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Only about a month 'til Christmas!....then three and a bit months to the next driving season. Meanwhile, winter abounds and early. I hope y'all have your cars well and safely stored to wake up next April fresh and invigorated and that the lucky few who escape south are safely back to enjoy the warm months of Canada.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A good crowd braved the early snow to swell the number of attendees at this year's AGM. We actually had 33 persons and accomplished a lot of important club business including significant updating of the club constitution thanks to the efforts of Bob Hiland and his committee members. We now have a comprehensive code of conduct

embedded in the written document and I recommend that we all read, absorb and practice it.

The reports on the controversial issues of last year such as the liability insurance and CRA missing tax returns revealed happy and non-controversial solutions had been achieved so that we are now in legal compliance with all aspects of our Ontario registered defined non-profit status. Jeff Poston contributed a good evidence-based commentary on a treasury reserve of about 2 year's worth of expenses, which confirms our current status. Next year's AGM will likely be quite boringly dull... hopefully.

It was gratifying to hear newer members like Brian Moorcroft, Jeff Poston and Jay Hunt contributing wisdom to our AGM discussions. It underscores a serious issue facing our club in the near future...namely sourcing new executives. It was sobering to hear the report outlining that virtually all current execs will have been serving between five and ten years by 2019. Clearly it's time for fresh thinking and new energy. Take heed folks, there will be need for new candidates or the club will become leaderless. The current exec will soldier on for 2019 but the clock is ticking...

The issue of welcoming new members surfaced in the discussions. Based on his own experience, it was suggested by a new member that we could each make a better effort at introducing ourselves, including couples in the social activities and just wearing our nametags. The upcoming Christmas Dinner presents the perfect opportunity to truly welcome and make the new folks feel part of our club.

In addition to our AGM, OJC took up the challenge of an MG Club-sponsored **Multi-club Trivia** contest 25 November and entered two teams vying against their MG and Triumph counterparts. A wide variety of general knowledge questions provided for an enjoyable afternoon. While the impressive trophy was awarded elsewhere, OJC should get another chance at what appears to be a new annual event.

Looking ahead to our final event for 2018, the Christmas Dinner, we have now surpassed the magic 50 attendees needed. That said, there is still lots of room if you haven't booked with Bob Hiland ...the more the merrier! Keitha and I are looking forward to seeing you all at the Hunt Club to celebrate the Festive Season. In the meantime, drive safe.

Dave Kenny



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM was held again at St Anthony's on Sunday, 18 November where 33 members enjoyed an excellent brunch buffet before getting down to the business at hand. The minutes of the meeting are currently undergoing final review and approval and will then be published on the password-controlled section of our website for general viewing. In the meantime, here is the list of executives elected/re-elected for 2019. Editor.



The members gather...



The tasty brunch buffet

OJC EXECUTIVE BOARD

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MULTI-CLUB TRIVIA CHALLENGE

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Oxford Dictionary - definition of trivia - "details, considerations, or pieces of information of little importance or value".

According to Oxford's considered definition and despite the seemingly meaningless purpose and questionable utility of doing so, the Ottawa MG Club extended a challenge to OJC and the Ottawa Valley Triumph Club to demonstrate who best accumulates irrelevant facts in an informal, social setting at the Fallowfield Legion, 25 November. Ever ready for a challenge of such insignificance, OJC contributed two teams (the Growlers and the Wild Cats) to the proceedings.

The fifty questions represented the "general knowledge" category

suggesting topics of even lesser significance than those of a specialized nature. At the conclusion of the stress-inducing competition, the team with apparently the greatest ability to retain and regurgitate meaningless information represented the OVTC... not to suggest that there is any general correlation. Disturbingly, one of the OJC teams was not that far behind in the final tally.

"To the victor go the spoils..." in this instance, a magnificent, tall trophy provided by the host OMGC. Of note, the glittering award featured an MGB model on the top, again not to suggest any correlation between that classic vehicle and trivia pre-eminence.

All kidding aside, the event proved an enjoyable social diversion for the participants and great fun. A special thanks once again to Trish Adams and the OMGC for including us in the afternoon and to our reps who displayed a superior ability to recall nothing of significance at the appropriate time.

There is every possibility that this may become an annual event to include additional clubs, in which case should you wish to join the august OJC group in future, here are a few sample questions from this year's competition to test your level of stored irrelevance...answers follow elsewhere in the Jottings. I hesitate to offer a "good luck".

Rob Dunlop

- 1. Name three provincial capital cities located on islands.*
- 2. Which Canadian prime minister was once arrested in the Middle East accused of being an Israeli spy?*
- 3. Which auto manufacturer was the first to equip its cars with seat belts?*
- 4. What is Ontario's main source of power - coal - hydro - nuclear - oil?*
- 5. Which province's residents report having sex most often?*
- 6. Which province experimented with double - daylight savings time in 1988?*
- 7. Which was the first turbo-charged production automobile
BMW 2002 Turbo - Porsche 930 - Buick Regal - Oldsmobile F-85 Cutlass?*
- 8. In which city was the first Tim Horton's opened in 1964?*
- 9. Which TV show's philosophy is "if women don't find you handsome, they should find you handy"?*
- 10. In 1897, which town became the most populous settlement west of Winnipeg and north of San Francisco?*

A Glimpse of the Future

I remember when the E-type Jaguar first arrived. I was living in Europe in 1961 and a friend of my dad's had been to London and brought back a full-colour brochure with stylized drawings of an ultra sleek car almost identical to Jaguar's racing models. A year later, we had returned to Ottawa and I was attending a Motor Sport Club of Ottawa gymkhana/slalom being held in the Carling wood mall parking lot (ah...the good old days...) when a gold E-type roadster drove up and parked with the competing cars. I was stunned by how low it was and how it made the angular MGs and Triumphs look instantly old-fashioned. The deep growl of the XK engine echoed against the pavement as it pulled away. If I wasn't a Jag fan before, I certainly was then.

Over the years, Jaguar has continued to surprise both visually and technically, often at the forefront of new development but always a style leader. In recent years, the tradition has continued with the fabulous F-Type and, bowing to public taste, two SUVs which manage to maintain that "Jaguarness" without falling into the copycat utilitarian mold.

This past month, I had the opportunity to drive Jaguar's latest model...the much anticipated I-Pace all electric crossover. The lead-up announcements caught the motoring world by surprise as the majority of manufacturers were focussing on diesel and hybrid power while other than Tesla, there were no luxury EV cars anticipated.

As I pulled into the Jaguar Ottawa lot, I spotted a low, dark shape amongst the snow-tired towering Jag and Land Rover SUVs. Once parked, I walked over to inspect the all black vehicle, sinister-looking with a flowing, muscular shape and massive wheels. Although occupying the same road foot print as an F-Pace SUV, Ian Callum and his design team took full advantage of the space available from eliminating the traditional engine and drive train to create a low, sensual, un-SUV shape, wheels extended out to the four corners, maximizing the interior room. I had a chance to inspect the steel gray model on the show room floor noting the elegant modern Jaguar interior, the spacious

individual front seats and the vast, almost spaceship-like dash. The rear leg room was notable, aided by the significant space under the front seats. The trunk/boot lid opened electrically, revealing a large storage area. My one misgiving was rearward vision with the tiny letterbox shaped window...the price of a shapely body but maybe not a significant shortcoming with the rear sensors and camera, pretty much standard these days.

Returning to the black demo with my salesman/minder, I slid into the seat and quickly felt at home with the exception of the bewildering dash...mostly black with no power and no instruments I recognized. The minder suggested I push the "start/stop" button, noting that I would not know it was "on" until scanning the displays. Again, I was faced with dials and symbols totally foreign to me. The "gearshift" amounted to a row of three simple buttons marked "R", "N", and "D". Pressing "R" the Jag began moving rearward in utter silence as I scanned the camera's view for obstacles. Pushing "D" and the car responded moving forward, at this point I could hear a faint electric motor whine, not unlike a distant food blender. Once underway, the taut steering and firm yet pliable ride were evident, more akin to an F-Type than the other Jag SUV cousins. The test route amounted to a two minute run west on the Queensway and return east. The objective as best as I can figure out was to experience the prodigious acceleration without adding a lot of non-customer kilometers (both I-Paces were sold already)...and believe me, the acceleration was mighty.

Interestingly, having never driven an EV before, once underway, I wasn't expecting to "hear" anything, yet in reality, there's still the road wheel rumble and air whizzing by which is pretty much what you hear with any vehicle. While it has lots of high tech goodies like regenerative braking etc (check out the Jaguar Canada website for the details), in the short spin allowed me I had no opportunity other than to "point and squirt" the vehicle. I still don't know what the Star Trek dash was telling me...

As I climbed back into my ordinary Jaguar X-Type wagon for the short trip home, the word that came to mind for the experi-



JAGUAR I-PACE SPECS

BHP/torque - 394 / 512 lb-ft
0-100 kmh - 4.8 secs
Range - 377 kms
MSRP - \$C 86.5 - 103.5

ence was "impressive". It's every bit a Jaguar as the E-type and its successors, brought into the 21st century. How it will fare in the cold (literally) harsh reality of everyday Canada will be interesting to see. The electrical infrastructure will be challenging as well as the range between charging stations. That said, it's not likely the streets of Ottawa will be teeming with I-Pace as the salesperson indicated they expected no more than a dozen vehicles in their allotment...far fewer than the Teslas which seem to be just about everywhere. There's also the small matter of price...generally around the \$C 100K mark which shortens down the potential customer list a tad.

Leaving the lot, I saw the black I-Pace inch out on another test drive, reminding of that first siting of the E-type fifty-six years ago. The new Jag is certainly exciting to see but the only sound being the crunching of the tires on the gravel road doesn't quite do it for me. Nice car...but not my kind of Jaguar. Maybe for the next generation.

Rob Dunlop

TANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

My son-in-law, who is restoring a '67 Sunbeam Alpine, sent me the attached photo of the contents of its two gas tanks, which he discovered while refurbishing them. Note the diverse range from wood branches and nails to odd bits of sorts. This shows why it's important to empty and refinish 50 year- old gas tanks. The logic of inserting these items into the tanks escapes me. He found a finishing kit on-line, which will leave the interior surfaces coated to protect the sheet metal for another 50 years.

Dave Kenny



Of Mice and Men

Storing your precious Jaguar(s) over the winter months often attracts mice. These pests can wreak havoc with your car's electrical system and interior seats and their droppings have a lingering smell.

Entry to the interior is usually via firewall holes intended for the wiring and they can even nest in the exhaust tailpipe...which I know for a fact as they shot out the back when I started up the car in the spring!

If you think that your garage is mouse proof, think again. Many of us have used moth balls, Fleecy drier sheets, peppermint oil and other home remedies in

order to keep the critters out. I've tried them all with varying success. (Forget about using poison as you won't want a dead mouse in the car interior.)

What I have been doing lately is setting traps with a dab of peanut butter. I recommend the Dollarama black plastic traps which seem to be the best, cheapest and easiest to set.

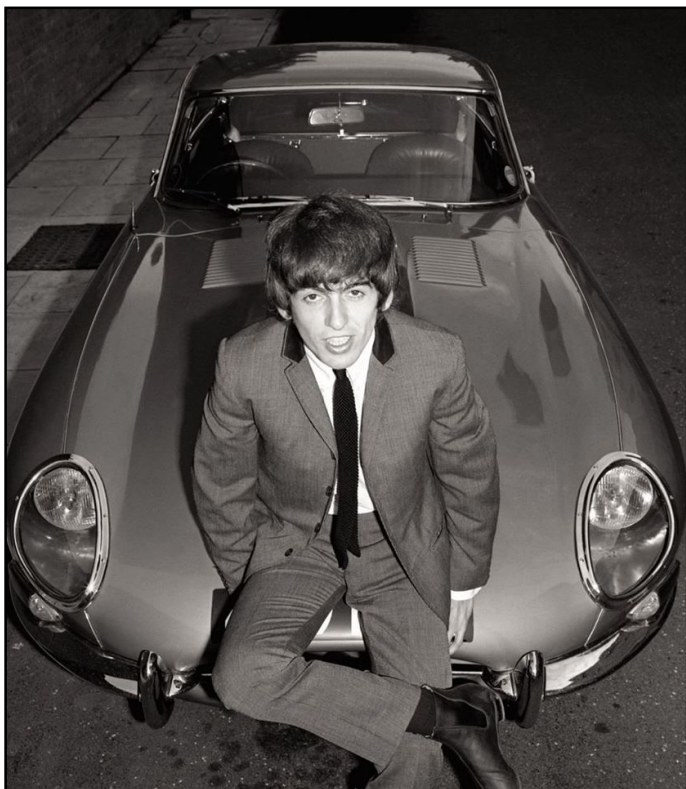
Happy hunting!
Phil Karam

(I've personally used mouse traps and peanut butter with great success – I recommend crunchy vice smoothie. Editor)

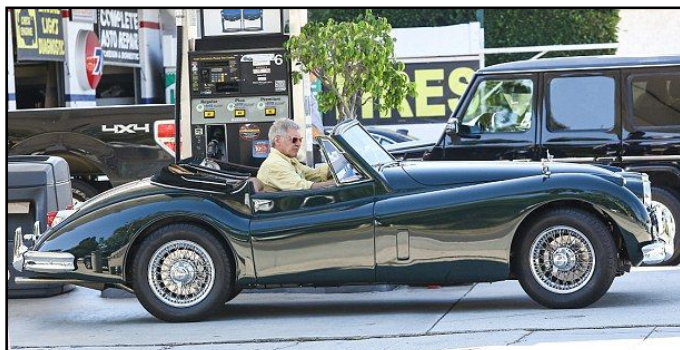


JAGUAR CELEBS

With their performance and eye-catching styling, Jaguars have always been popular with celebs and movers/shakers of this world. Here are a few sample sitings passed on to me by members and friends. editor



The Beatles's George Harrison and E-type



Actor Harrison Ford with XK140



Actor Steve McQueen with XKSS



XJ of Canadian High Commisisoner/Ambassador to UK

TRIVIA CHALLENGE ANSWERS

1. St John's NFLD, Charlottetown PEI, Victoria BC.
2. Pierre Trudeau
3. Nash Motor Company (Volvo was first with the three point belts)
4. Oil
5. Newfoundland
6. Newfoundland
7. 1962 Olds F-85 Cutlass (Jetfire engine package)
8. Hamilton, Ontario
9. Red Green Show
10. Dawson City, Yukon (Klondike Gold Rush)



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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 - POSTPONED 26 - CALABOGIE RACES - CAR SHOW
Sep	08 - BRITISH CAR CLUBS GOLF TOURNAMENT 11 HAZELDEAN MALL BRITISH INVASION AND PUB 21 - JAGUAR OTTAWA - "XK70" COMMEMORATION - CANCELLED 23 - CLASSIC EUROPEAN CAR SHOW, MERRICKVILLE
Oct	OJC FALL COLOURS DRIVE - CANCELLED 14 - OMGC FALL COLOURS DRIVE
Nov	18 - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - ST. ANTHONY'S 25 - INTERCLUB TRIVIA CHALLENGE - RC Legion 2-5 PM
Dec	15 - CHRISTMAS DINNER - OTTAWA GOLF & HUNT CLUB

DON'T HIT ANY SNOWMEN THIS WINTER

Winter driving can be pretty scary for some people, especially less experienced drivers who may not know how to handle the road. This winter season there are several things you can do to prepare yourself for navigating through the harsh Canadian elements without ending up on Santa's naughty list by rear-ending someone.

Step 1: Prepare your vehicle

The first step after you put away your Hawaiian shirts and the tears dry from the realization that another summer is coming to a close is to prepare your car for the winter months. This includes changing your oil and your tires. All season tires can perform as their name suggests however for optimal safety and to ensure you don't slip into any reindeer this winter it is highly recommended you purchase and install winter tires.

Step 2: Drive smooth and safely

Winter driving is all about slow and smooth. This isn't a race and the prize for going fast is getting stuck in a ditch while passersby look at you from the warm and comfy seats of their heated cars as they

drive slowly and safely past your skid marks. Go slow and you'll be safe and believe it or not – on time as long as you budget your time accordingly for winter driving.

Step 3: Drive differently than summertime

Recognize that winter is different and as such your driving style should change. Winter is a great time of year for getting together with family however that all depends on you actually arriving there in one piece. So unless you ride around in a red sleigh above the rooftops, you will need to adjust your driving style for the road conditions. Break before making turns, avoid pumping your breaks, avoid cruise control and make sure your lights are always on.

Step 4: Pay attention

Those big sheets of glass around your car are designed to give you maximum exposure to what's going on around you. Don't text and certainly don't play Solitaire. If you pay attention to everything around you then you can avoid most accidents or dangerous driving situations by adjusting your driving techniques and performing exceptional maneuvers like a winter-driving champion. Have a wonderful holiday and drive safely!

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