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Jaguar Car Club of Victoria tours to Whistler. The Andrachuks in their 1987 V12 VDP are followed by the Bowens in their 1987 XJ6 and the Taylors in their 1992 XJS. Photo by Doug Ingram

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The Jaguar Car Club of Victoria

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ESTABLISHED 2003

Our purpose focuses on Jaguar automobiles and their owners. We support our members in their enthusiasm, we promote fellowship among our members and other enthusiasts, we encourage preservation and restoration activities, and at all times we celebrate the past, present, and future of the wonderful Jaguar marque.

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A Message From the President Malcolm Taylor



Photo by Doug Ingram

Greetings Ladies and Gentlemen,

Well, here we are again with another first for the JCCV. What a year it has been already, from the coming out of the Club at the Fathers Day Picnic, through all the shows that the Club and its members have been able to take part in, right up to our recent weekend trip to Whistler. Now we have our first issue of the Club's newsletter, which is bound to be a collector's item in the future! We can only hope. In any event, it is a great opportunity for the Club to be opened up to the members and for the members to open up to the Club. We will be publishing on a regular basis beginning in January. This is your newsletter and we are hoping that it will be driven by your input. The door is open for any contributions and suggestions for subjects of interest on all things Jaguar and the friendships and camaraderie that these wonderful cars create. When you receive this communication our first Club meeting will be just around the corner. This will quite possibly be one of the most important meetings in the Club's history so please come and get acquainted. It is sure to be a fun night!

Welcome all!

Malcolm



Photo by Eileen Ingram

Notes From the (Temporary) Editor Doug Ingram

With lots of help and a few late nights, we have produced the first newsletter of the Jaguar Car Club of Victoria. Hopefully you will find something of interest here, and hopefully some of you will contribute articles, photos, and other material for members to enjoy in future issues.

A couple of things to think about. Firstly, that name on the cover. Rather pathetic, isn't it? Surely we could have come up with something better than "NEWSLETTER". I suppose that given enough time, and perhaps a Guinness or two, we might have. But the truth is that we think one of our members will do a much better job of providing a name than we possibly could. So here's an offer: Come up with a good and proper name for the JCCV newsletter and submit it to me (contact info on page 2). Your executive will consider all the suggestions, and pick the best one. The winner gets a copy of Philip Porter's excellent book, "The Most Famous Car in the World - The Story of the First E-Type Jaguar. Submit as many names as you like, but do it no later than November 30th.

The other item for consideration is that we need a real newsletter editor. Someone who will take on the monthly gathering of articles, nagging the President for his submission, laying it all out in a much more elegant fashion than this effort, and getting it out to the members in a timely manner. All this on a volunteer basis, with only the gratitude of your fellow members as reward. You know who you are, so please speak up. It's probably the single most important job in any club like ours.

In these pages, please pay particular attention to the notice of our first meeting on page 4, and the information about our Christmas gathering on page 9. I hope you'll attend both. And very importantly, please read the message from the executive regarding the future of the Club, beginning on page 7.

Cheers,

Doug

IMPORTANT

Notice of Upcoming Meeting

The first full membership meeting of the Jaguar Car Club of Victoria is coming soon, so mark your calendar, and plan to attend. Let's get together, let's get to know each other, and let's have an enjoyable evening.

WHERE? at the Cricket Club House, Beacon Hill Park, Victoria
(on Nursery Rd, off Park Blvd, which is off Cook St.
Parking at the end of Nursery Rd)

WHEN? Monday, November 10th, 2003 at 7:30 pm

THE AGENDA?

- * Meet the executive
- * Leather care workshop (details below)
- * Open technical forum (bring your questions - another member can probably help)
- * Discuss the future of JCCV (see article on page 7)

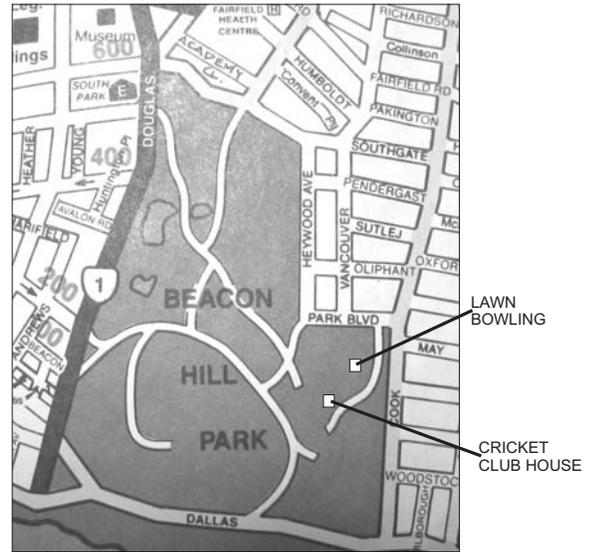


Photo by Eileen Ingram

Leather Care Workshop at the Meeting on Nov 10th

Gregory Andrachuk

***Is your leather dirty, faded, or worn?
Are your front seats too soft?***

Jaguar interiors are famed for their fine leather and wood. If your leather is in less than excellent condition, we can show you how to refurbish it easily, inexpensively, and professionally. At our first meeting's workshop, Gregory Andrachuk will demonstrate how your leather can be softened, cleaned, and recoloured, effectively restoring a near-new appearance. In the same session he will show how the seat bottom can be inexpensively and quickly rebuilt to restore the original firmness and support.

WHISTLING JAGUARS

The Vancouver to Whistler

All British Run

September 20 - 21, 2003

Report by Malcolm Taylor



On the road - the Ingrams' XJ6 VDP
Photo by Gregory Andrachuk

There is definitely something uncivilized about an alarm clock going off at 5 o'clock on a Saturday morning. Unfortunately, that's what has to happen if you want to catch the 7 o'clock ferry to Tsawwassen to be at the start of the Vancouver to Whistler All British Run. The morning was a little overcast and chilly as the two XJ Series 3 cars of Bob and Ann Bowen and Dave and Barb Cooke joined Lana and me in our XJS in the parking lot of the Waddling Dog on Route 17 at 6 o'clock. With the Jags safely stowed on the ferry's car deck, the six of us decided to live the high life, have breakfast in the Pacific Buffet and watch the sun rise over the islands to herald what was expected to be a great day in the company of good friends and great cars.

We arrived at the Auto-Mall in North Vancouver at 10 o'clock and there met Gregory and Darlene Andrachuk and Doug and Eileen Ingram with their respective prize winning V12 VDP and XJ6 VDP. It seemed as though every British car that was ever built was milling around getting ready to depart for Whistler. We checked out at the departure point and set off for the Sea to Sky Highway in convoy, with Doug and Eileen driving point Jaguar. The weather was dutifully cooperative with blue sky and bright sunshine making the drive an absolute joy. There can be few more spectacular drives on this planet than the run up to Whistler. The ocean views and the steep sided inlets and islands along the early part of the journey are breathtaking, only to be replaced by the imposing gigantic rock outcrops and pine covered slopes which are interlaced with fast flowing streams, rivers and lakes. We swapped positions with many of our English car companions along the way, eventually pulling in for gas at Squamish. After a short rest we continued up to Whistler. We followed the rest of the English carriages to the base of Blackcomb Mountain where the cars were placed on view for the rest of the afternoon. Our intrepid band retired to a restaurant for lunch and enjoyed some excellent fare and good humoured companionship. The rest of the afternoon was taken up with people doing their own thing, in other words the guys checked out the cars and then found a place of hospitality to test some of the brews on offer in this part of the world, while the gals joined forces and went shopping!

We had all booked rooms at the Aspens Hotel at the base of the mountain and after settling in, we met for an evening meal at a Mediterranean restaurant in Whistler Village. We enjoyed an excellent evening of really good food and wine with heavy lashings of fun and laughter. With our Jaguars safely at rest in the hotel underground parking garage, some of the group retired for the night, however, others decided to visit the Jacuzzi, even though it was covered up for the night! I will restrain from mentioning names or going into detail but suffice it to say that a good time was had by all.

Sunday morning breakfast was hosted by Bob and Ann in their suite with contributions from everyone. It was a pleasant start to a relaxed day with people later making their way at their own pace back down the mountain to catch the 3 o'clock ferry at Horseshoe Bay. A relaxing drive to Victoria along a fairly quiet Island Highway as the sun was working its way towards the horizon seemed to signal the perfect end to a perfect weekend. We all agreed that it was all too short and that we should consider the option of staying two nights next year. I for one look forward to next year with more Jaguars and more friends to enjoy.



JCCV Members' cars on display in Blackcomb Village
Photo by Doug Ingram

Drive safely
and drive often,

Malcolm



Bob affixes the official event placard to his XJ6
Photo by Doug Ingram

NEWS FROM JAGUAR CARS



R-D6 CONCEPT CAR UNVEILED BY JAGUAR

Jaguar Cars took the wraps off their latest concept car at the Frankfurt Motor Show in September. The R-D6, with its rear wheels powered by the same 230hp twin turbo diesel that will find its way into the S-Type, is constructed of lightweight alloys and composite materials. If built, it would be the smallest Jaguar ever, and a real performer, with 0 to 60 mph times of less than six seconds.

The company's news release said " R-D6 represents the pure, sensuous and sporting design that will feature in all new Jaguars, but more than this it is a vision of the future of premium motoring: beautiful, fast, agile, efficient and fun." But will it be built? Many industry pundits think so, but only time will tell.

THE NEW X-TYPE ESTATE IS COMING!

Jaguar Cars has announced that the X-Type Estate will be on sale in the spring of 2004. Targeted at a growing segment of the European market which demands estate cars with both style and quality, Jaguar hopes that the added features of permanent all wheel drive and a choice between gasoline and diesel power will bolster the range's sales performance, and capture business now going to BMW and Mercedes.



TECHNICAL CORNER

by Gregory Andrachuk

Are your electric windows moving slowly or not at all?

The electric windows in the Jaguar are very reliable units, and most problems can be traced to dirty switch contacts or to excessive friction in the window channels. Both problems are easily cured.

If you have no glass movement, slow movement, or movement in one direction only, the chances are that your switch needs cleaning. The Series III XJ is typical but the following directions may be used as a general guide. The switch is quite easily disassembled and cleaned using only screwdrivers (small Phillips and a slot screwdriver) and a bit of fine emery paper.

To get access to the switches, remove the central armrest (two screws on the hinge, and five small screws holding the cubby in place). Remove the female clasp at the front end. Gently pry up on the sides (not the front and back) to release. Now remove the cubby itself (you will need to pull the console edges out a bit to release it).

Now simply pull the switch connectors straight back, off the problem switch. Working from the back, push the switch through the front of the panel (it has a tab on either side). With the switch out, take a small screw driver and gently pry one side of the switch case apart to release the rocker pin. Do the same with the other side. Once the rocker is removed (be careful of the small springs!), you will see two copper strips. On each end of the strips there is a tiny button. You will likely see a black carbon deposit which prevents current flow. Clean the buttons using the emery paper, and reassemble. That is all there is to it, and the switch will be good for another 15 years.

If the glass still moves slowly, the felt channel guides may be excessively dirty. Lower the glass. Take a damp cloth and clean the channel guide at both sides as well as possible. Use silicone lubricant spray, but first cover the outside door panel and the interior trim panel to avoid getting spray on these areas. At close range spray the silicone into the nylon guide on both sides. Run the window up and down a couple of times. Done! (*Caveat: it is advisable to avoid getting silicone on the paint or the leather/vinyl surfaces of the car*).

The Future of the Jaguar Car Club of Victoria

A Message from the Executive

We have reached a critical point in the brief history of this Club, and your executive has made an important decision. The specifics in a moment, but first a bit of history.

The Jaguar Car Club of Victoria (JCCV) was formed in June of this year, with five founding members, who currently act as the interim executive. Included are Gregory Andrachuk, Doug Ingram, Malcolm Taylor, Bob Bowen, and Dave Cooke.

We began accepting memberships from the local Jaguar enthusiast community, initially at the British Car Picnic at Beacon Hill Park in Victoria on Father's Day, and continuing through the summer at local events, and by speaking to Jaguar owners we met on what seemed to be a daily basis. In less than four months we have over forty paid-up members, a remarkable number in such a short time, and clear evidence of the support for a club celebrating the Jaguar marque.

Early on, we started the process of registering as a society under the laws of the Province of BC, and subsequently learned that we would need permission from Jaguar Canada to use the term "Jaguar". We did some research on that issue, and began the necessary application process.

As an executive, we discussed at length the issue of affiliation with the Jaguar Clubs of North America (JCNA), an umbrella organization encompassing nearly all of the Jaguar clubs in Canada, the United States, and Mexico. We decided that JCNA affiliation was an appropriate direction, but that owing to the impact on our dues structure, we should put the question to the general membership. At that time, we were unaware of an arrangement between Jaguar North America and JCNA regarding the use by clubs of the Jaguar name and logo. Rather than be involved on a club by club basis, Jaguar North America has provided authorization for use of the term "Jaguar" and the Jaguar logos exclusively to JCNA and their affiliate clubs. *What this means is that if JCCV is to use the term "Jaguar" and the Jaguar logo, as we presently do, we must be a JCNA affiliate.*

The executive met again and made the decision to seek affiliation status, and at the same time chose to honour our original agreement to have the decision put to the membership, but now as a request for ratification of our decision to apply. As all JCCV members would also be members of JCNA, a little information about that organization is appropriate.

The History of JCNA

The first Jaguar club in North America, the Jaguar Owners' Association, was formed in New York in December 1954. It was intended to be a continent wide organization right from the start, and divisions were quickly established in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago, and Montreal. Membership grew rapidly, putting a strain on the volunteer administrators, but fortunately executives of Jaguar Cars saw the benefits and influence of the Club, and in 1958 the Company agreed to take over the administrative functions of the renamed Jaguar Clubs of North America. The policies and general activities of the Club remained in the hands of the membership.

Over the years the number of members and affiliated clubs grew steadily. In 1991, facing a business downturn, Jaguar Cars ended their administrative support, although a close cordial and cooperative relationship between the Company and the Club continued. JCNA has operated as a fully independent entity since 1992. JCNA membership currently stands at over 6,000 members and 60 affiliate clubs.

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JCNA offers a wide range of services to the membership and to affiliate clubs. Competition in concours d'elegance, rallies, and slaloms are sanctioned. All members receive the Jaguar Journal, a very professional bi-monthly magazine. It contains articles of interest to Jaguar enthusiasts, including club and general news, technical information, history, competition reports, trip reports, and classifieds. Liability insurance for clubs and their executive is provided. JCNA offers merchandise, and a wide range of technical and other publications.

The JCNA Vision Statement is "The Jaguar Clubs of North America is the friendliest and best association of Jaguar enthusiasts fulfilling the needs and interests of the members".

More information about JCNA can be found on their website, www.jcna.com.

Immediate Concerns for JCCV

The executive of JCCV has made the decision to join JCNA as an affiliate club. Our reasons include:

- * we want to use the Jaguar name and logo. Without affiliate status, we cannot.
- * we need to carry liability insurance, and the JCNA option is the most economical.
- * our members will be part of a larger organization, providing the opportunity to join in events in other parts of Canada, the United States, and Mexico, and a wonderful way to meet others who share our enthusiasm.
- * events we hold on Vancouver Island will attract entrants from other clubs
- * ideas, resources, and technical expertise we may not have will be available.
- * the profile of our Club will be raised to an international level
- * we will have access to discounts from international parts suppliers
- * each of our members will receive a subscription to the Jaguar Journal, the bi-monthly magazine of JCNA

To cover JCNA affiliate club dues, insurance, the subscriptions to Jaguar Journal, and the costs of establishing and running JCCV, the membership dues will be \$65.00 per year, effective with renewals and new members January 1, 2004. We believe this represents very good value. In addition to the benefits from JCNA, membership in JCCV gives you tremendous opportunities to share your love of Jaguars, to learn more about maintenance, repair, and car care, receive discounts from a comprehensive range of local suppliers, enjoy travel with other enthusiasts, and much more. You get all this for less than the cost of around one hour of your Jaguar mechanic's time.

We believe that JCNA affiliation is the appropriate direction for the Jaguar Car Club of Victoria. We ask that you ratify our decision, and we ask for your support of the corresponding dues structure.

At the bottom of this page, there is a ballot. You can return it by mail, by fax, by emailing your response, or by bringing it to our meeting on Nov 10th. See the ballot for detailed instructions. There will be an opportunity to discuss this issue further at the meeting, but your response is due on or before that date. Your ballot is marked with your JCCV membership number, which should match the number on your membership card. Each membership number is entitled to one vote. Your response will be held in strict confidence. If you would like to speak to any of the executive, we welcome your call. See the contact information on page 2.

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BALLOT

Member No _____

Do you support the decision of the executive of The Jaguar Car Club of Victoria to become affiliated with The Jaguar Clubs of North America, with membership dues set at \$65.00 per year?

YES _____

NO _____

MAIL TO:
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OR FAX TO:
250-592-8031

OR EMAIL TO:
dougi@shaw.ca
(be sure to provide
your Member No)

OR BRING TO THE
CLUB MEETING
ON NOVEMBER 10th

All responses are strictly confidential. Due on or before November 10, 2003

COMING! JCCV CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER

Yes, it's true that Christmas is still a ways off, but there won't be another newsletter until January, so we are spreading the word now.

We are all invited to the home of Gregory and Darlene Andrachuk on Friday, December 19th for a JCCV Christmas celebration!

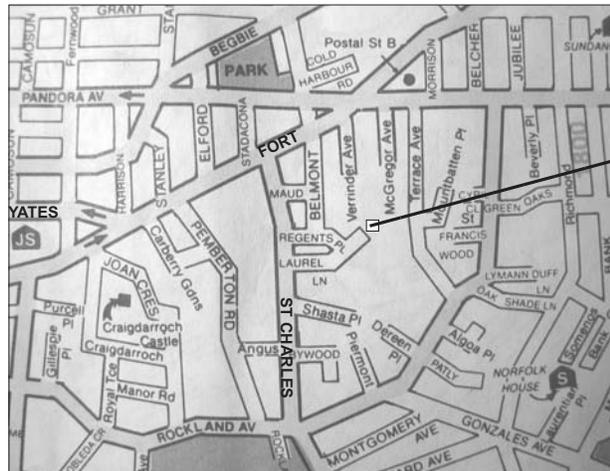
Mark your calendar, and plan to attend!

WHERE? 1524 Regents Place, Victoria

WHEN? Friday, December 19th at 6:30 pm

WHAT SHOULD YOU BRING? it's a potluck, so bring something to share, along with your seasonal cheer

ARE YOU COMING? please contact Eileen Ingram at 370-2820 or preferably by email at eileensmith@shaw.ca. We want to coordinate the food, and we need to know how many to expect.



THE TRADING PLACE

For Sale

Miscellaneous Series III XJ parts.
What do you need? Gregory
595-7453

Set of 5 Kent alloy wheels, fit XJ
or XJS. Decent shape, fine for a
driver. \$100. Doug 370-2820

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604-541-8534

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Mike 592-1448

1973 XJ6 Series I, 4.2 auto,
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paint, air conditioning convert-
ed to R134a, very clean, runs
well. \$5,500. Roy 477-5296

1992 V12 VandenPlas. One
of the final 100 numbered
Series II, in black cherry
on tan, mint condition
Colin 598-3631

Wanted

Your ad could be here.

To place an ad, contact Doug Ingram at 370-2820 or dougi@shaw.ca. There is no charge for members.

Watch for the next edition of this newsletter in January.

And plan to attend the regular meetings of the JCCV. They will be held on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 pm in the Cricket Club House in Beacon Hill Park, beginning on January 26, 2004.

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