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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.hudsonantiquecarklub.com
Info email: 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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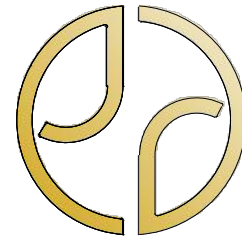
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President's Musings for May 2026



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 wendygvandermeulen@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

Updated April 28, 2026

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS / CONTACT
May	Wednesday, 13th - OJC Board Meeting	Details ottawajagclubsecretary@gmail.com
	WEDNESDAY, 20th - 1:30 pm Ladies only! Afternoon Tea at Zoe's, Chateau Laurier (TBC)	RSVP Wendy Vandermeulen wendygvandermeulen@gmail.com
	SUNDAY, 31st Drive to Hudson, Qc. Annual British Car Show https://www.hudsonantiquecarklub.com/british-car-show	Mark Roberts Time TBD m.roberts.kanata@gmail.com
June	Wednesday, 3rd - OJC Board Meeting	Details ottawajagclubsecretary@gmail.com
	Thursday, 11th - 10:00am. An Exclusive Tour of OPENLANE Auto Auction House, Vars, ON. Attendance is limited to 15.	RSVP to Ben Farmer Benwfarmer90@gmail.com
	Friday, 19th - 21st <u>Ferrari Club Concorso d'Eleganza</u> OJC has been invited to attend this event requesting specific classic/vintage Jaguars from our Club. www.fcaottawa.com/concorso	OJC will be participating in this event with a pre-approved selection of club Jaguars. Registration/participation only through Rob Dunlop. ojcjaguarday@gmail.com
	Sunday, 28 Time TBD OJC Drive 2 - South to St. Lawrence (location TBD)	Mark Roberts m.roberts.kanata@gmail.com
July	Wednesday, July 8th - Board Meeting	Details ottawajagclubsecretary@gmail.com
	Sat. 25th 10am-4pm. OTTAWA JAGUAR DAY 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 ojcjaguarday@gmail.com
August	Wednesday, 5th - OJC Board Meeting	Details ottawajagclubsecretary@gmail.com
	Sunday, 22th Time TBD OJC Drive 3 - North (location TBD)	Mark Roberts m.roberts.kanata@gmail.com
September	Wednesday, 2nd - OJC Board Meeting	Details ottawajagclubsecretary@gmail.com
Sat Sept 19	Sunday, 19th Time TBD OJC Drive 4 - West (location TBD)	Mark Roberts m.roberts.kanata@gmail.com
October	Last Minute Mystery Drive? (TBD)	
	Wednesday, 14th - OJC Board Meeting	Details ottawajagclubsecretary@gmail.com
November	Wednesday, 4th - OJC Board Meeting	Details ottawajagclubsecretary@gmail.com
	Saturday, 14th (Brunch 11am, Meeting 12:00pm) <u>OJC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</u>	Details ottawajagclubsecretary@gmail.com
December	Wednesday, 9th - OJC Board Meeting	Details ottawajagclubsecretary@gmail.com
	(Date TBD) <u>OJC Christmas Party</u>	Details Wendy Vandermeulen wendygvandermeulen@gmail.com



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 info@rvbq.org
	Saturday, 6th. Carefor's Show & Shine. Carefor Civic Complex Parking Lot, 425 Cecelia Street, Pembroke	For info contact wknechtel@carefor.ca
JULY	Saturday, 11. All British Car Day (ABCD) 93 Houlahan St, Barrhaven	INFO https://britishcardayottawa.ca/
	Friday, 24th-Monday, 27th. OJOA 'WHAT' Drive with stop at OJC Jaguar Day (OJC details to follow)	Contact Al Graves gravesal1967@gmail.com or Barry Paulson barry.paulson@rogers.com
AUGUST	Sunday, 30th. 58th Annual OJOA Concours at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum in Hamilton	https://ojoa.org/
SEPTEMBER	North Augusta Car Show	FaceBook - 2026 North Augusta Car Show



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SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, May 20th

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: wendygvanndermeulen@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.

Jim Butcher
Treasurer

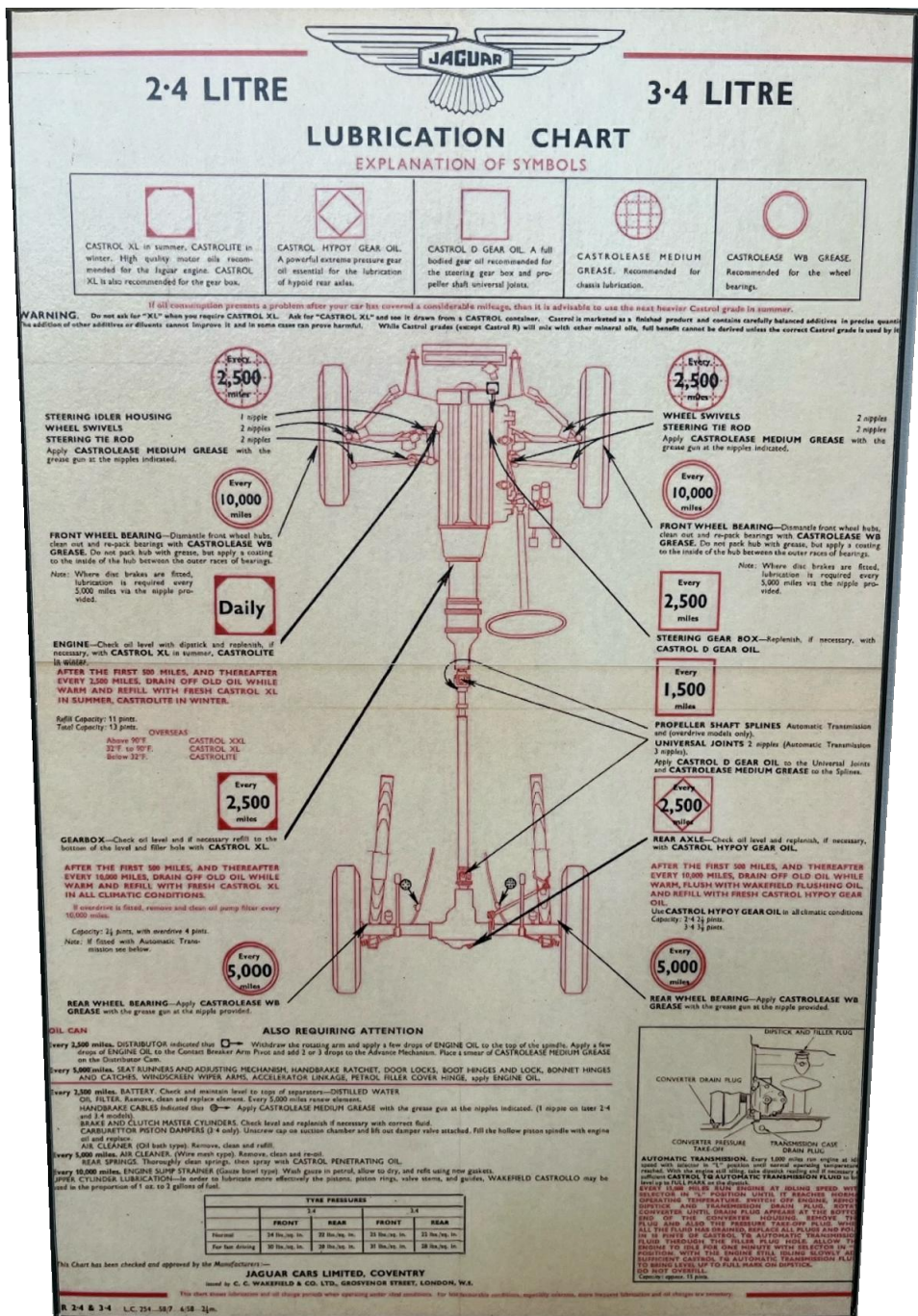
Last month I wrote a musing on the first day of spring (per the calendar). However, I was not in a “spring-like” mood as although the calendar said that day was the first day of spring, we were still anticipating more snow... and it came!

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.

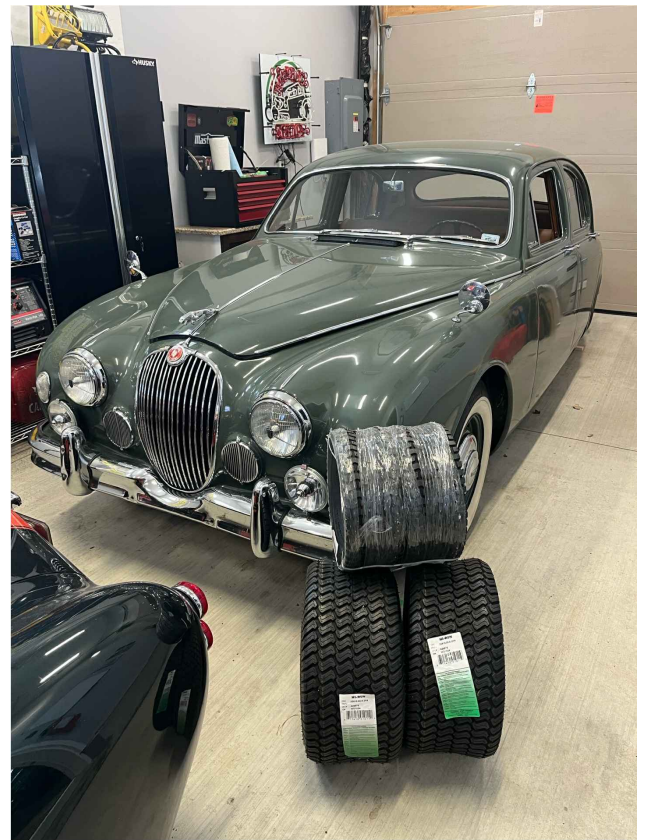
Then recheck the air in all the tires ensure that the cars have been detailed inside and out. Our Jaguar is a 1957 so it seems like every moving part gets to be greased, below are the chassis spots, however every door hinge etcetera also needs to be greased, brings me back to a time when parts were not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



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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. Please disregard the instructions concerning registration.

Rob Dunlop

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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!



WMCA Performance. Marc Kempf in foreground



Gabrielle to the left and Ray as the YMCA Cop



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

Spring Dinner

Saturday, April 18



Rob Dunlop



Tom Little (winner)



Phil Karam

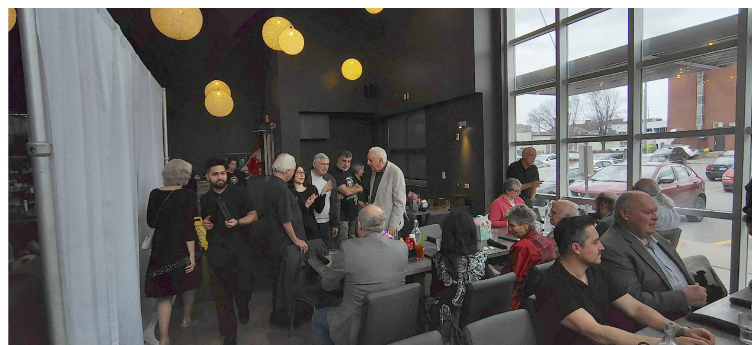
Dave Seabright

"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.....

Wendy & John

Social Event Coordinators

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Display class (show & shine)

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Questions? OJCJaguarDay@gmail.com

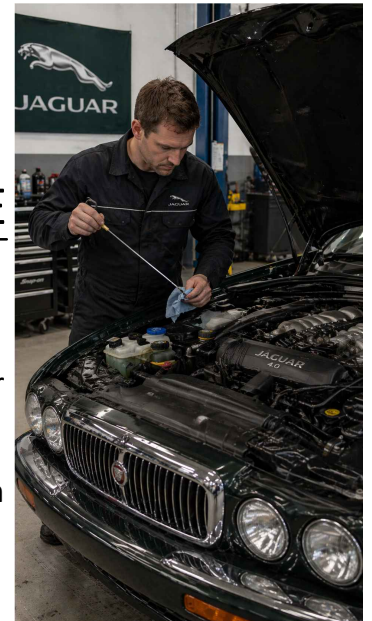
by Phil Karam

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.
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