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fair price.

About Us

Our History

J.M. Automotive began its journey in 2010 when Jim McKenney laid the foundation in Kemptville. What started as a vision to offer exceptional automotive care blossomed into a thriving family-owned establishment. Over the years, our commitment to quality service and dedication to our rural community have been the pillars of our growth. Today, J.M. Automotive stands tall, a testament to our founder's passion and our team's unwavering dedication to excellence in auto repair and customer satisfaction.

Inclusivity

We are committed to inclusivity so that we can to positive social change. By being an ally and standing against discrimination, we become part of a movement towards equality and justice. Our actions, whether big or small, can make a significant impact fostering a more inclusive and accepting society. We can create a safe and supportive environment individuals from the 2slgbtqia+ community. Our acceptance and respect can provide them with a sense of belonging and reduce the fear of discrimination or judgment.

Land acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we work and live on aboriginal land that has been inhabited by Indigenous peoples from the beginning. As settlers, we're grateful for the opportunity to be here and we thank all the generations of people who have taken care of this land - for thousands of years. Long before today, as we work here, there have been aboriginal peoples who have been the stewards of this place. In particular, we acknowledge the traditional territory of the Anishnabek, Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee (Iroquois), Oneida and Haudenosaunee (St Lawrence Iroquois) peoples. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties. We recognize and deeply appreciate their historic connection to this place. We also recognize the contributions of Métis, Inuit, and other Indigenous peoples have made, both in shaping and strengthening this community in particular, and our province and country as a whole. As settlers, this recognition of the contributions and historic importance of Indigenous peoples must also be clearly and overtly connected to our collective commitment to make the promise and the challenge of Truth and Reconciliation real in our communities, and in particular to bring justice for murdered and missing indigenous women and girls across our country.

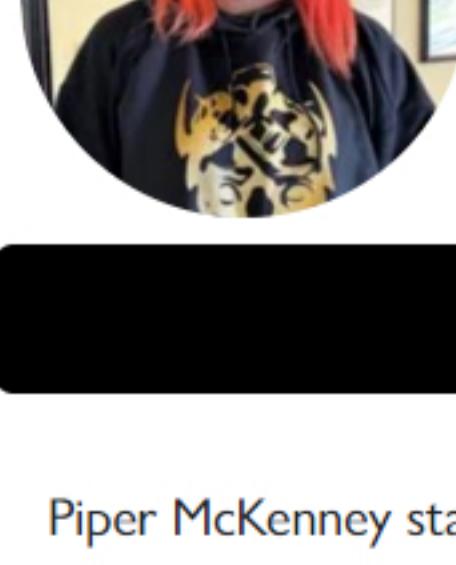
Meet The Team!

Meet the exceptional individuals behind J.M. Automotive's success. Our team is a close-knit group of automotive enthusiasts, led by seasoned professionals with a shared passion for cars and a commitment to stellar service. Each member brings a unique set of skills and expertise, united by a dedication to providing top-notch care for your vehicle. Get acquainted with the friendly faces ready to ensure your automotive needs are met with precision and a smile.



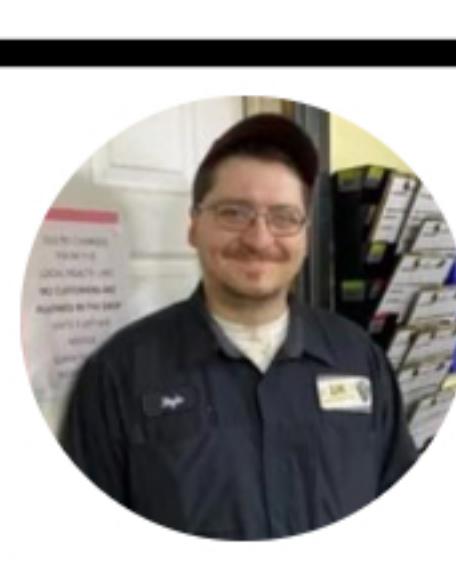
Jim McKenney

J.M. Automotive opened in 2010. The owner, Jim McKenney, went to Kemptville College for Diesel Mechanics in 1994, and started his apprenticeship at Christie Chrysler, in Kemptville. He earned his license in 1999. When Christie Chrysler was bought out by Car Canada, Jim moved with them to Ottawa, where he stayed until 2010. Jim was born and raised in Oxford Station, and he resides there still with his wife (see below) and 2 kids. Jim works on every make and model, from 1914 Model T, to 2023 Dodge Rams. Jim is also a professor at Algonquin College, where he teaches the up and coming mechanics. Jim has worked hard to build up his reputation and client base. We are happy to report that we have many happy customers, some who have followed Jim from shop to shop.



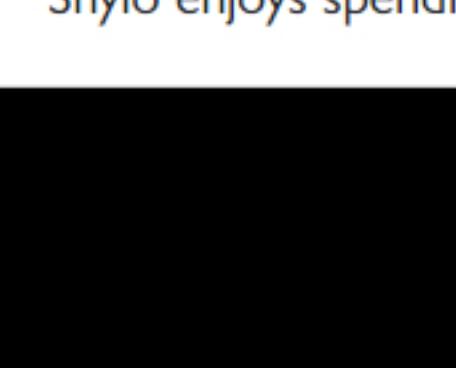
Fiona McKenney

Fiona McKenney is an owner and Service Advisor. Fiona has been with J.M. Automotive since 2014. Fiona was born in England, but has been in Canada since she was 6. After moving around Ontario, her family settled in Oxford Mills in 1989. Married for over 25 years, Jim and Fiona continue to live on the old family farm in Oxford Station. Fiona will help you book your appointments, and be sure that the best parts are ordered for your vehicle.



Travis Mackenzie

Travis Mackenzie is a fully licensed mechanic. He started in 2014 as a co-op student, and decided that an automotive tech was his calling. Travis completed his schooling and got his license in March 2020. Travis picked up the trade quite quickly, and is now a pro at diagnosing some of the tougher problems. Born and raised in Oxford Station as well, Travis continues to live with his folks, his wife and their daughter, Scarlett.



Colin Baxter

Colin Baxter joined our team, part time, as a Service Advisor in 2018. Colin has been in the automotive field for over 45 years. First as a technician, and then as a service advisor. Licensed in Canada since 1981, (He started his career in England) Colin has worked on almost all types of vehicles and has a wealth of knowledge. Colin has lived and worked in many different places, but has called Kemptville his home for over 30 years.

Isaac Parker

Isaac Parker, like Travis, is another co-op kid who never left. Isaac joined us in 2020, helping and learning along side Travis. He can now work independently and is waiting to start his level 1 apprenticeship. We are excited to watch Isaac learn and grow into an amazing mechanic.

Piper McKenney

Piper McKenney started working for us in April of 2021 as a co-op student, and is now one of our full time service advisors (and also the owners' daughter....we really ARE a family business!) When she isn't behind the desk answering phones and sourcing out parts, she is usually out getting her nails done or indulging in a bit of online shopping.

Shylo Legue

Shylo Legue is a fully licensed mechanic. He came on board in June 2022 after his previous boss retired. Shylo was born and raised in North Gower and now lives in Winchester Springs with his girlfriend and son. When he is not working, Shylo enjoys spending time with his family.