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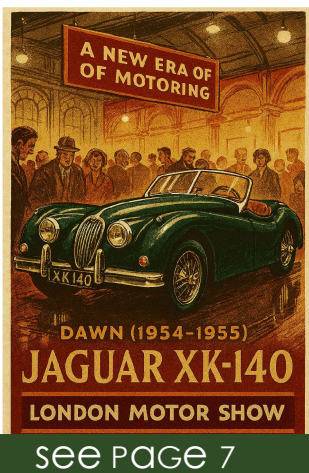


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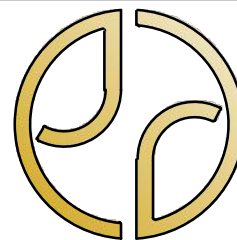
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with the Ottawa Jaguar Club entitles you to enjoy all of our regular and numerous activities that include regular meetings and summer drives, to name only a few, along with a copy of our on line monthly newsletter, Jaguar Jottings.

If interested in joining our club please contact Ray Newson via email at:

membershipottawajagclub@gmail.com for additional information and an application form.

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President's Musings for November 2025



Ben Farmer
President

I offer you here, my last President's message to the Ottawa Jaguar Club. I have had tremendous fun working with the others on the Board and learned a lot about the rich history of the club and all the involved members over the years. I will have great memories of events and meetings with many of you, and the sometimes brief but always friendly exchanges! I plan to stay a member and get my old XJ6 licensed so I can join you at an event or two.

A special thanks to Bonnie and the others who guided me and put so much effort and commitment into running the operation. I was fortunate to be part of great crew!

Ben Farmer

A message from your Publisher

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the members of the Ottawa Jaguar Club who have shared their stories, insights, and knowledge in our magazine—your contributions are the lifeblood of every issue. Without your willingness to write and share, the magazine simply would not exist. To those who haven't yet contributed, we warmly encourage you to add your voice; whether it's a short anecdote, a technical tip, or a personal reflection, every submission enriches our community and keeps our shared passion for Jaguars alive on the page. Also, remember each and every article you submit enters your name into the ballot box for a prize draw worth **\$100 of OJC Merch** to be held at the Christmas dinner.

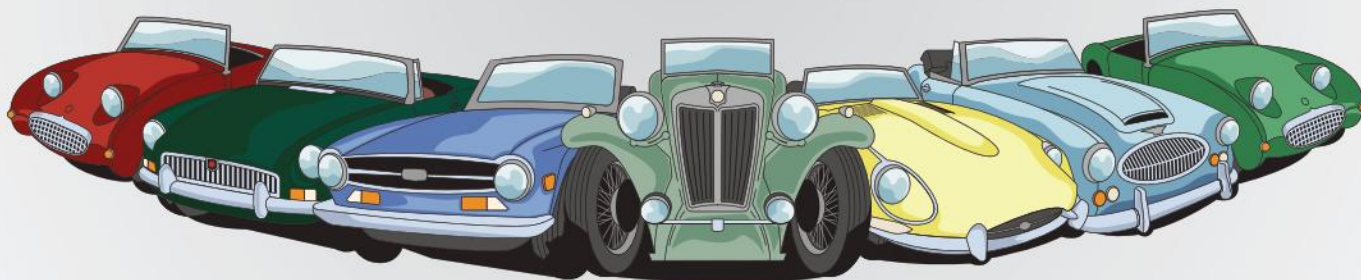
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- Our New Web Site!
- Book Review - Jaguar XK 140
- Tech Corner
- Market Place



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OTTAWA JAGUAR CLUB 2025 LIST OF EVENTS

The following list shows OJC planned events to December 2025.

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
Sat, Nov 8th 11am-2pm	OJC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Buster's Bar & Grill 420 Hazeldean Road, Kanata	Please RSVP your attendance or any questions before November 4 th to Bonnie Newson ottawajagclubsecretary@gmail.com
Sat, Dec 6th 2pm - 5pm	OJC AFTERNOON CHRISTMAS SOCIAL 36 rue Cartier, Gatineau, QC BYOB, \$30.00 per person RSVP ottawajagclubsecretary@gmail.com Watch for information in the Jottings and Updates to your inbox.	e-transfer \$30 per person to ottawajagclubtreasurer@gmail.com or cheque mailed to Jim Butcher, OJC Treasurer, 1020 Rick Hansen, Greely, ON K4P 1M4 Do Not Send Cash in the Mail NOTE: Cash/cheque can be paid at the AGM
December 31st	Due date for 2026 Membership renewal. The fee remains at \$50.00 for 2026	e-transfer to ottawajagclubtreasurer@gmail.com or cheque mailed to Jim Butcher, OJC Treasurer, 1020 Rick Hansen, Greely, ON K4P 1M4 Do Not Send Cash in the Mail



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OJC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, November 8th, 2025 - Ottawa Jaguar Club 2025 Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM will be held on November 8th at Buster's Bar & Grill, 420 Hazeldean Road, Kanata starting at 11:00am for breakfast/lunch selected from the menu, followed by the meeting around 12:00 noon.

2026 Membership fees remain at \$50 and can be paid by cash or cheque at the meeting or by e-transfer (preferred method) to ottawajagclubtreasurer@gmail.com anytime.

In order to notify the restaurant of the number for breakfast/lunch and to ensure we have the required number of Members for a Quorum, please RSVP to Bonnie Newson ottawajagclubsecretary@gmail.com by Friday,

Watch for email updates coming to your inbox. *We look forward to seeing you there!*



AN OJC AFTERNOON CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Saturday, December 6, 2025 - 2pm - 5pm, 36 rue Cartier, Gatineau, Qc.

We are excited to announce that this year's Christmas event is being hosted at the unique and eclectic home of OJC Members Tom Little and Gabrielle MacKenzie. This Social, promises to be a fun filled festivity complete with great Music, delicious Food, (Indoor) Scavenger Hunt, prizes, gift raffle and plenty of socializing with friends and fellow OJC Members!

This is a **BYOB** (Bring Your Own Bottle) event. Non alcohol soft drinks, tea, coffee, and water will be provided.

The amazingly low **cost per person is \$30.00** payable to the treasurer via e-transfer ottawajagclubtreasurer@gmail.com or by cheque to Jim Butcher, OJC Treasurer, 1020 Rick Hansen Cresc, Greely Ontario, K4P 1M4. Receipt of your funds confirms your attendance. This cost can also be paid by cash or cheque at the AGM on November 8th.

Check your inbox for more updates as we get closer to the date



Jaguar XK-140

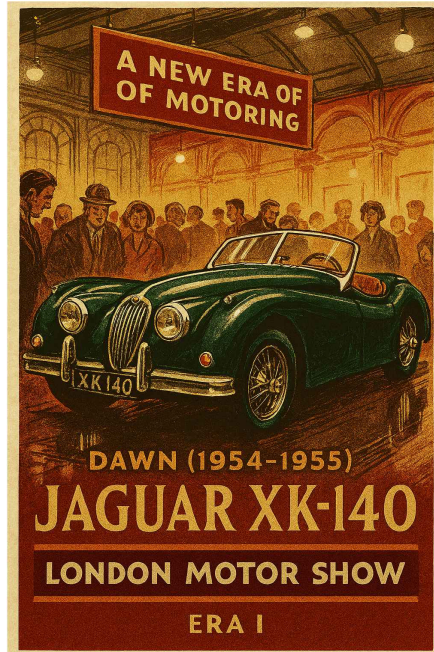
David Seabright's summary inspired
by the book
"Jaguar Sports Cars" by Paul
Skilleter

The Dawn (1954-1955)

In the autumn of 1954, under the bright lights of the London Motor Show, Jaguar unveiled the XK-140--the successor to the legendary XK-120. The world had already fallen in love with the XK-120's speed and elegance, but the XK-140 promised refinement. Its engine was pushed forward three inches, giving drivers more cockpit space. Rack-and-pinion steering, stronger bumpers, and improved suspension made it not just faster, but more civilized. On its boot lid, a proud badge proclaimed Jaguar's Le Mans victories from 1951-1953, a reminder that this was no ordinary sports car--it was born from racing glory. This was the XK-140's youth: bold, confident, and eager to prove itself.

The Golden Years (1955-1956)

By the mid-1950s, Jaguar had recognized that its strongest market was across the Atlantic. North American buyers wanted sturdier bumpers and prominent overriders, and the XK-140 reflected those demands. Compared with the XK-120, the new car was three inches longer, with the firewall and cowl moved forward to create more cabin space. Jaguar's factory was running at full tilt, with every hand busy turning out refreshed models.



XK-140 at a Glance

Built for America:

Jaguar tailored the XK-140 to its strongest market, adding sturdier bumpers, overriders, and more cabin space by moving the engine and firewall forward.

Expanded Range:

Offered as Roadster (OTS), Fixed Head Coupé (FHC), and Drophead Coupé (DHC), with optional 2+2 seating and the high-performance SE package.

Performance:

Up to 210 hp from the 3.4-litre straight-six, dual exhaust, and revised valves. Capable of 140 mph depending on gearing. Touring fuel economy around 15 mpg.

Options:

Alloy wheels standard, wire wheels a popular upgrade.

Curious Omission:

Jaguar never published official instrumented performance figures, leaving enthusiasts to rely on magazine impressions.

Design Quirk:

The heavy front bumper was mounted directly to the chassis rather than fully integrated into the bodywork.

Legacy:

A natural evolution of the XK line, blending racing pedigree with touring refinement, and bridging the raw XK-120 with the polished XK-150.

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Jaguar XK-140 *(concluded)*

The XK-140 range expanded into multiple body styles: the open two-seater Roadster (OTS), the Fixed Head Coupé (FHC), and the Drophead Coupé (DHC). Buyers could also choose a 2+2 configuration and opt for the Special Equipment (SE) package, which brought a higher-output version of the 3.4-litre straight-six--up to 210 horsepower with dual exhaust and revised valves. Top speeds of 140 mph were possible depending on gearing, though fuel consumption was heavy: around 10 mpg in racing conditions and 15 mpg when touring. Alloy wheels were standard, with wire wheels a popular option. For the first time, buyers could even choose an automatic transmission, broadening its appeal.

This was the XK-140 at its most versatile: a car equally at home on a racetrack, a country lane, or parked outside a grand hotel. It embodied the glamour of mid-1950s motoring--fast, stylish, and unmistakably British.

The Legacy (1956-1957 and beyond)

By 1957, the XK-140's time in the spotlight was drawing to a close. Its successor, the XK-150, was waiting in the wings with more modern lines and refinements. Yet the XK-140 had already secured its place in history. It had bridged the gap between the raw, pioneering XK-120 and the more polished XK-150, offering a balance of performance, comfort, and style that made it beloved by enthusiasts.



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by Phil Karam

1955 Jaguar XK-140 Fixed Head Coupe

This car was fitted with custom exhaust headers as well as an oil cooler, as well as disk brakes, which makes me wonder if it was used by Duncan Hamilton as a race car ???



HISTORICAL SUMMARY

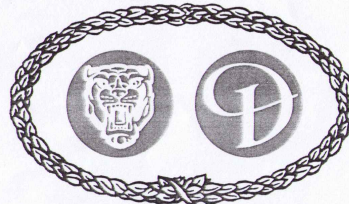
I am delighted to have found and purchased a 1955 XK140 FHC rhd that was originally owned by the late William Heynes, the chief design engineer at Jaguar Motor Cars. Bill Heynes joined Sir William Lyons at SS Cars (Jaguar) in 1935. Bill was the main protagonist for the XK engine. He immediately saw a twin-overhead camshaft as the means to achieve 100mph, by dispensing with pushrods, thus allowing higher RPM, and complementing a hemispherical combustion chamber. This engine survived 4 decades to become one of the great engines of all time.

This XK140 was built in 05/05/55 (May 5th, 1955) and first dispatched (registered) to Bill Heynes May 14th, 1955. His assigned plate was "RHP 444", with 'R' being issued between April and June of 1955, and 'HP' designating registration in Coventry.

After locating Bills' son Jonathan, and speaking with him, his first reaction was "Is it 'RHP 444'? , I can never forget the number, we have such fond memories of that XK140" (45 years later). Jonathan went on to tell me that his mother (a petite 5'1") would drive the car at 100mph!

Three years later, Bill Heynes sold the XK140 to Duncan Hamilton. For a decade from 1947-1957, Duncan Hamilton was one of Britain's foremost racing driver. Duncan drove Formula One and two Grand Prix cars from Lago-Talbot, Maserati, HWM Jaguar and Gordini, plus Works Team Sports Cars for both Jaguar and Ferrari. He won two legendary enduring races – The 1953 LeMans 24 hours in a Jaguar "C" type and the 1954 Reims 12 hour in a "D" type.

The car was purchased from Duncan Hamilton by a Canadian military man and brought to Ottawa, Canada. After 3 other owners, I acquired the XK140 FHC rhd. I intend to fully restore this very special classic and offer it for sale, hopefully back in England, where it rightfully belongs.



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A photograph of an older couple driving in a red convertible car. The woman is in the driver's seat, smiling, and the man is in the passenger seat, also smiling. The car is moving on a road, and the background is slightly blurred, suggesting motion. The car is a bright red color.

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INTRODUCING THE new OJC WEB SITE

We have completely updated our web site coinciding with our 40th year of the club's operation. It should be up and running sometime in November for all members. The members of the board have had early access in order to do fault checks and general critique and suggestions. We hope you agree that it is a vast improvement to our previous site. We are excited to let you know that this site will be much more dynamic and provide you with opportunities of interacting with it with various new features. A big thank you goes out to **Paul Blais** for all of his time and devotion to this massive project. Here is a sneak preview:



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by Phil Karam

STORING YOUR JAGUAR "INSIDE and OUT"

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PREPARING YOUR CAR FOR WINTER STORAGE

- 1) **TIRES:** Pressure up to 45lbs on 4 road tires and 30 lbs for spare.
- 2) **OIL/FILTER:** Preferred time to change, so that the impurities do not sit all winter.
- 3) **GASOLINE:** Add fuel stabilizer to fuel tank. Some recommend topping-up fuel tank in order to minimize condensation.
- 4) **FOGGING:** Using spray fogging oil into the carburetors in order to lubricate the valves/head/pistons, or remove the plugs and spray directly into each cylinder. Turn the engine over. Clean and set the gaps of the plugs or install new ones.
Using the same fogging oil, do your door hinges, door latch and striker, hood hinges, hood release and latch, trunk hinges and latch, jack, etc...
- 5) **BATTERY:** Preferably remove the battery from the car and store in a warmer setting. Check the acid level and top up if necessary with distilled water. The voltage should be 12.5 volts. If not, charge or trickle charge until 12.5 volts is obtained. Check and recharge every month or two if necessary.
- 6) **BRAKE FLUID:** Flush out reservoir using a turkey baster to agitate and suck out old fluid. Replace with the grade of fluid as specified for. Do not use Dot 4 or synthetic if DOT 3 is called up. The chemicals added to DOT 4 will derogate the older style rubber compound as in brake hoses, master cylinders, wheel cylinders. Same goes for clutch fluid.
- 7) **ANTIFREEZE:** Measure voltage between fluid and ground. Less than .5 volts is good. Anything above 1.5 volts should be changed immediately in order to prevent corrosion of the aluminum head and fittings. Check freezing point level and top up if necessary.
- 8) **INTERIOR:** If stored in a outside garage, place a few sheets of "Bounce" or "Fleecy" to ward off mice. The same or moth balls into the engine compartment to ward off squirrels and chipmunks.



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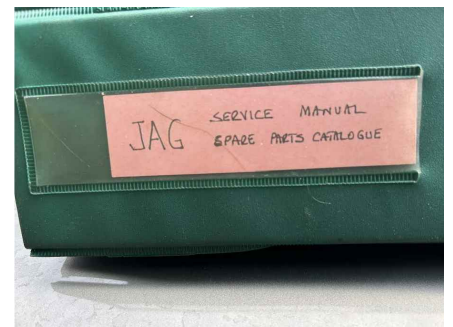
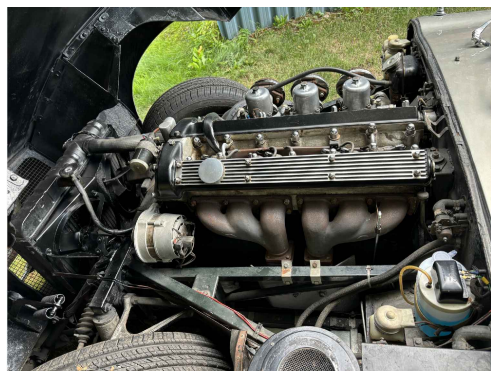
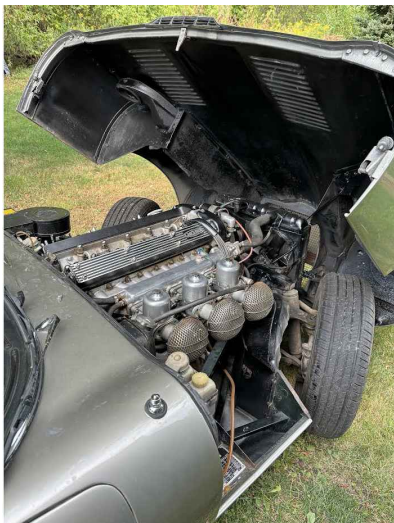
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