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2017 IN PASSING

Another year gone! Despite the generally dreary driving season weather for 2017 we had a wide range of events, all of which went off smoothly and were thoroughly enjoyed by the participants. From the Darts Tournament in February, through the sunny June weather Concours & Family Day, followed by the superb summer weekend drive to Bromont, the Kingston Boot 'n' Bonnet drive in July and the super Fall Colours Drive through the Lanark Highlands and finally the festive Christmas Dinner at the Ottawa Hunt Club, we enjoyed better than usual member participation.

Of course none of this would have happened without the commitment and hard work of numerous club volunteers, all worthy of a sincere thank you from the membership. For 2017, I wish to single out our drives' organizers **Alan Graves** and **Don LeBlanc** for the exceptional road trips and **Phil Karam** our technical coordinator for the imaginative one day tech tour.

AHEAD IN 2018

With the New Year comes changeover of club executives. **Beverley Blais** is stepping down as Club Secretary but will continue to assist the club in a reporting secretary function. **David Batten** has agreed to follow Beverley as secretary while also picking up the ABCD representative role. Many thanks

Beverley and welcome aboard Dave! Several other positions will be vacant pending replacement including Librarian and Equipment Manager.

Mike O'Brien departs the club executive after a full decade and a half of continuous service. His exceptional dedication and contributions were acknowledged at the Christmas Dinner and are detailed elsewhere in the Jottings. Truly one of a kind, you'll be sorely missed Mike; many thanks!

We had two major organizational issues arise in 2017 requiring resolution in 2018; with the club's status as a registered non-profit organization, clarification of our government reporting obligations and confirmation of adequate club liability insurance coverage. Both issues were already being examined at the end of 2017 with the objective to have them resolved early in 2018.

In addition, an increasing number of comments, suggestions and opinions from the membership indicate three other club administrative matters need early examination; our affiliation with Jaguar Clubs of North America (JCNA), a club constitution review and succession planning for the club executive. These five administrative issues form the basis for a 2018 club

"business plan". Membership awareness and involvement are essential if they are to be resolved successfully. To kick it off, I have prepared a separate following article to outline some of the details.

That said, 2018 will not be all "work" as we continue to focus on our primary function providing events and activities for your enthusiastic enjoyment of Jaguar ownership. A first draft of our calendar is elsewhere in the Jottings which we will expand and detail as the year progresses.

Of particular note will be the commemoration of 2018 as the 70th (!!) anniversary of the creation of the XK engine which first appeared in 1948 in the XK 120 and continued in various versions until the mid 1990's. This year also marks the 50th anniversary of the 1968 XK-engined Series 1 ½ E-type, of which we have a half dozen in OJC.

Despite the current deep freeze, we can take heart that inevitably spring then summer will follow with opportunities to **get out and enjoy your Jaguar**. If you haven't come up with a resolution for 2018, might I suggest it's as good a goal as any for the New Year.

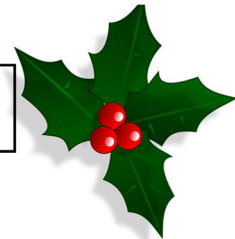
Dave Kenny



HAPPY WINTER MOTORING!



Christmas Dinner



Meeting and greeting



Don and Jane Morrison find the wine



Prez presents "Bent Piston" to Jeff Poston

The Ottawa Golf & Hunt Club was brightly lit with seasonal decorations the evening of 15 December as OJC members, bundled up against the chill, made their way into the inviting club house for the annual festive dinner and final event of the club's year. Once again, the Hunt Club did an excellent job with the elegant décor, superb staff and sumptuous buffet. Thanks to an excellent last minute response, we achieved the 50+ minimum attendance numbers to avoid an extra charge for the definitely worthwhile larger and spectacularly-decorated main dining room.

Following an animated meet & greet session around the bar, attendees tucked into the extensive buffet featuring hand-carved roast beef and turkey. Over coffee and dessert, President Dave Kenny took the opportunity to present the Bent Piston award to Jeff Poston and recognize Mike O'Brien's long service with the club (further details on both elsewhere in the Jottings) and wish everyone the Best of the Season and a Happy 2018.

All too soon it was time to re-bundle up and face the cold blast to the parking lot and the dark, cold drive home...little realizing that the weather was just a premonition of temps to come! Key to the success of the evening was the efforts of Steve Fox, Dave Kenny, Bob Hiland and Roy Fjarlie... many thanks guys!



A room full of hungry OJC'ers



Karams, O'Briens, Robertsons et al



Prez thanks Mike O'Brien



A longstanding key club member is stepping down after 15 years of commitment to OJC. To say that **MIKE O'BRIEN** has been an "active" club member doesn't even begin to tell the full story. Since joining in 2002, Mike has been a continuous and fully engaged member of the club executive first as Club Secretary followed by a five year term as President then five years as the Concours Chair. Most recently he served as Equipment & Stores Manager plus Spare Parts Coordinator to the end of this year.



Mike and his '66 S-Type

For many, that would have been sufficient to earn well-deserved recognition and yet for Mike, it's barely the tip of the iceberg. While serving with the executive, he introduced the club website and remained webmaster for several years. Noting that the club lacked OJC clothing, he took on and found time to arrange for club clothing orders. Throughout, Mike has been a keen and active participant in club drives and activities as well as a regular contributor of articles and photos to the Jaguar Jottings newsletter.

Mike may be best remembered for his significant contributions to the fundamental operation of our club and the Ottawa car club community as a whole. He was the club representative and volunteer coordinator for the regional All British Car Day



A proud vet...

(ABCD) for several years. While Concours Chair, he came up with the concept of "Eurocars", an informal association of European car clubs initially to supplement our own concours event at the aviation museum. Eurocars continues to this day with an annual event. For our club, he was



"There's something alive down here..."



The Mark 2 project progresses...

instrumental in arranging special parts and servicing rates with Jaguar Ottawa as well as the donation of dealer surplus spare parts to the club. While supportive of the JCNA concours event as a judge, he was an

enthusiastic proponent for urging a non-competitive and family focus to our annual club day. He readily offered opinions of the club's operation, often critical, which were always well-intentioned and meant to challenge the club leadership to do a better job.

Finally, as a keen car restorer, Mike



"Here come da judge..."

rebuilt several MGs and Jaguars including a Mark 2 project with club members, recently completed.

Mike O'Brien's commitment, drive and energy have doubtless been instrumental to the successful operation of the Ottawa Jaguar Club over the last decade and a half. We owe him a huge debt of gratitude and will struggle to fill the massive hole he leaves behind. While stepping back from the organization, he and Gail look forward to maintaining their club friendships.



MANY THANKS, MIKE!

2017 "BENT PISTON" award



JEFF POSTON - 2017 BENT PISTON AWARD WINNER

Jeff's adventures with his 1969 E-type Series 2 roadster began innocently enough summer 2013 as he purchased the car from a restoration company in Orangeville. Making it home to Ottawa, he noted intermittent transmission problems, overheating and a disappearing clutch.

Following some rolling repairs, he drove the car "as is" for a couple of seasons before deciding to consult local E-type guru, Rob Staruch. The transmission would need a rebuild involving an engine removal plus addressing what Rob ominously described as "structural issues". By the end of 2014, Jeff came to the realization that a full restoration was the only satisfactory solution. Following a winter of extensive research, he decided he would arrange or undertake the necessary mechanical repairs himself, while leaving the structural metal work and refinishing to a professional.

In May 2015, Dez Fitzgerald of *Dez' Paint Shop* agreed to Jeff setting up shop at his Greely facility. Jeff disassembled the E and sourced new metal and body panels for Dez' project lead, son Paul, through a US firm in Maryland, Monocoque Metal Works. Professionally retired, Jeff spent two years' worth of almost daily long hours at Dez', removing bits, fixing bits, finding bits and sourcing/resourcing new parts from the US and



OTTAWA JAGUAR CLUB
'BENT PISTON' AWARD

The award was created and first presented in 1991 to recognize an individual ...

"...who has demonstrated outstanding perseverance, mechanical skill and bull-headed determination in repairing and/or restoring a Jaguar while maintaining a reasonable level of good humour and/or sanity."

UK that did/didn't fit. Meanwhile with the metalwork underway, Jeff arranged for a members' visit to check out the progress. (See Jottings Sep 2015, Nov 2016) Following the structural rebuild and refinish, a general mechanical overhaul (less engine), rebuilt transmission and differential by Rob, new interior and new convertible top and frame, a resplendent red E-type rolled out into the sunshine summer 2017. While "fettling" a particularly awkward top frame continues, Jeff's project is complete. Other than the occasional mutterings about the top frame, Jeff appears to have come through the ordeal relatively unscathed.

Lessons learned? Be sure the body is well braced before undertaking structural metal work, disassembling the



Project underway - summer 2015



Primered and ready for paint



Reassembly nearly finished



Pristine and back on the road

bonnet/hood into its 17 component parts creates an absolute nightmare when trying to get it to fit properly afterwards and if your convertible top frame is at all reusable, don't opt for a new replacement since they are virtually custom made and fitted individually to each car.

Congrats on a superb job, Jeff!

There are five issues that the OJC executive will be pursuing in 2018. The following article is intended to provide some background and bring the membership up to date on the actions so far and objectives for the year, as a sort of business plan for action.

Corporate Reporting

Following an extensive internal review of the club's records in 2017, it was determined that the club may not have been meeting government reporting obligations to coincide with the club's legal status as an incorporated non-profit organization. Reporting in the past had been sporadic resulting in a ten year period of non-reporting. To ensure the club meets any obligation if/as required, an accounting firm was consulted and assisted by advising reporting format requirements, which through the extra efforts of past and current executives have been completed. A submission will be completed and forwarded shortly. There will be a one-time consulting fee to be paid to the accounting firm. Annual submissions in the past have been prepared and submitted internally by the club, a practice that is being examined for any subsequent reporting if/as required.

Liability Insurance

In today's increasingly litigious society ("...when in doubt, sue!..") adequate insurance coverage is ever more relevant. At the suggestion of our sister club in Toronto we have carefully studied the umbrella insurance policy provided by the Jaguar Clubs of North America (JCNA) and found that the liability coverage for club management may need strengthening. We have made little progress seeking clarification with the JCNA policy underwriters but were able to gain valuable advice from a local Canadian broker. It is evident that the JCNA umbrella policy pro-

vides adequate direct coverage for the club and participating members at club events but is lacking adequate extended coverage in the event of personal suit against the club executives. To fill the void, we are negotiating for a supplementary Canadian policy at a moderate premium to be in place early in 2018. It is important for serving executives that there be adequate personal coverage if we expect members to be enthusiastic about participating in these club leadership roles.

Club Constitution review

From recent experience it is evident that our Constitution, substantially unchanged since drafted in 1986, requires review and revision if it is to serve as an appropriate and user-friendly tool for the club's management. Issues such as a clearer definition of the individual member's role in financial decisions and redefining quorum/proxy requirements and process in light of frequent low-attendance at the AGM and other meetings need to be considered if club business is to be enacted fairly and without delay. We will be proposing revisions to the full membership in 2018 for consideration and approval.

JCNA Affiliation

The question of JCNA affiliation surfaces within the club membership from time to time and is often contentious. At the heart of the matter is the fundamental question of benefit versus cost of belonging to the 65+ club North America-wide association. At the current exchange rate, the \$US 35 (\$C 45) fee per member consumes three quarters of the annual OJC membership of \$C 60. The direct benefits include a bi-monthly magazine "Jaguar Journal", new car discounts and official endorsement and a subsidy for concours d'élégance events held in accordance with JCNA rules, the results of which are often cited for assessing a car's

value. Increasingly these benefits apply to fewer and fewer club members and underscore the need to examine the relevance of JCNA to the membership as a whole. An equally supportive portion of the club sees the affiliation with its official ties to Jaguar Land Rover as a form of "legitimacy" for the club with a necessary structure as a basis for local activities.

In any case, I propose to form a committee of members early in 2018 without an obvious history of bias either way, a chairperson with an in-depth knowledge of the issues and someone to keep the financial accounting in order. The committee will report their findings and recommendations to the club executive within an adequate time frame this year. The executive can then decide which course to recommend to the membership concerning a membership wide formal vote on the subject. That process would include a comprehensive information package covering both sides of the issue to ensure a fully-informed basis for voting. We have detailed legal obligations to JCNA concerning a possible exit vote that require a formal process to be followed, should it come to that.

Executive Succession

As with most volunteer-based organizations, we face the continuous challenge of finding regular replacements for our executive committee. We have the mixed blessing of executives, in the absence of volunteer successors, extending repeatedly often to the point of discouragement and exhaustion. Our AGM process calls for a nominating committee (of late the vice-president) to find replacements; a frequently futile effort. Often in private industry there is formal succession plans to provide a smooth transfer for executive positions. We need something like this so we do not end up in a last minute scramble to find a replacement or as is sometimes the case, adding .../2

the task to an existing executive (e.g. Vice-President is also the Activities Coordinator). This includes ways to engage and encourage newer members to the administration of the club. I will be exploring this with the executive group this year.

Conclusion

We have a significant number of administrative items to be tackled this year in addition to our normal activities and I am proposing a priority listing as follows:

1. corporation reporting
2. liability insurance
3. Constitution review
4. JCNA affiliation
5. Executive succession planning

While this ambitious plan will have the Executive fully engaged, in several instances the active involvement of the individual member is crucial if we are to bring the plan to a successful conclusion. If you haven't done so before, now is the time to consider volunteering to help ensure the continuing health and success of the Ottawa Jaguar Club.

David Kenny

OJC EXECUTIVE - OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

OFFICERS	INCUMBENT / FIRST INSTATED	ELECTED / RE-ELECTED FOR 2018
President	Dave Kenny (2014)	Dave Kenny
Vice President and Activities Coordinator	Bob Hiland (2014)	Bob Hiland
Secretary	Beverly Blais (2015)	Dave Batten Beverly Blais (recording secretary)
Treasurer	Roy Fjarlie (2017)	Roy Fjarlie
Advisor	Rob Dunlop (2014)	Rob Dunlop
DIRECTORS		
Interclub Coordinator(s)	Mike O'Brien (Eurocars) Don LeBlanc and Al Graves (ABCD)	Vacant (Eurocars) Don LeBlanc and Dave Batten (ABCD)
Activities Coordinator	Vacant. With VP	Vacant. With VP
Technical Director	Phil Karam (2004)	Phil Karam
Membership Director	Karen Wilson (2011)	Karen Wilson
Concours Chairman	John Blais (2014)	John Blais
Concours Chief Judge	Rob Dunlop (2013)	Rob Dunlop
Jottings Editor/Publisher	Rob Dunlop (2015)	Rob Dunlop
Webmaster	Karen Wilson (2011)	Karen Wilson
Librarian	Chuck Robinson (2015)	Vacant
Facilities & Equipment Manager	Mike O'Brien (2013)	Vacant

The Jaguar I-Pace eTrophy



After becoming the first premium manufacturer to enter Formula E in 2016, Jaguar has created the world's first production battery electric vehicle race series. The Jaguar I-PACE eTROPHY will be the support series for the FIA Formula E Championship, taking place on the same weekends at the same city circuits, starting in late 2018.



Exclusively featuring Jaguar I-PACE eTROPHY racecars, the new all-electric series gives racers of the future a chance to showcase their talent, competing on the world stage in zero-emissions motorsport. The groundbreaking championship will support the launch of the Jaguar I-PACE – Jaguar's highly innovative five-seat battery electric sports car which hits the road in the same year. Up to 20 electric Jaguar I-PACE racecars will be on the grid for 10 races in global cities such as Hong Kong, Paris, Sao Paulo and New York. - JLR MEDIA

Events & Activities 2018

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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.

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FIRST DRAFT FOR 2018

Feb	Darts and Pizza Night – St Anthony's UK Interclub Darts Tournament—Barrhaven Legion
Apr 29	Spring Dinner - Britannia Yacht Club
May	Spring Drive Concours judges' training and test – St Anthony's
Jun 10	OJC Concours and Family Day – Cumberland Heritage Museum
Jul	Summer Drive All British Car Day (ABCD) – Britannia Beach
Aug	Weekend Tour Boot 'n' Bonnet British Car Show – Kingston
Sep	Hazeldean Mall British Invasion and Pub "Growler Cup" golf tourney
Oct	Fall Colours Drive
Nov	Annual General Meeting
Dec	Christmas Dinner

Other events are under consideration pending further details later in the year including:

- *XK 70th Anniversary celebrations with Jaguar Ottawa, ABCD*
- *Rendez Vous drives with JCNA New England club, Toronto club, Montreal club, Eurocars*
 - *Sep - Watkins Glen NY Vintage Festival featuring Jaguar*

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