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# JAGUARS AND CHOCOLATE AND PIZZA, OH MY!

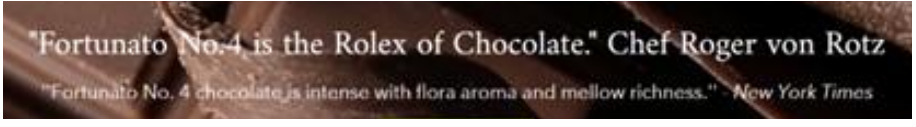
**Saturday, Feb 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Issaquah to North Bend**  
**and Maple Valley**  
**Meet 9:30 am at Krispy Kreme,**  
**6210 East Lake Sammamish Pkwy.**  
**Depart 10 am.**

This sweet post-Valentine’s Day treat includes: a beautiful drive, *two* chocolate shop stops, and an Italian pizza/pasta dinner! So much fun, you won’t miss the flowers!



Starting in Issaquah, we wind along wooded roads through the Snoqualmie Valley to North Bend for a break and our first chocolate experience, the Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory. All your favorite caramels, truffles and nut butter cups, assorted chocolate-covered apples and warm cookies!

Then back to Issaquah and Fortunato Chocolates. Made locally from rare cacao from the northern Peruvian Jungle, featuring key lime cookie bars and cayenne pepper apricots. They will share some history, samples, including hot chocolate.



After living up to “Life is short, eat dessert first!,” we go eagle spotting along Cedar Grove Road with its “food source rich” landfill. Scenic roads will then deliver us to Maple Valley’s Farrelli’s Pizza (and more), 26442 Maple Valley Black Diamond Rd.



**Registration deadline: Wednesday, February 12. Register: “Jaguars and Chocolate and Pizza, Oh My!” | Seattle Jaguar Club**



**The Seattle Jaguar Club presents:**

**2025 Concours d'Elegance & Car Show  
Swinomish Casino and Lodge - Anacortes, WA**

# **Jaguars On The Green** **Saturday August 2nd, 2025**

**Opening Happy Hour: Friday 8/1 6-8p**

**Car Show: Saturday 8/2 8-3p**

**Prowl/Lunch: Sunday 8/3 9:30-1p**

**Registration & more info at [www.seattlejagclub.org/jotg](http://www.seattlejagclub.org/jotg)**



# 2025 CALENDAR

You don't have to drive a Jaguar to participate in Seattle Jaguar Club events. For the latest information and to register, go to <https://www.seattlejagclub.org/calendar>. And there is a world of Jaguar fun, adventure, information and friendships all around us. With five JCNA-affiliated clubs covering Washington, Oregon, British Columbia, Alberta, and Saskatchewan and members in Idaho and Montana, you will find opportunities to share activities and expertise. Discover what they are doing. Check out their newsletters.

- Jaguar Owners Club of Oregon: <http://www.joco.org/> <https://joco.org/cat-fancier/>
- Jaguar Car Club of Victoria (Vancouver Island): <https://jaguarclubvictoria.ca/>
- Canadian XJ Jaguar Register (Lower BC Mainland): <http://www.jaguarmg.com/>  
<http://www.jaguarmg.com/newsletter.shtml>

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Please check for the most up-to-date information at [seattlejagclub.org/calendar](https://www.seattlejagclub.org/calendar)

## FEBRUARY 2025

**Wed Feb 5** 6:30 pm Board meeting via videoconferencing. All members welcome. Contact Secretary Chris Eseman.

**Sat Feb 8** 11 am, Tech Session, Park Place Auto Salon, 1807 130th Ave NE, Bellevue. Meet their staff and tour the facilities. Services include repair, detailing, paint protection, ceramic coatings etc. [Auto Salon | Park Place](#) Lunch across the street, Cascadia Restaurant & Brewery, 1820 130<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Bellevue. <https://www.cascadiapizzaco.com/bellevue-menu> Register: <https://www.seattlejagclub.org/events/tech-session-park-place-auto-salon-1> Contact Randy Pickett, [randypickett@hotmail.com](mailto:randypickett@hotmail.com) 253.258.6418



**Sat Feb 15** Sweetheart drive, location TBD. Contact Wendy & Craig Duckering. Details on page 2. Register: <https://www.seattlejagclub.org/events/jaguars-and-chocolate-and-pizza-oh-my>

## MARCH 2025

**Wed Mar 5** 6:30 pm Board meeting via videoconferencing. All members welcome. Contact Secretary Chris Eseman.

**Sun Mar 9** Roving Dinner. Location TBD. Contact Sharon & Brian Case.

**Sat Mar 15** Up-Down-Around-Snohomish Drive. Explore the dippy backroads from Snohomish (*right*) and back to the cute shops & eateries in Snohomish. Contact Kurt Jacobson.

**Sat Mar 22** Tech session. Location TBD. Contact Randy Pickett.





## APRIL 2025

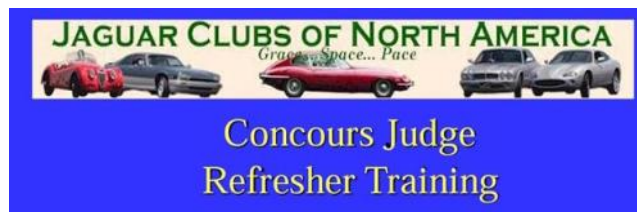
**Wed Apr 2** 6:30 pm Board meeting via videoconferencing. All members welcome. Contact Secretary Chris Eseman.

**Sat Apr 5** Drive. Destination TBD, probably Whidbey Island. Contact Vickie Kollmar & Zane Ware.

**Sat Apr 12** Tech Session, location TBD. Contact Randy Pickett.

**Thurs Apr 24** 7 pm judges training (*right*) via teleconference. <https://tinyurl.com/mstyh7zs> Contact Bill Holmes.

**Fri-Sun Apr 24-27** Jaguar Clubs of North America Annual General Meeting, Valley Forge PA (*right*). <https://www.jcna.com/annual-general-meetings/2025-jcna-annual-general-meeting> Contact JCNA Northwest Region Director Brian Case.



## MAY 2025

**Sat May 3** 9 am, As a group, watch Windermere Cup rowing races and boat/yacht parade (*photo right, courtesy of Seattle's Child*). Pay for parking at University of Washington Lot E12. Bring a picnic for lunch overlooking the Montlake Cut. Contact Randy Pickett,

[randypickett@hotmail.com](mailto:randypickett@hotmail.com) 253.258.6418.

**Wed May 7** 6:30 pm Board meeting via video conference. All members welcome. Contact Chris Eseman.

**Sat-Sun May 10-11** Spokane adventure. Details to come. Contact Randy Pickett, [randypickett@hotmail.com](mailto:randypickett@hotmail.com) 253-258-6418

**Sat May 17** All British Field Meet, VanDusen Botanical Gardens, Vancouver BC (*right*). TBD.

**Sun May 18** Roving Dinner, venue TBD. Contact Sharon & Brian Case.

**Thu May 29** 7 pm. Judges training via videoconference. Contact Bill Holmes.

**Sat May 31** Spring Thing Drive, Kitsap Peninsula. Contact Bob Book. (*Right: Tom C.*)





## JUNE 2025

**Wed Jun 4** 6:30 pm Board meeting via videoconferencing. All members welcome. Contact Secretary Chris Eseman.

**Sat Jun 7** Tech session, location TBD. Contact Randy Pickett.

**Sat Jun 14** Show & shine, location TBD. Contact Tamera & Michael Bramble.

**Sat Jun 21** Show & shine, BACKUP date for up for June 14 in case of rain on that. Location TBD. Contact Tamera & Michael Bramble.

**Fri-Sun Jun 28-30** PNW Historics Vintage Races and Jaguar participation in Car Corral (*right*). Contact Sharon Case.



## JULY 2025

**Wed Jul 2** 6:30 pm Board meeting via videoconferencing. All members welcome. Contact Secretary Chris Eseman.



**Sat Jul 12** Western Washington All British Field Meet, St. Edward Park, Kenmore (*left*). May 1 Online registration opens May 1 at <https://wwabfm.com/> Volunteers needed.



**Fri-Sun Jul 18-20** Jaguars on the Island JCNA-sanctioned concours and related events, <https://jaguarclubvictoria.ca/> Windsor Park (*right*), Oak Bay (Victoria). Host Hotel is Ocean Pointe Resort. Details to come. Contact Brian Case.

**Sun Jul 27** Roving dinner, location TBD. Contact Sharon & Brian Case.





## AUGUST 2025

**Fri-Sun Aug 1-3** Seattle Jaguar Club Jaguars on the Green weekend and JCNA-sanctioned concours. Swinomish Casino & Lodge, Anacortes (*right*). <https://www.seattlejagclub.org/jotg> Details to come.



**Wed Aug 6** 6:30 pm Board meeting via video conference. All members welcome. Contact Chris Eseman.

**Sat Aug 9** All Roads Lead to the Northwest Carriage Museum in Raymond WA (*right*). New routes to and from this unexpected peek into the past of wheeled transportation. <http://nwcarragemuseum.org>. This will be a shared experience with Jaguar Owners Club of Oregon. Details to come. Contact Kurt Jacobson.



**Sat & Sun Sep 16 & 17** Gettin' Down in the Gorge. Treveri Cellars, St John the Forerunner Monastery, Maryhill Museum, Goldendale Observatory, Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum, lunch at Columbia Gorge Hotel, Ape Caves. Contact Bob Willits [bob.willits@comcast.net](mailto:bob.willits@comcast.net) 206.619.2045

**Sat Aug 16** Arlington SkyFest, Seattle Jaguar Club group attendance. TBD.

**Fri-Sun Aug 22-24** Heritage Classic JCNA Concours, Langley BC.

## SEPTEMBER 2025

**Wed Sep 3** 6:30 pm Board meeting via video conference. All members welcome. Contact Chris Eseman.

**Fri-Sat Sep 5-7**, Jaguar Owners Club of Oregon Concours at the PDX All British Field Meet, Portland International Raceway. Saturday is the concours.

**Sun Sep 7** Edmonds Classic Car Show, Seattle Jaguar Club group. TBD. Contact Brian Case

**Sat Sep 13** Exotics@RedmondTownCenter, British Car Day. TBD. Contact Brian Case

**Sat Sep 20** Tech session, location TBD. Contact Randy Pickett.

**Sun Sep 21** Roving dinner. Location TBD. Contact Sharon & Brian Case.

**Fri-Mon Sep 26-29** International Jaguar Festival, Savoy Automobile Museum (*right*), Cartersville GA. IJF Concours, rally, slalom, receptions. Special Jaguar Racecar exhibit. Contact Brian Case



**Sat Sep 27** Drive. Location TBD. Contact Danny Lisa.



## OCTOBER 2025

**Wed Oct 1** 6:30 pm Board meeting via video conference. All members welcome. Contact Chris Eseman.

**Sat-Sun Oct 3-5** Winery Tour. Contact Kent Wiken.

**Sat Oct 18** Fall Colors Tour. Contact Wendy & Craig Duckering.

**Sat Oct 25** Tech session. Location TBD. Contact Randy Pickett

## NOVEMBER 2025

**Sun Nov 2** Roving Dinner. Contact Sharon & Brian Case.

**Wed Nov 5** 6:30 pm Board meeting via video conference. All members welcome. Contact Chris Eseman.

**Sat Nov 8** Tech session. Location TBD. Contact Randy Pickett

**Sat Nov 15** Drive. Contact Tim Weber.

## DECEMBER 2025

**Wed Dec 3** 6:30 pm Board meeting via video conference. All members welcome. Contact Chris Eseman.

**Sun Dec 14** Holiday Party at the Seattle Yacht Club, Fireside Lounge.



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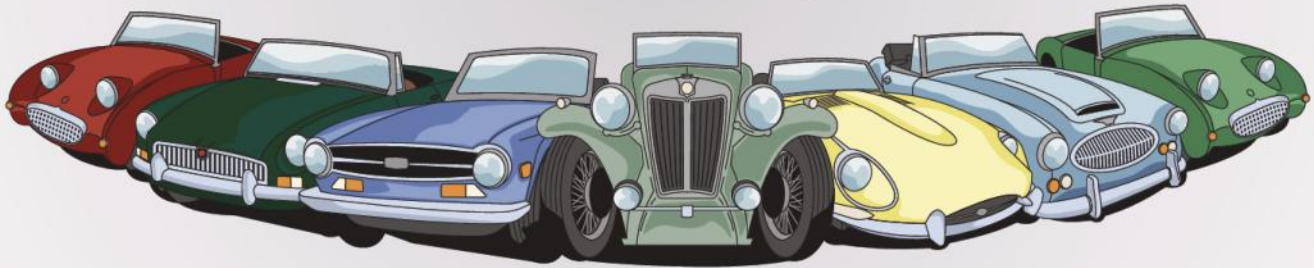
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## WHAT'S NEW

**Cover** Participants on the “Cats Chasing Birds” Skagit raptour perched on one of the recommended eagle-spotting spots, the SR503 bridge entering the Rockport Eagle Interpretive Center. Not many eagles that day, but plenty of brilliant sunshine, and of course brilliant Jaguar enthusiasts.

**JagMag part-time reporters wanted** Looking for a handful of people to cover a couple events a year on an as-needed basis. Mostly events you are already going to attend. We “have people” who can edit together the final text from your input if needed. Contact [kurtgjacobson@gmail.com](mailto:kurtgjacobson@gmail.com)

**The Canadian Prairies Jaguar Club is withdrawing from Jaguar Clubs of North America and our Northwest Region** According to Northwest Region Director and our VP Activities Brian Case, the club's membership voted to drop their JCNA Affiliation. CPJC has elected to join a large regional club instead.





**Ben Brown's XK120 grille restoration** Many *JagMag* readers know the story of Ben Brown and the XK120 Drophead Coupe his grandfather put in his care. He has been working on the car while driving it to events around the area, including Exotics @ Redmond Town Center.

Here is what he shared with another XK120 owner, Ehab Sahawneh, "I hope you are doing well, wanted to share an update on the grille. I used a whole lot of 0000 steel wool to shine up every surface and got back a lot of shine. I just got the loose tooth glued back in last night using the fancy 3M adhesive, the first time the grille has been in one piece for a long time." *(Photo left, the grille mostly unrestored; left teeth have been steel woolled. Photo right, the shine is back.)*



Ben told Ehab, “Thank you for the advice! It's just the right amount of re-stored for me.”

Ben added that “the tooth has been out of the grille since the 90s and I don't think the chrome was ever cleaned up. The grille still has light damage but that's exactly what I wanted, as the hood itself has matching damage. If I straightened all out I would lose some history and also not fit the hood opening anymore, I'll save that for later. Looking forward to Spring and getting this reinstalled.”

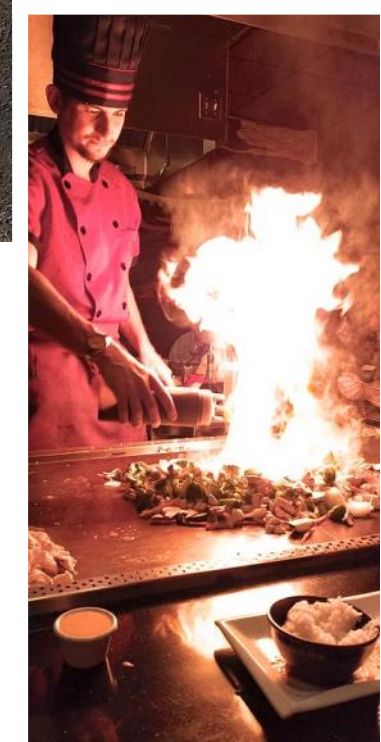
**Dean posted this photo of him and the XK120** (below) at <https://tinyurl.com/5mwxt3k2>, saying, “ I am building a fiberglass kit car with his with a removable hard top. I am about to install the engine from the 1983 XJ6 donor. I will let you know how it turns out.”







**Sometimes Jaguars and fire are a good thing**  
Our January 26<sup>th</sup> Roving Dinner brought together about 20 members at the Fujiyama Japanese Steakhouse in Silverdale (*right*). Sixteen of those diners came from the Kitsap and Gig Harbor Peninsulas. Arlayne & Chris Eseman from Manette, Cathy & Gary Harris from Bainbridge and Tanya & Bob Book from Poulsbo woke their E-Types from extended hibernation (*above*).





Also sitting around the two grills and two chef performance artists were new member Doug Newell from Poulsbo, and returning member Bob Willits from Bremerton (*Bob on the left and Doug on the right*), Tami & Terry Mathison from Poulsbo, Tamera & Michael Bramble from Gig Harbor, Virginia & Roger Susick from Port Orchard, Sue Kingston & Paul Petach from Gig Harbor, Sharon & Brian Case from Kent, and Cheryl & Kurt Jacobson from Tacoma.



Club volunteers have been planning events west and east of Puget Sound and North and south of Seattle. This is a perfect example, although we have many members who will travel to events wherever they are.

Tanya Book emailed, "What a great day us Kitsappers had! Although I only live 5 minutes from this restaurant, I never knew it existed. This Jag Club outing found us a new favorite restaurant!"







*Pictures: Sharon Case, Harry Demarest, Daniella Bramble, Kent Wiken, Kurt Jacobson. Story: Kurt Jacobson and contributors Monte Powell, Sue Kingston, Jon Rogers, and Ray Papineau.*

Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, eleven cats (our Jaguars) headed to the Skagit River area to chase down views of eagles and other raptors. Another eleven Mundanemobiles joined the prowl (leap or shadow) of Jaguars carrying 41 homo sapiens.

Cynthia First and Alan Donald scouted the territory, starting at the adventure base camp, the Arlington Safeway, where we could fuel up at the gas pumps and Starbucks, provision with pastries and create room for them in the civilized rest rooms.



and create room for them in the civilized rest rooms. (Top, eagle by Brambling Photography. Above right, Cynthia First conducts driving team meeting.)





**Learning from a lifetime with raptors** After Cynthia briefed the navigator/driver teams, Steve Layman, a noted raptor expert, told us about eagles and other raptors and their environment. [The falconer: Getting up close and personal with raptors | Whidbey News-Times](#) He and his guest drove along with us, answering questions at the nonprofit Skagit River Bald Eagle Interpretive Center in Rockport and at Il Granaio Restaurant, our destination restaurant in Mount Vernon. *(Steve Layman, above center with Monte Powell, left, and Daniella Bramble)*

Not being able to get close enough to hear Steve, I asked some members what he said. Thanks to Monte Powell, Jon Rogers, Sue Kingston, and Ray Papineau for their recollections, such as:

The osprey catches the salmon at the surface of the water then the eagle attacks the osprey as it gains altitude and forces it to drop the salmon and the eagle gets food with little expenditure of energy.

The avian influenza has been infecting the raptor population in Washington. There is a vaccine but it's not available in the US. There is human medication that can be given at high doses in two-hour intervals that can counter the disease.

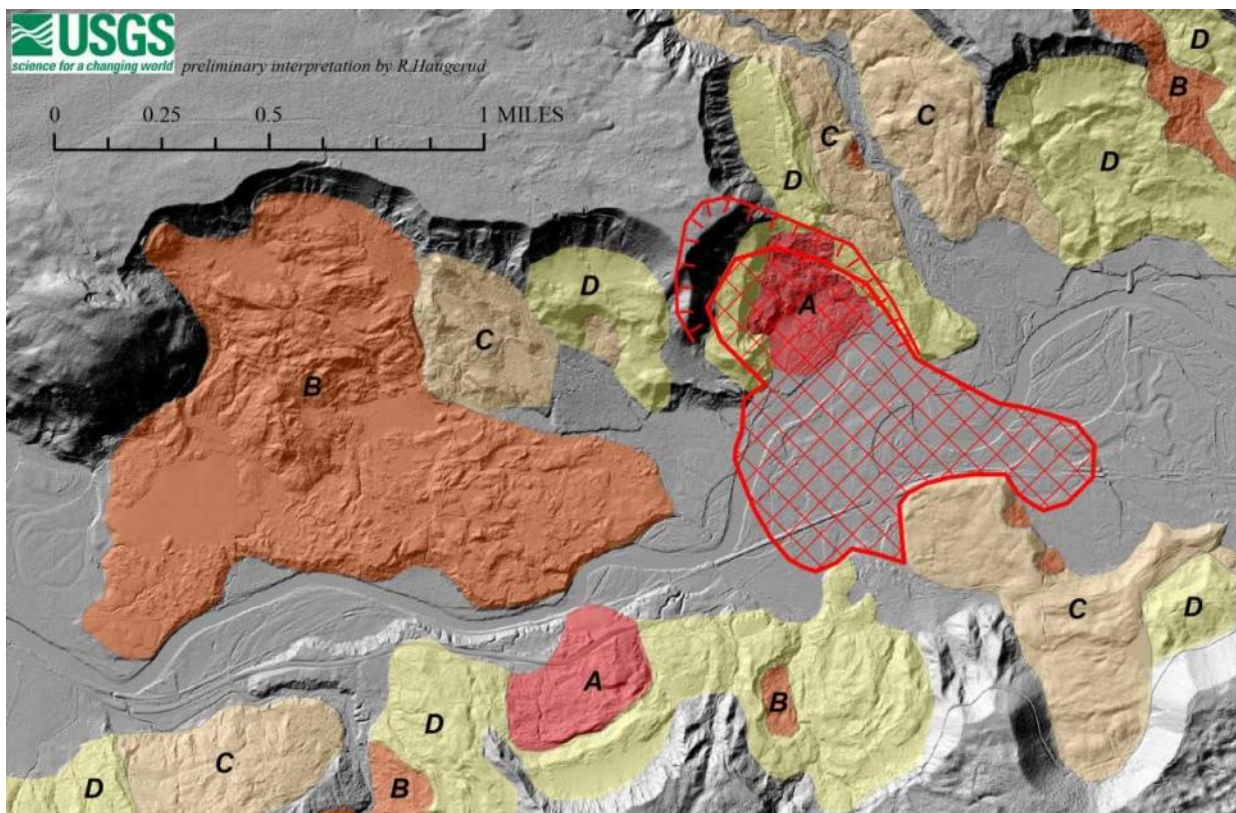
The number of Eagles is rising and there are more today than ever before.

And according to Ray Papineau: "1.) The eagles follow the migrating ducks from Alaska as the predators in Africa, follow the migrating wildebeest. 2.) In Alaska, eagles steal ducks caught by foxes. 3.) The Eagles have sold over 200 million copies worldwide wide, *Hotel California* being their best-selling album in the US."

**Learning from the land** We departed Arlington along SR 530 NE, the Arlington-Darrington Rd, through Oso and past the Oso Slide Memorial. It is a reminder of the March 22, 2014, 10:37 a.m. landslide that flowed over the North Fork of the Stillaguamish River and over the Steelhead Haven community. It covered one square mile, took 43 lives and obliterated 49 homes and other structures. Recovery efforts involved more than 600 personnel, including 160+ volunteers. Within a day of the slide, eleven survivors were rescued. Then community members and emergency responders returned to the site every day for another four months until they recovered every victim.

Stop next time you drive by the memorial to appreciate that, “The design for the 2-acre memorial is based on the idea that visitors to an educationally and emotionally intense place will move through six stages: arrival, decompression, reception, orientation, interpretation, and transformation.” <https://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/Facilities/Facility/Details/SR-530-Slide-Memorial-193>.

*(Lidar images below show the 2014 Oso slide outlined in red and previous slides over the years. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2014\\_Oso\\_landslide](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2014_Oso_landslide)).*







**Learning from docents and displays** We travelled east up the valley of the North Fork of the Stillaguamish (“Stilly”) to Derrington where 530 turns left toward Rockport. The sun broke through the clouds (*above*) for most of the rest of the day. We enjoyed the subtle winter colors as we cruised downstream along the Sauk River to its confluence with the Skagit River at Rockport and our intermediate destination, the Skagit River Bald Eagle Interpretive Center (*right*). <https://skagiteagle.org/>.







The Skagit River Bald Eagle Interpretive Center is the best place to orient yourself to habits of the biggest of our raptors (*juvenile eagle above*) as well as other birds of prey along the Skagit. It also has information about best viewing areas. The Interpretive Center is located in the Howard Miller Steelhead Park. Volunteer docents are there to answer questions (*above right*). When we visited, the Skagit Eagle Watchers were stationed in Steelhead Park and other places along the Skagit River to help visitors to use their binoculars and spotting scopes (*right*) to see the eagles and to learn more <https://skagiteaglewatchers.wordpress.com/about/>

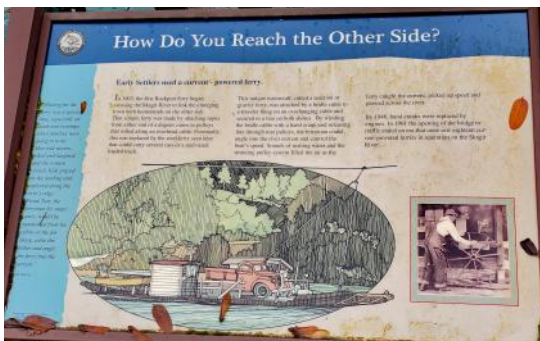
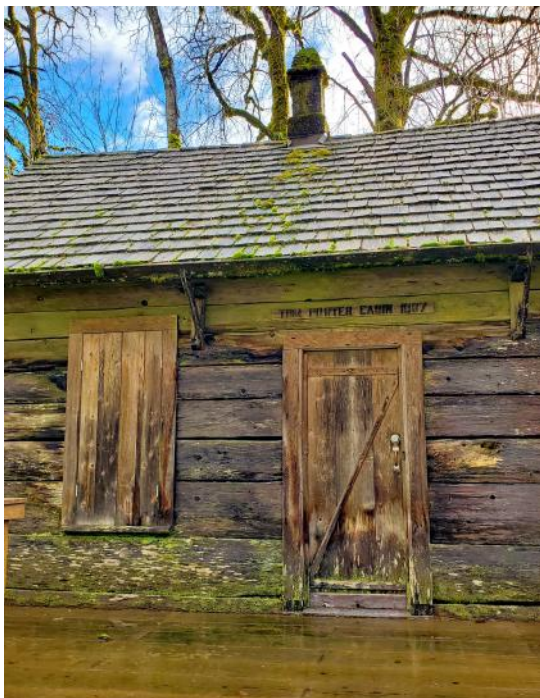






By asking the available local experts and our speaker Steve Layman, by exploring displays and by reading the literature, we learned that the Skagit is one of the largest wintering bald eagle populations in the Lower 48, due to the Skagit's wild salmon runs. Bald eagle viewing increases each year. One of the recommended eagle viewpoints was the SR 530 bridge spanning the Skagit at the park. Most of our bird-spotters headed out to look. Few eagles were cooperating, but our group seemed happy to stand above the Skagit basking in the brilliant winter sun and the brilliant company (*above and cover*).





**Rockport was once an intermodal hub** To most of us traveling the North Cascade Highway on SR 20 that runs all the way from Okanogan to the Port Townsend ferry at Keystone on Whidbey Island, Rockport (*above*) is just a Shell gas station next to the highway. But it was the terminus of the Great Northern rail line from Burlington, hauling passengers and lumber, cattle and mining equipment. It linked to other transportation hauling goods required to build Seattle City Light's Diablo and Ross dams. The utility ran rail excursions to its dams and lakes through Rockport. And in the early 1900s, the Skagit had ten to twelve large ferry boats (*sign, left*) and stern-wheelers (*1887 house, middle.*) <https://washingtonstate.fandom.com/wiki/Rockport>.





**On to the Eagle Tree** After Cynthia prodded us back into our cars and Randy Pickett got his long dormant XJS to start again at the most remote portion this 175-plus mile shakedown drive, we headed west on SR 20 toward Bow and Edison on the Samish and Skagit Flats. We stopped to look at the eagles and huge nest at the apparently well-known Eagle Tree between Bayview Edison Rd and the Samish River. *(The Eagle Tree holds the nest, which can be four feet high.)*

At the Il Granaio restaurant, Steve Layman explained what we were seeing, such as the large female who lords over the next and the different-aged males, with the juveniles appearing larger than reality because their feathers are longer and they essentially “puffed up,” much like the quilted parkas so many of us were wearing.





**The teams and solo drivers in cats chasing birds** were Steve Bell, Trish & John Blackburn, Janet & Doug Bosworth, Sharon & Brian Case, Carol & Rodney Cook, Harry Demarest, event organizers Cynthia First & Alan Donald, Stan Galyean and guest, Patty McKerney & Kurt Hrubant, Karen & Barrie Hutchinson, Carol & Doug Jackson, Cheryl & Kurt Jacobson, Linda Roberts & Ray Papineau, Sue Kingston & Paul Petach, Mac and Andy Phillips, Susanne Nelson & Randy Pickett, Diane & Monte Powell, Jon Rogers, Vickie Kollmar & Zane Ware, Jan Clarke, Lisa & Kent Wiken, Tanya & Bob Willits.

Riding with Tamera & Michael Bramble was their daughter Daniella Bramble, an emerging professional photographer operating as Brambled Photography. She contributed many of her photos to the website gallery and this *JagMag*.

*(Above, Kent & Lisa Wiken and Trish & John Blackburn. Below left, Andy & Mac Phillips. Below right, Janet & Doug Bosworth.)*







**Although we didn't see huge "soars" or "convocations" of eagles, we saw enough to fulfill the promise of "cats chasing birds,"** had a pleasant winter drive, shared dinner and drove home suitably enraptured by the experience. Thanks to Cynthia and Alan with the support of Sharon Case for pulling together a successful event. (Top: Jon Rogers' personalized XK140 "Mabel." Above left, Cynthia First's Jaguar and an eagle graphic. Above right, Sue Kingston & Paul Petach and the eagle flag.)





## CARS ARE JUST VEHICLES FOR LIFE STORIES

*Pictures: Kurt Hrubant, Sharon Case, Wendy Duckering, Kurt Jacobson.  
Story: Kurt Jacobson*

**At the Annual General Meeting (AGM) at Griot’s, seven members shared sometimes funny, sometimes moving stories** about how cars and life brought them to Jaguars. A record AGM turnout of 88 members and guests gathered January 18<sup>th</sup> in Tacoma to display their Jaguars around the entrance to the store, load up on distinctive and effective red-and-white label products, and acknowledge club accomplishments and the many volunteers. But we mostly gathered to enjoy and learn more about each other.

*(Above, Nick Kappes telling his captivating story. Right, Tami Mathisen unrolls husband Terry’s reasons why they should not get a Jaguar. But they did.)*





The first of the seven members to tell their story, “Journey into Jaguars/ Coming from 50 Years in Classic American Cars,” were Tami & Terry Mathisen. Tami wanted a Jaguar and asked Terry to let her know the reasons



why he didn't want one. She then read a few and unrolled several yards of paper with his many reasons.

Jon Rogers, (*left*) presented “One Cat’s Tail,” about his early life and (mis) adventures with his XK120, before his life with Mabel, his current XK140.

“All He Wanted for Christmas: World Peace and an XJS,” was how Santa-hatted Sue Kingston (*below, left*) surprised her husband Paul Petach with the exact Rouge Edition car of his dreams.



Eric Aasness (*below*) shared “Cruising in Style in the Philippines,” a video that he narrated at the meeting that portrayed wheeled life in the mother country



where his wife Elle share a second home close to her family.

Harvey Sherman (*bottom left*) told a funny tale, “A Misadventure in Florida,” about how his 25-year-



old self managed to rip the door off his Porsche 924 on a Florida turnpike and how the weld on the amateur repair failed at the worst time involving his boss as a passenger.





Kurt Miyatake (*left*) was up next with “Destined to be in a Coupe,” how an early Corvette, and a succession of classic, sporty and ho-hum cars led to his F-Type coupe.

Currently enjoying a red F-Type SVR coupe, Nicholas Kappes (*left, second from top*) grabbed our emotions with “The Long and Twisted Road to the Red Cat.” It seemed that there were more potholes than road.



**After we socialized for a bit, MC Craig Duckering (*left*) herded us into the barbecue queue for chicken, ribs and optional accessories such as mac and cheese and berry cobbler (*below left*).**

Thanks to Warthog for the food and especially to Wendy Duckering and Sharon Case and a few other volunteers who ensured that the food was ready to eat and the room put back in order. And to the Duckerings for displaying the giant chrome Leaper with the well-designed and crafted display stand by Brian Case (*below*).





**Always a nice feature of the AGM is meeting new members.** Arriving too late for self-introductions was Tom Everts, who is one of the Aston Martin group who have joined our Jaguar Club, exposing us to more of those beautiful Brits that inbred with our Jaguars.



Kristin & Chip Kochel (*left*) brought their ReGENCY Red 1971 Series III 2+2 (*above*). They met at the University of Puget Sound before he left to fly B-52 bombers. They have been back here for 25 years. This was their second event.



Evelyn Wood (*left*) & David hull, live on the Enumclaw Plateau and both retired from King County. They bought an XKR, found our club online and joined us for the November Dewatto “Driving Rain” event.

Lee & Terry Nelson (*below*) parked their 2024 F-Type with the top down. It is a

“continuum of a dream” for Terry to return to a Jaguar after Terry bought a new 1969 E-Type after a tour of duty. Lee & Terry both retired from careers in the United States Air Force.







Ken DeCoursey (*left*) stumbled on the Jaguars on the Green Concours where he showed his truly-Ultra-Blue F-Type (*above*).

Andy Phillips & “Mac the Wife” Phillips live in Woodinville after moving here five years ago from San Jose. They have a 2011 XKR and 2001 XK8 and “love the club, love the cars.” Mac is retired and Andy is still working on retiring as an attorney. (*Mac, right, with his raffle prize.*)



Nora & Mark Hennecken, (*top photo below left*) joined last summer. They were members of the Rocky Mountain Club in Denver. They have a 2000 Vanden Plas, XF, Camaro, Mustang, Maserati and a Subaru.



Roderick Jefferson (*below right*) bought his V12 Vanden Plas from a friend North Vancouver who pleaded with him to take it or it would be scrapped. Roderick decided, “for \$500, or \$387 Canadian, I’ll save it. Seven grand later it runs and drives. Now I got the bug for another Jag” and is selling this one (*left*). He adds, “Thanks, Randy Pickett for your help.”





**Balancing the new members were veterans** Gordon Sanstad (*top*) was a member of the club in the 1970s when the Seattle Jaguar Club was two clubs with much overlapping membership, a drivers' club and a marque club. Gordon had a 3.8 sedan and an XK120 coupe "that I drove for about 22 years." He is looking for an XKE.

Long-time member Rosemarie Young (*middle*) was married to another founding member, the late Bill Young. She recently moved from Bellevue to Shelton and bought a new XE. You can read about her, starting on page 7 of <https://tinyurl.com/zs6jtv3n>

Another founding member back in 1959, is Adrian Brennan (*bottom*). Born in England, he joked that they didn't use microphones like he was handed, instead using a "trumpet" [megaphone]. His wife Hilda has an immaculate 60,000-mile XK8 convertible, and Adrian drives a 2007 XK coupe that "runs perfectly and is an exceptional car, except the front and rear tires are different sizes." Adrian has owned 13 Jaguars. You can read about Adrian's automotive and aviation life at <https://tinyurl.com/bdf3dexh>

**The Seattle Jaguar Club is growing and more active than ever.** Craig Duckering pointed out that the number of new memberships increased from about 18 in 2021 and 2022 to 42 in 2024. Membership now hovers around 200. He talked about the increasing number and variety of activities, about 43 a year!

Brian Case, who is our VP Activities, Northwest Region Director and Executive Committee Member for JCNA, announced that our club is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest in JCNA, 8 members short of beating San Francisco.





**Brian talked about Jaguar being forced into all-electric vehicles** with prototypes now being tested. By summer we will see photos of the new car. Production will start late 2025 with introduction in 2026.

He said that it costs \$1 billion to develop a totally new car, including the powertrain? But Jaguar is in the best financial shape in decades. Owner Tata has been very supportive with enough money to develop an SUV and a two-door sports car. They have dedicated \$3.5B to this effort.

Answering an audience question, Brian said that Jaguar is eliminating 30 to 60 percent of its US dealerships, leaving only Bellevue as a Washington State dealer. Lynwood, Tacoma and Spokane dealerships will not be selling Jaguars. The new Bellevue store has been supportive of our club and has hired senior mechanics from Spokane who can work on our older cars. And JLR is expanding the range of replacement Jaguar parts.

**Craig had Griot's gift certificates for and recognized several club volunteer leaders** After 12 years, John Holmes leaves as treasurer, the position filled by John Blackburn.

After nine years as the membership chair, Bob Book passes the responsibility to Craig Duckering and remains as trustee.

Sharon & Brian Case were recognized for their many critical Seattle Jaguar Club, JCNA and Western Washington All British Field Meet roles.

Kurt Jacobson has been *JagMag* editor since 2018 and expects to pass the mouse and keyboard to a new editor this year.

Secretary since 2016, Chris Eseman says his 1966 E-Type still puts a smile on his face.

VP Technical Randy Pickett & Suzanne Nelson were recognized for the first anniversary of their marriage at last year's Annual General Meeting and Randy's VP Technical volunteer role.

Paul Petach continues to contribute to the club in his role as past president.

President Craig also introduced new Trustee Bob Willits, who like Bob Book is also Bob married to a Tanya. *(Continued)*



**Craig had** Other volunteers remain in their positions : Michael Watts-Webmaster and Slalom chair; Sunshine chair-Art Foley with Tami Mathisen who remains as a trustee as does Doug Jackson; Brian Case-concours chair; Bill Holmes-concours chief judge; and Kurt Miyatake takes over as liaison to the Western Washington All British Field Meet.

**A nice meal followed by business reports was once the agenda for the Annual General Meeting** Now, with so many people socializing and captivating us with stories, President Duckering said, “Maybe we should call it the ‘Annual General Party.’” Please contact a club officer and participate in a monthly board meeting if you want to see how the club conducts business.

**A raffle and more thank-yous** Sharon Case arranged a \$5/ticket raffle for Griot’s products with proceeds to Northwest Harvest. Sue Kingston took the foam cannon kit and Andy Phillips and Eric Aasness got the giant microfiber drying towels. We all got Griot’s Interior Cleaner (*right*).



Craig thanked his wife Wendy and the Cases and Warthog for the food. And thanks to you, too, Craig, for skillfully and gently keeping our club on course!

Kristin Kochel commented, “Dear Brian and Sharon, we certainly enjoyed the meeting yesterday and the very nice lunch. Thank you for your dedication to the Jaguar Club and for pulling everything together to make a delightful day for us all.

I particularly loved the story telling segment on the agenda yesterday. What a marvelous idea that is! It was perfect for new members, such as Chip and me, to immediately feel welcomed in as each person shared their personal experiences. I liked that not every story was about Jaguars. I couldn’t hold back my tears with the life story the last gentleman told... very moving...and awk!, I had no Kleenex!

After the meeting, Chip and I drove over to the University of Puget Sound campus where we met 55 years ago. Remembering our days there and all the dreams we had in 1970, we felt very blessed to be tooling around those old haunts in our E-type in 2025.

Thanks very much for a fun and interesting meeting yesterday!—Kristin”



From Tom Everts (Aston Martin), “Hiya... I have met a fellow, twice now, that owns both a Jag and an Aston Martin... but can't remember his name... any idea who I'm talking about? {Michael Bramble). Also ... good meeting, good venue, great food... thanks for all your hard work.—Tom”

Nick Kappes added, “Once again you have pulled off a wonderful event! I didn't really get around to stating how very much I appreciate the blessings of the Jaguar Club, that just happened to come along with the Red Cat--I had no idea....and I really appreciate how much time and effort you put into all of these great events!

I don't know how many compliments you have received regarding the amazing event table that you put together, but I'll have to say it's the ‘Best Event Food of My Life’ ... not kidding!! Absolutely every dish was superior in its category--right down to the muffins and a cobbler that would have made my grandma jealous! Mostly, for cardiac reasons, I try to be a vegetarian, but those ribs and chicken made me violate--Happily!! Have never had better! My only regret is that I didn't bring my own gigantic doggie bag! It all made the best leftovers ever. Thanks so much for all that work and coordination. Everybody I spoke with at the event was appreciative. — Nick”

Jon Rogers (*in plaid shirt below*) summed it up, “All in all it was an impressive club meeting, and I was happy to be a part of it.”







## MANY TEMPTATIONS AT BRITSPORT

*Pictures: Sharon Case & Kurt Jacobson. Story: Kurt Jacobson*

It's hard to thank Mark Jones enough for how much he supports our club and our cars. As owner of BritSport of Seattle, he restores, repairs and answers questions about our Jaguars, most of which he has probably heard often. He is often the major sponsor of the Western Washington All British Field Meet, which the Seattle Jaguar Club is also supports. Mark and Debbie Jones are also members of our club and attend events when they can fit them into their schedules. *(Above, Jim Griffith compares this E-Type's details with his own.)*





Mark not only feeds our need for support for our Jaguars, Debbie usually feeds our needs for sweets when we attend our frequent and popular tech sessions at BritSport. At our January 25<sup>th</sup> visit, we tried and failed to eat only one of the three varieties of sweets that Debbie created and sent to the shop with Mark. *(Above, Debbie's temptations and Ken MacKenzie talks about his E-Type's needs with JagMag Editor Kurt Jacobson.)*

Other temptations are the variety of cars in the shop, which is tucked into the pocket of commercial, industrial and fishing support operations on Salmon Bay between the Ballard Locks and Fishermen's Terminal. Also, the automobilia along the walls. And importantly, the discussions happening throughout the shop and meeting new enthusiasts.

In that vein, Mark introduced a new member to the club the morning of the event. We were introduced to Jamie Lotta *(right with two of her kids)*, her husband Christopher Lotta and their three children, one of which Jamie said is their gearhead. Jamie is looking for an XK140, specifically a black OTS with tan interior and closer to a show car than a driver. She saw Erik Schumy's red version and that is her inspiration.





Mark has maybe 18 cars in the shop, each with a unique story. Rather than trying to be everywhere to answer questions, he was smart and helpful to all of us by posting sheets with the story of all of the cars. For instance, few would identify the coupe shell in the paint booth as a 1967 De Tomaso Vallelunga (*top right*), the earliest model of that marque. We learned about Mark's restoration process, such as that the car is "in high-build primer surfacer for an extended cure of materials before sanding/flattening can commence." (*Right, Andy Lyle with an XK140 in primer. Below, E-Type bonnet and XK150.*)







Talking with several members with E-Types they are restoring or improving, two issues came up multiple times. The first was how to upgrade or install new upholstery and who can do it. The second was not just with E-Type owners, but also others,

which was that they have reached a point where the projects have stalled. Perhaps it's time for another E-Type Zoom mutual support meeting to help move work forward. That is a major raison d'être for our club, to use a pompous writer's phrase.



(Top: member E-Types. Clockwise from top left: Jim Griffith, Mark Jones, Bob Alness; Doug Bosworth and Linda Roberts; Jim Thompson belatedly receives his Jaguars on the Green 1st Place in the C7/E3, E-Type, SJC class concours trophy from Concours Chair Brian Case; Ron Smith unloads his 120 for Mark to "fettle." Gordon Sanstad with Mark's XK120 racer.)





I won't try to list the more than 40 participants who circled the neighborhood looking for parking near BritSport, which is hidden down an alley. After the tech session, many of them drove up a few blocks to Chinook's at Salmon Bay for lunch and a view of the fishing fleets moored at Fishermen's Terminal (*top*). Ray Papineau brought the XJS with the state's most desirable Jaguar license plate (*bottom*).





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