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Presidents Musings – February 2020

As I sit down to write this, I noted that there were only 8 Mondays until the first day of spring, which signals the start of a new driving season to look forward to.

We enjoyed our first dinner meeting which was attended by 22 members. Our next dinner meeting is to be held

March 11th, 2020 starting at 5pm. The location will be the same, Stacked Smoke Meat & Grill, 2679 Bank Street. We have had some issues with our social media, but expect these issues to be resolved shortly. The club does have a presence on Facebook that will be kept current for Club events. We are planning a practice run at darts the week of February 3rd and are awaiting a confirmed date from the Tifosi Club at St. Anthony's sports facility on Preston St. Come out and enjoy some pizza and throw a few darts for fun. Of course, this is the warm up for the Triumph Club's Dart Tournament on February 15th at the Royal Canadian Legion on Fallowfield Rd. There is more information on this event further on in this issue of the Jottings. The tournament is a multi-club event and is a great way to meet other club members in a very relaxed

and enjoyable venue.

A Valentines Breakfast/Brunch for Sunday February 9th has been planned. This will also be held at Stacked Smoked Meat & Grill on Bank St. Breakfasts and dinners will continue to be held at this same venue until the driving season arrives and we can choose different locations involving a short drive.

On a final note, the Jaguar Clubs of North America's Annual General Meeting will be held in Las Vegas this year, March 20 – 22. The club is allowed to send 2 delegates. If anyone is interested in attending as a delegate your name must be put forward to JCNA by February 15th. I will be attending, but do not necessarily need to be a delegate. If anyone else is interested in attending, please contact me at leeh@robertconstruction.ca.

Lee

The January Dinner Meeting

OJC FAMILY DINNER MEETING



Mike O'Brien

Wednesday evening January 15th was the first of a new set of gatherings of Club members for dinner and a short update on the coming Club events.

Dunns has decided to build another restaurant nearby and this restaurant has changed its name to Stacked Smoked Meat and Grill. This has been the place of choice for the club morning breakfast for several years. It will also be the site of the March evening meeting, after which they will be held at various restaurants around the city, and perhaps in the country.

In the month between the evening dinners there will be a brunch scheduled for a weekend day to allow those who work to gather with the other "relaxed" members.



The aim of the reintroduction of the monthly gatherings is to offer greater opportunities for both members of each household to gather in a social setting to both renew friendships

and get a first-hand update on what is planned for the near future. Evening meetings will commence at 6pm for Wednesdays and a time to be determined for weekend brunches.

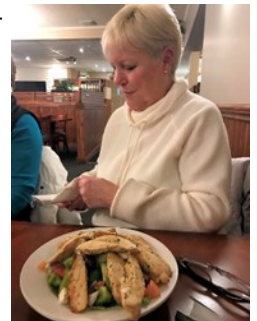
The food served was in good quantity and the menu offered a wide selection of meals. I noted that no one ordered desert.

It was evident that catching up was

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22 Members were in attendance at what was Dunns restaurant on Bank Street South. The parent company of





Fergus Groundwater

2019 Membership Survey Report

As many members are aware, the Club has elected a new executive slate for 2020. Ahead of those elections came a great deal of discussion and soul searching about the future of the Club.

Back in the early summer of 2019, the then current executive was looking to the future, but not to extend their own mandates, which many had held for several years. FULL STOP... We owe a real debt of gratitude to these members who have worked so hard and guided the club over many years.

One of the initiatives the executive took was to appoint a small committee of 4, led by Don Morrison (Jeff Poston, Phil Karam, and yours truly, rounded out the group) to examine what the club's future might look like. This is not the first time this sort of effort has happened and likely not the last. I volunteered to contact the whole membership to see if we could develop plans based on an every-member input. The membership list at that time stood at 91 paid up members (usually with a co-pilot listed). I chose to divide the group, somewhat arbitrarily into those I knew by first name (the "Knowns", 34 in all), and those I did not. As the former were folks who had had some level of involvement in club activities, more than just becoming a member, I felt they did not need immediate contact.

I chose to go after the other names (the "Unknowns") that I did not know. I presumed they might be able to give us a clue as where we could improve to a level which would include them as participants. My methodology was simple, I used the emails listed in the roster as a starting point which was quite accurate and I only had to sort out about 6 addresses usually because of a missing or misplaced (dot). I failed to locate only 1 member.

I split the 60 or so prospects into 3 lots and over about a 2-week period got an email out to each. I asked them to answer two questions:

#1 - you paid your dues, why do you not participate in club activities?

#2- what single change could we make which would result in your participation?

Of the 60 contacted only 9 responded. Several had good reasons for not participating, others thought they would soon begin, most offered good suggestions which integrated nicely with later data generated. Only one blasted the club for many shortcomings. All but one response was by email except for a singleton phone call, only one of this group mentioned joining for the dealer discount.

Before trying to dig deeper into this cohort, I decided to go back to the "Knowns" and ask the same questions but expanded the request to comment on JCNA, Concourse, Meetings and so on. To my surprise only 21 of the 34 responded. They expressed such a myriad of suggestions it is difficult to group them into clear categories, for example; many said they enjoyed "drives" but were divided between "short" (1/2 day) and "long" (full day). A very few were in favor of overnight drives, so I have summarized that category as "Drives".

Responses were thoughtful and many, many suggestions were offered as to how to improve the club. I have, to the best of my ability, collated and interpreted here what I found:

JCNA – Remain affiliated, about a 2 to 1 ratio – several strongly worded responses to get out.

CONCOURS – Retain as an event, many asking that the family aspect be more emphasized.

DRIVES – Very strong support for shorter drives, not only for respondents but apparently popular with the ladies. On the negative side several responses clearly not interested in overnight drives.

MEETINGS – This topic drew the widest variety of responses. Most want more and regularly scheduled with clear opportunity to bring their navigator. Breakfast meeting got strong support except from those who are still working. Suggestions made to hold several breakfast meetings on a weekend day. Social Meetings, although no answers came directly from a lady, the responders were almost universal in the need to develop more opportunities which would interest the ladies.

JOTTINGS – Universally liked and several saying it's the best thing the club has. Website not as well supported. Suggestions made to develop a more up to date concept including FaceBook, etc.

EXECUTIVE – Several members suggested that term limits be introduced and respected in order to avoid our practice of unfairly pressing people to stay on year after year. A permanent nominating committee was suggested to

recruit new people to the executive yearly.

DEALER – Only a couple of responses mentioned the Dealer which surprised me. Our relationship with the Dealer(s) has weakened and should be repaired forthwith.

OTHER CLUBS – Many suggestions were made about coordinating our outings with other clubs, OMGC being mentioned frequently. Some suggested events like Hazeldean British Invasion and ABCD become official OJC events.

CONTACTING MEMBERS – Suggestions were made that we do not do a good job of contacting members often enough.

TECHNICAL SESSIONS – Very popular with responders, although Phil Karam claims low attendance. Possibly better attendance would happen if sessions were held on a weekend or possibly an evening.

OPENNESS – Several members felt that we are perceived as a clique and elitist. After joining, attitude was completely reversed. We need to do more individually to welcome newcomers. We have no mechanism for members to contact us and tell us what they are thinking. Possibly we might be able to build a link into the Jottings, maybe a Q & A format. There was a myriad of one-off suggestions which don't fit

conveniently into a category. I list only a few here for brevity

- Do a restoration project again
 - Move venues, breakfast, AGM & Spring dinner
 - More brewery and winery visits
- In conclusion, we appear to have a very diverse group of members with a very varied expectation of what the club might offer.

I have retained all of the email data should anyone be interested in examining the "tea leaves". From my own point of view, I was frustrated in getting in total only about 30 respondents of the 91 members. I will propose to the new Executive that we continue our surveying next Spring but by telephone this time.

(Yes I will do it.)

February 9th !!

Fergus Groundwater

The OJC's Executives are inviting
all members and your special valentine to our

Valentine Branch

Location: Stacked Smoke Meat (formerly Dunn's)
2679 Bank Street Ottawa

Time: Sunday, February 9th, at 9h30

Please confirm your attendance:

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important as the volume of discussion was clearly higher than normal, that is, until the food came.



Lee Harrington, our President spoke briefly about the meetings and explained that notice of events will be provided several different ways in future: on the website, in the Jottings, on face book, by e mail a week or so prior to the event and by email as a reminder 72 hours in advance,

It is hoped that many of you who were unable to join us at this meeting will be able to come in future.

Mike O'Brien



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- Picnic Basket Contest, Hat Contest -
- Raffle items

Much more information to come. Save the date and stay tuned. Our website with online registration will be up and running soon.

New price structure consistent with other British shows
British in Bristol is now a BMCNE club sponsored show,
in partnership with the Town of Bristol, RI

Yes, there will be a multitude of reasonable lodging options! Stay tuned.



Should You Re-Equip Your Vehicle with LED Bulbs?



LED stands for light-emitting diode. It has to be acknowledged that LED lights are on the rise and this does not only apply to the motor vehicle industry. LEDs are being used in the housing industry due to its efficiencies. But today we will concentrate on the motor vehicle industry.

There are many good reasons why you should re-equip your car with LED bulbs in order to have a better driving

experience. So, if you are planning or thinking about upgrading to LED lights, here are some reasons why you should go ahead with the idea.

Easy to Maintain

Normal halogen bulbs need replacing from time to time as their lifespan is only about 5,000 hours of motoring. On the contrary, LED bulbs are solid state and as such they can last for many years of motoring experience. Approximating their lifetime using some known facts, at 50% solid use, LED bulbs can last about 22 years. Therefore, by switching to LEDs you will be investing in your motoring future by saving on a lifetime of maintenance costs. Resale value of your vehicle may also increase. Yes, the bulbs are expensive upfront, but remember that they last longer. Divide the price by the durability period and what you get an inexpensive bulb. Apart from the overall cost, LED bulbs using less electricity thus putting less strain on your car battery.

Get More Efficient Lighting

LED bulbs are considered to provide more efficient lighting, especially when compared to halogen bulbs. Halogen bulbs are known to waste about 80% of their energy which is lost through heat generation. The heat they produce is a byproduct of creating the glowing light. LEDs on the other hand convert 80% of the energy it uses to light. It wastes 20% in the process, but in general, it is considered very efficient.

Brighter Illumination

LED bulbs shine much brighter than halogen lights despite the fact that they use less energy. Poor lighting on motor vehicles is a cause of accidents at night or in foggy conditions. Having brighter lights averts accidents thus keeping you safe. LEDs do not just offer brighter illumination, it also does it in an efficient manner. Efficiency is measured by the ability of the light to point in a specific direction rather than just glowing. So, you want a bulb with directional light.

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Beat the February Winter Blues

February 15th !!

Every Wednesday

Inter Club Darts Tournament!

The 2020 annual interclub darts tournament will be held Saturday February 15th at the Barrhaven Legion Branch 441, 3500 Fallowfield Road in Nepean.

This is a multi-club event open to all British car clubs in the Ottawa area. Previous experience is not a requirement, and spare darts will be available.

This is a great opportunity to get together with members from other area car clubs and share your stories.

Pizza will be provided and refreshments will be available from the Legion bar.

If you plan to attend, please notify the organizers via email at darts@ovtc.net that you will be attending, whether you will be one or two persons, and the club that you will represent.

Breakfast Is Served !

The Ottawa Jaguar Club's weekly breakfast meeting is held every Wednesday at 8:30am at Stacked Smoked Meat & Grill 2679 Bank St.

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Some event times and locations are still in the process of being organized and arranged. All dates are accurate at this time, to the best of our knowledge. Activities for the current month will always be highlighted in **red**, Ottawa Jaguar Club Activities will be highlighted in **bold** lettering. Associate club activities and activities of interest to our members will also be included here as appropriate. Time, location and any pertinent information will be updated on the website, via Facebook as it becomes available, and updated here in the Jottings monthly.

Ray Newson, For your OJC Executive

February			OJC Darts & Pizza Night		Due to facilities issues the date is delayed. You will be notified via email & Facebook when available.
	9th	Sunday	Valentine's Brunch		9:30AM- Stacked Smoked Meat & Grill - 2679 Bank St.
	15th	Saturday	OVTC Interclub Darts Tournament		1:30PM till 5PM
					Barrhaven Legion - 3500 Fallowfield Rd.
March	11th	Wednesday	OJC Bi-monthly meeting		5PM - Stacked Smoked Meat & Grill - 2679 Bank St.
	20th	Fri. to Sun.	JCNA - AGM Mar. 20th to 22nd		Las Vegas, Nevada, USA (JCNA Website for info.)
April	18th	Saturday	OJC Spring Dinner		Time & Location to be announced
	19th	Sunday	Ancaster Car Show		Ancaster, Ontario
	23rd	Wednesday	Carlisle Spring Show & Swap		Apr. 23rd to 26th. - Carlisle, Pennsylvania
May	3rd	Sunday	Boot'n'Bonnet Auto Jumble		Kingston, Ontario
	13th	Wednesday	OJC Bi-monthly meeting		Time & Location to be announced
	15th	Friday	Carlisle Import & Performance		May 15th to 17th. Carlisle, Pennsylvania
	23rd	Saturday	OJC Spring Drive		Time & Location to be announced
	24th	All Week	British Car Week		
June	4th	Thursday	Barrie Automotive Flea Market		June 4th to 7th. Barrie , Ontario
	5th	Friday	Calabogie Motorsport Show-n-shine		Calabogie, Ontario
	18th	Thursday	OJC Concours - Judges Training		St. Anthony's Soccer Club, Preston St. Ottawa
	20th	Saturday	OJC Club Brunch		Time & Location to be announced
	27th	Saturday	Alexandria Car Show		Alexandria. Ontario
	28th	Sunday	Wheels on the Mississippi Car Show		Carleton Place , Ontario
July	5th	Sunday	OJC Family Day & Concours		Cumberland Heritage Museum, Cumberland, Ont.
	11th	Saturday	All British Car Day (ABCD)		Time & Location to be announced
	25th	Saturday	OJC BBQ Party		Manotick, Ontario
	26th	Sunday	Canadian Capital Classic Car Show		Wesley Clover Park, Kanata, Ontario
	26th	Sunday	Perth Rib-Fest & Car Show		Perth. Ontario
	31st	Friday	OJC Summer Weekend Drive		July 31st to Aug. 2nd. Route to be determined
	31st	Friday	Glengarry Highland Games		July 31st to Aug. 2nd. Maxville, Ontario
August	9th	Sunday	Boot'n'Bonnet Car Show		Kingston, Ontario
	15th	Saturday	OJC Club Picnic		Time & Location to be announced
	16th	Sunday	Brits On The Lake in Port Perry		Port Perry, Ontario
	30th	Sunday	Classic Car Expo		Beaconsfield, Quebec
September	8th	Tuesday	Hazeldean British Invasion & Pub Dinner		Hazeldean, Ontario
	11th	Friday	British Invasion at Stowe		Sept. 11th to 13th. Stowe, Vermont
	16th	Wednesday	OJC Bi-monthly meeting		Time & Location to be announced
	20th	Sunday	British Car Day at Bronte Creek		Bronte Creek, Provincial Park, Ontario
	27th	Sunday	Classic European Car Show		Merrickville, Ontario

October	1st	Thursday	Carlisle Fall Show	Oct. 1st to 4th. Carlisle, Pennsylvania
	3rd	Saturday	OJC Fall Colours Drive	Time & Route to be determined
	3rd	Saturday	OJC Fall Harvest Party	Time & Location to be announced
	4th	Sunday	OMGC Fall Colour Run	MG Club event, Time & Route to be determined
	18th	Sunday	OJC Club Brunch	Time & Location to be announced
November	15th	Sunday	OJC 2021 Membership	May be paid anytime now
	23rd	Monday	Interclub Trivia Challenge	Time & Location to be announced
December	12th	Saturday	OJC Christmas Dinner	Time & Location to be announced
	21st	Monday	First Day of Winter	Looking forward to spring
	25th	Friday	Christmas	OJC Wishes you all a Merry Christmas
	31st	Thursday	New Years Eve	Drive Carefully & All the Best in the New Year



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