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Well, we finally got the hot humid summer we've been pining for. Fortunately, the weather has cooperated for the major events in July. The ABCD show started overcast but turned into a clear and moderately hot day with a good turnout of 165 entries...a bit down from last year's count, but with a number of unique and interesting cars. These ranged from a late thirties Singer sedan rescued from a barn in England and in driveable condition with the original but faded paint to a 1970's Triumph Stag in original mint condition.

Al Graves and Don LeBlanc organized an interesting summer drive and picnic to the west of Ottawa, across the Ottawa River to Fort Coulonge and then east back towards Gatineau including the memorable Chutes Coulonge Falls and the rural home of Lee Keeley and Josee Dubois including a "droolworthy" super garage housing a fine collection of cars. Many thanks to Lee and Josee for their hospitality, while we pored over their cars.

Carol and Fergus Groundwater graciously hosted a celebration of 50 years of the 1968 "1 1/2" E-type series with a tasty BBQ in a wonderful garden setting. Again, we drooled over Fergus' impressive super garage and another memorable collection of classic cars. There was an excellent turnout for this event with the usual gaggle of other Jags. The 1968 E types included six of the seven club

cars parked in a group for photos and to be admired.

All went well although not without some typical Jag drama as Guy Goodman's '68 roadster was able to attend only after a harrowing few days of obstinately refusing to run. It turned out he had a replay of my '86 Vanden Plas' problem of the fuel tank clogging from the unique waste (a brown jelly substance) generated by a type of bacteria which lives in moist or wet conditions but likes to feast on hydrocarbons like gasoline. (*See Sep 2017 Jottings for full article-editor*) A fuel tank with water is a perfect environment for these bacteria. On a positive side, they are currently being specially-bred for cleaning up oil spills in the ocean. The solution is to drain and flush the fuel tank thoroughly, refill with fresh fuel and then disconnect the fuel line at the filter and pump through until clean fuel emerges. The line can then be reconnected and with some cranking, should see the engine run smoothly after sucking through the residual jelly. This can happen to any of our antique cars particularly if the tank has been left partially full in conditions where moisture in the air can condense on the cold sides of the tank interior and then collect eventually under the fuel.

I also had an interesting week with my XJ Vanden Plas, where the fuel in the left tank kept being pumped into the right tank, which can be a problem with nearly full tanks. Eventually, after removing the switchover valve and thoroughly testing it alone, I realized that the problem was elsewhere. I proved this by running a new electric line directly from the battery to the valve and bypassing the dash mounted control switch, which resulted in the valve functioning normally and maintaining the separate operation of the tanks. Now I have to sort out whether the problem is in the dash switch itself or in the wiring. Just the situation to keep a retired engineer's brain functioning...

We are now eagerly anticipating another extensive drive organized by Al and Don to the Kawartha area west of Ottawa for the weekend of 3 August including a lake cruise on an early steamer. There's also lots of other car related activity to tempt you including our dealer-sponsored commemoration of the XK120's 70 years. Check out our busy calendar and take the opportunity to exercise your Jag while our super summer lasts...

Dave Kenny

August Events

3-5 OJC WEEKEND TOUR - MUSKOKA AND KAWARTHAS

12 BOOT 'N' BONNET BRITISH CAR SHOW - KINGSTON

17 JAGUAR OTTAWA - "XK70" COMMEMORATION

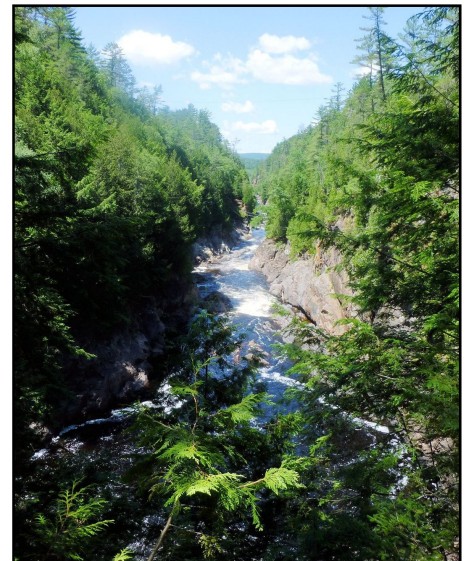
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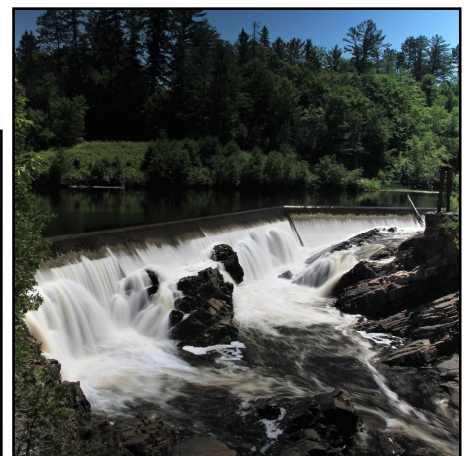
2018 OJC Summer Drive & Picnic



The 2018 OJC Summer Drive and picnic was held on July 7th under ideal conditions with blue skies and bright sunshine. Ten cars departed from Arnprior and headed up the valley alongside the Ottawa River along delightful country driving roads with a view across the Ottawa River, arriving at Beachburg for a coffee stop.



From there we crossed the Ottawa River into Quebec for the drive to the park and spectacular waterfalls at Chutes Coulonge. After a picnic lunch and time to explore the falls, the gorge and the historic trail, we departed for a drive through Otter Lake and Ladysmith, Quebec and on to Quyon, Quebec for an hour stop at Lee Keeley's to view his Jaguar and other classic car collection. Lee was a great host and the organizers thank him for hosting us.



Departing Lee's, many folks headed back to eastern Ottawa directly down Hwy 148 while a few took the Quyon Ferry route back to Ontario and the west end of Ottawa. The route was about 275 km and 4 hours of driving, split into 6 stages on good, largely empty country highways and roads... all in all a superb weather and driving day.



Alan Graves

(A special thanks to Alan Graves and Don LeBlanc for organizing another super drive and outing – editor)



All British Car Day

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All British Car Day (ABCD) at Britannia Beach went off without a hitch this year as even the rain stopped early in the morning just in time for the show. It was sunny and warm by the time all the cars had arrived and were settled in for the day.

The registered car attendance was down slightly possible due to the rainy start to the day, but still a good turn out with 165 cars in attendance and well over a thousand spectators.

The featured marques this year were Morgan and TVR and at times there were crowds around them you could not see past, especially around the 3-wheeled Morgans. It was great to see so many of each in attendance.

The People's Choice awards were as follows:

First - Peter Gaby - 1958 Jaguar 3.4 Saloon, Ottawa

Second - Mike Bozinski - 1992 TVR Griffith, Burlington, ON

Third - Jean Gadbois - 1963 Jaguar E-type 2+2, Roxboro, PQ

Featured Marque Winner - Malcolm Brown - 1967 Morgan 4/4, Ottawa

"Thank You" to everyone from OJC who helped out this year and to all of those who have given their time to the event in the past. I've always thought that the ABCD is one of the nicest car shows on the calendar every year and it would not be possible without the 30-40 volunteers from all the British car clubs that are needed. Hope to see you again next year.

David Batten





The inevitable passage of time in human terms is mostly signified by milestones in our lives; births, weddings, anniversaries, deaths and the pesky annual reminder of birthdays. (...you'll note that I didn't mention the equally inevitable appearance of gray hair, wrinkles and bionic joints...) For some, these events can extend to recognizing the love of animals and pets. For an odd bunch, it extends even further to inanimate objects which occupy a cherished place in our lives.

So it was this past 21 July when 30 OJC members gathered to celebrate the 50th birthday of six E-types manufactured in 1968. A curious happenstance of our club's car population of 146 Jags including 28 E-types (May 2018 stats), is that seven left Coventry in 1968.

These cars, unofficially termed "Series One and a Half" represent the brief period as the model transitioned from the original E-type Series 1 to the fully-federalized Series 2. As such, although supposedly of the same model year, each has its own individual characteristics.

It occurred to '68 E-type owner Guy Goodman that the occasion of a half century since creation should not be overlooked. Fellow '68'er Fergus Groundwater agreed and he and his wife Carol generously offered to host an appropriate club gathering at their wonderful home. So it was that under blue skies and bright sunshine, six of the seven club's birthday E-types congregated chez Groundwater, joined by sever-



al E-type cousins, Phil Karam's '54 XK120 (...now THAT'S old...) and a variety of other Jag models. The special occasion provided lots of photo ops and good old tech talk while others gathered to socialize on the spacious patio and enjoy the excellent BBQ lunch, overseen by son Fergus "II". The afternoon came to a close with the cutting of a marvellous birthday cake and a bit of the bubbly to toast the Class of '68.



Our sincerest thanks go to Carol and Fergus Groundwater for hosting the special day and a highlight of our summer season and to the six E owners (including instigator Guy Goodman) for bringing the superb birthday cars.

Funny thing...on my way home in my '68 E-type, top down, the leather aroma mixed with a whiff of oil and the bark of the exhaust as we wafted along low to the road suggested to me anything but an "inanimate object". I'm pretty sure many other Jag owners feel the same way.

Rob Dunlop



Fergus and Carol do the honours



His devotion to Helen was always a priority in his life and in the later years, his commitment to her in declining health was paramount. As his circumstances changed as well, he continued to keep up to date on club activities and tech talk with the Jottings newsletter. Club members joined his daughter Vivian and Harry for lunch at his seniors' home last summer.

To the earlier members, Harry will be greatly missed and well remembered. To newer members, his generous commitment to the club and his love of family and friends set an example to emulate. God speed Harry...

Our club lost one of our most active and long-term members recently, with the passing of Harry Brownell on 9 July at the age of 86 years.

Harry and his lovely wife Helen joined OJC in 1996. An experienced "motorhead" and member of the Antique Car Club, he added a 1968 E-type 2+2 to his garage which included a prize-winning 1948 Ford coupe he had restored. Harry and Helen quickly became active participants in all club activities including Harry qualifying as a concours judge. By 2000 he took on the added responsibility of Membership Chair as well as Concours Chief Judge, both of which he retained for three years. Thereafter, he remained with the club executive becoming one of our Technical Advisors.

The wry smile in Harry's picture above left says a lot about his personality. He was generally soft spoken, a man of few words but often spiced with a dry sense of humour. He had a wide technical knowledge and was always willing to help out. Methodical and precise, he kept meticulous notes on his two cars.



Harry's 1968 E-type 2+2



The Brownells' prize-winning '48 Ford coupe



Harry and Helen with their 1948 Ford



Dapper Chief Judge Harry (left) with Herb Woods - OJC Concours 2001



Coming Events

OJC DRIVE - BOOT N BONNET BRITISH CAR SHOW

KINGSTON - AUG 12TH 2018

The Boot 'n Bonnet Club's

29th Annual

BRITISH CAR DAY

Kingston City Park
Sunday August 12th, 2018
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

This Year Celebrating Family Saloon Cars



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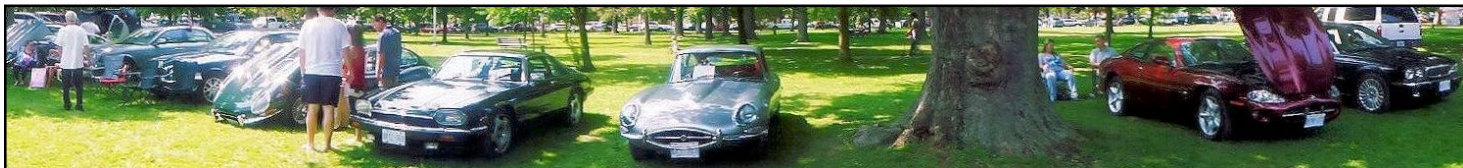
ADMISSION: \$25.00 PER CAR (includes BBQ lunch for 2)



Every year the Boot n Bonnet Club of Kingston holds their annual British Car Show in the shade of Kingston City Park. This year the show is from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on August 12th. OJC often organizes a drive to this show and this year is no exception.

This year's drive departs from outside The Village Bean Coffee Shop, Merrickville, south of Ottawa, at around 9:30 AM, to arrive at the show around 10:45, after a 1 hr 30 min, 107 km drive on good secondary roads and county highways. We will depart the show between 2:30 and 3 pm for the return journey to Ottawa which will feature the delightful driving road that is The Opinicon Road, plus a coffee stop just north of Kingston en route.

The Trip will end at Ashton, from where folks can make their way home via Hwy 7/417 or join us for a bite or a pint at The Old Mill Pub. **If you are interested, please advise Alan Graves at afgraves@rogers.com before 7 August** so that route details can be sent to you. Show admission is \$25 including a BBQ lunch for two.



Jaguar XK120 70th Anniversary Year Commemoration Event *Jaguar Ottawa, 17th August 2018, 6 PM*



Jaguar Ottawa and the Ottawa Jaguar Club invite club members and their partners to attend an evening commemoration event, at the Jaguar Ottawa dealership at 1300 Michael St. to recognize 2018 as the 70th anniversary of the announcement of the Jaguar XK120 at the British Motor Show of October, 1948.

On display at our event will be a representative line up of the Jaguar sporting car generations that started with the XK120 and continued all the way to the current F-Type, 70 years later. This line up is kindly provided by members of the club plus, for the F-Type, Jaguar Ottawa.



Following the viewing of the historical line up commencing at 6 pm there will be a commemoration reception at the premises of Jaguar Ottawa, from 6:50 to about 8:30 on Friday, August 17th and including brief presentations on the history of the XK120 and on the importance of the XK120 and its progeny on the history of Jaguar as well as the future of the marque including information on the all-electric I-Pace. Complementary light refreshments will be served and there will be a cash bar. More details will be available in the next Jottings.

The XK120

The XK120 was launched in open two-seater roadster form at the 1948 London Motor Show as a test-bed and show car for the new Jaguar XK engine. The roadster caused a sensation, which persuaded Jaguar founder and Chairman William Lyons to put it into production. The "120" in the name referred to the aluminium car's 120 mph top speed, which made it the world's fastest production car at the time of its launch. By the time the XK140 was launched some 12,045 XK120's had been built.

For more details or to indicate your participation [contact Alan Graves at afgraves@rogers.com](mailto:afgraves@rogers.com)



Coming Events



TED POWELL RACE WEEKEND - CAR SHOW **Calabogie Motorsport Park** **Sunday, 26 August**



Again this year, Calabogie Motorsport Park (CMP) is conducting the Ted Powell Races Weekend 24-26 August with a variety of racing classes including vintage and historic cars. **On Sunday, 26 August** CMP is organizing a car show in the lower paddock including parade laps for participants during the racing lunch break. A fee of \$10 per car will be collected for the local Lion's Club. If there's sufficient interest, a run from Kanata to Calabogie could be organized to attend the show as an all-British cars group. Details will be available closer to the date.

OJC members participated previously and had a super day driving to the track with other British club cars, watching the races and experiencing a couple of laps around the track. (Track photo/diagram at www.calabogiemotorsports.com/track/)

Numbers are needed by mid August, so if interested, contact Rob Dunlop by 15 August
(editor@ottawajaguarclub.com).

I should mention for those unaware, Ted Powell was a well known local racer and member of the Ottawa Jaguar Club.

HAZELDEAN CRUISE NIGHT **"BRITISH INVASION"** **TUESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER**



The Hazeldean Cruise Night organizers have again extended their hospitality to us and will provide us with the space for our "British Invasion". There is no entry fee.

You are invited to come and join us to show your Jaguar in the "British Invasion" zone any time **after 5:15 pm** on **Tuesday, September 11th** at **Hazeldean Shopping Center** on Eagleson Road. We will leave the show at about 7:15 pm and go for a short 15-25 min drive to a local pub/eatery in rural or suburban western Ottawa. Please do join us for a chance to show and see these cars and then go for a bite and a pint.



If you have any queries contact
Alan at afgraves@rogers.com

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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2018 DATA IS EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE END FEB ALSO IN SPRING ISSUE OF "BOUNDER".

Feb	16 - Darts 'n' Pizza Night – St Anthony's Soccer Club 24 - UK Interclub Darts Tournament—Barrhaven Legion
Mar	17 - Super Tech Day - Sawyer restoration
Apr	29 - Spring Dinner - Britannia Yacht Club
May	21 Concours judges' training and test – St Anthony's 5 PM 26 - OJC SPRING DRIVE - Tim Horton's, Carleton Place 9 AM
Jun	10 - OJC CONCOURS & FAMILY DAY – CUMBERLAND HERITAGE MUSEUM 24 - Wheels on the Mississippi Car Show
Jul	07 OJC SUMMER DRIVE & PICNIC 14 - ALL BRITISH CAR DAY (ABCD) – BRITANNIA BEACH 21 - 50TH BIRTHDAY OJC '68 E TYPES - MANOTICK 28 - 1st Annual Canadian Capital Classic Car Show - Wesley Clover Parks
Aug	3-5 OJC WEEKEND TOUR - MUSKOKA AND KAWARTHAS 12 - BOOT 'N' BONNET BRITISH CAR SHOW – KINGSTON 17 - JAGUAR OTTAWA - "XK70" COMMEMORATION 26 - CALABOGIE RACES - CAR SHOW
Sep	11 HAZELDEAN MALL BRITISH INVASION AND PUB TBA "Growler Cup" golf tourney 23 - Euro and British Classic Car Show, Merrickville (NEW EVENT)
Oct	Fall Colours Drive
Nov	Annual General Meeting
Dec	Christmas Dinner
<i>Other events are under consideration pending further details later in the year including:</i> • <i>XK 70th Anniversary celebrations with Jaguar Ottawa, ABCD</i> • <i>Sep - Watkins Glen NY Vintage Festival featuring Jaguar</i>	

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FOR SALE - 1955 XK-140MC

An Open Two-Seater/roadster model, needing a few months work to complete. It is a roller, with rebuilt engine, gearbox and rear-axle installed.

It has had a complete body-off restoration, with substantial new steel in the body, panel fits and seams lead-filled as original practice. The chassis was sandblasted and coated with Imron. Body was painted in two-part urethane.

Included are approx. \$10K in new parts, including BAS upholstery kit, rubber parts kit and wiring harness.

Comes with the matching numbers C-type head (rebuilt) and original 2-in H8 carbs, two Moss gearboxes, an XK-140 block and spare steering box. All instruments are included, but will need rebuilding. The car was upgraded with a Getrag 5-speed box.

Recently independently appraised at \$75K. Asking \$70K USD o.n.o. Copy of appraisal available on request.

Car is located in Carleton Place.

Contact: egamblin@magma.ca



Available separately, make an offer:

- **Jaguar Service Manual (XK120-Mk IX)**, new, ISBN 1 870642279
- **XK-140 Parts Manual** (photocopy)
- **Original Jaguar XK** - Porter, first edition
- **XK-140 performance cams**, NOS pair, part GTJ-25 (GT Jaguar, Eastlake, OH).
- **Iskenderian competition valve springs**, NOS JA-005 & JA-006
(Installed H 1.312-in, Seat pressure 110 lb, Rate 320 lb/in
Max coil bind H .86 in) c/w Carb needles.
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