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Presidential Candidate (JAGM, Not United States)

Inspired by the excellent campaigns being run for the various government offices, I’ve decided to run for JAGM President! Seems like entering the race late and having a catchy slogan are very important. So,

Vote for Gary Hillebrand! He’ll give JAGM a New Way Forward, and Make JAGM Great Again! He’s endorsed by the Editorial Staff at The Indicator. Accepting all PAC money, if you have any. - Gary

Where’s My Membership Renewal Form?

If you’re wondering —we have decided to delay publishing the renewal form until next month, when the new membership software and database will be in use (see page 3 for the article).

November Zoom Membership Meeting Wednesday, Nov 13th

Our last membership meeting for 2024 will be a Zoom meeting on Wednesday, November 13th at 7 pm. 2025 meetings will alternate between Zoom meetings and in-person meetings at Craft Breww City in Farmington Hills.



JAGM's Board of Directors reported in this space last month that changes were coming in our club's annual membership fees, newsletter delivery, and website and membership administration. Just after that, Jaguar Clubs of North America (JCNA), the national organization we are affiliated with, also announced that their annual membership dues will increase in 2025 from \$45 to \$55 per member. Taking this into account, your JAGM board is announcing the following plans.

2025 annual dues – Our yearly membership fee increases from \$78 (including the credit card processing fee) to \$85. This increase includes the \$10 JCNA increase. This action balances our budget, including having more available to support a new location for the Concours and incorporating any credit card processing fees rather than having members pay them each time. Please note that JAGM has absorbed some past expense increases without increasing dues; this has decreased our bank balance from the \$10,000 range to a current level of around \$6,000. While this is still a healthy reserve for a car club, we don't want to let the balance continue to decline. It's time to ensure a balanced budget each year.

JCNA, concerned about the effect of the fee increase, is surveying all of its affiliates to understand their ongoing viability better. Our own survey of 45 JCNA affili-

ates, done just before the JCNA increase, showed an average membership fee of \$80. After all the clubs adjust to the higher JCNA fees, our \$85 annual membership fee will likely still be below the average.

Newsletter printing and delivery – In 2025, our annual membership fee will include only online access to The Indicator. The printed and mailed Indicator will still be available but will require a separate \$25 subscription fee. This allows us to keep the annual membership fee low while reducing the effect of continually increasing postage rates on our bottom line. Fortunately, our current printing company will continue to print The Indicator on their obsolete (in Xerox's eyes) - but still operating printer, so we will continue to enjoy printing costs that are about 1/2 of the current market price.

JAGM website and membership administration— Our migration to the new membership and website system, WildApricot, is still on schedule for December 1, 2024. Phil Crutchfield and Philip Wiltshire are well underway building the new website and membership database. Starting December 1st, when you enter our URL, www.jagm.org, you will open the new site. The appearance will be refreshed, but the content and navigation will be very familiar. With WildApricot you will find many benefits, for example, a searchable online Membership Directory and other useful features. You will receive your ID (email address) and system-generated password by email as the new website goes online.

With WildApricot as the common system underlying our website and membership database, membership administration and website maintenance will become easier. This change will reduce the burden on our volunteer base, while giving our members greater convenience as they register and pay for events and membership.

Gary Hillebrand



Midland Fall Color Tour and NUIAS

The Fall drive up to Midland for the Northwood University International Auto Show has become a popular fixture on JAGM's event calendar. Combining a new car show, classic car show, an interesting color tour and lots of good eating and company is a winning formula. Tom and Judy Hudak are great organizers and hosts for the weekend – it's always great to start out with a "goody bag"!

urday, heading north until first stop at Ross Lake in



Dinner on Friday night was at Lucky's Steakhouse in Midland. This was a good find, with great variety in the menu and very rea-



sonable prices. Ten of us had driven to Midland on Friday, and we had a great meal and great conversations.

16 people in 8 cars left the Holiday Inn in sunny weather with temperature in the upper 50's on Sat-

Beaverton, the site of SCCA Ice Runs in the winter. After a short rest stop in the park overlooking the lake, we took off on the 2nd leg of the drive, heading North and West. The fall color season was in its early stages, with some very nice oranges and reds in stands of

hardwoods, but green was still the most prevalent color overall. We stopped along a country road at a farm field that that was "decorated" with a number of old tractors and other farm implements.



Midland Fall Color Tour and NUIAS (cont'd)



Country Store. It was heavily farm-oriented and was a very popular spot on a Saturday, operated and visited by local Amish families, along with others like us.

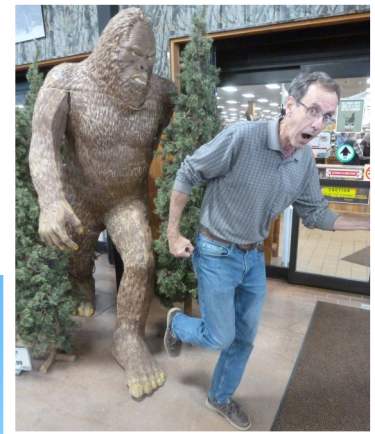
The 3rd leg of the drive took us into Clare, where we visited Jay's Sporting Goods and were chased by a local Yeti. After we eluded him, we split up to eat



Among these were tractors rising out of the earth, tractors climbing trees and even a giant tractor weathervane! It was a good place for a group picture, then we moved on to a very large

lunch at the restaurant of our choice then met at the Clare Union Railroad Depot, a historical museum and local art gallery. Clare is where I grew up and it happened that a high school classmate of mine was at the Depot – we hadn't talked for at least 20 years. One of those "small world, small town" stories.

After parking our cars on the grass behind the train station for pictures, we



Midland Fall Color Tour and NUIAS (cont'd)

all drove back to Midland and the hotel, then got together for dinner at Villa d'Alessandro's restaurant, as we have on previous trips.

Sunday morning we met near the Northwood campus and drove onto campus to the lot across the street from the main NUIAS Auto Show. Our 6 Jaguars (and one MG) became part of the Classic Car show, which had the usual crazy mix of hot rods, sport and special interest cars. Between the new car show and the classic car show, we were entertained for 3 or 4 hours, then it was time to get some lunch and head for home. It was a great weekend with a great group of friends. Many thanks to Tom and Judy for organizing this fun event.

Gary Hillebrand



Vintage Race Reunion — Put-In-Bay

Tuesday, September 17th was another beautiful sunny Fall day. Ellie and I joined Phil Crutchfield on the ferry from Port Clinton to Put-in-Bay to attend the annual Road Race Reunion on South Bass Island. We

met with Deb and Pete Conway, fellow first-timers at the event, as well as "veterans" Mike Bailey and Kris Whise, and Marta and Ralf Pionke.



Vintage Race Reunion – Put-In-Bay (cont'd)

September is past the main tourist season, so the island was relatively quiet and peaceful. We were pleasantly surprised at the number and variety of interesting places to visit on the island, including the well-known Perry Victory Monument and the Benson Ford pilothouse, but also a number of wineries, scenic parks and great lake views, all easily accessible on our rented golf carts.

Of course, the automotive attraction was the Road Race Reunion, which included a great car show, a



parade of cars around the original '50's and '60's road race course, and the vintage racing on the improvised airport runway race course. Not to mention the extremely competitive Valve Cover Races, where Mike's XK valve cover car was by far the classiest entry, if not the fastest.

We can heartily recommend this mid-week trip as a fun and unique early Fall outing – we'll go back again, as much for the island ambience and attitude as for the cars and racing.

Gary Hillebrand



Rosie the Riveter October Membership Meeting

Our first in-person meeting at Craft Brew City on October 9th was a big success, with 40-50 people attending – roughly half from JAGM and half from WDMGC. Claire Dahl, a presenter from the Michigan Flight Museum, gave a fabulous presentation about Rosie the Riveters and the tremendous work, sacrifices and determination that went into the American war effort in the second world war. Dianne Gouin of JAGM had her mother Jeanne attend with her; Jeanne was an original Rosie and it was great to be able to honor her at the meeting.

Claire's presentation focused on the development, construction and running of the Willow Run Bomber plant, but also touched on the profound changes that were required in our country; manufacturing and transportation transformed to support the war effort, and the workforce transformed to replace those who went overseas to fight the war.

We all enjoyed the presentation, as evidenced by the many donations that were made to the Michigan Flight Museum. If you haven't had the opportunity to visit the museum, you should make a plan.

- Gary Hillebrand

Lee Jacobsen attended the meeting and had these thoughts to add about the presentation and his experience as a "Rosie supporter":

Claire Dahl's presentation on Rosie the Riveters was pretty informative and entertaining, especially when the B-24 bombers made that tax-saving 90 degree turn into another county, with her unique sound effect!

For years I have known the original Rosies, having done dozens of parades with them, providing the parade cars as needed, including a '47 Packard, a '49

Chrysler, a '72 Eldorado, and of course, an XKE and MGTD. How did I get involved over 40 years ago?

My Mom was a Rosie at Willow Run, an older (30) experienced relief Rosie, knew 15-20 jobs and her job for 8-10 hours a shift was to fill in for others so they could get a 20 minute lunch break. She was all over the plant. Her favorite job was at that 90 degree turn, where, after it was made, often the super secret Norden Bombsights were fitted. She and her girlfriend would hide in the rear of the plane, and watch. "Mom" I asked, "what is so fascinating about a Norden bombsight?" She replied, "son, when you are older you will understand when I say it was the six marines guarding it that we were watching, not the bombsight!"



Later, in 1957, Mom learned of an auction, a Detroit warehouse full of Norden bombsights, each locked in a metal box with a key, each with a log book of the bombing mission it had been on. She bought 3, \$5 each, and gave one to each of us kids. We ignored them and the crates became 'seats' in the garage. Eventually, I got a pilot's license, and met with others interested in historical planes and flying, forming the Yankee Air Force. I donated two of the bombsights to the cause, one is in the B-17, now in CA, and the other is in the Mitchell B-25 bomber.

The saved part of Willow Run bomber plant, which is now the Michigan Flight Museum, is the building where the final 90 degree turn took place, and is now almost restored, the rest is gone. A lot of history was saved however, like the worn cement steps leading up to the payroll office, where 40,000 Rosies walked up and were paid, all in gold, silver, cash, according to one of the payroll clerks, a Rosie in one of the parade cars. At the last Rosie parade this year, the average age of a Rosie in our parade car was 102. The lone gent was 103, a B-24 pilot. I asked where, he said "Italy, only shot us down 3 times, flak, each was a bel-

October Membership Meeting (cont'd)

ly landing, we walked away, but we lost a lot of planes.... flak looked like black storm clouds..."

Time stops for no one, but we will always remember the Rosies! Rosies historians like Claire will educate and help us remember. Now I understand those

badges Claire spoke of on her vest, it gives some meaning to Mom's Willow Run work badge that I keep in my desk, along with Pop's dog tags....Makes me glad to be here and appreciate what the Rosies did for us, all those years ago....

- Lee Jacobsen

Drive and Dine - Shepard's Hollow

On Saturday, September 28th, JAGM held its first Drive and Dine event. The concept was simple and borrowed from a JCNA affiliate. Instead of an organized caravan to reach the end destination, everyone set their own route—presumably a backroad route, but that was a decision for each member.



ther, Larry. He drove his Jaguar, and a few of us just had to have a quick look at it as we were departing.

It was a pleasant and casual event in a great environment. And hopefully, everyone's drive added to the day.



It was a lovely day; nineteen people arrived at Shepard's Hollow at about 1 p.m. The place is scenic, with many tall pine trees and a splendid main building. They had two long tables set for us and served a very nice limited menu. The service was pleasant and quick, and the conversations at each table picked up in intensity until the food arrived. We had the pleasure of meeting a new member, Corey Stringer, and his fa-



Perhaps the next one will have an organized caravan to the venue.

Phil Crutchfield

Model T Birthday Party at the Ford Piquette Plant

Each year in September the Piquette Plant celebrates the anniversary of the first Ford Model T, which was produced in this plant in 1908. About 10 of us from JAGM attended this year over the several hours that the plant was open. Highlights were free Model T rides around the neighborhood (Ellie and I rode in 3 different T's), birthday cake, and plant tours, which we had never been on before.

The Piquette Plant is an important piece of local automotive history. It is undergoing continuous research and restoration by a large, dedicated group of volunteers. Another great place to put on your list if you've never been there!

Gary Hillebrand



JAGM Holiday Party 12/08/2024

The always popular JAGM Holiday Party will be on Sunday, December 8th from 1 pm to 4 pm. The venue this year will once again be **Filippa's Italian Restaurant** 45125 Mound Rd, Shelby Twp, MI 48317. Filippa's will be providing a fine buffet dinner – members who attended last year's party raved about the food. Please arrive shortly before 1:00 pm.

Register at JAGM.org by November 16th. You can pay online at the Events page (\$46/person), or to pay by check, submit your form online then make your check payable to the Jaguar Affiliates Group of Michigan, and make the check amount equal to \$44.50 per person attending and mail the check to: Tim Moore, 43480 Devin Drive, Clinton Township, MI 48038.



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\$6900 OBO



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For Sale (these parts came off a Jaguar XJ6-III 1982): Rebuilt Transmission 6080-28163 Model 66 like new, Exhaust Manifolds, Receiver Thick XJ6 new, Rocker Arm, Covers two sets, Shifter, Rear Tail lights like new, Original Dealer Service Manual, Service books 3, Engine Bearings new, Oil cover caps 2, Engine Valves new, Blinker lights with rubber gaskets.

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

Contact Tim Moore at 586-945-4509
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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: 1965 E-Type S-I 4.2 Coupe. Carmine Red, Black interior. 92,700 miles. Excellent paint, chrome, interior. "Spunky" engine. Matching numbers. New head. Dayton wire wheels. S/S exhaust, copper/brass radiator, air horns. Recent front/rear brake rebuild including MS and booster. Engine tune up including new spark plugs, adjust carbs, reset timing. Well maintained with annual fluid changes. Stored winters in heated facility. Car was restored in the late 1990s, including bodywork, paint, interior and engine rebuild. Restoration still looks fresh. Complete tool kit and owner's manual. 1st Place Driven Award. Heritage Certificate.

\$95,000 OBO



Contact Tom @ BLY12770@gmail.com or text 313-205-1105

Activities Calendar

	November	December
Activity	Zoom Membership Meeting November 13 th @ 7:00 PM	Holiday Party Filippa's Restaurant Shelby Township, MI Sunday, December 8 th

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

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