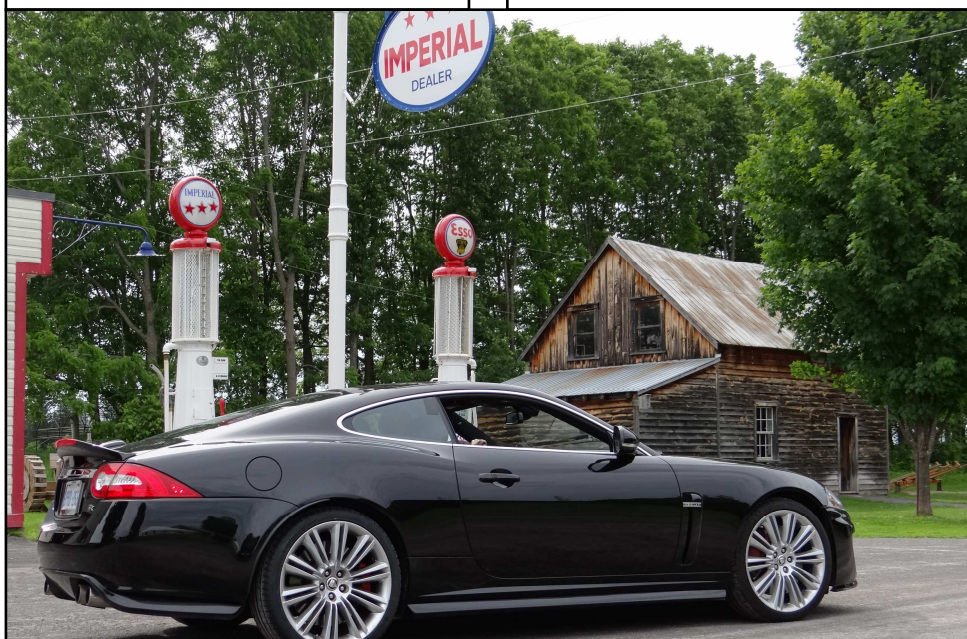
With only 11 Jags entered in JCNA concours judging, the dozen man judging team completed their task in a relaxed and unhurried manner, seemingly in keeping with the village's tranquil ambience. While the turnout was below normal (and disappointing), it was very encouraging to have several enthusiastic first-timers who achieved excellent scores. They were most appreciative of the judges' advice, tips and comments after the judging as to improving their results next time.

Following tallying of the scores, it was time for the presentations. While the event's focus is usually on the JCNA concours competition, this year the participation of the Display or Enthusiast class cars was acknowledged to a greater extent with the awarding of several plaques for Best Interior, Best Exterior, and Best "Under the Bonnet" as well as the traditional Miniman Trophy for Best Enthusiast. (Results are listed elsewhere in the Jottings).

President Dave Kenny emceed the awards presentations along with John Blais, concours chair and special guest local city counselor Stephen Blais (yes related) who selected and awarded the "People's Choice" plaque. The Enthusiast class prizes were selected by club photographer Stewart Robertson, member John Charman and Chief Judge Rob Dunlop. Our out of town visitors were

acknowledged with a plaque for the furthest distance travelled going to Jim Phillips and Vince Burke of the Buffalo NY club with a magnificent (and these days rare) Mark X saloon. Dave thanked John Blais and his team for the excellent day before concluding by thanking the museum head curator Rachel Perkins for the outstanding cooperation and coordination with her and all of her staff. He confirmed that the club had already booked the museum for next year's event.

The super day finally came to an end with several of the departing cars stopping by the Watson's Garage gas pumps for a photo op before motoring down an eerily quiet village street by old weathered buildings then making the turn out of the village onto the paved main road, an abrupt return to hectic, noisy modern times. Can't wait for 2016.



PRIZES & AWARDS CONCOURS/FAMILY DAY 2015

AWARD		WINNER(S)	CLUB	CAR	SCORE
Champion Classes	C5/E1	1 st Trevor Klotz		1964 E-type OTS	97.66
	C7/E3	1 st Mike Beverley		1972 E-type OTS	94.49
	C8/SLS	1 st J.Phillips/V.Burke	JAGB	1965 Mark X saloon	97.70
Best in Champion Best in Show Hersenhorn Trophy	C10/XJ	1st Steve Fox	OJC	1996 XJ6 VDP	99.29
	C11/J8	1 st Phil Karam	OJC	2004 XJ8 saloon	98.94
	C13/JS	1 st Peter Nicoll		1994 XJS coupe	97.20
	C14/K8	1 st Lee Downhill	OJC	2004 XK8 coupe	98.64
Driven Classes	D3/E2	1 st Mike Beverley		1969 E-type coupe	9.900
	D6/XJ	1 st Bernard Le Clerc	OJC	1971 XJ6 saloon	9.916
	D8/JS	1 st Henry Huxsel	MJC	1987 XJS-C cabrio	9.894
Best in Driven OJC Driven Trophy	D11/XK	1st Rob Dunlop	OJC	2007 XJ coupe	9.994
Enthusiast Class					
Best Exterior		Paul Davis	OJC	1982 XJ6 saloon	
Best Interior		Dave Kenny	OJC	1967 E-type 2+2	
Best "Under Bonnet"		Dave Botting	OJC	2005 XKR convertible	
Best in Enthusiast Miniman Trophy		Ed Theoret	OJC	1959 XK150 roadster	
Furthest Distance		Jim Phillips/Vince Burke	JAGB/NY	Mark X saloon	
"People's Choice"		Ed Theoret	OJC	1959 XK150 roadster	

...SEEN AT THE CONCOURS.....



E-types front and centre



Tucking into lunch



James Walker '97 XK8



Steve Fox '96 XJ6 - Best in Show



XJS' all in a row



Mike O'Brien's '66 S-Type



(L-R) Paul Davis, Steve Fox, Ray Newson - happy judges



Lee Downhill's '04 XK8

.....more SEEN AT THE CONCOURS.....



Dave Botting's '05 XKR



Sitting pretty - Ed Theoret's '59 XK150



Paddy, Bonny and Jean fudging the figures



Bernard Le Clerc's '71 Series 1 XJ6



Paul Davis' 82 Series III XJ6



Rob Dunlop's '07 XK- Best in Driven



Phillips/Burke '65 Mark X



"Toby" - Lee Harrington's 89 XJS

.....still more SEEN AT THE CONCOURS.....



E-types under scrutiny



Mark Malik's '99 XJR



"so...when's the bar open??"



Peter Whitworth's '66 Mark 2



Phil Karam's '04 XJ8



The Prez hands over the Best in Show hardware to Steve Fox



"Cowboy" Bob Hiland and his faithful '67 E-type



Don And Alan's Excellent August Adventure (aka the Wrath of Grapes)

Don and Alan and partners are heading on a leisurely 2.5 day weekend road-trip on the 14th- 16th August 2015 and you are invited to join us if you want to come. The trip will leave the western Ottawa area around lunch-time on the 14th, taking good back roads via Perth, Westport down to the Belleville / Prince Edward County area for a two night stay, and include a visit to the Boot 'n Bonnet British Car show on Sunday during the drive home.

Saturday, 15th August will be spent exploring the bucolic charms of **Prince Edward County, Sandbanks Provincial Park** as well as visiting a couple of **renowned wineries** and other attractions, including (weather permitting) a stop for lunch at a **unique outdoors restaurant**. In the evening, following dinner, we return to our accommodation.



Sunday, August 16th we will leave our accommodation for a short drive back into the county, crossing the county to the Glenora Ferry to take the Loyalist Parkway, alongside the St. Lawrence Seaway to Kingston, arriving there mid-to-late morning to join the **Boot 'n' Bonnet car show** in a downtown park. For those who do not want to spend a lot of time at the car show the attractions and shopping of downtown Kingston are a few blocks away. We will leave the car show in the late afternoon, probably between 3:30 and 4 pm, for the drive along the side of the **St Lawrence Seaway, past Gananoque**, then via the **1,000 Islands Parkway** to the Brockville area, then up to Ottawa via **Merrickville**. For those who want to join us there will be a post drive dinner at the **Old Mill in Ashton**, a delightful country pub at around 6:30 pm.

The anticipated driving distances, times and roads are:

Friday – Leave midday to drive to Belleville. Approximately 220 km, 3hr 20, on good paved two lane roads – no freeways. Intermediate stop - Westport

Saturday – Touring around PEC. About 180 km, 3 hrs of driving plus much time for sightseeing at sandy beaches, country outlooks, wineries, cheese outlets, quaint little villages.....PEC roads are all 2 lane and we will be mainly on well paved ones

Sunday – Return home, with visit to Kingston British Car show. About 105 km (morning) and 195 km (afternoon), taking ~ 1hr 25 (morning), 2 hr 40 (afternoon), on good paved roads, no freeway, with a great car show (or good shopping) in between. Intermediate stops, Glenora Ferry, 1000 islands view-spot, Car Show, Gananoque OR Brockville.

More details including accommodation to be booked ahead of time and will be made available in early July.

If you are interested in joining this trip contact Don LeBlanc (dleblanc.ba@gmail.com) / Alan Graves (afgraves@rogers.com) for more details and to register your interest by July 10th.



Events & Activities 2015

July	7-9 Auto-Show Gatineau, Parc des Cedres, Aylmer 10-12 "Le Sommet des Legendes" vintage racing, Tremblant PQ 12 Merrickville Cruise & Shop 18 All British Car Day (ABCD), Ottawa 24-26 Vintage Grand Prix, Watkins Gen, NY 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 14-16 Don & Alan's August Adventure 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	Technical event TBD Hazeldean Mall British Invasion - Kanata
October	Fall Colours Drive
November	Annual General Meeting and dinner
December	Christmas Dinner

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

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