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DVJC Lehigh Valley Drive



On a picture perfect Saturday, October 26, 2024, members and guests of the Delaware Valley Jaguar Club gathered at Bennett Allentown Jaguar for the start of a Lehigh Valley Destination Drive. Following a light breakfast 21 Jaguars departed for Kempton to visit the WK&S Steam Railroad. After touring the site and taking some photos the participants returned to the dealership completing the 35 mile round trip. The event was completed by a lunch provided by Jaguar Allentown and some time to share with fellow Jaguar enthusiasts. A special thanks to Bennett Jaguar Allentown for hosting this outstanding event and providing the breakfast and lunch. We also want to thank Michael Wolf and Alan Brown for organizing this spectacular DVJC experience.



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Upcoming DVJC Events

November 2, 2024
10:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Greenville, DE Brunch and Scenic Drive
Brandywine Brewing Company
4019 Kennett Pike, Greenville, DE
Contact: [Click Here](#) for more information.

November 7, 2024
4:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

DVJC Board of Directors Meeting
Mission Barbeque
615 West Germantown Pike, Plymouth Meeting, PA
Contact: [Click Here](#) for more information and to register.

November 17, 2024
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Phil-a-Trunk Food Drive (see page 10)
Wells Fargo Center, 3601 S. Broad Street, Phila., PA
Contact: [Click Here](#) for more information and to register.

December 14, 2024
1:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

Winterthur Christmas Tour and Dinner
Winterthur Museum Visitor Center
5105 Kennett Pike, Wilmington, DE
Contact: [Click Here](#) for more information and to register.

January 19, 2025
11:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Save the Date

DVJC Annual Holiday Party
William Penn Inn, 1017 DeKalb Pike, Gwynedd, PA
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September 16—19, 2025
Save the Date

On the Prowl in Ocean City, NJ
Scarborough Inn
720 Ocean Avenue, Ocean City, NJ
Contact: [Click Here](#) for more information.



Your Monthly Bill *November 2024*

Two great events bookended the month of October. On the first Sunday, thirty-five DVJC members admired beautiful classic cars at the Classics at Brantwyn. The weather and the setting couldn't have been more fitting for honoring Paul Merluzzi for his untiring contributions to the Kennett Symphony including founding and organizing the show for fifteen years. Ed Petrow deserves a big "thank you" for coordinating our participation and for playing an important role sourcing cars for the show.



Then, last Saturday, Jaguar Allentown opened their doors and hosted our club for continental breakfast and lunch. "Squeezed" between the meals, members and guests enjoyed a 34-mile round trip scenic fall drive to and from the WK&S steam railroad in Kempton, PA. When we returned, our Jaguars were lined across the front of the showroom – with that display causing many passersby to detour into the dealer's lot to admire the cars. We sincerely thank Jaguar Allentown for their hospitality. It was good to see several members who live in and around the Lehigh Valley participating. Mike Wolf's and Alan Brown's work organizing this event is appreciated by all who enjoyed the day.

Between these club events, the annual America's British Reliability Run had a great weekend and raised \$53,500 for Shriners Hospitals, a new record. Two teams of DVJC members were part of that weekend's charitable fun.

Plan to kick off November at a BBC Tavern and Grille in Greenville, DE. We'll be displaying our cars in the lot in front of the pub where Union Park Jaguar is providing lunch. Following lunch, take a scenic fall drive home along the Brandywine.



Tie a bow around our 2024 club events by spending Saturday afternoon December 7 touring Winterthur in Delaware. A garden tour by tram will take you to Henry F. DuPont's former home (mansion), which will be decorated for the holidays in their family's tradition. The adjacent gallery is open to enjoy as is the nearby gift shop. At the conclusion of our time at Winterthur,

we'll meet for dinner at the Redfire Grille in Hockessin, DE. [Don't miss out! Register now](#) .

Your officers, directors and other volunteers invest their time, ideas and energy to provide club experiences intended to satisfy a wide range of members' interests. As I mentioned last month, we need a volunteer to step up and replace our outgoing treasurer, Jim Sjoreen, whose term concludes on December 31. Voting will begin in early December, so time is short for you to "put your hand up." Information on nominations and voting will be provided soon. While it is not an elected position, there is also a need for someone to replace Jim as Concours Chairman. Call Jim or me for more information and to volunteer.

Speaking of club business with a personal impact, DVJC dues for 2025 will remain at \$75 even though Jaguar Clubs of North America has announced that JCNA dues will increase by \$10 to \$55 for calendar year 2025. A portion of your annual DVJC dues is paid to JCNA and the remainder is retained by DVJC to fund operations. For the calendar year 2025, your board has elected to absorb the increase in the JCNA dues component and maintain your dues payments at \$75. We will take time to evaluate options for 2026 and communicate them well in advance of "renewal season."



Two teams continue to move forward preparing for the 2025 Jaguar Clubs of North America Annual General Meeting that DVJC is hosting next April. The infrastructure team (Jim Sjoreen, Cathy Ridings, Brian Craig and Bob Gross (our website consultant)) are well

Your Monthly Bill *(continued)*

along developing a dedicated registration website. Leo Kob, Jay Greene, Bill Thompson, Steve Kress, Ed Petrow and I have had good success so far securing financial sponsorship funds. Volunteer needs for this marquee event will ramp up in early January and extend through the meeting in April. The AGM will only be a success with the help of many DVJC members.



Last year, seven members of DVJC donated trunkfuls (bootfuls?) of non-perishable food to Philabundance at the annual Phil-a-Trunk event at the sports complex. Let's outdo ourselves this year and, at least, double our participation. Sunday November 17 will be a fun and gratifying day with car clubs from throughout the tri-state area. More details and registration information are elsewhere in this issue of *The Purr*. and on our website.



The weatherman says we'll still have a few more weeks of great driving weather. Make the most of the remaining "Jaguar kinds of days" before we put 'em away for the winter.

Bill

Member Anniversaries

Member		Co-Member		Join Date	Years
C. Richard	Michie			30-Nov-69	55
Alexander	Giacobetti	Theresa	Italiano	01-Nov-66	52
Ken	Ruocco	Susan	Ruocco	25-Nov-93	31
Bruce	Russo			01-Nov-14	10
Gary Adam	Feldman			01-Nov-14	10
Andrew J. D.	Hurley	Hope L.	Hurley	01-Nov-19	5
Anthony	Tinari	Mary Alice	Tinari	08-Nov-19	5
Mark	Quinn			20-Nov-19	5
Allan	Horwitz	Linda	Harley	29-Nov-20	4
Steve	Gendler	Cathy	Ridings	05-Nov-20	4
Bill	Thompson	Jean	Thompson	09-Nov-21	3
James	Guerra	Daniel	Guerra	22-Nov-21	3
Philip	Janke	Bonnie	Janke	22-Nov-21	3
Joseph	Settefrati	Susan	Settefrati	08-Nov-22	2
Ken	Caplin			12-Nov-23	1
Mike	Salino	Lee	Salino	27-Nov-23	1
Rick	Armitage	Susan	Armitage	01-Nov-23	1

++ Adding Up the Numbers ++

Four percent of the nearly three hundred members and co-members of DVJC contribute their time and talents to run our club for the benefit of everyone else. As I outlined in my recent letter to you, volunteers are needed to fill several key roles. The most pressing vacancy is treasurer which is opening following Jim Sjoreen's six years of service.

Unlike the other vacancies which are appointments with ratification by the board of directors, this position must be filled by election. According to our bylaws, nominations for the coming election must be received no later than mid-November. Now is the time to "raise your hand" and volunteer to serve as club treasurer.

Prior to Jim's three terms (six years), I served as treasurer for four years. All club accounting is done using QuickBooks which is the business version of Quicken personal accounting software. Typical tasks include paying bills, recording income, reconciling the checking account, preparing quarterly reports (using "canned" routines within Quicken) and developing the annual budget. A few supplemental reports are prepared using a spreadsheet such as Excel. On average, these tasks take 4 to 5 hours/month to complete.

Anyone who has working familiarity with basic accounting can be effective in this role. Within DVJC, I'm confident there are many people with bookkeeping experience, accounting training, CPA credentials or experience operating businesses, all of whom could be candidates to fill this position. **If you manage the finances in your home, you have the background and skills to serve as treasurer!**

Jim will be available to coach you and ensure a smooth transition of duties. Feel free to contact Jim (jsjoreen3860@comcast.net) or me (bill.beible@gmail.com) with any questions.

Now is the time to raise your hand and volunteer to serve as DVJC treasurer. Thank you,

Bill Beible



Membership Musings

November 2024

By: Tony Tinari

Welcome to November, or as we say in membership land, “*The most wonderful time of the year!*” Why, you may ask? Like the sign below says, it’s renewal season . . .



Renewing your DVJC membership for another year of Jaguar camaraderie is simple and quick: Just go to the club website at delvaljaguar-club.com, log in, click on the “Members” tab at the top of the home page, then select “Renew My Membership” from the drop down menu. Directions and payment instructions will appear as if by magic. Speaking of payment, and as Bill Beible has explained in his column this month, the annual dues of \$75 have not been raised for 2025, notwithstanding that JCNA has taken an increase. Your club has determined to absorb the additional cost for 2025.

We will finish 2024 with a total membership of 176 regular members, 132 co-members, and 6 associate members. This represents a modest increase from our 2023 totals, and keeps us among those select few JCNA Affiliates which are actually growing. Finally, I would not be exhorting you to renew your membership if I had not already done so myself. I can attest that it is simple and less painless than getting your flu shot and COVID boosters, which by the way you should also do. Enough preaching!



Phil-a-Boot

November is also a wonderful time of year as it represents the beginning of a season of thankfulness and giving. Again this year, and for the third consecutive time, DVJC will join other regional car clubs in the annual Phil-a-Trunk food drive for the benefit of the Philabundance charity. More details on the event are to be found in the flyer which appears in this issue of the *Jaguar’s Purr*, or on-line at philatrunk.com. Those of you who have participated in the past can attest that this is a very worthy cause, not to mention a bit of Jaguar fun. My spouse, who is a regular volunteer at the Jenkintown Food Cupboard, will tell you that the best reason to participate in a food drive is to celebrate the blessing that you have probably never known what it is like not to have enough food.

Membership Musings *continued*



Last Year's DVJC Phil-a-Trunk Cohort



Unloading the goods . . .

In previous years, we have either: 1. Followed a thundering herd of Porsches from their meet-up at King of Prussia down the Schuylkill Expressway to the Philadelphia sports complex, or 2. Found ourselves lost in a sea of classic and not so classic automobiles searching for like-minded vehicles in a seemingly endless expanse of black top, or 3. Tried to find a place to get a meal near the stadiums in South Philadelphia, which offered adequate off street parking for precious Jaguars. Enough of all that. So, we're going to approach things a bit differently this year. Starting at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the event (November 17) we will host a breakfast tailgate at our assigned Jaguar parking area, somewhere in Lot F at the Wells Fargo Center. While we don't yet know exactly where that is, by the time of the event we will have more precise coordinates, not to mention some serious signage at our home base.

Accordingly, we are asking members to sign up for the food drive through our website, so that we can email you in advance with final directions and, perhaps more importantly, so that we know how much food to procure for our fabulous tailgate breakfast, which is on the club by the way. Your only cost for this important charitable venture and "feel-good" kind of event is whatever in-kind donation of non-perishable food you can fit in your Jag and bring to the drop-off. Some good suggestions for the items most appropriate for the food drive may be found on the philatrunk.com website.

I hope to see many of you there for an enjoyable and worthwhile outing before we all celebrate our own Thanksgiving later in the month.

Happy November Motoring,

Tony

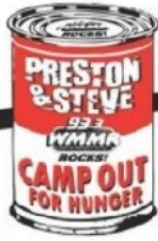
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NOV 17TH

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2005 XJ8, November Calendar Car

By: Jack Dever

How did I get the Jaguar Bug? Well, my wife and I wintered in Naples, Florida, the home of what I thought was the largest Jaguar Dealer in the country. It seemed everyone drove a Jag down there. One year I stayed an extra week to do some work in my condo. I was so excited about what I had done, at the end of the week, I went down to that dealer and bought one to drive home. It was a XJ6. My family was so excited when they saw it parked in the garage. Dad purchased a foreign car!

When you get more familiar with the line, you step-up and that was what I did. The next year I bought a Vanden Plas and discovered that was what I was looking for. I purchased three different Vanden Plas models over fifteen years. The one I have now I purchased in Kingston, Pa., from a high-end dealer. I saw it on the internet, called the salesman, and asked him if it was as good as it looked. He said, "Better." That afternoon I went up there and bought it. As the saying goes, THE REST IS HISTORY.



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Jaguars at Brantwyn 2024

By: Ed Petrow

On a gorgeous Sunday morning October 6, 2024, about 35 DVJC members and guests joined over 150 other automobile and music enthusiasts convening at the Brantwyn Estate in Rockland, DE for the “Classics at Brantwyn.” This year the charitable event raised about \$20,000, representing an important part of the annual funds required to sustain the self-supported Kennett Symphony. For many years, the Symphony has depended on



this annual fundraising event that includes a spectacular parade of classic automobiles and soon-to-be classics at a turn of the century grand estate. Along with cars, the event features a catered lunch and the trademark Lamborghini Bellinis which are served throughout the day.

First organized by Sandy Thompson about 16 years ago, the Grand Parade of cars follows the circular driveway pausing in front of the estate where one of the chairpersons associated with the soiree narrate each car’s story of ownership and remarkable automotive attributes. Joining historically significant classics in the parade is a hand-picked selection of outstanding exotic and unique modern cars.



Our good friend and longtime DVJC member and past president, Paul Merluzzi, assumed the chair position about 2012 and continued it until his recent passing earlier this year. There were many tributes paid to Paul during the event. His surviving wife, Irena, and daughter, Erica, each reflected on memories of this glamorous event held over the years. As Paul’s family grew, so did the significance of classic cars in Paul’s life. Paul had many automobile enthusiast friends who were both collectors and benefactors of the Symphony and those present shared fond memories and stories of Paul from prior years’ events throughout the day.

This year Paul’s gem of a 1958 Jaguar BRG XK150 FHC, driven by DVJC member Carol Petrow, led the Grand Parade of over 40 cars. David Ventura, Paul’s longtime friend and volunteer, delivered

a very moving tribute. He spoke about Paul’s life and his family acknowledging their dedication to the “Classics at Brantwyn” and



all the lives he touched during his lifetime with cars and music. David also described the history and significance of Paul’s XK150 FHC over his 22-year stewardship of this special classic Jaguar as it paraded around the circle to a resounding cornucopia of applause and salutes on its way to a special parking place respectfully apart from all the other parade and show cars.

After the tribute to Paul, David Ventura introduced the other parade participants including many DVJC members. He presented over 40 classic and soon-to-be-classic cars followed with introductions and presentation of notes of historical and automotive significance on each of these classics or soon-to-be classics with Brantwyn as the backdrop.

Jaguars at Brantwyn 2024 (continued)

A brunch buffet followed with tables inside and outside on the patio. Many DVJC members were seated together and spent time catching up. The gorgeous day and light jazz performance in front of the mansion drew everyone outside to the full display of magnificent cars staged in the front lawn to vote for their favorite classic. With pens



and score cards in hand, attendees had ample time to decide which of the many candidates would win their vote for best of show.

After all the votes were counted, Dwight Bedsole walked away with his copy of the “Classics at Brantwyn” poster signed by everyone in the Grand Parade as the Best in Show recipient for his perfectly prepared 1937 Packard.



It was truly a great event in memory of Paul Merluzzi - a respected classic car enthusiast and well-loved benefactor of the highly accomplished Kennett Symphony. Everyone in attendance eagerly awaits news of next year’s event.

There are many more event photos of the 2024 event including photographer credits available on the DVJC website:

<https://delvaljaguarclub.com/dvjc-at-brantwyn/>

Brantwyn Estate - Venue for the “Classics at Brantwyn.”

The history of the Brantwyn Estate and this classic Georgian Revival mansion begins when it was built sometime around 1830. It was the home of Pierre S. du Pont III who was an early executive of the corporation bearing his name and who was responsible for the development of two important and profitable products: cellophane and nylon. His son Pete grew up in the mansion and surrounding grounds and eventually became Governor of the State and later ran for President of the United States.

The historic and magnificent 28,000 sq ft home is centered on a large and scenic estate originally named Bois-Des-Fosses after the du Pont family name in France until Pierre’s death in 1888. The huge estate was thoughtfully divided and purchased by the DuPont Company in 1991. The company wisely

decided not to demolish the home and formal gardens that had been carefully curated by Pierre during his lifetime. Pierre



was also directly responsible for the even more magnificent formal gardens and fountains synchronized with classical musical pieces played by local symphonies on summer evenings that still present to the public at today’s modernized Longwood Gardens. At that time, the Company decided to refurbish the house and surroundings to use for weddings and special events such as this one. In 1991, the remaining acreage and buildings of Bois-Des-Fosses were renamed Brantwyn and is still used for this purpose. Perhaps befitting of Peirre’s ties to automobiles during his tenure managing General Motors from 1915 to 1920, becoming president of a major automobile manufacturer in 1920 and serving of the GM Board of Directors until 1928, he must have also appreciated classic automobiles as this was a time of great leaps forward in automotive engineering and design. The “Classics at Brantwyn” certainly pays tribute to this great period of automobile history and continues to do so.



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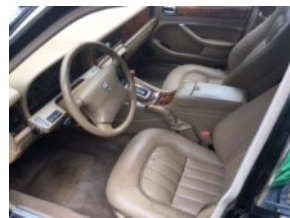
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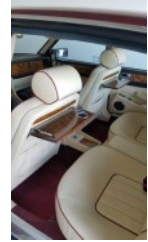
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Getting To The Points

By: Alan Brown

This saga began when Margaret and I were driving our 1963 E-type coupe to Tom and Carolyn Shaners House for a Jaguar club “Gathering of Friends” on September 14th. As we were cruising along, I noticed that if I took the engine over 1800 rpm’s it would start to misfire. Making a mental note to deal with that later, we continued. The ride home was uneventful, carefully keeping the rev’s low. That evening I removed the distributor cap and checked the point gap. The feeler gauge slipped snugly between the points, but only about halfway. The points were badly pitted. I ordered a new set of points from SNG Barratt on Monday and installed them right away.

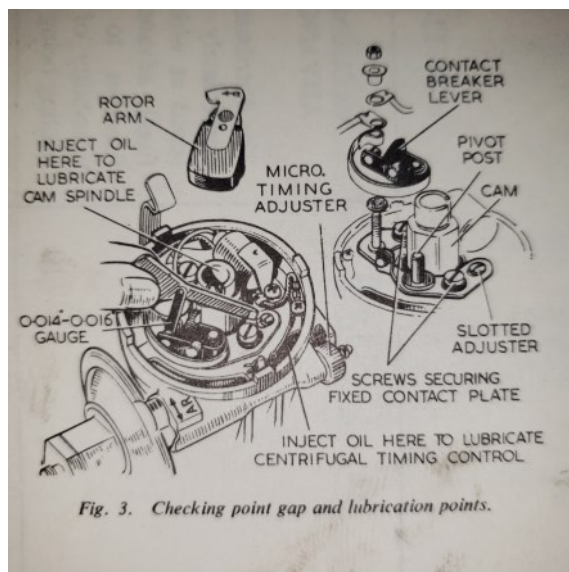


Fig. 3. Checking point gap and lubrication points.

I took it for a test drive, Wow! It accelerated better than ever. I considered that a job well done and put it out of my mind. It was ready for our trip to Brantwyn on October 6th. It was a 64 mile run taking an hour and a quarter. Our Jag was running beautifully for an hour. Then, on I476, it felt like I had just turned the key off. We coasted for long time before pulling over. I popped the bonnet and boot and got out my tool roll when I saw a flash of red go by and the sound of someone going down through the gears and skittering to stop before backing up to the front of our car. That was a V12 E-Type and my first introduction to Charlie Epstein.

We chatted for a bit and decided to check for spark by removing a spark plug and cranking the engine. No spark! Next it was off with the distri-

butor cap and rotor. Everything was in place, no sign of broken wires or burnt anything! To check for spark at the points, I carefully wiggled a screwdriver behind the plastic piece that rides on the cam to open and close the points. There was spark all right, I felt it in my left elbow as it went to ground. I hadn’t done that in years, it’s quite a jolt! I was perplexed though, because I couldn’t find anything wrong, so I put everything back together again, pressed the start button and the engine roared to life. Charlie took off and I stayed behind him.

Google maps said we were 1.8 miles from our destination when the engine quit again. Charlie had gone around the next corner and we lost him. Now we were back to, I think it’s called, “rinse and repeat.” - bonnet and boot open, tools out. This time I took out my beautiful Jaguar blanket and placed it on the ground so I would be more comfortable on my knees while working on the distributor. At that point Bob D’Intino drove up in his 1967 E-Type Coupe. It was good to see a familiar face.

After a brief explanation it was time to take the distributor cap off again and look for something that would tell me what was wrong. I just knew the problem was somehow involved in the new points, so I started to remove them when a little plastic spacer popped out of my fingers and went somewhere. I couldn’t find it on the ground or on any ledge or nook or cranny. We couldn’t go anywhere without it. We rolled the car forward, carefully noting where I might have dropped it and we looked and looked to no avail.

It was time to call Hagerty for a ride in a roll-back. That was the last thing we wanted to do. They sent an App to my phone and I filled in all the particulars and sent it off. While waiting for a reply I got down under the bonnet again, closed my eyes and just started feeling about on the subframes, on the stone shields and around the engine. I found a place where the engine mount attaches to the cast-iron block, creating a little valley, if you will. In there, my little finger slipped over something smooth and round. I couldn’t move it though, so I placed a little Allen wrench between my fingers and was able to move it to within reach. Retrieving it was a small victory though because the original problem still hadn’t been found. Still, I knew we would be able

Getting To The Points (continued)

By: Alan Brown

to continue if the problem was solved. I did the same electrical test for spark and got the same result, a powerful shock to my elbow. I'm still learning things the hard way. Re-check the point gap? Why not. First step is to turn the engine until the points rest on a cam lobe. This is easily done by shifting into fourth gear, key off, hand brake off and pushing on the front wheel. But wait, the points are already open! And they are not resting on a cam lobe! Why?? The points were hanging up on their pivot post. I lightly touched the points and they closed.



New points set

I found the problem! Now to fix it. I needed something to open up the hole in the plastic contact breaker lever that fitted onto the pivot post. I had no drills, no small round file, no sandpaper, nothing. Then I picked up the feeler gauge again. To my surprise it fit snugly into the hole and as I turned it, it actually scraped a little and then the hole felt smooth. It slipped easily back onto its

post. Time to reassemble everything and get back on the road. A touch on the starter and a roar from the engine confirmed that all was well again. Good. Now to continue on to Brantwyn and enjoy the rest of our outing.

A big "thank you" goes to Charlie and Bob, and Denise and Jim Sjoreen who also stopped to offer assistance.

Back in the day, when all cars had this type of point ignition system, it was common practice to replace them at regular intervals. It was easy. You take the points out of the package, put them in your car, set the point gap and you're good for many thousands of miles.

Now there are more steps that must be taken since the only place we seem to be able to buy them is from China (said by one of our major suppliers of Jaguar parts). First, remove the mounting plate from the distributor (two screws) and mount the points. Don't bother with attaching the spring at this time. Make sure that the plastic piece pivots easily on its post. If not, use a #12 drill bit in a hand held drill to gently enlarge the hole. It must move freely on its shaft. Once that step is complete, hold the assembly up to the light to see if the two surfaces of the points fit flat against each other, they probably won't. Use a tool such as needle nose pliers to gently and firmly bend the arm until the points align perfectly. Once this step is done, your points should function properly. I hope this is a help to club members who still have an old car with ignition points.



Alan & Margaret's 1963 E-Type

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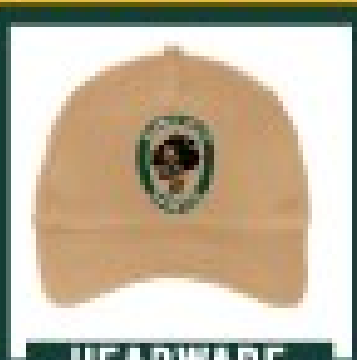


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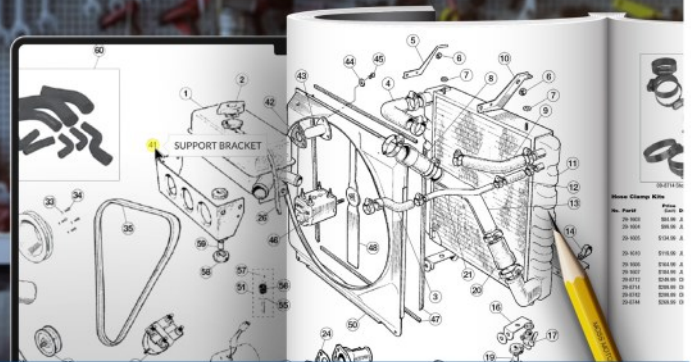
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DVJC Member Cars Shine at “Brits at the Village” Show

By: *Kevin Fitzgerald*

The morning of Saturday, October 5 dawned clear and crisp. That day, the Philadelphia MG Club hosted one of the largest “Brits at the Village” car shows in Peddlers Village near New Hope, PA. More than 100 British cars—MGs, Triumphs, Austin Healys, Morgans, Mini Coopers, Lotuses, and Jaguars—blanketed the park grounds.

Six DVJC member cars competed in pre- and post-1975 classes; all of them won awards and are shown below. In the pre-1975 class:

- Bill Shelley took third place for his Regency-red 1974 V-12 E-type convertible.
- Kevin Fitzgerald took second for his light-blue 1969 E-type convertible.
- Tony Tinari took first for his silver 1958 XK-150 drophead coupe.

In the post-1975 class:

- Don Rummel took third place for his carnival-red 2001 XKR coupe.
- Andrew Hurley took second for his Santorini-black 2018 F-type coupe.
- Mark Kogan took first for his black 2013 5-litre XK coupe.

Also shown on this page is the oldest British car in attendance—a two-tone, 1.5-litre 1935 Riley Kestrel Saloon owned by William Petro of Rockingchair Motors in Allentown. It deserves special mention on its own merits, but also because in many respects it resembles another iconic pre-war car manufactured 2 years later—the 1937 Jaguar SS 100 1.5-litre saloon.



1974 E-Type convertible owned by Bill Shelly



1969 E-Type convertible owned by Kevin Fitzgerald



2013 XK coupe owned by Mark Kogan



2001 XKR coupe owned by Don Rummel



2018 F-Type coupe owned by Andrew Hurley



1958 XK150 drophead owned by Tony Tinari



1935 Riley owned by William Petro



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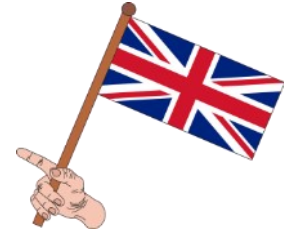
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- Your car's appearance on the DVJC calendar*
- Jaguar owned by a notable person.*
- Holiday or special occasions involving your Jaguar.*
- Restoration efforts, successes, challenges.*
- Maintenance tips or experiences.*
- Equipment mishaps and repair efforts at an event.*
- Your biography to introduce yourself to the club.*
- Attendance at or participation in a special event.*
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While most members own a Jaguar or two or more, Jaguar ownership has never been a requirement for joining the club so all are welcome to participate. Don't be shy!

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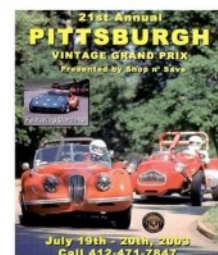
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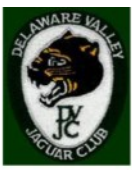
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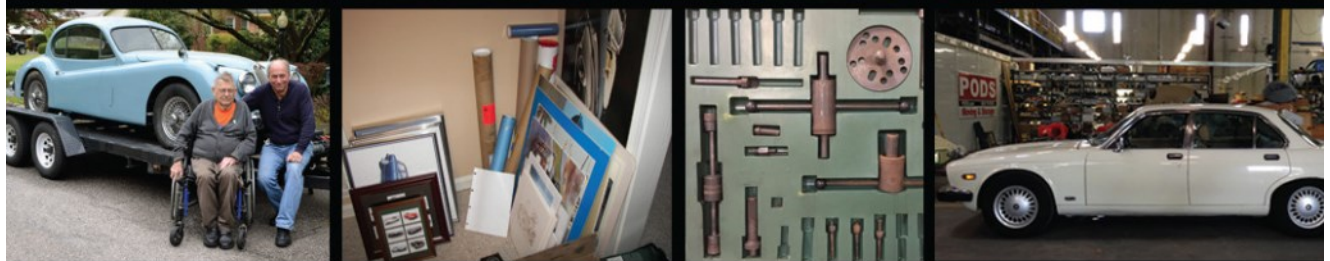


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