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Like the Mamas and Papas said, "California Dreamin_". Photo by Amy Hamilton



Daughter Amy and Les's 2009 XK are ready to go. Photo by Les Hamilton.



Lunch at Cameron's. Photo by Les Hamilton.



Drivers meeting. Photo by Les Hamilton.



More meetings should take place around Jags. Photo by Les Hamilton.



Instructions for the new route. Photo by Les Hamilton.



There's nothing like a row of Jags in the morning. Photo by Deborah Hartunian.

June 11, 2024 JAG Presidents message

If you live anywhere near California's beautiful coastline, I'm sure you're used to a certain amount of "June Gloom," which we all know is foggy June weather. Such misty, gloomy days can be surprisingly chilly, despite their proximity to the official beginning of summer on the Solstice. I've read that Mark Twain once said: "The coldest winter I ever spent was a summer in San Francisco." Unfortunately, historians agree that Twain never actually spoke those words (but as my dad definitely did say: "Never let a lack of truth get in the way of a good story.")

When it comes to getting our beautiful Jaguars out on the road, foggy weather isn't necessarily a deal breaker. After all, as our cars have great heaters that were designed to keep occupants cozy in the kind of bleary weather that's common in Britain, where (most of) our cars are made. Fortunately, unlike inland fog which can reduce visibility to a frightening degree, coastal fog tends to be fairly light. In fact, it's often mercurial, occurring in wispy pockets change from moment to moment. Hence, patchy fog can actually make the passing landscape more mysterious and visually intriguing.

Anyway, regardless of the atmospheric conditions, I hope you feel as I do: That driving our Jaguar automobiles—in practically any weather—is a privilege and a worthwhile experience.

Personally, for me, driving up (or down) the coast in foggy weather is both a thrill and a challenge, as I tend to keep the top ("hood" in Brit vernacular) down on my 2001 XKR convertible, unless it's raining. Hence, I often start a foggy drive wearing a warm coat, which I must shed wherever I hit a sunny patch of road. But I've learned that if I pull over and take my coat off, it's a veritable certainty that I'll hit a particularly frigid patch of fog

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within just a few miles. I do try to maintain some perspective, that these are first-world problems: It's not like I'm going to develop frost bite and lose a finger or toe while driving from Santa Cruz to Monterey.

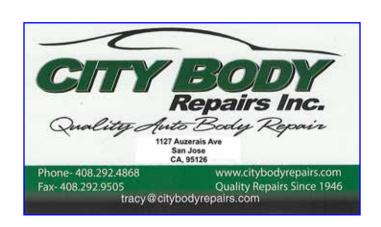
The bottom line is, we live in a western paradise, and, ultimately, anytime we can get out there on the road should be a good day, albeit whether the weather is foggy, sunny, or somewhere in between. I hope you won't let less-than-ideal weather conditions keep you from pulling your marvelous ride out of the garage and unleashing it on one of California's glorious roadways.

Looking forward to seeing you out there soon,

Sandor Nagyszalanczy President









2024 CALENDAR ALL EVENTS IN CAPS ARE JAG CLUB

JULY 2024

7 SOUTH BAY DRIVE

20 Silicon Valley Motor club Cars and Coffee 8:30-10:30 AM

815 Portola Road, Portola Valley CA 94028

AUGUST

9-18 Monterey Car Week

SEPTEMBER

7 Corte Madera Lions EV and Classic Car Show- www.cortemaderalions.com

26-27 NAPA OVERNIGHT/ NOMINATIONS LUNCH

28 Silicon Valley Motor club Cars and Coffee 8:30-10:30 AM 815 Portola Road Portola Valley, CA, 94028

OCTOBER:

7 Corte Madera Lions EV and Classic Car Show

24-27 CALCLUBS CARMEL HOSTED BY JAG

NOVEMBER 2024

? CAR COLLECTION

DECEMBER 2024

7 JAG HOLIDAY DINNER

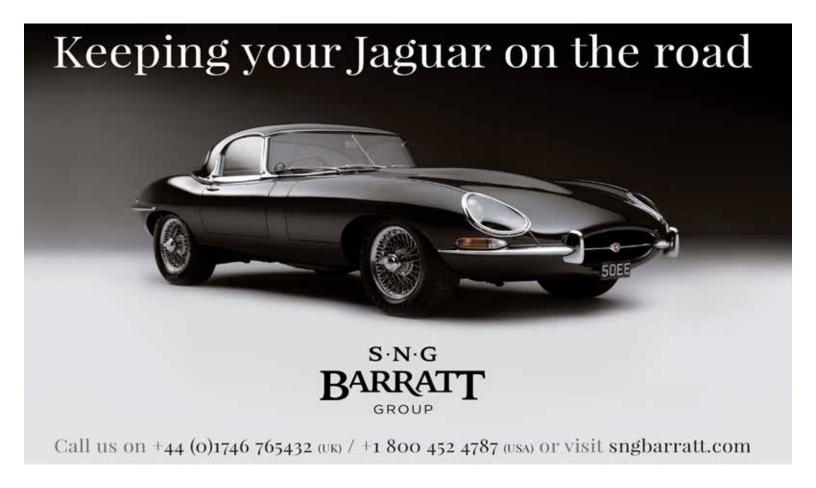
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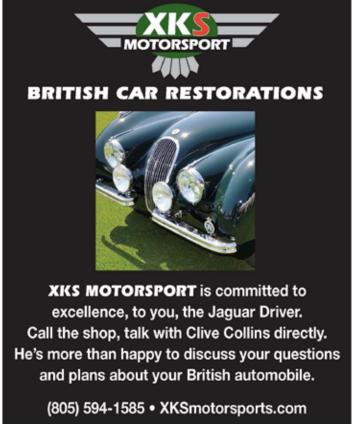




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The origins of the British Mystery Bus tour

In the 1940s and 1950s most British families did not have their own vehicle.

When summertime and the long school vacation came, parents had a challenge to keep the kids occupied (and out of trouble). So, from time to time, my mother would take me and my brother to the local bus depot in the center of town. At the bus depot there would be three or four coaches advertising Mystery Bus Tours. After discussion with friends and/or neighbors we would pick one of the coaches not knowing the destination. For a modest fee, the three of us and other families would board the coach.

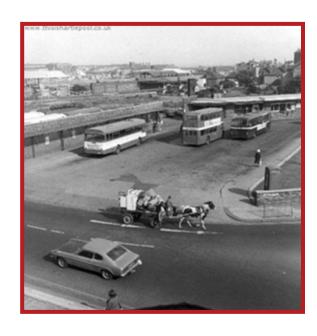
When the coach set off not know to the destination, hence the mystery. The coach to the would travel to a regional interesting destination such as a beach, museum, or regional park.

On arrival at the destination, we would disembark and explore for few hours. Generally something like afternoon tea was arranged during our visit. At the designated time we boarded the bus coach and returned home having solved once more mystery.

The trips created many new friends among the fellow passengers and took us to destinations that maybe we might not have discovered. We also got the opportunity to join in community songs on the bus as we travelled home if we were not asleep.

Happy Memories.

Les Hamilton







Mystery British Tour and Drive May 19, 2024

Well, on a beautiful Sunday, 17 Jaguars, plus one Rolls Royce and their passengers were ready to find out, what is our mystery tour??? After plenty of socializing at our meeting point, we gathered for the driver briefing and then returned to our cats to move out onto Alpine Way. The 17 cars were all together for a while until a few turns and bicycle riders separated us into little groups of 4-5 cars.

Les and Amy were driving with the Rolls driven by Nicholas Gross, George and Andrea Barry in their C TYPE, David & Jacquie Lawrence in their XK. Phil driving his XK was followed by President Sandor Nagyszalanczy in his XK, Stuart Smedley in his XK and Bill Thomson in his XKR convertible. I was driving my FTYPE with Keith and Laural Schader in their FTYPE convertible, Mike Humphries in his ETYPE and Jack & Kathy Devlin in their FTYPE Coupe. Kim Green in her XE was driving with Jim Kimball in his XKR Convertible and Henry and Cathy Offer in a brand X. New member Kim Green driving a sporty Firenze Red 2018 XE enjoyed the friendly and welcoming members and was ready for her first ever drive. "We maneuvered those curves while in the Redwoods big time and I got a chance to see what my car would do. I had no idea! I am so impressed and looking forward to the next drive. Bottom line is, I had a good time and am happy to be a part of the JAG group."

All Jaguars still ended up at CAMERON'S Pub on the coast in Half Moon Bay all about the same time. Ready to enjoy a delicious lunch and talk about the turns they missed and how they corrected it. It was a very fun day!

Written by Les Hamilton & Deborah Hartunian







Photos courtesy of Amy Hamilton



Macaroni Grill for lunch in Milpitas.

We will meet at 9:30 AM in the Parking Lot on Niles Blvd directly opposite 37417 Niles Boulevard which is the SILENT FILM MUSEUM in the EDISON THEATRE. We will depart from Niles Boulevard at 10:30 am. The route will proceed through the visually and historically interesting Niles Canyon Road, pass under I 680 and traverse the Calaveras Road high above the Calaveras Reservoir. This road is quite winding in places and lots of fun to drive in a Jaguar. By way of Felter Road the route connects to Sierra Road and descends into the valley 2000 ft below. Once down on the valley floor we will drive to Romano's Macaroni Grill for lunch. Arrival time will be approximately 12:30 pm

You will dine on a Two Course Lunch Menu which includes Caesar salad, an entrée of your choice (which you can chose at the time of our lunch) and non-alcoholic beverages (soda, Iced Tea, Lemonade, coffee). Members can also order alcohol at the bar on their own.

Entrée Choices: Fettuccine Alfredo with Chicken / Mom's Ricotta Meatballs and Spaghetti / Pasta Milano /Chicken Parmesan / Signature Truffle Mac & Cheese (Check the online menu for details)

SOUTH BAY DRIVE AND LUNCH 7-7-24		
Name		
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Cost: \$30.00 per person Xmembers		
Credit <u>Card:</u>		
Expir. Date/Zip Code		
Pay Pal: Send to Treasurer@JAGS.org		
Check: Make out to JAG and mail to JAG Treasurer		
37 Campbell Lane, Menlo Park, CA. 94025		
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!		

The busiest 10 days of the year, also known as Monterey Car Week

by Kristan Neubecker

While there is no official JAG event is year, there are at least two shows in Pacific Grove (Tuesday & Friday) you are pretty much guaranteed to enjoy some JAG Jags and you never know where you will run into JAG club members as we are all running all over the area trying to somehow fit everything in.

A great resource for the most up to date details is the website whatsupmonterey.com

I will do my best to list everything, if I miss anything I apologize as there's almost too much!

Friday, August 9

• Monterey Car Week Kick-Off

Saturday, August 10

• Monterey Pre-Reunion

Sunday, August 11

Monterey Pre-Reunion & Corkscrew Hillclimb

Monday, August 12

- Automobilia Collectors Expo
- The Porsche Monterey Classic
- Central Coast Poker Rally

Tuesday, August 13

- Classic Motorsports Magazine Kickoff *JAG Jags*
- Acura in the Park
- Automobilia Collectors Expo

Wednesday, August 14

- Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion
- Automobilia Collectors Expo
- Bonhams Quail Lodge Auction
- Motorlux
- Pebble Beach Motoring Classic arrival
- Little Car Show
- Concours for a Cause

Thursday, August 15

- Bonhams Quail Lodge Auction
- Ferrari Owners Club Concours
- Legends of the Autobahn
- Monterey Jet Center Auction
- Mecum Monterey Auction

- Pebble Beach Classic Car Forum
- Pebble Beach Retro Auto
- Pebble Beach Tour d'Elegance
- Prancing Ponies Women's Car Show
- RM Sotheby's Monterey
- Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion

Friday, August 16

- Bonhams Quail Lodge Auction
- Monterey Jet Center Auction
- Mecum Monterey Auction
- Gooding & Company Auction
- Pebble Beach Classic Car Forum
- Pebble Beach Retro Auto
- Pacific Grove Rotary Concours Auto Rally *JAG Jags*
- Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion
- RM Sotheby's Monterey
- The Quail, A Motorsports Gathering
- Werks Reunion

Saturday, August 17

- Monterey Motorsports Festival
- Exotics on Broadway
- Mecum Monterey Auction
- Ferrari Owners Club Gathering
- Concorso Italiano
- Concours d'LeMons
- Gooding & Company Auction
- Pebble Beach Classic Car Forum
- Pebble Beach Retro Auto
- Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion
- RM Sotheby's Monterey

Sunday, August 18

- Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance
- Pebble Beach RetroAuto

Join us October 24th -27th, 2024 for a once in a lifetime weekend kicking off J.A.G.'s 70th Anniversary!

Thursday we'll lunch where it's constantly written up as one of the most beautiful places in the U.S. to enjoy the famous burger with a view. The evening continues with champagne and more delicious food where it's reported the Grapes of Wrath novel was inspired. Friday, we'll enjoy a full, wonderful day in Pebble Beach with very special guests. Saturday's options start early with a Cars & Coffee at an invitation only location before the return of an All-British show on the lawn (limited to 100 cars so get your entries in early!) We'll round out the day giving our beauties a little stretch and 40 Jaguars have the option to enjoy a few laps at Laguna Seca. Sunday, we'll once again join our British cousins for an incredibly scenic drive through some of Monterey County's wine country with options to catch highways 1 or 101 or loop back to the ocean.



Register today at www.jags.org



Cal Clubs Carmel

Thursday, October 24, 2024

Big Sur lunch *road conditions permitting* Evening at the historic Forge in the Forest

Friday, October 25, 2024

17-Mile Drive tour and rolling photos

Lunch in Pebble Beach at exclusive location

Optional Spanish Bay sunset Bagpiper and cocktails

Saturday, October 26, 2024

Special Cars and Coffee at invitation only location Inagural Monterey British All- British Marque Show Parade Laps at Laguna Seca

Sunday, October 27, 2024

All-British Fall Colors Loop or Tour to the highway

Registration available at www.jags.org







A Tribute to Waggy by Kristan Neubecker



While at work, we got a call we never expected. Carmel PD said our parked car had been hit and could we come over. After a few seconds of processing words that weren't making sense, we arrived and instantly knew she was not coming home. Our hearts were crushed and laying on the ground next

to her broken glass and scattered bits. We are grateful no one was hurt but just the same there's an empty spot in our hearts along with her spot in the driveway.

There's one afternoon in particular I swear I saw her smile and I'm still amazed although there were definitely thoughts, no one actually sent me to the loony bin. It was our first big road trip with Waggy shortly after Ginger decided car rides are actually okay. X-Types may be the "entry" cars but with a 3.0L V6 and all-wheel drive they can still growl when they need to. Knowing this, I had \$5 burning through my pocket and there was something I HAD to do while we were in the area. The poor security guard was about to have a heart attack when we got to his booth and confirmed yes, I am of sound mind and yes, I really do intend to drive this Jaguar on Pismo State Beach! After 20 questions and a 5-minute lecture he was whiter than the surf when that beautiful burlwood shifted into drive and I carefully got her paws on the sand. I'm sure he was on the radio two seconds later staging a tow truck telling everyone get down here, you won't believe what this crazy girl is doing!

We were lucky with a quiet day, and I was in no rush as she and I both enjoyed soaking up every nanosecond of that adventure! We went nice and slow loving that Southern California sun, that view, and the ocean a stones throw away. My mother laughs now but at the time even she wasn't so sure and has since made me promise I won't do that again with any of the other cars.

That will always be one of my favorite driving adventures and I do feel a bit bad for the guard as I'm sure his

family, coworkers and friends roll their eyes now anytime he starts the story of that one time truly, a Jaguar wagon really DID drive on the beach!

The girls will tell you that was their favorite vacation in general as that was the one where we broke the rules so badly, we gave up on the rules when we also ran across a Fosters Freeze and I remember telling everyone to hang on as I pulled a very sharp and illegal left turn for soft serve. Ginger had no idea what to think of this weird, cold, yet delicious stuff was while Sammie kept trying to eat the cup and all. I'm happy to say they are both now masters with spoons and soft serve;) and while we still don't allow drinks or people eating in the cars, somehow the girls are allowed pretty much anything they want, cookies, chews, water, soft serve, etc.

We will always miss you Waggy yet we thank you for so much. You were our intro to, and our first beloved Lassie Limo. You were Ginger's first car. You kept

us safe, and extremely comfortable as our daily driver and beyond and are such an important part of so many of our wonderful adventures. I keep going back to one of my favorite poems, Just A Dog, by Richard A. Biby about the joy, friendship and trust dogs can bring into our lives and I think most of us who've been lucky enough to love a Jag can connect: From time to time people tell me "relax, it's just a dog" or "it's a lot of money just for a dog." They don't understand the distance traveled, the time invested or the costs incurred by "just a dog."... So the next time you hear the phrase "just a dog," you just smile because you "just don't understand."





J.A.G. Board Meeting, June 12th, 2024

Meeting Date: 6/12/2024 4:00 pm. **Location: Zoom** Video Call

Participants:

Sandor Nagyszalanczy – J.A.G. President	Howard L Smith - Immediate Past President	
Deborah Hartunian - 1st Vice President	Ron Laurie - Director at Large	
John Swensson - 2nd Vice President - Absent	Stuart Smedley- Director-at-large	
Phil Endliss - Treasurer/Membership Chair	Andy Preston - Director at Large	
Kristan Neubecker – Editor	Tom O'Neill – Webmaster (Absent)	
	Les Hamilton - Secretary	

J.A.G. President Sandor Nagyszalanczy called the June 2024 Board Meeting to order at 4:04 pm.

Secretary Report

The minutes of the May 2024 Board Meeting were reviewed and approved. MSA.

Treasurer Report.

Phil provided an update on the club's finances. We are considering changing the Club's bank depending on BofA's checking account fees. Ron Laurie will be added as a second signor. The Treasurer Report was MSA.

Membership Report.

Phil reported that we currently have 216 members. This includes 6 Associate Members. The Membership Report was MSA.

1st Vice President Report/2nd Vice President Report.

Andy and Deborah have planned the Sonoma Coastal Drive to Russian River Vineyards on June 15th.

Stuart will lead the South Bay Drive and Lunch from Niles Canyon towards Mount Hamilton on July 7th. Deborah has organized the lunch at Macaroni Grill. Signups are a little slow. **Action: Stuart/Deborah**

No specific events are planned for August, although members will meet during Monterey Car Week.

Deborah and John discussed the September 26-27th Napa overnight event, noting they need to finalize hotel arrangements. Andy cautioned that finding reasonably priced hotels and restaurants in Napa may be challenging. **Action: Deborah/John** October will be the CalClubs event in Carmel. (See below).

John and Sandor will collaborate on a November event that may be a visit to a high-end car collection. **Action: John/Sandor** Deborah is working on the December Holiday event.

Directors at Large Reports:

Ron Laurie

Ron continues to work to secure a feature Jaguar for the Monterey British and possibly a garage tour.

Andy Preston

Andy updated us on his progress with his E-Type restoration and preparations for Saturday's drive to Russian River Vineyards.

Stuart Smedley

Stuart discussed the July 6th drive route and will test drive the road on Saturday.

Past President Report

Howard asked for an email to be sent to anybody who knows of a source for a 1993 XJS 6-cylinder Catalytic Converter. Les agreed to send an email. Phil recollected Bachhus had a way to rebuild a convertor. **Action: Les** Kristan will add to the classifieds in the JAGazette.

Editor's Report

The deadline for the August JAGazette edition is Tuesday, July 9th. Action: All

Social Media/Website

Tom has been adding photos of past events submitted to the website.

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J.A.G. Board Meeting, June 12th, 2024

Old Business

Les mailed Phil the "Club Invite" business cards he had. Les also mentioned that a downloadable file of the front and back of a sheet of cards can be found on JAGS.ORG under Membership>Recruitment Cards.

Les to Phil provided two sources for window clings. Phil will also check with our badge supplier. Action Phil.

Cal-Clubs is planned for Carmel from October 24th to 27th. Kristan reported strong interest from all the British Marques she had contacted. Kristan is contacting Monterey Jaguar. **Action: Kristan**

There has been interest but no signups from other Cal clubs yet, and Les will contact Nedra. Action: Les

An initial list of local businesses providing Jaguar services has been compiled. Les can add additions. Tom will add the list to the website. **Action: Tom**

There will not be a J.A.G. event at Monterey Car Week this year. Kristan published an outline in the May JAGazette.

New Business

The JCNA insurance carrier has added some clarifications/restrictions to the policy. Les will obtain additional information and distribute this. Les still needed to get a document. **Action: Les**

Kristan provided details on the Laguna Seca track event for Jaguars scheduled to follow the Monterey British Car Show. The group discussed logistics, pricing, and the fairest way to allocate the limited 40 spots. A release date of August 1st at noon was agreed upon.

Les suggested that J.A.G. logo key fobs be investigated. Action: Phil/Les

The no-cost online magazine "Exclusively Jaguar" is available for members and will include our club logo and contact information for no-cost. Les has provided J.A.G.'s info and will follow up. **Action: Les**

Les will investigate methods to increase contact between sister clubs. Action: Les

Parked:

A new member breakfast/meeting and Cars and Coffee locations/events/dates will be revisited later in the year.

Adjournment:

The attendees wished Sandor a Happy Birthday.

The next J.A.G. Board of Directors meeting will be on Wednesday, July 24th, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. on ZOOM.

The June 2024 J.A.G. Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m. MSA.

Respectfully submitted by Les Hamilton.

July Membership Report

Phil Endliss - Membership Director

JAG now has 216 active members including six Associate members. Please continue to be on the lookout for potential new members to help us maintain our status as the largest club in JCNA. Make sure to use your "You've Been Spotted" postcards when you see (or bump into) a Jag on the street or in a parking lot or during a visit to a Cars & Coffee meeting..

New member signup

JAG welcomes everyone with a Jaguar (or Daimler) to join our club. Even if you have a desire to own a Jaguar or lust after one, you can become a Friend of JAG. You can use the application on our website under the Membership tab or you can mail in the printed application form with your payment. Your dues will provide membership in JAG and JCNA, the North America Jaguar Association, through the end of 2024.

Please welcome the following new members

John Carey & Melissa Ames of San Francisco with their 2007 XK

> Nevin Kleege of San Diego with his 1958 XK150 FHC

Robert van den Plas of San Francisco with his 1970 S II E-Type OTS

Congratulations go out to the following members who are celebrating their anniversary joining JAG in July:

Rick and Karen Hausman – 3 years Robert Kelly and Mary MacKenzie – 1 year Jim Kimball – 7 years Sandor and Phoenix Kovacs – 1 year Matt and Amy Lindsay – 4 years Richard and Alison Mitchel – 5 years Everett and Cheryl Thomas – 2 years

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WANTED: Howard and Dorothy are searching for a 1993 XJS 6-cylinder Catalytic Converter for Dorothy's Ruby. howard_lee_smith@earthlink.net 408.221.7179

FOR SALE: Series II E Type bonnet. Not twisted or warped, bumpers it well, some rust, \$7,000. Includes all underneath substructures. Lloyd Nolan 831.659.1780 soothsayer I@comcast.net







A great note from Dennis Robbins about his XK8 that was listed in the JAGazette:

I sold it to a really neat gent from Olympia, Washington. He rode AMTRAK down and I met him at the Emeryville station.

He spent almost a week having a great Road Trip back to his home. When he got home, he gave me a call to say thanks for a great ride. He only had the top up for about 300 miles and said that his arms and top of head got sunburned!! Poor guy.....

Dennis







It's always a grrrreat day when the Barrys arrive in the C-Type. Photo by Les Hamilton.



My kind of parking lot. Photo by Deborah Hartunian.



Some good lookin' rears. Photo by Deboarh Hartunian.



The slogan may be, "double your pleasure, double your fun" but I'll take a couple of XK's anyday. Photo by Les Hamilton.



The Smedlys enjoying a glorious top down day in their beautiful 19xx XJ12. Photo by Les Hamilton.



There's always something so spectacular about BRG in the sun.

Photo by Les Hamilton.



Don't you wish cars could tell stories? Photo by Les Hamilton.



Sleek and smooth even while resting. Photo by Deboarh Hartunian.



Fabulously ferocious. Photo by Les Hamilton.



What a beautiful bonnet! Photo by Les Hamilton.



Purrrrrrrrty cats! Photo by Deborah Hartunian.

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