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*OJC's first Drive of the 2026 Season*

## Hudson British Car Show/OJC Drive Sunday May 31, 2026

**Location:** St Thomas Park, Hudson Quebec  
**Time:** 09.00 am - 4.00pm  
**Web Site:** [www.hudsonantiquecarclub.com](http://www.hudsonantiquecarclub.com)  
**Info email:** [Info@marshplan.com](mailto:Info@marshplan.com) 416-616-8278  
**Entry Fee:** \$10 per car **cash only**  
**Distance:** 124 km, approx. time 90 minutes  
**Start:** Place D'Orleans 110 Place D'Orleans  
Mark's Work Warehouse Store  
**Arrive:** Place D'Orleans 09.00 am  
Departure: 09.30 am  
**Organizer:** Mark Roberts



Once again, Hudson Quebec is hosting The Hudson British Car Show along the shores of Lake of Two mountains. This is a fantastic opportunity to dust off our cars from their long winter's nap and let them stretch out their legs on a not-to-long drive, and visit with other British cars too.

The Club has attended this show the last couple years. It is held in a very large park hosting over 200 cars, and this year includes Alfa-Romeo and Fiat along with the usual list of British marques.

Some food can be obtained on-site, and there are several restaurants in town just a short walk from the park.

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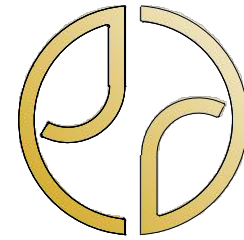
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 additional information and an application form.

## THE OJC 2026 EXECUTIVE



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Jim Butcher  
 Ben Farmer

## President's Musings for May 2026



Bonnie Newson  
President

We can safely say that the 2026 OJC driving season has officially begun! It's been a long winter and our hibernating cats are anxious to be out on the prowl.

First of all, welcome recent new Members to the Ottawa Jaguar Club -

- Rene Berthiaume
- Jonathon Cornell
- Paul-Emile Leger & Maria Pena Menendez
- Wayne & Carol Sollows
- Brian Walker & Jean Silver

We look forward to meeting you at upcoming OJC events.

Your Board has been busy planning events that will keep them Cats purring. May events will start on Wednesday, May 20 (*for Ladies only, sorry Gents*) with an afternoon High Tea luncheon at Zoe's restaurant in the Chateau Laurier, followed by our first organized drive on May 31 to Hudson Quebec's Annual British Car Show. We will also be following an XJS engine swap session soon, and of course, don't forget our Annual Ottawa Jaguar Day on Saturday, July 25.

There is much more in store in the following months, so stay tuned for more details. We look forward to seeing everyone.

## 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 this past quarter—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 to be included in next month's issue,

**PLEASE SEND IN YOUR SUBMISSIONS BEFORE THE 23RD OF THE MONTH.**

David G. Seabright

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## OTTAWA JAGUAR CLUB 2026 LIST OF EVENTS

*We are always appreciative of Members who volunteer to lead/coordinate a drive or activity. Please contact Wendy Vandermeulen [wendygvdandermeulen@gmail.com](mailto:wendygvdandermeulen@gmail.com) if you would like to coordinate an event or have an idea for an event; or Mark Roberts if you would be so kind as to coordinate a drive [c.roberts@sympatico.ca](mailto:c.roberts@sympatico.ca)*

*Updated April 28, 2026*

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS / CONTACT
<b>May</b>	<b>Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup></b> - OJC Board Meeting	Details <a href="mailto:ottawajagclubsecretary@gmail.com">ottawajagclubsecretary@gmail.com</a>
	<b>WEDNESDAY, 20<sup>th</sup> - 1:30 pm</b> Ladies only! Afternoon Tea at Zoe's, Chateau Laurier (TBC)	RSVP Wendy Vandermeulen <a href="mailto:wendygvdandermeulen@gmail.com">wendygvdandermeulen@gmail.com</a>
	<b>SUNDAY, 31<sup>st</sup></b> Drive to Hudson, Qc. Annual British Car Show <a href="https://www.hudsonantiquecarklub.com/british-car-show">https://www.hudsonantiquecarklub.com/british-car-show</a>	Mark Roberts <span style="float: right;">Time TBD</span> <a href="mailto:m.roberts.kanata@gmail.com">m.roberts.kanata@gmail.com</a>
<b>June</b>	<b>Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup></b> - OJC Board Meeting	Details <a href="mailto:ottawajagclubsecretary@gmail.com">ottawajagclubsecretary@gmail.com</a>
	<b>Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> - 10:00am.</b> An Exclusive Tour of OPENLANE Auto Auction House, Vars, ON. Attendance is limited to 15.	RSVP to Ben Farmer <a href="mailto:Benfarmer90@gmail.com">Benfarmer90@gmail.com</a>
	<b>Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup></b> <u>Ferrari Club Concorso d'Eleganza</u> OJC has been invited to attend this event requesting specific classic/vintage Jaguars from our Club. <a href="http://www.fcaottawa.com/concorso">www.fcaottawa.com/concorso</a>	OJC will be participating in this event with a pre-approved selection of club Jaguars. Registration/participation only through Rob Dunlop. <a href="mailto:ojcjaguarday@gmail.com">ojcjaguarday@gmail.com</a>
	<b>Sunday, 28 Time TBD</b> OJC Drive 2 - South to St. Lawrence (location TBD)	Mark Roberts <a href="mailto:m.roberts.kanata@gmail.com">m.roberts.kanata@gmail.com</a>
<b>July</b>	<b>Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup></b> - Board Meeting	Details <a href="mailto:ottawajagclubsecretary@gmail.com">ottawajagclubsecretary@gmail.com</a>
	<b>Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> 10am-4pm.</b> <b>OTTAWA JAGUAR DAY</b> Updates will be sent by email to all Members BTW We welcome attending guests from OJOA on their Eastern Ontario tour.	For details, contact Rob Dunlop <a href="mailto:ojcjaguarday@gmail.com">ojcjaguarday@gmail.com</a>
August	<b>Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup></b> - OJC Board Meeting	Details <a href="mailto:ottawajagclubsecretary@gmail.com">ottawajagclubsecretary@gmail.com</a>
	<b>Sunday, 22<sup>th</sup> Time TBD</b> OJC Drive 3 - North (location TBD)	Mark Roberts <a href="mailto:m.roberts.kanata@gmail.com">m.roberts.kanata@gmail.com</a>
September	<b>Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup></b> - OJC Board Meeting	Details <a href="mailto:ottawajagclubsecretary@gmail.com">ottawajagclubsecretary@gmail.com</a>
Sat Sept 19	<b>Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> Time TBD</b> OJC Drive 4 - West (location TBD)	Mark Roberts <a href="mailto:m.roberts.kanata@gmail.com">m.roberts.kanata@gmail.com</a>
October	Last Minute Mystery Drive? (TBD)	
	<b>Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup></b> - OJC Board Meeting	Details <a href="mailto:ottawajagclubsecretary@gmail.com">ottawajagclubsecretary@gmail.com</a>
November	<b>Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup></b> - OJC Board Meeting	Details <a href="mailto:ottawajagclubsecretary@gmail.com">ottawajagclubsecretary@gmail.com</a>
	<b>Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> (Brunch 11am, Meeting 12:00pm)</b> <u>OJC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</u>	Details <a href="mailto:ottawajagclubsecretary@gmail.com">ottawajagclubsecretary@gmail.com</a>
December	<b>Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup></b> - OJC Board Meeting	Details <a href="mailto:ottawajagclubsecretary@gmail.com">ottawajagclubsecretary@gmail.com</a>
	<b>(Date TBD)</b> <u>OJC Christmas Party</u>	Details Wendy Vandermeulen <a href="mailto:wendygvdandermeulen@gmail.com">wendygvdandermeulen@gmail.com</a>



## Non OJC Led Events that may interest you

DATE	EVENT	CONTENT/DETAILS
JUNE	Friday, 5th - Saturday, 6th. Rendez-vous British Quebec <i>Held in the Old Port Area of historic Quebec City</i>	INFO - Claude Jacques <a href="mailto:info@rvbq.org">info@rvbq.org</a>
	Saturday, 6th. Carefor's Show & Shine. Carefor Civic Complex Parking Lot, 425 Cecelia Street, Pembroke	For info contact <a href="mailto:wknechtel@carefor.ca">wknechtel@carefor.ca</a>
JULY	<b>Saturday, 11. All British Car Day (ABCD)</b> 93 Houlahan St, Barrhaven	INFO <a href="https://britishcardayottawa.ca/">https://britishcardayottawa.ca/</a>
	<b>Friday, 24th-Monday, 27th. OJOA 'WHAT' Drive with stop at OJC Jaguar Day</b> ( <i>OJC details to follow</i> )	<b>Contact Al Graves</b> <a href="mailto:gravesal1967@gmail.com">gravesal1967@gmail.com</a> or <b>Barry Paulson</b> <a href="mailto:barry.paulson@rogers.com">barry.paulson@rogers.com</a>
AUGUST	Sunday, 30th. 58th Annual OJOA Concours at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum in Hamilton	<a href="https://ojoa.org/">https://ojoa.org/</a>
SEPTEMBER	North Augusta Car Show	FaceBook - 2026 North Augusta Car Show



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SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

Ladies Afternoon Tea at Zoe's, Chateau Laurier

Our next Social Event is for LADIES ONLY! (Sorry, guys) (OJC Men - please make sure your ladies see this message. Thank you!)

Wednesday, May 20th we will be enjoying Afternoon Tea at Zoe's in the Chateau Laurier,  
1:30 - 3:30.



The cost is \$79 per person plus taxes and gratuities.  
It will be an opportunity to dress up and model your favourite fascinator  
(if you wish!).

We have reserved a table for 10, so if you plan to join us (yes, a few have already  
committed!),  
be sure to confirm with me using this email: [wendygvanmeulen@gmail.com](mailto:wendygvanmeulen@gmail.com) as soon as  
you can.

I have to confirm numbers on May 17th.

It will be fun. I look forward to seeing you there.

Wendy  
May 2026 7

# Treasurer's Musings for May 2026



Jim Butcher  
Treasurer

Spring is here ... (not only by the calendar this time!)

Last month I wrote a musing on the first day of spring (per the calendar). However, I was not in a "spring-like" mood as although the calendar said that day was the first day of spring, we were still anticipating more snow... and it came!

But today as I write this, wow what a change, the sun is out and it definitely feels like car season is near. I know that some of you drive your cats 12 months of the year, whereas others (like me) put our cats into their lair in the fall, check on them over the winter and wait until days like now to bring them out of hibernation and get them ready for the summer.

Spring is likely my favourite time of the year, although there is always a never ending to do list, between getting the house lawn and gardens ready, to getting the cars ready, it is nice and cool in the morning and warms up throughout the day, perfect for working in the garage and outside.

My spring ritual for the cars seems similar every year. The first step is putting the batteries back in the Cobra, Jaguar and John Deere ride on. Then I change the engine oils in everything ... put in some new gold for the summer.

Then recheck the air in all the tires ensure that the cars have been detailed inside and out. Our Jaguar is a 1957 so it seems like every moving part gets to be greased, below are the chassis spots, however every door hinge etcetera also needs to be greased, brings me back to a time when parts were not "throw away" but greasable and repairable.

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EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

**CASTROL XL** in summer, **CASTROLITE** in winter. High quality motor oils recommended for the Jaguar engine. **CASTROL XL** is also recommended for the gear box.

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**Every 2,500 miles**  
STEERING IDLER HOUSING  
WHEEL SWIVELS  
STEERING TIE ROD  
Apply **CASTROLLEASE MEDIUM GREASE** with the grease gun at the nipples indicated.

**Every 10,000 miles**  
FRONT WHEEL BEARING—Disassemble front wheel hubs, clean out and re-pack bearings with **CASTROLLEASE WB GREASE**. Do not pack hub with grease, but apply a coating to the inside of the hub between the outer races of bearings.  
Note: Where dust brakes are fitted, lubrication is required every 5,000 miles via the nipple provided.

**Daily**  
ENGINE—Check oil level with dipstick and replenish, if necessary, with **CASTROL XL** in summer, **CASTROLITE** in winter.  
AFTER THE FIRST 500 MILES, AND THEREAFTER EVERY 2,500 MILES, DRAIN OFF OLD OIL WHILE WARM AND REFILL WITH FRESH **CASTROL XL** IN SUMMER, **CASTROLITE** IN WINTER.  
Rapid Capacity: 11 pints.  
Total Capacity: 13 pints.  
OVERSEAS  
Above 90°F      **CASTROL XL**  
32°F to 90°F      **CASTROL XL**  
Below 32°F      **CASTROLITE**

**Every 2,500 miles**  
GEARBOX—Check oil level and if necessary refill to the bottom of the level and filler hole with **CASTROL XL**.  
AFTER THE FIRST 500 MILES, AND THEREAFTER EVERY 10,000 MILES, DRAIN OFF OLD OIL WHILE WARM AND REFILL WITH FRESH **CASTROL XL** IN ALL CLIMATIC CONDITIONS.  
If convenient to fitted, remove and clean oil pump filter every 10,000 miles.  
Capacity: 2½ pints, with overdrive 4 pints.  
Note: If fitted with Automatic Transmission see below.

**Every 5,000 miles**  
REAR WHEEL BEARING—Apply **CASTROLLEASE WB GREASE** with the grease gun at the nipple indicated.

**Every 2,500 miles**  
WHEEL SWIVELS  
STEERING TIE ROD  
Apply **CASTROLLEASE MEDIUM GREASE** with the grease gun at the nipples indicated.

**Every 10,000 miles**  
FRONT WHEEL BEARING—Disassemble front wheel hubs, clean out and re-pack bearings with **CASTROLLEASE WB GREASE**. Do not pack hub with grease, but apply a coating to the inside of the hub between the outer races of bearings.  
Note: Where dust brakes are fitted, lubrication is required every 5,000 miles via the nipple provided.

**Every 2,500 miles**  
STEERING GEAR BOX—Replenish, if necessary, with **CASTROL D GEAR OIL**.

**Every 1,500 miles**  
PROPELLER SHAFT SPLINES Automatic Transmission and overdrive (middle only).  
UNIVERSAL JOINTS 2 nipples (Automatic Transmission 3 nipples).  
Apply **CASTROL D GEAR OIL** to the Universal Joints and **CASTROLLEASE MEDIUM GREASE** to the Splines.

**Every 2,500 miles**  
REAR AXLE—Check oil level and replenish, if necessary, with **CASTROL HYPOF GEAR OIL**.  
AFTER THE FIRST 500 MILES, AND THEREAFTER EVERY 10,000 MILES, DRAIN OFF OLD OIL WHILE WARM, FLUSH WITH WAKFIELD FLUSHING OIL, AND REFILL WITH FRESH **CASTROL HYPOF GEAR OIL**.  
Use **CASTROL HYPOF GEAR OIL** in all climatic conditions.  
Capacity: 2-4 ¼ pints.

**Every 5,000 miles**  
REAR WHEEL BEARING—Apply **CASTROLLEASE WB GREASE** with the grease gun at the nipple provided.

**ALSO REQUIRING ATTENTION**

**OIL CAN**      **DISTRIBUTOR** indicated thus  $\square$       Withdraw the rotating arm and apply a few drops of ENGINE OIL to the top of the spindle. Apply a few drops of ENGINE OIL to the Contact Breaker Arm Pivot and add 2 or 3 drops to the Advance Mechanism. Place a smear of **CASTROLLEASE MEDIUM GREASE** on the Distributor Cap.  
**Every 5,000 miles**, SEAT BUCKERS AND ADJUSTING MECHANISM, HANDBRAKE RATCHET, DOOR LOCKS, BOOT HINGES AND LOCK, BONNET HINGES AND CATCHES, WINDSCREEN WIPER ARMS, ACCELERATOR LINKAGE, PETROL FILLER COVER HINGE, apply ENGINE OIL.  
**Every 3,000 miles**, BATTERY. Check and maintain level to top of separators—DISTILLED WATER.  
OIL FILTER. Remove, clean and replace element. Every 5,000 miles renew element.  
HANDBRAKE CABLES indicated thus  $\rightarrow$  Apply **CASTROLLEASE MEDIUM GREASE** with the grease gun at the nipples indicated. (1 nipple on later 2.4 and 3.4 models).  
BRAKE AND CLUTCH MASTER CYLINDERS. Check level and replenish if necessary with correct fluid.  
CARBURETTOR PITCH DAMPERS (2.4 only). Unscrew top on suction chamber and fit one damper valve attached. Fill the hollow piston spindle with engine oil and replace.  
AIR CLEANER (Oil bath type). Remove, clean and refill.  
**Every 5,000 miles**, AIR CLEANER. (Wipe mesh type). Remove, clean and refill.  
REAR SPRINGS. Thoroughly clean springs, then spray with **CASTROL PENETRATING OIL**.  
**Every 10,000 miles**, ENGINE SUMP STRAINER (Gasket bowl type). Wash gasket in petrol, allow to dry, and refill using oil gasket.  
PISTON CYLINDER LUBRICATION—in order to lubricate more effectively the piston, piston rings, valve stems, and guides, WAKFIELD **CASTROL** may be used in the proportion of 1 oz. to 3 gallons of fuel.

**TYRE PRESSURES**

	2.4		3.4	
	FRONT	REAR	FRONT	REAR
Normal	34 lbs./sq. in.	28 lbs./sq. in.	35 lbs./sq. in.	33 lbs./sq. in.
For fast driving	37 lbs./sq. in.	31 lbs./sq. in.	37 lbs./sq. in.	35 lbs./sq. in.

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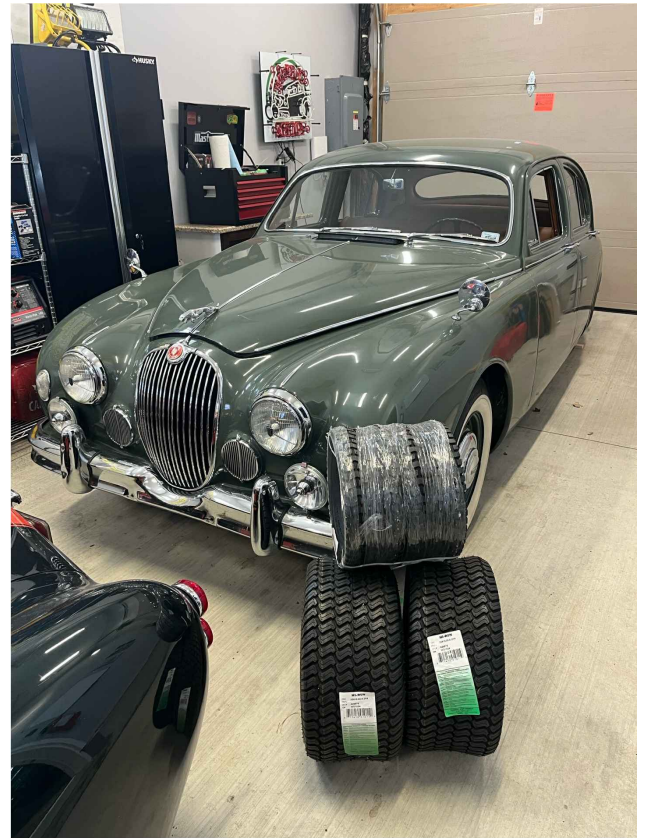
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Above, are some of my batteries still on their tenders waiting to be installed, by the time you read this, they will have been installed, oils changed and they have been started (hopefully).



Once the cars are ready to be driven (although I will still have a long list of to-dos on them that I will work on throughout the summer) I need to tackle adding new "stickers" to Johnny (my John Deere ride on), here they are waiting with the Jaguar.

The OJC welcome to spring dinner was a great event, it was well attended and was a great launch to our spring/ summer season of social events, drives, technical sessions and projects. If you are preparing your cars for spring and summer; I hope that all goes well and I hope to see you with your cats at some of our OJC events and drives this summer.

As you read this, you will have heard about the exciting engine swap project that John Blais is carrying out on his XJS with assistance by OJC volunteers. This is going to be a great technical and social project and look for monthly updates in our Jottings newsletter.

Happy Spring everyone. See you on the road.

Jim Butcher



## CATS & HORSES

OJC was recently asked to participate for the first time in a major Ottawa summer event. The Italian Festival is celebrated annually in June and includes an annual car show (Concorso d'Eleganza) sponsored by the Ferrari Club of Ottawa (FCO). In addition to the famous sports cars with the rampant black stallion logo, other Italian two and four wheeled vehicles gather to be judged and displayed before the public in attendance.

With the idea of expanding the traditional Italian-only car show into a much larger all marques happening, FCO approached OJC and the Corvette Club to get the ball rolling this year by selecting some cars for judging and display alongside the Italian machinery. Other marques such as Porsche are expected next year.

Given the short timeframe, we selected a representation of Jaguars across time and models based on their appearances in our own Jaguar Day show and contacted the owners for interest. As this first effort is a club representational activity, the club executive endorsed covering the entry fees for the eight to ten cars we expect to attend for OJC.

The concorso takes place **Friday, 19 June starting around 10 AM to 4:30 PM** on Princess Elizabeth Drive next to the Dows Lake Pavillion and is open to the public. Full details of the event are provided on the FCO website: [www.fcaottawa.com/concorso](http://www.fcaottawa.com/concorso). Please disregard the instructions concerning registration.

## A Fun Night Out:

*Submitted by Ray Newson, photos by Bonnie Newson*

For those of you who attended our 2025 OJC Christmas party, held at the home of Tom Little and Gabrielle MacKenzie, alongside the Gatineau River, you would be very familiar with their (read Gabrielle's) exotic decorating skills. Being an accomplished artist, you would have also had the opportunity to see much of Gabrielle's artwork hanging throughout their home. Gabrielle is also a published author and adds acting to her long list of talented skills.



*Trudy Jewel (aka Gabrielle MacKenzie)*

When OJC secretary, Heather Amys, mentioned that her and Marc were going to see Gabrielle perform at Ottawa's Murder Mystery/Comedy Theater at the Prescott Hotel, it sounded like a great idea to wile away an Ottawa winter evening.

Bonnie and I met up with Heather and Marc at the Prescott Hotel for supper before the show about 6PM. The timing was perfect as doors opened upstairs to the theater at 7:30PM. While everybody, I would estimate about 100+ in the audience, were getting settled in and organized at our table settings, the actors were moving around the room introducing themselves to the audience and sizing everybody up ahead of the performance.

I won't spoil the show for you other than with the pictures here and the fact that we all had lots of fun. I got to perform, or at least dance YMCA in front of 100 strangers (at least I hope that they were all strangers) I am also sure that my acting debut was a set up.

All I can say is that we had a lot of fun, a good time was had by all and Gabrielle does a great job in her alter-ego role as Trudy Jewel!



*YMCA Performance. Marc Kempf in foreground*



*Gabrielle to the left and Ray as the Y.M.C.A. Cop*



*Marc Kempf, Heather Amys, Gabrielle MacKenzie, Bonnie & Ray Newson*

# Spring Dinner

Saturday, April 18



Rob Dunlop



Tom Little (winner)

Dave Seabright



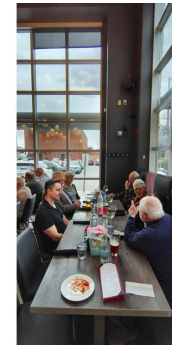
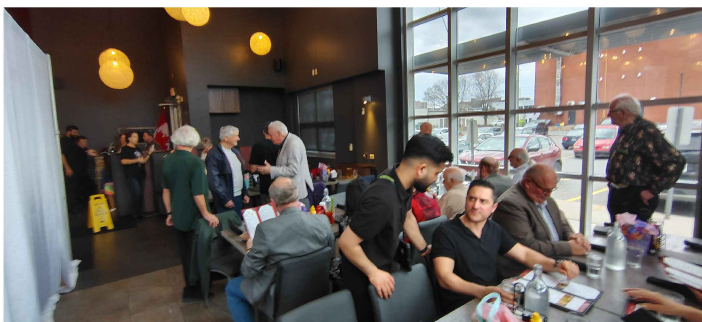
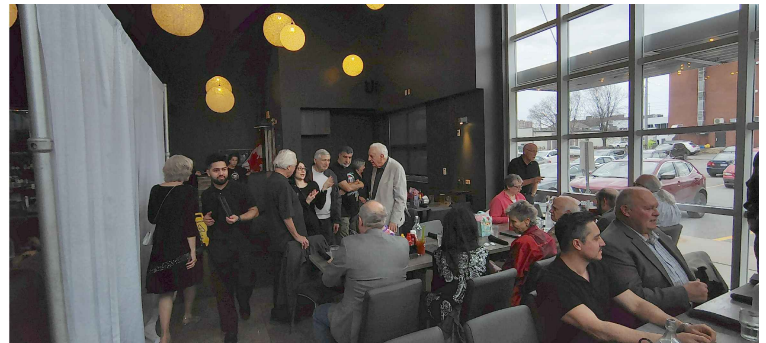
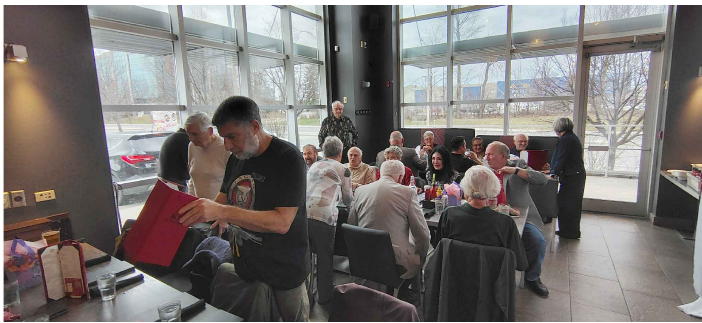
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"Four members already had their Jaguars out of storage and drove them to the dinner!"

After much planning and anticipation, the Spring Dinner went off without a hitch. Twenty-seven people enjoyed a very social few hours at KS on the Keys. There was constant chatter, which is always a sure sign that "a good time was had by all".

The restaurant was kind enough to hang some curtains between us and the main restaurant which helped a lot in making our event feel more private ... although that loud yell and cheering from the other side of the curtain at one point probably made more than a few of us wish we could see what was going on over there!

There was a great drinks menu, and the food offerings were fabulous! There was actually way too much food! Not that I'm complaining, because John and I ate from our leftovers for most of the following week! Good thing the food was so good!



There were prizes to be handed out, too, of course. Four members already had their Jaguars out of storage and drove them to the dinner! For recognition of their determination to take their cats to an OJC event - even when the weather was not the best! - their names were put in a draw for a special prize. The winner was Tom Little. He was very pleased with the picture of an E-Type and a tire gauge.

Three other prizes were handed out and the winners were ... odd. Not that the *people* were odd, but in a room with 27 people seated at 3 different tables, what were the odds that the 3 people who won were all seated together?? The first winner was Barry Paulson. The second ticket was pulled and the winner - Al Graves - was seated right across from Barry. Then the third ticket was pulled. The winner, Janet Dionne, was seated beside Al. Really! What were the odds of that happening with 3 random tickets being drawn!!

Small, spring-theme gift bags were also on each of the tables. The winners of those were determined by birthdate. A date was on the bottom of each bag and the person at the table whose birthdate was closest to that date won the gift bag. I'm sure all the winners were particularly pleased with the rubber ducky!

It was fun! Let's do it again sometime.....

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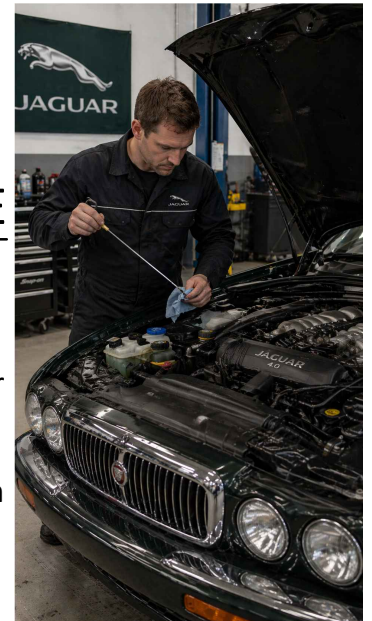
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## TAKING YOUR CAR OUT FROM WINTER STORAGE

- **TIRES:** Measure your tire pressure. If they went down less than 5 lbs from what you stored them with, then they are fine. More than 5 lbs, keep your eye on them for slow leaks. Return the tire pressures to the specified tire pressure or 32 lbs.
- **FLUID LEAKS:** Look for fluid leaks beneath the car, as well as brake fluid on the inside of each tire.
- ~ Engine oil=brown
- ~ Automatic Transmission oil = red
- ~ Manual Transmission oil = yellow
- ~ Power steering = red or yellow
- ~ Brake fluid = clear
- ~ Clutch fluid = clear
- ~ Antifreeze = green or yellow

All fluid levels should be exactly where you topped them up to in the fall.

- **ANTIFREEZE:** Measure the voltage between the fluid and ground. Less than .5 volts is good. Anything above 1.5 volts should be changed immediately in order to prevent corrosion to the aluminum head and fittings.
- **BATTERY:** Check the acid level and top up if necessary with distilled water. The voltage should be 12.5 volts. If not, charge until 12.5 volts is obtained.
- **START ENGINE:** Disconnect the coil wire and attempt to start the car. Do so for about 30 seconds or until you see good oil pressure. This is so that you do not start the car with a dry engine. Reconnect the coil wire and start the car. The plugs may be wet from the gas or wet from the fogging oil, so you may wish to give a shot of Quick Start fluid. Let the car run for 10-15 minutes. Take the car for a short run, and fill up with some 91-octane gas if you did not do so in the fall. Check the automatic transmission level while it is hot.
- **GREASE:** Grease all fittings where necessary. Check S.U. carb oil levels.
- **OIL/FILTER:** If you did not change the oil/filter in the fall, do it now.
- **BRAKE FLUID:** If you did not flush out the brake fluid reservoir in the fall, do it now.
- **LUBRICATE:** If you did not lubricate the pivot points in the fall do it now.
- **LEATHER SEATS:** When you put your car away in the fall, it was advisable to treat the leather with a preservative like "LEATHERIQUE". Now do it again in order to keep the leather soft, and not dry out.





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