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Concours 2024 Save the Date

Canterbury Village has been a great place for JAGM's Concours d'Elegance in recent years, so we have already reserved it for our 2024 Concours. for 2024 we'll be at Canterbury Village on Sunday, September 1st. We hope to see you all there!

Put this on your calendar—

- JAGM Board of Directors



Oh no, we missed a score!

In the listing of Concours scores last month, we cut off the score for the Conways' gorgeous 1955 XK140 in the Driven Class. Many apologies to Pete and Deb; the score was a very nice 9.987, good for first place in the D1/PRE class. Well presented!

Gary Hillebrand

Activities Calendar

	November	December
Activity	Zoom Membership Meeting Wednesday, November 8 th @ 7:00 PM	JAGM Holiday Party Filippa's Italian Restaurant Shelby Township, MI Saturday, December 2 nd 1:00—4:00 PM
	Traveling through Time - Ypsilanti Museums Trip Saturday, November 11 th	

For the most up to date listing & schedule of events, go to:
www.jagm.org/events

Welcome New Members

Member Name	Jaguars Owned
Bruce Beresh	1969 XKE Roadster Convertible
Edwin Adler	

Current JAGM membership is 169

**JAGM welcomes our newest members.
Please help us extend them a warm
welcome.**

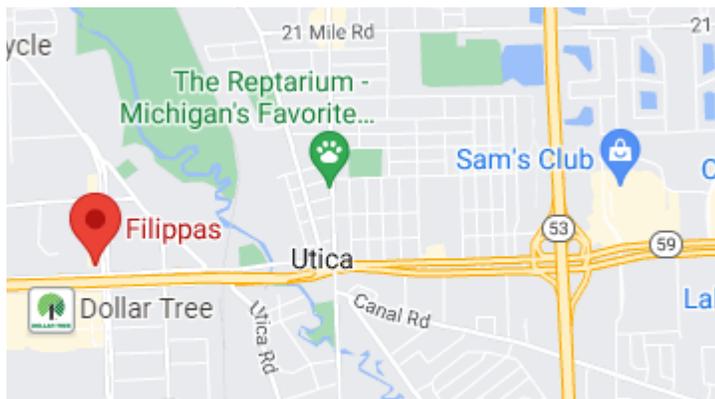


Don't miss the 2023 JAGM Holiday Party!

December's coming—that means it's time to start thinking about family get-togethers, decorations, feasts, cookies, and all the other great traditions and symbols that make the season special. A great way to kick off the holiday season is JAGM's annual Holiday Party!

When: Saturday, December 2nd, 1 pm to 4 pm
Where: Filippa's Italian Restaurant; 45125 Mound Road, Shelby Township, MI 48317
Cost: \$46/person online, or \$44.50/person by check

Register on the JAGM website Events page and pre-pay by November 16th.



As we've done in previous years, you can bring a new, unwrapped toy for donation to Toys for Tots, or you can make a cash or check donation at the party. We'll also have a 50/50 raffle to add a bit more excitement and enhance the donation.



Join us for a great dinner and a wonderful time—looking back at the fun activities over the last year, and looking forward to an eventful 2024!



XK120's—Last Call: We'll have a feature article for the 75th anniversary of the XK120 in the December Indicator. If you have a 120 and haven't done so already, please send me a favorite photo of your car to include in the article (**by November 20th**). Any photo is fine—even if your XK120 is a work-in-process!

Gary Hillebrand

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Twisty Bits

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Traveling Through Time in Ypsilanti - Nov 11, 2023

Hang on while we take a tour through time in Ypsilanti. We will start out at **9:00, Nov 11**, in Plymouth at **Vanguard Motor Sales**, 15100 Keel Street, Plymouth, MI. From the photo they have about 50 or so high-end cars available for sale and well presented to the public.



Then we will be off to the **Yankee Air Museum** in Willow Run airport in Ypsilanti, **47884 D St. Belleville, MI 48111**. The museum is located inside part of the building that was used to produce the B-24 Liberators during WW2. It now owns and uses 144,000 square feet of the original plant.

Aviation is a part of all of us, and the Yankee Air Museum offers something for everyone. A great place to touch, feel, and interact with some of the most amazing aircraft throughout aviation history. Come see for yourself the rich aviation history. The museum holds aircraft ranging from WW1 to the Gulf War.



Following the Air Museum, we will have lunch at the **Bomber restaurant**, same restaurant that fed the B-24 factory workers back during WW2 at **306 E. Michi-**

gan Ave., Ypsilanti, MI 48198. The restaurant's theme is tied to the B-24 Bombers that were made during World War II, at the nearby Willow Run Bomber Plant. The Bomber opened in 1936 as Baldwin's Diner. In the 1940's the name became "The Bomber"; later changed to Bob's Barbecue in the mid 70's. In 1986 the "Bomber" name returned and was purchased by co-owners John Sebestyen and Johanna McCoy. On January 26, 2011 John Sebestyen passed away. Gone, but not forgotten. Johanna McCoy continues the history, running the Bomber Restaurant to this day.

After a break and refreshing lunch, we'll be off to the **Michigan Firehouse Museum, 110 W Cross St, Ypsilanti, MI 48197**. Walking through the restored firehouse, visitors can view fire engine steamers replete with horses ready to go on their way to a fire. The large, modern addition offers 25 changing exhibits of antique trucks and early fire rigs, multiple displays of historic artifacts including tools, equipment, memorabilia, and the largest collection of fire truck bells in the country.

Encompassing 26,000 square feet, the museum is an educational treasure trove that includes an original 1898 firehouse and modern, multilevel exhibit display areas.



The Michigan Firehouse Museum and Education Center's mission is to enhance the appreciation of firefighting history through engaging and informative exhibits, as well as to teach and promote fire safety.

Traveling Through Time in Ypsilanti - Nov 11, 2023 (cont'd)



**YPSILANTI AUTOMOTIVE
HERITAGE MUSEUM**
NEWSLETTER



Our final stop will be at the **Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum and Hudson-Essex Terraplane Historical Society, 100 East Cross Street, Ypsilanti, MI 48198**. The National Hudson Motor Car Co Museum, located inside a former Hudson dealership in Ypsilanti MI, has a diverse selection of Hudson automobiles, memorabilia, and other Hudson artifacts for your viewing enjoyment. Established in 2014, the NHMCCM is managed by the Hudson Essex Terraplane Historical Society. It is in the Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum in Ypsilanti MI, which previously was Miller Motors, a longtime Hudson dealer.

The Hudson Essex Terraplane Historical Society is dedicated to the preservation of the history, heritage and automobiles produced by the Hudson Motor Car Company from 1909 to 1954, and American Motors from 1954-1957. The Hudson Motor Car Company produced the Hudson, Essex, Terraplane, and Dover brand vehicles as well as Hall-Scott Defender marine engines branded as Invader 168 for WWII. Additionally, Hudson provided the chassis and drive train for the Railton produced by Fairmile Engineering Company, Cobham, Surrey, UK between 1933 and 1940.

All the museums close at 4:00 on most days, so that is when we will end our day of historical discovery. There will be admission prices of between \$5 and \$12. Feel free to invite your family and friends and bring whatever car you feel like driving that day. Our cars give us a means of bringing a group of nice people together for enjoyable events.

Bob Matejek, 248-842-1046

Detroit Concours – Cars and Community Pre-show Friday, September 22nd

When the Detroit Concours needed a few nice Jaguars for the Cars and Community show the night before the Concours, JAGM members Loran and Margaret Brooks, Pete and Deb Conway and Lee

and Karen Jacobsen came through (despite it being a last-minute request)! As these pictures attest, their



cars anchored an impressive lineup of British cars on the grounds of the DIA.

Gary
Hillebrand

JAGM at Put-in-Bay Ohio Sept 19-21, 2023

There was a small group of JAGM members who traveled to Put-in-Bay for the Road Race Reunion and Sports Car Races. Mike Bailey and Kris Whise, Chris and Griz Holbrook, Bob Matejek and some friends were there to represent JAGM.

The road race was held on the village streets from 1952 to 1959 and again in 1963. During one of the last races there was an accident with the race cars on the street that ended up with some spectators getting injured. Coincidentally, Dick Harms happened to be present at that race and accident. He even managed to pick up a piece of the damaged car off the ground. He was a celebrity when he returned to the Island 45 years later. There has been a reunion of the historic races going on for quite some time now. The race was moved from the village streets to the airport for a more controlled environment. The reunion has been moved to mid-September to get away from the crowded summer party conditions. The sports car races are part of a circuit of Vintage Car Races, generally 4 cylinder and less than 3.0 L displacement. There are many classes of vintage cars. Due to the relatively small number of cars on the course, and the care that the owners of the historic cars take, there is not much tight wheel-to-

wheel racing going on. During the lunch break in the races, classic and sporty cars are allowed to run the racecourse. Mike and Kris have done it many times.

One passenger in a maroon XJS was white knuckled and hanging on for dear life as her husband was out having the time of his life.

The Race Reunion brings a lot of people back to the Island after Labor Day. Everyone is similarly minded, coming for the race reunion, new vintage races and having a good time. It is a relatively small Island but still plenty to see and do including wineries, cave tours, and seeing the Benson Ford Ship-House. Cars are not needed on the island. There are plenty of golf carts to rent.

Mike Bailey participated in valve cover racing. Unfortunately, he did not fare as well as he had in the past.

There are some videos and more photos of the time on the island on the JAGM website.

I hope to see many more of you there next year.

Bob Matejek



Ballot for 2023 JAGM

Voting **DEADLINE** November 30th, 2023

Member Name: _____
(printed) (signature)

To vote by U.S. Mail, send to:
JAGM c/o Pauline Blunt
4715 Bell Oak, Williamston, MI 48895

To Vote by e-mail, send to:
Membership@jagm.org
Subject: JAGM Election

If voting by e-mail, subject line must be JAGM Election—the body should specify “I (your name) vote for...”

Office of **President** () _____ (Write-in)

Board of Directors (Check Individual Box of Up to Eleven Candidates)

() Loran Brooks () Phil Crutchfield () Bic Gohil () Steve Myerscough () Dom Federico
() Teresa Klotz () Mark Griffith () Tim Moore () Gary Cunningham () Gary Hillebrand
() Philip Wiltshire

2023 JAGM Membership Renewal

Membership Application **DEADLINE** December 31st, 2023

Please PRINT Legibly

Name(s) _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

1st Email _____ 2nd Email _____

Jaguar(s) Owned (please PRINT legibly additional cars on back of this form or add another page—if no changes please write ‘same’)

Year Model Body Style Color

I hereby make application to renew my membership, in the Jaguar Affiliates Group of Michigan, a non-profit Corporation. With this renewal, I agree to abide by the bylaws of the corporation. Attached I am enclosing my check in the amount of **\$70.00, payable to JAGM.** (\$70.00 amount includes \$40.00 for JCNA membership dues)

Signature _____ Date _____

Send your application and check to: Pauline Blunt, Membership Director, 4715 Bell Oak Road, Williamston, MI 48895

Or renew your membership online at jagm.org/membership.

JAGM Name Badges

Make it easier for other JAGM members to get to know you and recognize you. Get a name badge today! The cost to order a mailed name badge is \$12.00. Come to a meeting or event and pick it up, the cost is only \$10.00.



Make check payable to: JAGM

Send your check to: Tim Moore, 43480 Devin, Clinton Twp, MI 48038

Your name: On a separate page CLEARLY PRINT your name as you wish it to appear on the badge.

Delivery/pickup: Indicate if you want your badge mailed (provide shipping address) or if you will pick it up.

Northwood Auto Show

For the second year in a row, JAGM combined a Fall color drive with the Northwood University International Auto Show, the weekend of October 7-8. This year's event was enjoyed by 16 members and guests, although we were probably a week or two ahead of the peak of Fall colors.

The seven of us who traveled to central Michigan on Friday enjoyed a relaxing dinner and conversations at Antonio's Bar and Grill. On Saturday morning 16 of us

was light. Lumberman's Monument was a highlight – I was surprised by the very informative displays of the 19th century lumber industry and the panoramic view of the AuSable river in the valley below.



met at the hotel lobby to receive instructions and directions from Tom and Judy Hudak, who planned the driving event. As we were being briefed, a surprising number of large men with lots of white facial hair walked through the lobby. It turned out that Midland has a famous and well-attended Santa Claus school that was also happening that weekend! Who knew such a thing existed?

Eight cars (six of which were Jaguars) took off on a very pleasant drive north from Midland to Hale, then east to the Lumberman's Monument and Oscoda, then back south and west through East Tawas and back to Midland. The weather was cool and cloudy with on-and-off light rain showers, but the roads were scenic and traffic



Dinner on Saturday was at the Villa D'Alessandro. We had enjoyed this fine Italian restaurant last year, and it was just as good this year. We enjoyed the meal and conversations so much we were the last

Northwood Auto Show (cont'd)



with him throughout the day.

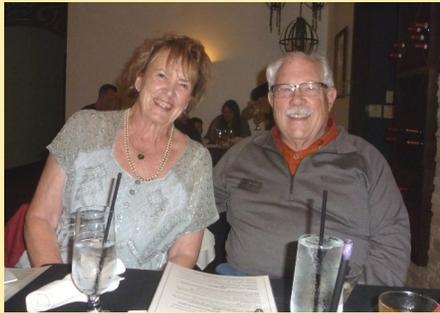
Our group stayed varying amounts of time at the auto show, with some leaving for home by noon or so and others staying until the end at 2 pm. Ellie and I left at the end and headed for Grand Rapids for a babysitting stint with our granddaughter. On our way across the state, at an intersection somewhere in central Michigan, we noticed an XJ6 pulling onto the road ahead of us. It turned out it was our new friend

Britt. We followed him for the next 40 miles or so before parting ways a little north of Grand Rapids. Small world.

The weekend was fun, the company was great. Thanks to the Hudaks and Phil Crutch-

field for putting together a fine outing. We'll certainly keep this weekend event on the JAGM calendar for 2024. Anyone thinking of a second career as Santa Claus?

Gary Hillebrand



group to leave the restaurant.

On Sunday morning the skies were brighter and we were happy to say goodbye to the rain. The temperature was a Fall-ish 50 degrees (maybe), as we headed over to Northwood University for their annual student-run auto show. We parked together at the Cars and Coffee event, across from the main show. As we started to look for coffee, we were surprised to be greeted by Britt Chapman, the President of the Jaguar Club of Central Florida, who was there displaying his LS3-powered XJ6 – a really beautiful car. He was up visiting family and saw on our website that we would be at the NUIAS, so decided to join us there. We all got to spend time



2023 Twisty Bits Fall Drive

On Sunday, October 15th twenty-five people met at the northwest corner of the Meijer parking lot in Ann Arbor. For those who arrived a bit early, there was a Starbucks and Meijer's rest rooms just a short walk away.



We had fifteen cars on the Twisty Bits drive. Six were Jaguars and nine were non-Jaguars, including a 60s era P-1800 Volvo, MGs, Fiat, Fit and a Jeep. A good mix from the JAGM and WDMGC clubs. Two of our drivers were the President of the WDMGC (all MG) and Chairman of the Rowdies (MGA's)

I had been watching the weather forecast and our changing fortunes for days before the event. I was very glad Sunday morning, to jump into the Jag and head from Indiana to Ann Arbor into a beautiful sunrise!



With temperatures hovering in the 50s and scattered clouds and blue skies we set off on an approximately 100-mile figure eight drive on two lane backroads with a stop about midway at the historic Sharon Mills County Park near Manchester.

This is the third time I have run this tour, going back 15 years or so. The route has not needed to be changed over the years except there are one or two more sets of traffic lights rather than 4-way stops now.

The driving instructions included turn-by-turn tulip directions (see screen shot below for examples), text regarding the course direction, and the cumulative milage at the change. A word about tulip instructions. The name came from the Tulip Rally, which first used them in the 1950s. They are a popular way to more completely communicate the change ahead. However, one of the references brought a few questions as our driving map author is better versed in such references than many of us were. The one element on the



map that generated the same question from four drivers was what is a "blind brow". The term "brow" means the crest of a hill, and the use of "blind" means that you might not see the turn until you are on top of the change. Useful information to be sure.



Everyone managed the tour in style and after about an hour we stopped at the Mill. They had nice restrooms and a large pavilion where we sat and ate our picnic lunches. It was a bit



brisk, but a very enjoyable break.

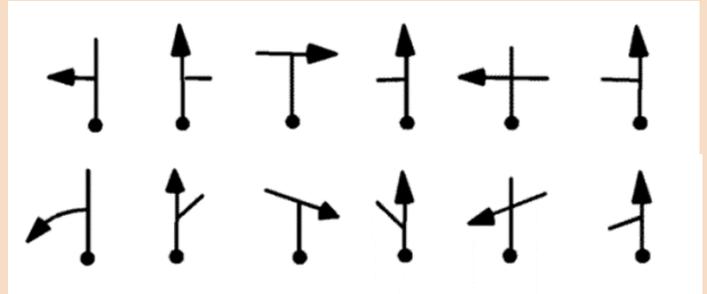
During the course of the tour 2 other clubs with Porsches, Triumphs and Austin Healeys ran past us in the opposite direction. The day was very popular for im-

2023 Twisty Bits Fall Drive (cont'd)

ported car runs.

The return trip to Meijer went well. The roads overall were surprisingly smooth with only a short distance containing bumpy pavement. The Twisty Bits tour lived up to its name with plenty of curves and undulations to negotiate. MG's being all manual transmissions had fun with plenty of shifting required. I don't think we had any manual Jaguars on the tour. As is typical, the group took about a half hour to dissipate after the drive as some catching up was still occurring. Everyone had a good time, even if the color change was not quite at its peak yet.

Example of Tulip Driving Instructions. The ball is oriented at the bottom of the change, or where you currently are located.



Philip Wiltshire and Phil Crutchfield

Classified Ads

For Sale: 1989 XJS V12 Convertible. Canadian import with 114,000 km on the clock (approx 71000 miles). Automatic. White with black leather interior, black soft top. Fantastic condition, runs smooth, recent brake fluid flush and replace. Always covered and garaged over winter and when not in use.

Located in Milford, MI.



Price: \$14500

Contact: Denise

Contact phone: 248 797 2920

Contact email: deniselilley21@gmail.com

For Sale: 2013 Jaguar XJ. Supercharged, AWD, 53k miles, kept in heated garage, second owner, non-smoker (both owner and car).



\$24,750. Call/text Jimmy at 248-921-1112

Wanted: JAGM Concours dash plaques from the past (pre-1999). Will pay any reasonable price.

**Contact Tim Moore at 586-945-4509/
tfm0719@live.com**

For Sale: G.W. BARTLETT CO., original Jaguar interior for E-Type Series II, 2 + 2. Black in color. Current price new from OSJI (formerly G.W. Bartlett Co.) is \$4900. Come and take a look as I will refuse no **reasonable offer**. **Call Rob at 734-564-0366**

For Sale: 1988 XJ6 4-door sedan. 69,000 miles. Silver gray with gray leather interior. Wire spoke wheels. 3.6 liter inline 6. Automatic. Single owner. Immaculate condition. Always very carefully parked to avoid damage, always garaged indoors, and never driven in winter.



Car located in Grand Rapids

\$8900 or best offer. Contact Alex at 269-599-1910

For Sale: 1989 XJS 2-seater convertible. 48,000 miles. White with chocolate brown top. Beige leather interior. 5.3 liter V-12 engine. New engine belts recently. Automatic. Immaculate condition. Always very carefully parked to avoid damage, always garaged indoors, and never driven in winter.



Car located in Grand Rapids

\$14,900 or best offer. Contact Alex at 269-599-1910



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See You at the November 8th Zoom Membership Meeting!

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