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President's Musings



Here I am still president after my plan to only serve one year. Very fortunately I have been blessed with an excellent executive team, who have made this possible. The high level of initiative and cooperation has made for a smooth running club and a great group to work with. I am looking forward to a second successful year with the club and the pleasure of working with contributing members. With that in mind, I want to thank **Kathy and Bob Hiland** for their very successful organization of the Christmas Dinner. It's a lot more work than any of us thought!

We had a good events planning session in December and have a full slate of activities to organize as well as finalizing the inventory of the parts made available to us by the dealer. A lot of this tedious parts task has been completed because of the skills and effort of **Jean Dunlop**. In response to the member survey, we also decided to introduce an sponsorship program for new members (details elsewhere in the Jottings).

Speaking of which, our membership continues to grow and we are over 100 again. We must be doing something right. **If you haven't already done so, be sure to renew your membership with Karen ASAP.**

I had the pleasure of driving my E-type on Dec. 23rd and, having stopped to fill the tank for storage, another customer remarked that I would not have expected to be driving the car on that date, which is sooo true. But now it really is winter and the car is stored, unless there is a prolonged thaw.

For some of us though, winter is no time to stop driving the Jag...be sure to check out new member **Scott Fox's** article about his adventures with his snow tire-equipped AWD F-Type playing in the first snow storm...

Harking back to the rewiring of Mike O'Brien's Mark 2, when he and Rob Staruch tried to start the engine... there was nothing. The problem turned out to be that the wiring through the fuse blocks was done incorrectly so that no current passed through the fuses. It seems that the connection system was more subtle than I thought. Once properly connected things worked and the engine has been run. The lesson here is that for such a total re-work of the wiring it is important to check the continuity THROUGH the fuses. I checked all the other continuities, but totally missed this important step.

Looking ahead, be sure to check our proposed activities schedule for 2016 beginning this month with a "look see" at Mike's Mark 2 mentioned above.
Dave Kenny



This month....

January
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TECH SESSION - Mark 2 restoration
6 pm Rob Staruch's garage
(details in separate email to all members)

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 are needed and welcomed.** Please contact VP and Activities Coordinator **Bob Hiland** (hiland@rogers.com)

Members' Corner

We are pleased to welcome the following returning member to OJC:

Mike (Lynn) Olsen, Ottawa

1989 XJ40 Sovereign

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

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

CHRISTMAS DINNER



On Saturday the 5th of December, OJC members gathered for the annual club Christmas dinner at the Algonquin College Restaurant International. Once again, we enjoyed a comfortable atmosphere combined with excellent food and service. Forty plus members enjoyed cocktails and a chat before sitting down to the superb three course dinner prepared and served by the students of Algonquin College's food services and catering program.

After dessert, our president Dave Kenny, took the occasion to recognize **Merv Clarke** and **Ed Theoret** for their extraordinary contribution as active members of the OJC executive...in Merv's case over the past thirty years.

Members enjoyed a fine evening of dining and camaraderie.

Stewart Robertson



Member No 2 Merv Clarke



Dave accepts plaque for absent Ed Theoret



The Jag drivers' credo.....

"THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS BAD DRIVING WEATHER ONLY INAPPROPRIATE CLOTHING!"

(Merv and Lyse Clarke demonstrate appropriate attire for top-down driving in near sub-zero weather)





Tuesday Dec 29th 2015 gave Ottawa its first taste of real winter for the season and it gave me a belated Christmas Gift. We woke up to 8 inches of fluffy snow on the driveway, on the street some drifts were double that, now I can finally prove my 2016 Jaguar F-Type S AWD with Pirelli Sotto Winter tires has the guts to tame a wild winter storm.

We are a three car family, and each would be tested on this Morning. My son drives a 2008 Hyundai Santa Fe [2 wheel drive] with winter tires and he was the first to do battle. Minutes after scraping it off, he returns defeated. The Santa Fe was parked on the street and the storm had wrapped it in a white blanket 2 feet deep. After a little coaching and a brief demonstration on the use of momentum and how to rock a car with no clutch he was off to save his sister from the white whale of a storm.

Next was my turn in my Jag. Where did I have to go? Nowhere. What vital task was before me? Nothing important, just an itch to show that this car does not need to sit out the season just because the clearance is 4.4 inches. As I moved into the street the Jag did struggle, and I worried I might get stuck, but then I remembered to switch into the Snow/Ice mode giving her full time all-wheel drive and greatly moderating the power delivered to her driving wheels. From that point on my “Snow Cat” left no doubt about who was in charge that day.

The steering when half submerged in snow is laughably slow, mostly because the wheels act more like rudders under these conditions. Once out of the side streets the performance is pitch perfect. She moves with the grace and delicacy you expect from a Jag and the sound and the looks are both world class. I return home for a few more photos to document our triumph, and then I put her back to



bed for the day. The bottom half of the grill filled with snow, side skirts blanketed in powder, nothing left to prove.

Last for the day comes my wife’s 2012 Acura MDX AWD with 8.2 inches of ground clearance. With winter tires almost as wide as my Jag and almost 4 full inches more clearance, plus the Acura Super Handling AWD, we were never in any doubt about returning from a few local errands, but how will it handle in the deep snow? Pretty similar to the Jag really. The deep snow makes the steering lag very noticeably, but unless the

drift is deep enough to hide another car, you can be confident you will plow through it.

Who won the day? Well if you need to get there, the MDX is the clear winner, but I would take the Jag over the Santa Fe every day of the year.

SCOTT FOX

(Super story, Scott! - many thanks – Editor)

MEETING OF THE MINDS (...SO TO SPEAK)

With the AGM and Christmas Dinner bringing a close to the club's 2015 year, it was time for the new executive team to sit down and sketch out our Events and Activities' plan for 2016, discuss items from the members' survey needing follow up and revisit the perennial spare parts storage and distribution problems.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES. It's generally acknowledged that the success of the club rides (pun intended) on events and activities to attract the membership's participation. In past years including 2015 we appear to have provided a sufficient number and variety of things to do (20 to 25) bearing in mind the tricky balance between good weather/summer pastimes and competing car events. The membership survey indicated a desire for more social activities which we've tried to address by adding a picnic, a BBQ and an informal mixed golf tournament.

A major factor in the success of any activity plan is the willingness of members to volunteer to organize and/or assist with preparations. We are fortunate for 2016 to have two members willing to organize the

drives portion; Alan Graves and Don Leblanc. We still require member assistance for other activities however and would welcome volunteers in any capacity. Also, if you have any ideas for other activities/events, don't hesitate to contact the Activities Coordinator, VP Bob Hiland (hiland@rogers.com). The draft 2016 plan follows this article. It is a draft and will be updated regularly including confirmation of dates and event details nearer to the month in question. For the latest updates check our website and the Jottings.

MEMBERS' SURVEY. In discussing the survey outcome, the comment about making new members welcome was particularly of interest. Although originally a "mentorship" concept was included in the survey, noting the importance of first impressions, it was decided that new members would be assigned a club executive member as a "sponsor" who would contact the member and arrange for them to meet at the next or an upcoming club event and be introduced to the other members. The sponsor may

continue to assist the member on an "as required basis" while adjusting to the club.

SPARE PARTS INVENTORY. The club has a significant inventory of new spare parts provided by Ottawa Jaguar as surplus to their requirements. The parts cover Jaguar models S3 XJ6/12, X300, X308, XJS, S- Type and X-Type. To date, the parts haven't been made available to the membership as the 10 page inventory utilizes different and varied numbering systems as well as vague or incorrect parts' descriptions.

A volunteer has taken on the laborious task of vetting the parts list line by line, with an expected completion date in the spring. The executive noted that with storage costs to be considered, it would be appropriate to charge members 20% of the individual list prices. Once completed, the inventory list will be made available to the membership electronically and Club Stores Manager, Mike O'Brien will be the point of contact to arrange pickup and payment. More details will be available closer to spring.

Rob Dunlop

Brits & Pieces...

In our continuing efforts ever striving to improve our service to you, the Ottawa Jaguar Club member, and in response to the aggressive demands of several (okay one), we will be evaluating a new **OJC MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE**, as depicted to the right. We will be road testing the device behind our new librarian Chuck Robinson's Bentley to determine stability and potential lift off speeds. (That's Chuck in the photo left, wearing his winter hat). We will likely need to charge extra for bedside service.



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES 2016

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HERE IS OUR FIRST DRAFT OF THE CLUB EVENTS FOR 2016. EVENTS SHOWN WITH DATES ARE GENERALLY FIRM, BRACKETED DATES ARE WEATHER ALTERNATES, NO DATE INDICATES ACTUAL DAY IS STILL TBD. DETAILS OF TIMING, DIRECTIONS ETC AS WELL AS CALENDAR UPDATING WILL BE PROVIDED CLOSER TO THE EVENT THROUGH THE WEBSITE, IN THE JOTTINGS AND/OR BY EMAIL IF/AS REQUIRED. ADDITIONS AND IDEAS ARE ALWAYS WELCOMED.

LISTINGS OF ALL CAR CLUBS IN EASTERN ONTARIO/WESTERN QUEBEC AND NORTHERN NY, RELATED CRUISE NIGHTS AND ONE TIME EVENTS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE (BOTTOM OF HOME PAGE). 2016 DATA SHOULD BE AVAILABLE END FEB.

Jan 11 / 6 pm Tech visit – Mark 2 restoration – Rob Staruch's /Cheshire Cat pub

Feb 8 Darts and Pizza Night – St Anthony's
Feb 13 Interclub Darts Tournament—Barrhaven Legion

Mar 14 Tech visit – Auto Dentist (dent removal specialist)

Apr Spring Dinner

May 14 (15) Spring Drive
May Concours judges' training – St Anthony's
May 29 Drive to Hudson British Car Show

Jun 10 OJC Concours Meet & Greet
Jun 12 OJC Concours and Family Day – Cumberland Heritage Museum
Jun 25(26) Summer Drive (picnic/BBQ)

Jul 9(10) Club golf tourney (mixed teams, informal best ball)
Jul British Day – Canadian Guide Dogs – Manotick
Jul 16 All British Car Day (ABCD) – Britannia Beach
Jul 22 Perth Ribfest and car show
Jul 29 Glengarry Highland Games – British Car Day - Maxville

Aug 5-7 "Brits on the Lake" weekend – Port Perry / Prince Edward County
Aug 13 Race the Runway – Smiths Falls Airport
Aug 21 Boot 'n' Bonnet British Car Show – Kingston
Aug 30/Sep 9 Hazeldean Mall British Invasion and Pub

Sep 10 Club drive

Oct Fall Colours Multi club Drive and lunch
Oct Oktoberfest drive (TBC)

Nov AGM and dinner

Dec Christmas Dinner

OJC 2015 IN REVIEW



FEB - DARTS N PIZZA NIGHT



APR - SPRING DINNER



JUN- OJC CONCOURS AND FAMILY DAY



JUL- ALL BRITISH CAR DAY (ABCD)

more OJC 2015 IN REVIEW



JUL - GUIDE DOGS TEA PARTY



JUL - MAXVILLE HIGHLAND GAMES



AUG - PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY WEEKEND DRIVE



SEP - HAZELDEAN BRITISH INVASION



OCT - OKTOBERFEST INTERCLUB DRIVE/LUNCH



OCT - HUGH SIDDON'S E TYPE BIRTHDAY



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