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We are now well into a summer, which is proving ideal for green lawns with frequent rain sometimes monsoon like. In spite of this there have been successful car show and drive events which happily occurred on the intervening sunny days. I'm thinking of the Longfields Manor mini show for the residents, the ABCD with a full field and the summer drive west of Kanata and then east on the Quebec side to that delightful mini museum and winery culminating in a British pub dinner in Aylmer.

Three of us managed to drive to Brockville in a raging downpour for a reminiscent lunch with retired member Frank Basten and his daughter, Stacey, as Frank is no longer driving. As a long time and very active member Frank organised the concours several times and started the club involvement with the beginning of the ABCD show.

On a sadder note another long time member, Ian Ruxton, passed away recently and was remembered by a number of us.

Just before this I had the pleasure of presenting founding member, Ernie Bayliss, with a commemorative plaque at breakfast. As a retired plumbing contractor Ernie had just the right background for running an antique Jaguar.

Our treasurer, Roy Fjarlie, had a stimulating experience with an internet scammer trying to gain

access to our treasury, which we duly reported to the bank internet security group.

Due to a conversation with the Toronto club V-P we have been examining the insurance coverage in general for the club and its officers starting with the JCNA provided concours insurance. There will be more about this later.

We are beginning to look at the venue for the Christmas dinner and, while we have a reservation for the Hunt Club Golf Course dining room, there is a serious question about the funding. As a general result of the decay of the Canadian dollar we get to keep a diminishing portion of our membership fees after remitting the JCNA fee. Our treasury reserve is gradually depleting to the point where we have to consider not subsidising the major dinners. To put dollars on it last Christmas we charged \$50 per person, while the club subsidised the other \$25. For this year's spring dinner we tried the KS restaurant at South Keys, where attendees ordered directly from the menu averaging about \$30 for the food and required no subsidy. Some folks expressed a preference for Hunt Club in retrospect. If we prefer the latter, for this Christmas the full cost per person will be about \$75. We need to decide if this is our choice.

In the near term, while summer is still nominally with us, remember the major drive to Bromont,

Que. coming up on the weekend of Aug. 4th. This has been well planned by Al Graves and Don Leblanc and includes exploring the area with a cruise on Lake Memphremagog and starts with a visit to the Highland Games at Maxville on the way. Later in Aug. on the 20th there is a drive to the Boots 'n Bonnets show in Kingston, with a stop at an inspiring restaurant. There is also a show in Gatineau on Aug. 11 to 13 for those interested.

Regarding our club's support for various interclub shows I note that Mike O'Brien and Al Graves supported the ABCD show organising for 10 years and 13 years respectively, with Al being part of the initiating group under Don LeBlanc's leadership as then president of the Triumph Club. Don contributed his organising skills for 9 years as leader of the ABCD founding team. Al and Mike have now formally retired from ABCD having provided significant service resulting in a very successful show. We wish the succeeding team at ABCD every success in following the outstanding track record of Don's founding group supported by proven organisers like Mike (also served a highly contributing 5 year term as President of our own club) and Al. We are fortunate to have the benefit of these contributors within our own club.

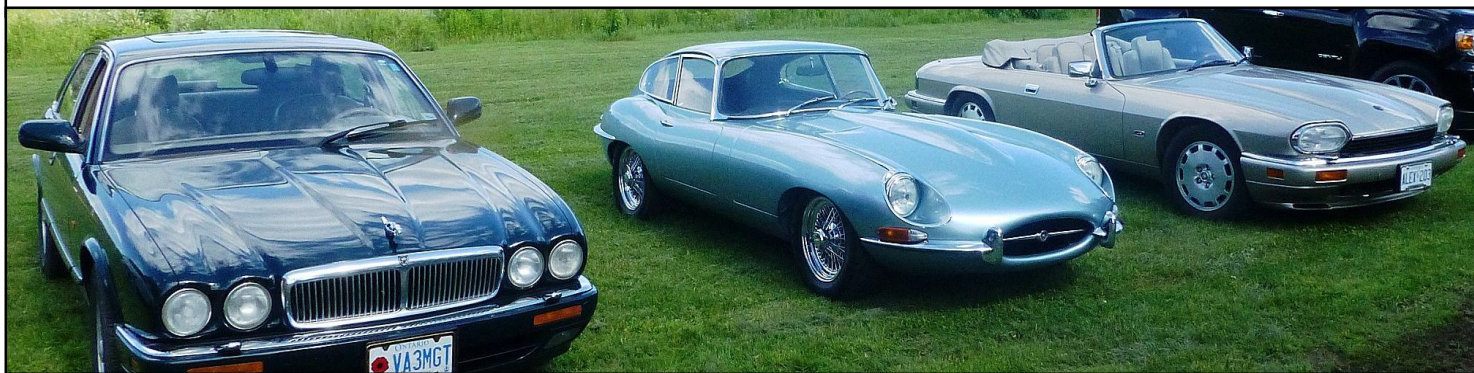
Dave Kenny

August Events

4-6 Weekend Tour Eastern Townships

20 Boot 'n' Bonnet, Kingston Show/drive/dine (details elsewhere in the Jottings)

Summer Drive - 4 July



For this year's summer drive we tried something different – a mid-week, afternoon and early evening local summer drive, featuring a scenic rural back roads route alongside the Ottawa River, a local winery with a small but interesting car museum, and a post-drive pub dinner at *The British* in Aylmer. Fortunately we had chosen what turned out to be a nice day, with sun and scattered cloud and, unusually for 2017, no rain.

Nine cars joined us at a Tim Horton's in north Kanata for the 1 pm departure for the first leg of the drive, via back roads up to Arnprior, for a rest-stop and rendezvous with another car. From here we travelled the scenic back road along the Ontario side of the Ottawa River from Arnprior up to Portage du Fort, crossing over the Ottawa River at Portage du Fort, then heading down to Quyon along back roads through Norway Bay to the *Domaine de Pontiac Village Museum and Winery* arriving around 3:30 pm and linking up with club members who had gone straight to the winery.

This winery also has a small co-located auto museum, featuring some unusual and rare vehicles going back as far as 1905. Our hosts for the tour were Pavel and Maude-Emmanuelle and they looked after us superbly, giving us a guided tour of their fascinating little collection. Amongst the restoration projects underway was a Jaguar Mark IX.

After about 90 minutes at the winery and museum we took to the road again for our last leg, a half hour drive to *The British Hotel and Pub/Restaurant* in Aylmer for a traditional British pub supper, arriving around 5:30 pm. There were approximately 25 of us plus our guests for an enjoyable pub-style dinner, which lasted a couple of hours, before everybody headed home. Blessed with great weather (for a change), it was an interesting and enjoyable outing.

Alan Graves



Visit to Longfields Retirement Home

A chance meeting between a staff member of Longfields Retirement Home and member Steve Fox led to a short-notice invitation for up to six Jags (space limitation) to visit Longfields for a BBQ lunch and visit with residents. Bob Hiland quickly contacted several members to set up the visit on 13 July - editor

July 13th...forecast for rain off and on all day. We were due to arrive at Longfields Retirement Home in on Beatrice Drive in Barrhaven for 12:00. It was raining first thing in the morning in Kemptville. My S-Type Jaguar was carefully cleaned for the upcoming ABCD... what to do, what to do? Best to tell Bob Hiland that I was going to abort. Flash message came back saying "go outside and look up". The rain had stopped and the sky was blue. More Hiland magic...

So off I went. The S-Type ran well and my anxiety level dropped considerably. I got to *The Swan* on the River Road and



noticed that the temperature gauge showed zero..oh oh!. I had cleaned the engine the day before. I pulled over and opened the hood. The wire from the sender was off. Back into the car. Turned the key and she came to life...for about a minute...then died. It would not start.(\$#@%^%\$). Back under the hood...the wire to the coil had come off. I found a wrench in the trunk and tapped the female spade connector to close the gap and reattached it. "Vroom vroom"...off we went.

I arrived last to find the other cars al-

ready parked on the lawn in front of the home. I was guided by Bob to a space into which I had to back the S. With my tiny wing mirrors I commenced to reverse until a bloody great tree moved right behind the car and they all shouted "STOP".

The visit began with a well presented BBQ lunch in one of the four gathering rooms in the home surrounded by a number of residents. The staff and the residents were very excited. My impression was one of great care by the staff and a visible comfort level demonstrated by the residents.

After lunch we went back outside and over the next two and a half hours a number of the 114 residents came out to see the cars. Many were wheelchair bound but could drive around with Stirling Moss agility.

The entertainment coordinator from Longfields had created a questionnaire for the residents and we were tested with detailed questions about our cars. (e.g. "What year was the first Jaguar built"). There was disagreement amongst us ...1935 or 1936...we agreed on a year so that we wouldn't look foolish.

(This is a bit of a trick question as prior to WWII, the name Jaguar was first applied to the 1935 3 1/2 litre saloon and SS 100 two seater models of the SS Car Company, the predecessor of Jaguar Cars. SS officially became Jaguar Cars in 1945 - editor)

As the afternoon drew to a close, we were asked if several staff and/or residents could be given a ride. Families had to agree to the resident's participation.



Eventually Bob Hiland and Dave Kenny took passengers out for a spin in their E-types. The passengers were thrilled. All in all, a very entertaining afternoon for us and the residents...to the extent that we've been asked to return soon.

Mike O'Brien

Note: A special thanks to Brian Graham, a local photographer, who took these excellent photos.

All British Car Day



The thirteenth All British Car Day was held in near-ideal weather conditions at Britannia Park – Lakeside Gardens, July 15th. The day started early for the volunteer teams with some folks being at the park for around 7 am to commence the field set up. Ottawa Jaguar Club members were very prominent with an excellent turn out of volunteers.

We had in excess of 190 registrations with a huge range of makes, models and vintages, spanning almost a century. The lunch was served as usual courtesy of the Ottawa Valley Land Rover Club. There was a good attendance of club members at the show and all seemed to enjoy the diversity of vehicles and the vendor area, which was well supported this year.

The featured vehicle marque this year was Land Rover – appropriate since parts of the field were still pretty soft and muddy, courtesy of the prolonged spring flooding and the recent deluges. Local dealer Jaguar Land Rover Ottawa provided three new Land-Rover products and a Jaguar F-Pace for display. The show started to wind down around 3 pm with the last but one car leaving the field at 4:45 pm...all in all, a truly superb day, thankfully under blue, sunny skies.

This event relies totally on the volunteers from the various UK car clubs, without whom it wouldn't happen. Many thanks to all and especially the excellent OJC showing. We also greatly appreciated the attendance of the local Jag Land Rover dealer with some tasty new vehicles. Hope to see you again in 2018!



IAN RUXTON

1934 - 2017

We regret to announce the passing of former club member Ian Ruxton on 8 July. Born in Ceylon (Sri Lanka) of Scottish parents, Ian emigrated to Canada for a Masters degree in Commerce before embarking on a distinguished global career in finance including Wall Street, IG of the Ottawa Bank and finally IMF Washington. After retirement, Ian made the fateful decision to buy a used XJ40 which proved to be the source of much anguish and torment. He joined the Wednesday breakfast regulars seeking advice and commiseration while passing around copies of the Financial Times to the club's budding entrepreneurs. A self-confessed mechanical illiterate, he nevertheless brightened up the weekly gathering with his dry wit and self-deprecating humour. Ian was a true gentleman in every sense of the word and will be greatly missed. Our sincerest condolences go out to his wife Monica and children Rory and Fiona.



FOUNDING MEMBER #13 – ERNIE BAYLISS



Although a plumbing contractor by trade (since retired), Ernie is a auto mechanic in the classic sense with exceptional technical skills and particular knowledge of Jags. When I first met him in his plumbing shop/garage behind his house, I was amazed by the array of XK engines on stands and numerous car parts stacked on shelves amid copper piping and plumbing fixtures. It was the first plumbing shop I'd ever seen equipped with a pit. I quickly learned that demi-official club meetings occurred regularly at Ernie's with members shuffling around watching Ernie at work and sipping on an always-available brew. At the time, Ernie was driving a cream XK140 roadster and tinkering with a V-12 engined 420 sedan he had built.

A towering, rangy man, soft spoken with a brilliant dry wit, in the early years, Ernie was often the go-to guy in the club for advice and assistance. In recent times, Ernie has shifted his focus to the stately Mark VII-IX saloons and when time and health permits, he can be seen at ABCD and other car events with his cream Mark VII. President Dave Kenny was recently finally able to track Ernie down at a regular club weekly breakfast to present him with a plaque with much appreciation for his contributions to OJC over the years.

Rob Dunlop



BOOT 'N BONNET SHOW/DRIVE/DINE Sunday, 20 August

This year the Boot n Bonnet Car Club of Kingston is holding their annual British Car show in City Park, Kingston on August 20th. Your Ottawa Jaguar Club is organizing a country drive to the show and a returning country drive to a concluding meal at the Lock 17 Bistro at Burrett's Rapids, right on the banks of the Rideau.

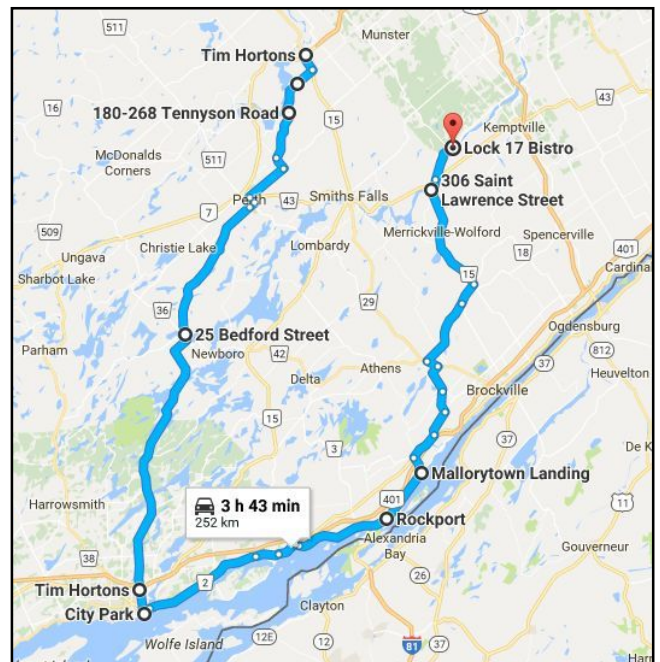
The drive will depart from Tim Horton's, Hwy 7, Carleton Place at 9:00 am on the 20th for about 1 hr 45 min of driving to the Kingston location. The route uses good back roads and Hwy 10, a pleasant meandering lightly traveled road down to Kingston. With one scheduled enroute stop,, the arrival time at the park will be around 11:15.

The show entry cost is \$25 and includes a barbecue lunch for 2. You are then on your own to enjoy the show or to wander into town, but need to be back at your cars for a 2:45 pm departure.

The return journey passes through Gananoque, along the 1,000 Island Parkway alongside the St. Lawrence, stopping at Rockport for a 45 min – 1 hour break.

Then we cut north at Mallorytown Landing for a cross country route to Merrickville then on to the nearby Lock 17 Bistro-pub, arriving at the Bistro-pub around 5:45 pm for a canal-side supper. After supper we can head our own separate way though a guided convoy will leave for Kanata.

If you are interested in joining this day out, please let the organizer, Alan Graves know, with the number of people that will be joining the meal at Lock 17 to facilitate the reservation:
afgraves@rogers.com



Hazeldean Cruise Night "British Invasion" Sept 5th 2017



The "British Invasion" of the Kanata Cruise Night was first held back in about 2006 and over the years has become a popular and successful outing for British car owners. There is no entry fee.



You are invited to come and join us to show your car in the "British Invasion" zone any time **after 5:15 pm** on **Tuesday, September 5th**, at **Hazeldean Shopping Center** on Eagleson Road, just south of Robertson Road/ Hazeldean Road and about 2 km south of the 417 exit on to Eagleson/March Road.

We will leave the show at about 7-7:15 pm and go for a short 15-20

min drive to *The Glen* pub/eatery in Stittsville and then dine.

Over the last few years we have had a great turn out – up to 55 cars, about half of which join us for the meal. This is a very popular club event for socializing amongst UK car owners.



If you have any queries contact Alan at **afgraves@rogers.com** or (613) 720 6176.

Events & Activities 2017

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Jan	Tech visit – CANCELLED
Feb 6 Feb 11	Darts and Pizza Night – St Anthony's Interclub Darts Tournament—Barrhaven Legion
Mar 14	Tech visit – postponed
Apr 22	Spring Dinner - KS on the Keys Restaurant
May 21 May 23	Spring Drive - Tim Horton's, Almonte 9:00 AM Concours judges' training – St Anthony's 5:00 PM
Jun 09 Jun 11 Jun 25	OJC Concours Meet & Greet - CANCELLED OJC Concours and Family Day – Cumberland Heritage Museum "Wheels on the Mississippi" - drive, show and picnic
Jul	2nd Annual "Growler Cup" golf tourney - <u>POSTPONED TO AUG/SEP</u> (Due to weather and course availability considerations)
Jul 4 Jul 15	Summer Drive - 1PM (see ad in June Jottings) All British Car Day (ABCD) – Britannia Beach (ad elsewhere in Jottings)
Aug 4-6 Aug 11-13 Aug 20 Aug/Sep	Weekend Tour - Eastern Townships / Granby Car Show Gatineau Car Show weekend Boot 'n' Bonnet British Car Show – Kingston 2nd Annual "Growler Cup" golf tourney (date/details TBD)
Sep 05 Sep 16 Sep 30	Hazeldean Mall British Invasion and Pub Multi-UK car clubs drive Eurocars Oktoberfest Drive & lunch - TBC
Oct 14	Fall Colours Drive and lunch - date/details TB
Nov 12	AGM and Sunday Brunch - St Anthony's



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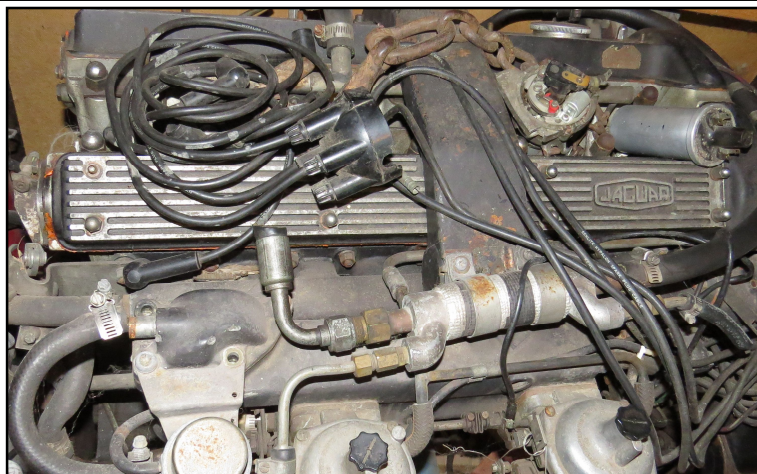
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