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Jaguar Touring Club (JTC) Mahwah NJ Concours; Dick Podoloff & Al Wiedie

## A PICTURE FROM THE PAST!

Here are **Dick Podoloff (l)** and **Al Wiedie (r)** at Jaguar Touring Club's Concours held at Jaguar Clubs of North America's home (JCNA) in Mahwah, New Jersey.

Both longtime club members in JCSNE, they were active in our Club events, Concours and more.

Al was a master at restoration of Jaguars. Dick loved Concours and Slaloms. Sadly, Dick just passed away at age 98. See page 7.

Photo provided by  
Ed Rubacha

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**President's  
Message**  
Robert (Bob) Silvestri

Greetings! Everyone! Unless something drastic happens, such as voter mailbox stuffing or improper voter registrations, my term as Club President will be coming to an end and this will be my last President's Column for the club newsletter.

It has been a great honor to serve as President for the past two years, and a true joy to work and mingle with our members and other clubs, as well as communicating with Jaguar enthusiasts from the US and various corners of the world.

And I am most grateful to all of our volunteers who plan; who step up to assist at events; who lead various tours and gatherings; who open up their garages for Tech Sessions and meetings; who compile, edit and publish our newsletter and minutes; who balance our books; who track our membership; who perform and participate; and who provide suggestions for the enjoyment and furtherance of our club. I think that Sherry Anderson said it best: "Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless."

Throughout my career and personal life, I've always attempted to be a good communicator, following the adage of "say what you mean and mean what you say." As such, I endeavored to provide our membership with various updates on monthly happenings, on the potential impacts of state and federal legislation, on JCNA news, on event recognitions, and on ways to stay safe, all with the coordination of our members and outside speakers. On occasions we've changed venues, added some new activities and haunts, formalized our charitable giving and shared in outstanding camaraderie. But the kudos need to go to our officers, our board, our volunteers and our members, for one person could not possibly do it all.

One piece of business that the club needs to review and approve are the proposed changes to our Bylaws. The changes were reviewed in the May/June edition of *The Spotted Cat* on page 13 and were set for final voting at the June business meeting. Unfortunately, the quorum needed for Bylaws amendments was not reached, which moved the next opportunity for voting to the Annual Meeting/Holiday Banquet that is scheduled for November 24, 2024 at The Manor Inn. The version labeled "Draft Revision 4-24" of the Bylaws can be found on our website under the Document Library and Club Bylaws tabs on the left side of the home page after you log in.

I'll leave you with this borrowed quote, last heard by me in one of the Star Trak movies: "Heading Captain? Second star to the right and straight on till morning." My sincere thanks

Robert (Bob) Silvestri  
JCSNE PRESIDENT 2023-2024

**THANKS, BOB!**  
**JOB WELL DONE!**  
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# Jaguar Club of Southern New England MEETINGS & EVENTS

## Calendar of Events for 2024

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### MONTHLY MEETINGS - SECOND TUESDAYS

#### MEETINGS MAY BE HELD AT ALTERNATE LOCATIONS

To accommodate our membership locale

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Meetings start at 7 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m. off menu

(Olympia Diner - 3413 Berlin Tpke, Newington - in dining room at rear)

Nov 12 Tue JCSNE Monthly Meeting at Olympia Diner. See details at top of page.

Nov 16 Sat JCSNE's Jags & Java, Mozzicato's Bakery, Rt 5, Wallingford, 9-11 am. Come & go at will.

Nov 24 Sunday, JCSNE's annual Holiday & Elections Banquet, at Manor Inn, Plantsville. See full info page 5

**This brings our Year's List of Events to a close. We need your ideas for 2025. Contact Dave Brill.**

### JCSNE's Charitable Giving SPECIAL PRESENTATION at September Meeting

At our September monthly meeting, a presentation was made to two organizations chosen by club members to each receive a \$300 check. Jan Marineau (l.) presents a check to Nancy Nelson of Our Companions Animal Rescue and Sanctuary. At right, Jan Kritzman presents the check to Sandy Cassanelli of the Breast Friends Fund. Center are Ed Rubacha of the Charitable Giving Committee and Bob Silvestri, club president. JCSNE is a non-profit organization.



### JCSNE's Annual Election of Officers

With no mud-slinging, no name calling, no untruths, Jaguar Club of So. New England will embark upon Election of Officers for the 2025 Season. We must state here that there has been no frantic action of multitudes wanting to be an Officer in JCSNE. The Nominations Committee is still open to anyone who would like to run for office and be included in the Election which will take place at our Holiday Banquet on Nov. 24. See page 5 for details.

#### PROPOSED SLATE

PRESIDENT	-	STEPHEN HILL
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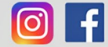
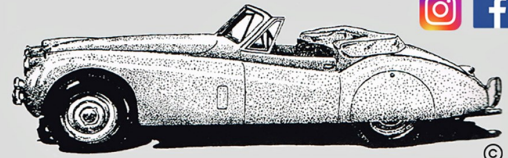
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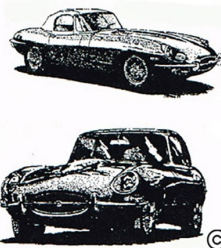
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Welcomes JCSNE for its Annual  
Holiday-Elections Banquet !

All Club Members and their guests are invited to attend this fun social evening in pleasant surroundings to enjoy not only a fine dinner (with cash bar) but most especially the company of some really great people. You will feel right at home.

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN AT [jcsne.org](http://jcsne.org), Events Calendar, Nov. 24**

**The menu will be served buffet style, with great choices for you.**

**The cash bar will be open all evening.**

**The cost of the dinner, subsidized by the Club, will be \$40 per person.**

**In addition to an evening of good conversation and great food, there will be other happenings also. Our Election, of course, but also a presentation or two. Perhaps, a raffle - if not, you may have to raffle your tie or belt buckle!! Join us for a fun time!**

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# A Tempero XJ13 Replicar — by Stew Jones

**This stunning XJ13 replicar first appeared at the Dream Show at Farmington Polo Club on August 25th. The next viewing was at Lime Rock's Historic 42 at Sunday in the Park, Sept 8, 2024, where it drew everyone's attention. (see photos) Stew tells how he was asked to take on this project of a very significant E-type which needed much work. Stew accepted the challenge. Thank you, Stew, for sharing this amazing story with us, and for your talent.**

A client contacted me about a Tempero XJ13 replicar in April of 2018. It sounded like an interesting project and his request for a large displacement engine in an early block with a dry sump oil pan and system was all familiar to me so I accepted the project.

The Tempero XJ13 is a faithful replica of the 1966 Jaguar race car constructed for Le Mans. Jaguar produced a 5L quad cam 2 valve Hemi engine but when Ford arranged a change to a 7L displacement limit, this 5L engine and the XJ13 were no longer competitive.

This replicar was fabricated by Tempero Coach and Motor Co. Ltd of New Zealand and is car #7 of the 7 they produced between 1992 and 2006. Car #7 was never finished by Tempero as his company went bankrupt before completion.

The hand-formed aluminum monocoque faithfully replicated the only XJ13 now in the Jaguar Heritage Museum.

## The Specs

The rear-mounted engine is now a 6.1L bore, 70mm stroke, single overhead cam Jaguar V12 with an origi-

nal style 5-speed ZF transaxle. The tuned length exhaust is more elaborate than the original and the intake replicates the look of the original while using the Jenvey electronic injection with a Motec management system.

Unlike the original, the rear suspension is derived from the E-Type.

This car was never finished by Tempero as it did not have any electrical, ignition, intake, fuel system, dry sump system, gauges or brake lines when it left Tempero.

The car subsequently went to Arizona where it was disassembled, and the engine and many custom fabricated parts were sold off or lost. All of the coachwork came with the car, along with the scratches and dents encountered in its unfortunate disassembly and transport.

The ZF transaxle arrived in 3 boxes with needle bearings and detent balls in a box with a hole in the bottom. Beyond supplying the engine and dry sump system, we reassembled the transaxle and suspensions. There were many lost custom fabricated Tempero parts that we engineered and fabricated as well as establishing

the systems originally missing from car #7.

The Tempero XJ13 is a beautiful and significant car, but as we made our way through the obstacles and challenges to its completion, we sometimes lost sight of its beauty.

Finally in August we assembled everything and took the Jaguar for its first drive ever! After its first test ride, we prepared it for showing at both the Farmington Dream Show on August 25th and the Lime Rock Historic 42 Sunday in the Park on September 1st. The XJ13 was received with much acclaim at both shows, rewarding us for all of our efforts.

We will perform a rear wheel dyno test as well as numerous test drives to fully sort out this creation before it is finished.

**- Stew Jones**

[Ed Note: Every one of us has their story to tell about their Jaguar\(s\) or how they got into Jaguars. Or their restoration project. Doesn't have to be dramatic. Start writing yours!!](#)



**Here is this significant, rare Tempero XJ13 replicar. The real deal is in the Jaguar Heritage Museum in the UK. Stew Jones and his shop have brought this car back to glory in person.**

## CLUB DUES ARE DUE SOONER THAN YOU THINK ! (Dec 31st)

As most of you know, the Jaguar Club of Southern New England (JCSNE) is an affiliated club with Jaguar Clubs of North America (JCNA). All totaled, there are 58 different Jaguar Clubs throughout the USA, Canada and Mexico that come under the JCNA umbrella, of which our club is one. JCNA's main purpose is to provide a range of services to its members including liability insurance to cover club events, the bi-monthly *Jaguar Journal*; the establishment of rules and sanctions for Concours, slalom and rally events; and new members referrals to name a few.

Our Club, as well as the other 57 clubs, pay dues to JCNA. At present, JCNA is paid \$45 annually for each individual member, but on September 16, 2024, the JCNA Board increased the dues by \$10, resulting in a new JCNA fee of \$55 per individual member, paid to JCNA by the affiliated club.

Our club dues are presently annually and will increase to \$75 annually so as to maintain the \$20 margin left in order to manage our club and to continue the services that we perform. For members who opt for the printed and mailed copy of "The Spotted Cat" the additional cost for the newsletter will not change. Only the annual membership will increase by \$10.

The JCNA rationale is that its treasurer reported an estimated loss for 2024 of approximately \$30,000 and projected at least a similar, if not larger, loss for 2025. As it is the JCNA Board's duty and responsibility to set JCNA dues, the JCNA Board determined that the increase is necessary to prevent more loss that would reduce JCNA's reserves below a prudent reserve. It is not the JCNA Board's desire for this increase to place a burden upon the members or its affiliated clubs, and it is the JCNA Board's sincere hope that it will not.

As dues for 2025 are just around the corner, I wanted to provide this information to you to avoid any surprise.

Bob Silvestri, JCSNE President

## PASSINGS . . .

It is with sadness that we inform you that we have lost two very long-time members of our Club. The Club has been in existence for 56 years. It's people like these two men putting their heart and enthusiasm in that have kept JCSNE alive and well. Know as a member, what YOU do *or don't do*, makes a big difference. We share friendship, camaraderie, knowledge of our Jaguars, advice on fixing Jaguar problems and much more. These men were successful in life and knew above all that you get back out of life what you put into it.

### **William (Bill) Longstreet, 1932—2024**

Bill loved Jaguars and was always happy when a new and different Jaguar came into his life. Bill always contributed sound advice to the club. When British on the Green (meaning the town green in Madison CT) was coming into being, Bill helped with the planning. When years later, it was moved to Farmington Polo Club, he lived just around the corner! He and Lorraine would be there from time to time to enjoy the people and the cars .

### **Richard (Dick) Podoloff, 1926-2024**

He was known as Pody. He was a car collector extraordinaire, owning an amazing assortment of cars: Rolls Royce, Bentley, Jaguars of various vintages. Pody loved to slalom and was disappointed when it became impossible to find slalom sites. He would always slalom in his white 1966 3.4S Jag and was often a winner. He loved it. Pody was faithful to the Club to the end, even when it was hard to get out to events.

Welcome !  
New Members

**Antonio J. Dinkins (Tony)**  
(**Olga Figueroa**) West Haven, CT  
2018 F-Pace SUV

**Gregory A. Frutchey**  
East Hampton, CT

We welcome you as  
new members!!

Watch your email and the  
JCSNE web site [jcsne.org](http://jcsne.org)  
for upcoming events



### **Ratan Tata Chairman of Indian Conglomerate, dies at 86**

NEW DELHI (AP) —  
Ratan Tata, died at a Mumbai  
hospital on Wednesday [10/9].  
He was 86.

Tata Sons chairman N Chandrasekaran confirmed Tata's death and described him in a statement as his "friend, mentor and guide".

Prime Minister Narendra Modi described Tata as a visionary leader, and a compassionate and an extraordinary human being. Tata received the Padma Bhushan, one of India's most distinguished civilian awards, in 2000.

Tata Group is a sprawling collection of nearly 100 companies, including the country's largest automaker, and the largest private steel company. The companies employ more than 350,000 people worldwide. In June 2008, Tata bought Jaguar and Land Rover from Ford for \$2.3 billion.

## Jaguar Titles for Your Bookshelf — Ed Rubacha

Consider reviewing your home library for its Jaguar-related contents. The following are several authors and titles of first-rate books that you might want to add to your holdings.

**PAUL SKILLETER.** Paul (who visited JCSNE some years ago) has written a number of authoritative titles about our favorite automobiles over a long publishing career.

Some selective works:

*Jaguar Saloon Cars*, published by Haynes in 1980. 602 pages.

*Jaguar Sports Cars*, 1975. 360 pages.

**ANDREW WHYTE.** The late author began as a Jaguar apprentice in 1955 and retired as their public relations manager in 1979. His titles include:

*Jaguar Sports Racing Cars to 1953*, published by Foulis in 1982. 415 pages.

*Jaguar Sports Racing Cars from 1954*, published in 1987. 624 pages.

**JOHN DUGDALE.** His career began in 1933 as an *Autocar* journalist. He came to America after WWII, representing a variety of British car makers. He became a Jaguar executive and served as *Jaguar Journal's* editor until 1991.

*Jaguar in America*, published by BritBooks in 1993. 271 pages.

*Great Motor Sport of the Thirties*. 1977. 256 pages.

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## JCSNE's NW Corner Wine Tour led by the invincible Steve Hill

After what seemed like weeks of near perfect classic New England Fall weather, the day of JCSNE's NW Corner Winery Tour arrived with clouds and showers, getting heavier and gloomier as the day progressed. But that didn't prevent those members who joined the winery tour from having a great time.

Steve Hill spent the last few weeks planning one of his obscure routes through CT villages that some lifelong CT residents declare they had never visited before. The route started at McDonald's in Winsted, heading to Jerram Winery in New Hartford in convoy. There we were greeted by warm apple cider donuts (many thanks to Barb and Herve), and mulled wine. Jerram is a family winery, and three generations (grandfather, father and son) were there to welcome us. Although there was a slight chill in the air, the rain hadn't yet started in earnest so we were able to chat on the lawn, warming ourselves around the brazier with flames and mulled wine.

The cars in attendance perhaps reflected the weather forecast - convertibles were in short supply. (Steve and Angela for once spent the entire day with their XKR roof up), and the older cars didn't make much of a showing (except for Larry Portlock's wonderful MK 2 3.8L). More modern Jaguars were not in short supply though; we had a trio of XKRs for the first time and new member Tony Dinkins in his 2018 F-Pace.

From Jerram, we headed on an hourlong drive along the lesser traveled highways of Litchfield County, with a mixture of leaf covered lanes, 'twisty bits, a covered bridge in West Cornwall and a faster run along a section of Route 7, passing by Lime Rock Park (and the checkered flag waving skeleton) into Lakeville. Those paying attention may have noticed turkeys and a black bear at the side of the road, but drivers had to pay increasing attention to the road ahead as the rain got heavier and wipers sped up.

At the Boat House Restaurant, we had a private room, with excellent service. With generous portions (especially the burgers and ribs) it looked like everyone was well fed and happy! The service was excellent, even though we had been warned that they were short-staffed for the holiday. I don't think anyone left hungry. . . -Steve



JCSNE does 3 wine tours per year, in different areas of our state. Always great fun, great company and tasty wines!!



## JCSNE MEMBERS TOOK 7 AWARDS AT JANE's August Concours, Sudbury MA



L-R Bob Silvestri, Ken Albin, Paul Angelico, Tony Amato, John Champagne & Vince Barre. Read below for 7th Award. Congratulations everyone!

Each WINNER above deserves heartiest congratulations from all of us at JCSNE. For Ken Albin, this was his very first Concours and he came up a Winner!!

The 7th Winner?? None other than Vince & Marion Barre who won **Best in Show in Driven Class** for their 1970 E-Type. They accomplished the same feat last year!! Congratulations to Vince and Marion.

### CHAMPION DIVISION

- C13 Best in Class: Paul Angelico, 1995 XJS DHC
- C14 Best in Class: Robert Silvestri, 1998 XK8 DHC
- C14 2nd in Class: Robert Johndrow, 1998 XK8 Conv

### DRIVEN DIVISION

- D3 Best in Class: Vince Barre, 1970 E-Type DHC
- D4 Best in Class: Tony Amato 1974 E-Type OTS
- D9 Best in Class: Ken Albin, 1994 XJS FHC
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# Thinking Out Loud

- Alta

## AS THE WORLD TURNS !

Yes, that was a Soap Opera many years ago, wasn't it. Hard to believe it was on the air from 1956 to 2010, 54 years! If we could view those early years, I'm sure we would see how our life has changed over those 54 years!!

Those early years would probably make us laugh hysterically. But on the other hand, it might make us wistful for a time that was much more naïve.

As two sides of a coin, we have lost much and gained much. So much has happened to counteract the way life was then. Medically, technologically, socially, educationally: huge strides have been made.

Medically, we're replacing our body parts in all kinds of ways. One of my family members just recently had an "ankle replacement"! A very complicated area of the body that moves in all directions and is a most important device for holding us up and moving us forward. A friend of mine's husband

has also had an ankle replacement. Both of these were done by a surgeon in Florida. Perhaps one of these days we will find a way to help the blind to see; the profoundly deaf to hear.

We've been in space so often that it's not surprising any more. We've reached the moon; now we're working on Mars. But having astronauts marooned in space due to equipment failure is not a good thing at all. Nor is having airplanes fall apart mid-air, when we expect them to get us safely from Point A to Point B. Are workers doing their best on a job, especially one that involves the lives of many people? Do people care enough?

In many ways, we have become complacent, hard to impress. Nothing is too horrible. People deny that horrible things have happened. Why? I can't imagine when there has been much evidence, photographs, reportings. If I say it never happened, does that make it true? How can people think that way.

We seem to be at a huge crossroad in

life as we have known it, these days.

We cannot be sure of anything. Mostly because we're not in charge of much. Only in our little sphere that surrounds us on a day to day basis can we make a difference. And unless you're getting around the world often, we know that our sphere is what matters. It's what provides happiness for ourselves, our loved ones and those that are important to us. But it doesn't mean that all others are not important or to be disregarded.

Mental Health is a challenging issue for all of us at all ages. From the very young to the elderly. There is much out there that frightens us, whether we're in first grade or well into adulthood.

What can we do? We can be kind to one another; we can help one another; we can take the time to listen to one another; we can offer a smile, as simple as that. You never know what a difference you can make in another's life. We can simply just care, for people, for our country, for our environment. -alta



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