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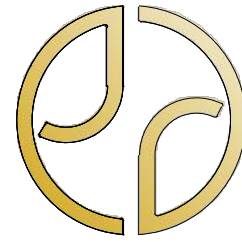
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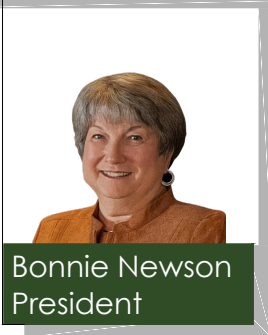


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President's Musings for June 2026



What a difference a month makes. The bare branches of early May are now alive with greenery and blooms. We are presently in full swing into the 2026 OJC calendar of Events. The month of May was a great start to OJC's official season, and a great one it was! I am looking forward to our June events & activities.

It was an honour and a pleasure for me to be part of the Ladies Afternoon Tea held at the Chateau Laurier on May 20th. It was fun to get dressed up, relax, and chat with a few OJC Lady friends while enjoying delicious sweets and savouries. Next, was a preliminary meeting on May 23rd of a group of Members who will be following and assisting in a technical event - an XJS engine swap that will last a few months to completion. This activity will take place in one of the

out buildings on Paul Blais' property. The (engine) swapping will be from a 1986 XJS to a 1988 XJS, both owned by John Blais. Last, but not least was a drive to the annual Hudson Quebec British Car Show on May 31st. You can read about each of these events in this Jaguar Jottings issue. Thank you to the organizers and all of the Members who participated.

The month of May also brought a new Member to OJC. Welcome to **Caitlin Fisher** and her 1953 XK120. We look forward to meeting Caitlin at future Club Events.

Looking ahead...

Our June calendar is looking splendid with an OPENLANE Auction Tour on June 11th; involvement in the Ottawa Chapter of the Ferrari Club Concorso d'Eleganza on June 19th; and our 2nd OJC drive on June 28th. Check out the Events Calendar on page 5.

I look forward to meeting many Members at these events.

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 June 4, 2026

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS / CONTACT
June	Wednesday, 10th OJC Board Meeting 11:00 am, Location: Hunt Club Jaguar	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. See page 11. Registration/participation only through Rob Dunlop. rojedunl@hotmail.com
	Sunday, 28th Time TBD OJC Drive 2 - Down the Rideau River	Mark Roberts Follow the Rideau River returning on the other side, with lunch in Merrickville Starting point: parking lot at Baton Rouge on Hunt Club. 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, 22nd Time TBD OJC Drive 3 - North, to Quebec	Mark Roberts to Wakefield, including both sides of the Gatineau River, Gatineau Park and Meech Lake. Starting point TBC m.roberts.kanata@gmail.com
September	Wednesday, 2nd - OJC Board Meeting	Details ottawajagclubsecretary@gmail.com
	Sunday, 19th Time TBD OJC Drive 4 - Colour Drive, 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	DETAILS/CONTACT
JUNE	Saturday, 6th Carefor's Show & Shine. Carefor Civic Complex Parking Lot, 425 Cecelia Street, Pembroke	For info contact wknechtel@carefor.ca
JULY	Saturday, 11th 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	Saturday, 22nd Lanark Lifestyles Retirement Residence BBQ & car show, 240 Gore St. in Perth	Free bbq, bring your family and friends. 50/50 draw donated to the local hospice program. Residents choice trophy for the favorite car the seniors pick. Cars that arrive by 12 noon eligible for trophy pick. Fun day! Appreciated by all the residents. Lots of free parking. Wit Lewandowski wit_lewandowski@yahoo.ca
	Sunday, 30th 58 th Annual OJOA Concours at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum in Hamilton	https://ojoa.org/
SEPTEMBER	Saturday, 5th North Augusta Car Show	FaceBook - 2026 North Augusta Car Show



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Tea at the Chateau

by Wendy VanderMeulen

The first-ever OJC-Ladies Event

First of all, I'm not sure it was the first ever, but no one could remember if any other Ladies-only event had ever been arranged for the OJC. If there was, please enlighten me!

But this event was definitely a success. Eight ladies gathered in Zoe's Restaurant for Afternoon Tea. This is such a classic place and event, it was perfect for the first OJC ladies outing - I mean, what better fit for a classic car club?... minus talking about cars!



An excellent selection of scones, sandwiches (including cucumber sandwiches, of course!!), other savouries, desserts, AND TEA were thoroughly enjoyed by all of us. Some also mimosas and other such drinks. We were all “dressed to the nines” with one even daring to wear a fascinator. So much fun! Do I hear “annual event”?

With this being such a success, we're looking forward to the NEXT ladies-only event: lunch - hopefully outside somewhere; looking at Saturday, September 5 or 12 (which works best for you?). I am also soliciting ideas for where to go for lunch. Send your ideas to me, Wendy, at [\[Members Only\]](#) . In the meantime, keep your eyes open for details of the next club social event at the home of Tom Little and Gabrielle MacKenzie on Sunday afternoon, August 16.

A Trip to the Hudson British Car Show 2026

by Mark Roberts

There were some concerns for the weather on the day of the drive...potential rain in Hudson in the afternoon, however the day started out well. All those who said they were coming showed up at the Place D'Orleans parking lot on time, except for Fergus and Kester (see further down). We even had a send-off from our treasurer, Jim Butcher, as he had conflicting plans, but wanted to see the group.

The drive down was mostly uneventful with light traffic and very good roads. The vistas were mostly of farmlands with the Upper/Lower Canada early spring look; just beautiful.

Once we got close to Hudson, we were treated to a slightly different route into town, which lead us through some woods-like settings and older more established well kept properties. It shows that Hudson was and still is a bit of a playground of the well-healed.

The car show was a bit muted this year possibly because of the weather forecast, but there were still over 75 cars present, ranging from old Rollers, Austin Healey's, MG's, Triumph's, Land Rover's, Lotus's, including a Lotus SUV, Italian vintages, as well as a collection of other cars from the Hudson Antique Car Klub, including a "little deuce coupe".

Of the Jaguars present, they were mostly from Ontario, and all save three were from OJC or Ottawa. One was a beautiful Mk II from Brockville, which usually shows up for the ABCD show each year as well. Joining the line of Jags was Fergus, who indicated he was a maybe for the drive, but made it on his own. Also present were Kester and Helen, but with their Bentley this time.

The day turned out to be almost perfect; not too hot or sunny, and no rain while we were there, with a slight breeze to keep the bugs down. Most of the group brought picnic baskets and had quite the spread, while others walked into town for coffee and nibbles (a technical term), and then lunch later.

There was not a group drive home. People just pulled out and proceeded on their own at their own pace, and for this scribe, only a brief period of rain drops, not really rain at all. All in all a good day to stretch the legs of our cats and to visit.



The final assembly



The group waiting for the word outside Mark's Warehouse Place d' Orleans.

*From left to right: Marc & Heather in a VdP, Jim (who came to wave us off), Ray & Bonnie in an XJS, Mark (our fearless leader) and Catherine in an XE, Jean and Robin an XK, Sue and Marley in an XF and Dave on the end in an E-type.
p.s. the other David who is with Sue is taking the photo)*

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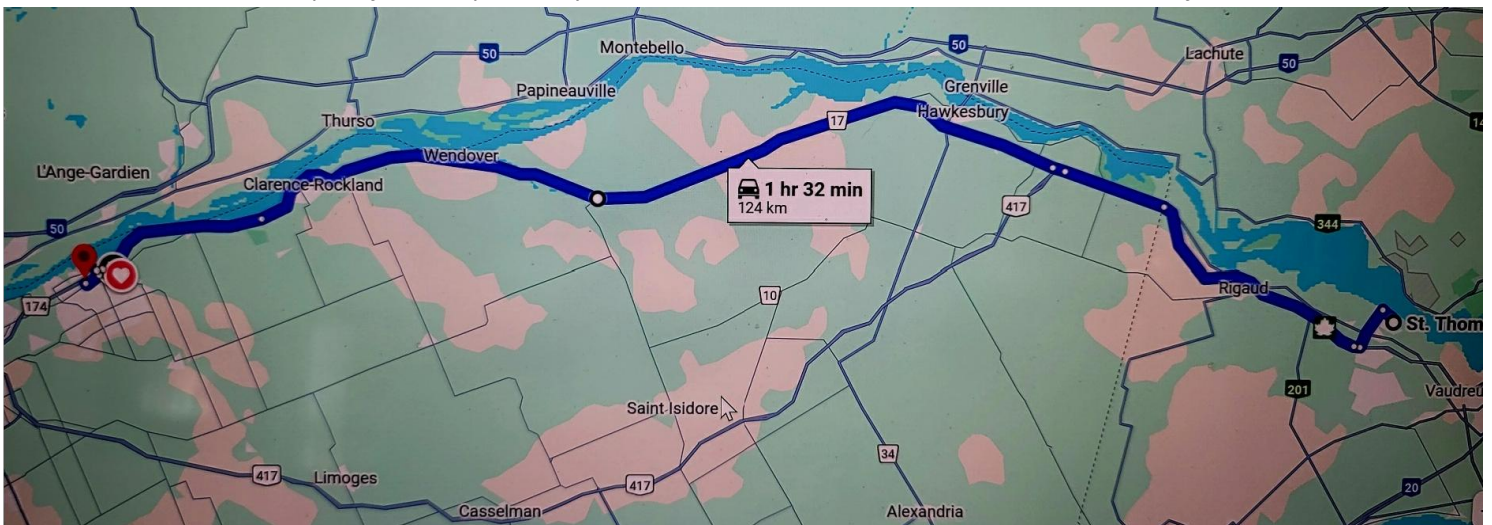


A Trip to the Hudson British Car Show 2026 (concluded) a few photos taken by David Seabright



A spot of lunch - photos by Mark Roberts

A late comer from Montreal



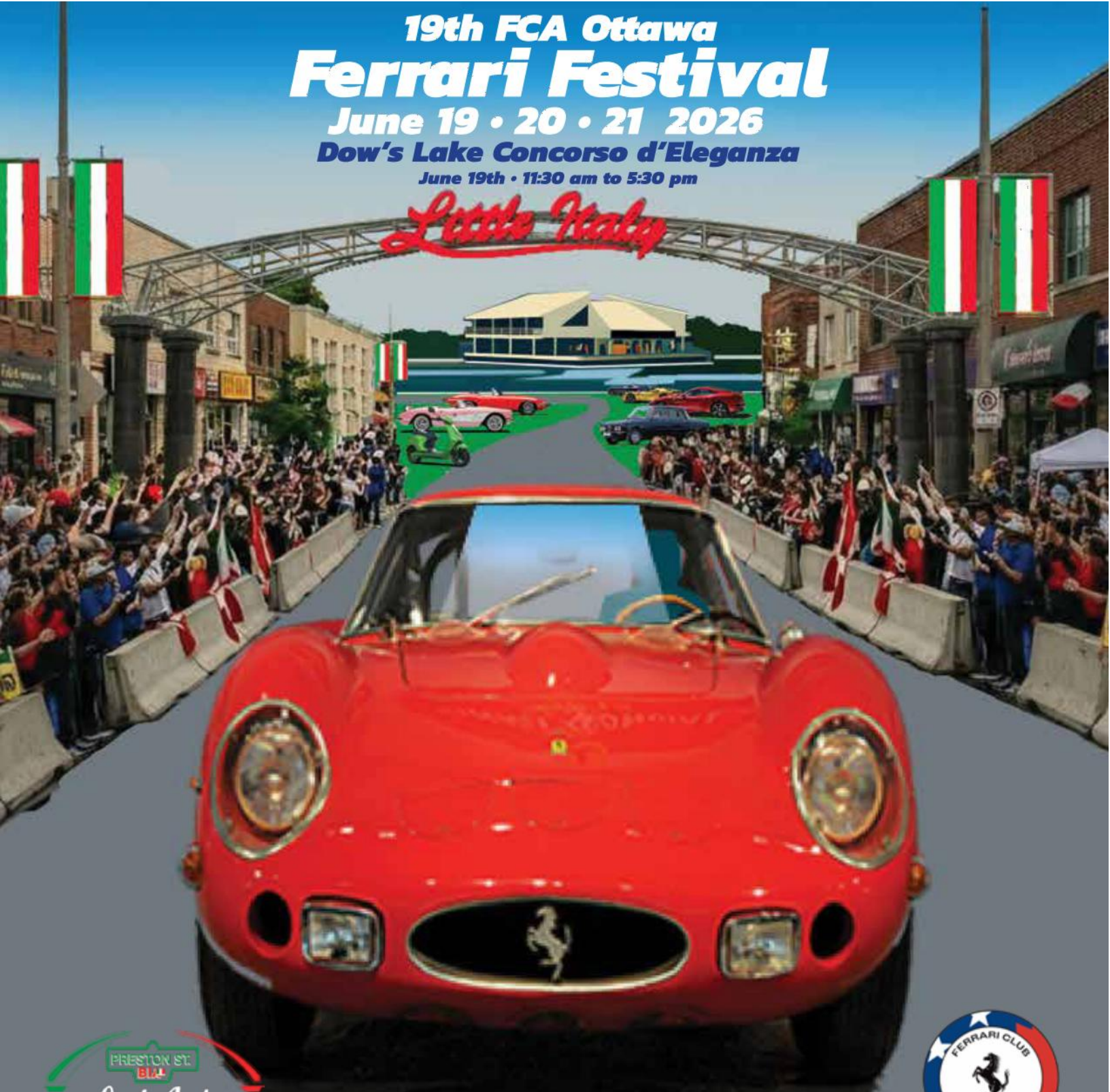
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John Blais' XJS Engine Replacement Meeting 1

by Jim Butcher



Part of the team that volunteered to help John Blais with the engine swap in his XJS met on May 23rd at the Ashton Pub for a quick lunch before starting the planning process. There were 7 who attended, John and Paul Blais (kind of critical!), Bonnie and Ray Newson, Ian Moss, Mark Roberts and myself.

Just as a reminder of the project, John wants to swap the engine from the yellow 1986 car into the green 1988. The engines are huge V12s.



We started the donor engine in the yellow Jaguar and it ran fairly well, unfortunately the body on this car is in poor condition. Mr. Fred Flintstone would love this Jaguar! The two Jaguars are not alone in the barn; John also has an MG and Paul's Jaguar S type keep the cars company.

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John Blais' XJS Engine Replacement

Meeting 1 (continued)

by Jim Butcher

It was great to get together and swap stories, everything from car repair adventures of the past, to accidently almost removing one's knee with a grinder and many stories in between. We barely discussed the project at hand, that being John's engine replacement. We all had a great meal and then headed over to Paul's house where the two cars are sitting in one of his barns, one is a 1986 XJS and the other is a 1988.



John still has some work to do before the crew can come in and assist, he wants to label the wiring and hoses that need to be disconnected and then disconnect them. We will practice on removing the donor engine and transmission and learn from that, then complete the same process removing the engine from the green car. Once the engine and transmissions are removed from the green car, the engine compartment will be degreased, cleaned, painted and detailed before installing the donor engine.

We agreed that we will remove the engine and transmission as 1 unit so likely the radiator and fans and some metal work in front of the engine will need to be removed to allow for sufficient room to facilitate a smooth removal (and reinstallation).

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John Blais' XJS Engine Replacement

Meeting 1 (continued)

by Jim Butcher

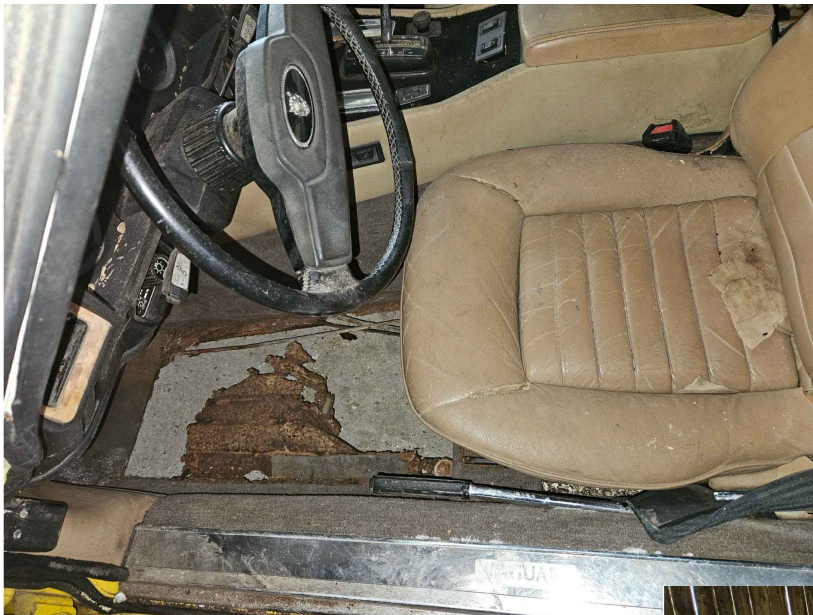
Unfortunately, we could not set a date for the first roll up our sleeves and get started date as John wants to get his work completed first. However, we are hoping to have the first work session in June.

We will be documenting the project monthly in Jottings and are determining if we can make a video of the project that we will post on the Ottawa Jaguar Club website.

Paul graciously showed us around his CNC machine and other projects that he is working on.

We will be advising everyone who has volunteered about 2 weeks before the first work session. If you are interested in volunteering and have not yet, please contact me at

ottawajagclubtreasurer@gmail.com



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1955 XK140 FHC Works Car

William Heynes,
Duncan Hamilton
(with provenance)

by Phil Karam

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 Bill's 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 drivers. 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 have fully restored this very special classic, and will offer it for sale, hopefully back in England, where it rightfully belongs.



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