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Our annual Concours and Family Day was held on 7 July under sunny, clear blue skies and pleasant temperatures making for perfect car show weather. We had an excellent 40 car entrants; very similar to last year. As for the concours judging, we had once again more Champion class (14) than Driven (7); a continuation of an unusual trend in recent years. In this 70th anniversary of the first production of the XK 120, we were blessed with six XK series Jags; three XK 150s, two XK 140s and one outstandingly restored XK 120. While the judges had to work hard to meet the schedule due to this multiplicity of cars, everyone had an enjoyable time. This has been one of the most successful concours in some years largely due to the hard work and preparation of the club volunteers.

Following the Concours we had another excellent day for the ABCD show on July 20. The high temperature and humidity were comfortably balanced by the fresh breeze blowing off the river. There was an interesting range of British cars as old as a 1948 Morris 10 sedan in what appeared to be the original paint and most of the interior. There was a large contingent of Jags from our club including a good number of our members contributing to the operation of the show. The featured marque Mini had a contingent of about 20 original versions bringing back old memories as well as several New Minis. I had a TR 3 and later a Volvo 544, but one of my sisters had a

'63 Mini, which I would exercise when she came to visit us.

Our busy summer schedule of activities continued with Phil Karam's visit to the West Carleton Automotive shop (July 24) followed by the XK 70 years from production celebration (July 27) at the Groundwater residence. A report on the tech visit is inside with the XK 70 review to appear in the Sept. issue due to the editor's well-earned family vacation.

More information about the nominations for replacing retiring executives after their five or more years of service (Pres., V-P, Treasurer, Jottings Editor and Membership Secretary) is to note that aside from the Lee Harrington/Mike O'Brien's efforts at recruiting, anyone intending to stand as a candidate

should contact John Blais as he is the executive responsible for such nominations. You are also free to contact me directly. Applications are open until and including the AGM day.

If there are multiple candidates for any one position, there will be a run-off vote at the AGM. According to the constitution the AGM is held in November and the newly elected group would begin their service on Jan. 1, 2020. I would like to emphasize that you do not need a lot of prior experience for these positions; just an interest in Jaguars and some dedication and fresh thinking.

Happy and safe motoring,
Dave Kenny



Members' Corner

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to OJC:

Douglas & Brock MacNab, Glen Robertson ON

'72 E-type S3, '86 XJ12

Roy MacRae, Manotick (returning member)

'68 E-type S2 OTS

Denis Martineau, Baie d'Urfe QC

'52 and '54 XK120 OTS, '53 XK120 FHC, several E-types

Nick & Nance Moseley, Bowen Island BC

'05 XKR

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

Contact details are provided through the membership list emailed periodically by membership director, Karen Wilson.

2019 Concours & Family Day

The morning of July 7th broke sunny and warm and the day remained so, if perhaps a little too warm late in the afternoon. Preparations for our 31st JCNA concours d'elegance held in conjunction with a club family day were well in hand, thanks to the crew of dedicated volunteers. Pristine, shiny Jags soon started rolling onto the lush, green field mid morning. The wet spring followed by the summer heat ensured the Heritage Village was in great shape and a perfect backdrop for the event.

By the end of the day, we had 40 Jags on display, half of which were entered for concours judging. Our three judging teams would have their hands full, particularly as we had two cars entered in the rarely seen Preservation division (objective – totally original) and a Special Division entry for cars with extensive modifications, both having their own set of judging rules. A number of out-of-town owners from elsewhere in Ontario and the Montreal region added to the wide variety of models and vintages on display. We were particularly delighted with the appearance of six early XKs rarely seen in public these days. Three XK150s, two XK140s and a lone XK120 made an impressive lineup. A new addition to our annual gathering this year was a display by "The Tire Guy", a mobile, talented car "handyman" and regu-



lar advertiser and contributor to the Jottings.

With the Jags parked and prepared, lunch was next up with super BBQ burgers lovingly prepared and served by Phil and Fadia Karam. Concours judging and scoring followed before the final gathering to announce the results. While Enthusiast class cars are not included in the judging, we do recognize a best of the cars on display only, with the Vintage Motor Services Trophy donated by Rob and Jill Staruch and selected by a trio of club ladies. The final results are included in the list following this article.

As pointed out by President Dave Kenney at the awards ceremony, the event would not take place without the commitment and efforts of a dedicated group of club members under the direction of the Concours Chair John Blais including the 13 concours judges, the three registration/scoring/ awards ladies, the parking team, our BBQ cooks and the set up/knock down crew.

With the very successful 31st event in the history books, planning is already underway for a 32nd next year at the Heritage Village...

Rob Dunlop



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*A special thanks to **Stewart Robertson**, our official photographer, for all of the excellent Concours and Family Day photos*

2019 Concours & Family Day

...the winners...



Best in Champion and Best in Show winner, Phil Karam (right) receives the Hershenhorn Trophy from originating trophy sponsor Hartley Hershenhorn.



President Dave Kenny presents the Jaguar Ottawa Trophy to Fergus Groundwater for Best in Driven Division

...the workers...



Dave Kenny presents the People's Choice Award to Denis Maritneau for his '54 XK 120.



The concours judges in action...



The friendly registration ladies, Jean Dunlop and Bonnie Newson



The "three Amigas" lady judges, Jane Morrison, Paddy Robertson and Wendy Vandermeulen

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AWARD		WINNER(S)	CLUB	CAR	SCORE
Champion Classes	C3/140	1 st Brad & Alison Smith	OJC	1956 XK140 coupe	99.56
		2 nd Gary Grant	OJC	1956 XK140 DHC	97.59
	C4/150	1 st Tom & Jane Davis	OJC	1959 XK150 coupe	96.48
	C6/E2	1 st Jeremy Price-Williams	Montreal	1970 E-type OTS	96.71
		2 nd Jeff Poston	OJC	1969 E-type OTS	96.49
	C9/XJ	1 st Dave Kenny	OJC	1986 XJ12 VDP	99.22
	C12/JS	1 st Henry Huxsell	Montreal	1987 XJS-C	99.12
	C14/K8	1 st Josee Dubois	OJC	2003 XKR convertible	99.12
	-	2 nd James Walker	OJC	1997 XK8 coupe	98.73
		3 rd Bernard Leclerc	OJC	2002 XK8 convertible	97.95
	C16/SX	1 st Lee Keeley	OJC	2005 S-Type R	99.61
	C17/PN	1 st Hartley Hershenhorn	OJOA	1961 XK150 FHC	99.50
Best in Champion & Best in Show Hershenhorn Trophy	C19/XJ	1 st Philip Karam	OJC	2011 XJL S/C	99.81
Special Classes	S2/ MOD	1 st Denis Martineau	Montreal	1954 XK120 SE OTS	9.87
Driven Classes	D3/E2	1 st Don Morrison	OJC	1968 E-type OTS	9.95
	D5/SLS	1 st Jean-Francois Grout	Montreal	1968 340 saloon	9.87
Best in Driven Jaguar Ottawa Trophy	D11/XK	1st Fergus Groundwater	OJC	2011 XKR	9.98
	-	2 nd Rob Dunlop	OJC	2007 XK	9.92
	D12/J8	1 st Roy & Nancy Fjarlie	OJC	2005 XJ8 VDP	9.78
	D13/SX	1 st Dan Ferguson	Ottawa	2000 S-Type saloon	9.93
	D14/FJ	1 st Wayne Caverly	Montreal	2013 XJL	9.96
Enthusiast Class					
Best in Enthusiast Miniman Trophy		Jim Ashby	Ottawa	1967 E-type coupe	
<i>"Grace, Space & Pace" Lester saloon award</i>		Dave Kenny	OJC	1986 XJ12 VDP	
Furthest Distance		Hartley Hershenhorn Toronto	OJOA	1961 XK150 FHC	
"PEOPLE'S CHOICE"		Denis Martineau	Montreal	1954 XK120 SE OTS	

It may have been a case of "too much of a good thing" as the high 20's temp, unrelenting sun, high humidity and the threat of a thunderstorm may have kept the numbers down for the local perennial All British Car Day (ABCD) gathering at Britannia Beach on July 20th. The final count was 154 cars (about 50 short) but it was nevertheless a very interesting and varied selection of "Britain's Finest".

The featured marque was the Mini of which a good 20 examples rolled in on their 10 inch wheels plus a few of the New Mini variants looking positively enormous alongside their cute diminutive cousins. The popular choice winner was a mini-jeep variant, the Mini-Moke. Jags were rela-

All British Car Day

ABCD

Ottawa-Canada

tively plentiful with a good variety of old and new, many of which were OJC members.

Speaking of which, an enterprising group of members led by Guy Larabie set up a parts tent flogging surplus bits and pieces for Jags and MGs found languishing around their garages.

As always, it was a treat to wander the field and indulge in the wonderful tales of the clearly dedicated and passionate owners. The favourite car on the day

was a beautiful (?) superbly restored Daimler SP250 roadster...wonder if its doors stay closed going around corners? (...a common affliction resulting from fiberglass body flex on early models...).

This event relies on the efforts of various local UK car clubs including OJC. Thanks to our rep Dave Batten we successfully met our obligations with the assist of his merry band of volunteers (Dave Kenny, Bob Hiland, Jeff Poston and Lee Keeley).

ABCD is always a worthwhile annual undertaking if not the least to remind us that we are not alone in the self-flagellation exercise of British car ownership.

Rob Dunlop



"...it's a small world after all..."



A gaggle of Jags in the OJC corner



Many Minis



"Someone wake up Merv...a guy wants a left-handed oil filter.."

Our club tech coordinator, Phil Karam, organized a visit to well-known long time regional engine specialists, West Carleton Automotive in Stittsville the evening of 24 July. In business since 1978, upon retirement of the original owner, WCA was taken over by neighbouring related business Hinton Automotive and functions today as per the original operation. Owner Verne Hinton kindly conducted a tour of the extensive facility for the fourteen OJC members in attendance.



westcarletonautomotive.ca



WCA specializes in all facets of engine work from rebuilding and upgrading engines to building new engines and everything in between. All engine types are handled including a significant amount of work on large commercial diesels. From the club's standpoint, our interests tended toward's high performance engines and possible modifications. Verne walked us around the shop, answering numerous questions while following the usual process for engine rebuilds; receiving, disassembling, assessing, repairing/modification and evaluating, the latter in a full size dynamometer room. Engine work is carried out on a number of large computer-controlled machines; very expensive but supremely accurate.

The visit was extremely interesting and the care and attention to detail and quality of work is abundantly clear with their many satisfied customers. An OJC club member currently restoring an E-type reported:

"W. Carleton just finished machining my 3.8 E-Type block and head. I also had them machine and balance the flywheel, clutch cover and crankshaft plus lots more including line boring. ...I'm very pleased with the quality of work and I feel the costs were reasonable too".

Rob Dunlop

Group of 4 - Report Summary



On May 23rd of this year I asked Don Morrison and Fergus Groundwater to carry out a review of the current status of our club and where it might go in the future. They invited Jeff Poston and Phil Karam to join the effort. I had given them full latitude in the range and details of their study. The full report will be available on the club website.

They began with a survey by phone and email questionnaire of members' ideas and suggestions including in-depth discussions and six meetings. The following main points were elicited:

1. Continue JCNA membership

2. Concours: Review venue and timing to increase participation.
3. Meetings: split opinion on holding regular monthly meetings or only as required. To be reviewed/considered.
4. Technical tours: generally satisfactory.
5. Drives: well done in the past; need resources, replacement for coordinator Al Graves
6. Leadership: new executive to emplace new Board of Directors (this is actually in action now as replacements for President, V-P, Treasurer, Jottings editor and Membership Director are required); and
7. Ottawa Jaguar dealer relations. Need to review/confirm special rates for parts and labour to continue under the new General Manager. Current severe shortage of dealer technical staff has resulted in many members needing to turn to alternatives such as Shore St. Automotive.

General Comments: number of activities satisfactory, no need for increased wives/partners involvement, members enjoy short drives, social gatherings, technical visits, concours/family day, weekly breakfast, website (maintain up to date). Less than 50% have interest in organizing events, over 75% recommend mentoring for technical valuations and insurance and the *Jaguar Jottings* newsletter well received but could reduce frequency- say bimonthly.

Dave Kenny



Events & Activities 2019

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.

*** indicates a need for a club coordinator**
PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING OUT
FOR DETAILS, CONTACT Bob hiland (hiland@rogers.com)

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). 2019 DATA IS EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE END FEB ALSO IN THE SPRING ISSUE OF "BOUNDER" MAGAZINE.

Jun 18	Concours judges' training – St Anthony's 5 PM
--	* SUMMER DRIVE (TBC)
22	RETIREMENT HOME VISIT & BBQ - participants needed - see ad for details
23	Wheels on the Mississippi, Carleton Place
Jul 07	OJC CONCOURS AND FAMILY DAY – CUMBERLAND HERITAGE MUSEUM
20	ALL BRITISH CAR DAY (ABCD) – BRITANNIA BEACH
24	TECH VISIT - WEST CARLETON AUTOMOTIVE - Phil Karam
27	XK 70 YEARS BBQ PARTY - Carol and Fergus Groundwater
Aug 02	Glengarry Highland Games Car Show - Maxville
11	BOOT 'N' BONNET BRITISH CAR SHOW – KINGSTON
13	RED ARROWS AIR SHOW - GATINEAU
25	Beaconsfield Classic Car Expo
31	* 2ND NATIONAL CAPITAL CAR SHOW - WESLEY CLOVER PARKS (NEW DATE)
https://wesleycloverparks.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/NCCS-Exhibitor-Information_August-8.pdf	
Sep 10	HAZELDEAN MALL BRITISH INVASION AND PUB - Al Graves
13-15	Stowe British Invasion
29	* 2ND CLASSIC EUROPEAN CAR SHOW, MERRICKVILLE
--	BRITISH CAR CLUBS GOLF TOURNAMENT - Dave Batten
Oct 19	FALL COLOURS DRIVE - Bonnie and Ray Newson
Nov --	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - St Anthony's (Sunday brunch + meeting)
24	* INTERCLUB TRIVIA CHALLENGE - MG Club
Dec --	CHRISTMAS DINNER - OTTAWA HUNT AND GOLF CLUB

OTHER EVENTS PENDING/UNDER CONSIDERATION

Eric is on holidays - this is a repeat of the April 2019 article particularly relevant to members whose cars are often stored and may not be driven regularly - editor

How long do tires last if not used?

by Eric Fauteux

The nature of rubber makes tire deterioration a natural process. Tires are rendered unusable after a period of time, even when they are not being used. The materials used to manufacture tires are prone to degradation if exposed to certain conditions even if not in use. The deterioration can be caused by such factors as environmental conditions and the way the tires are stored. It is estimated that tires last for 6 to 10 years depending on storage and prevailing environmental conditions.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and official manufacturers, a tire is 100% in useable condition until it attains the storage age of 5 to 6 years. In cases where proper care is taken and the tire annually checked for issues after the 5th year of storage, it can last for up to 10 years.

Factors limiting durability of tires

The age that a tire can last is primarily affected by the **environmental conditions** and **storage conditions** of the tire:

Environmental conditions

Exposing the tire to environmental factors such as oxygen, heat, ozone and ultraviolet light greatly influences the period that it can last. **Oxygen** is responsible for breaking down the tire from both inside and outside. Antioxidants that are special in nature are used in tires to slow down the process although with time degradation due to oxidation becomes inevitable.

Exposure to **sunlight** makes the tire absorb UV radiation leading to photo degradation of the rubber compounds of the tire. Tires used in areas with significant sunlight last less than those used in areas with limited sunlight.

Ozone that results from man made pollution is highly destructive to tires. In large cities with high levels of pollution, tires last less longer compared to those used in rural areas. Manufacturers try to fight damage by ozone by adding special compounds to the product to counter degradation.

Storage conditions

Conditions in which the tire are stored greatly influence aging. Prolonged exposure to temperature and light accelerates degradation limiting the durability of the tire. **Humidity** and exposure to moisture also shortens a tire's life span. The storage room needs to be dry. Storage in places with **ozone** producing equipment such as fluorescent lamps, electric motors, generators and all equipment with electric discharges will also have an impact on tire life.

All in all, tires in storage whether on a vehicle or not, should be overinflated, covered from sunlight and ozone and kept dry to maximize tire life.



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