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March 12th Zoom Membership Meeting

Well, our February 12th in-person meeting coincided with one of the biggest snow storms of the winter, so the “meeting” turned out to be a small, but very enjoyable dinner and conversation among the 7 of us who ignored the dire forecast and made it to Craft Breww City.

We won't have that difficulty in March, since the meeting will be virtual, on Wednesday, March 12th at 7 pm.

Welcome New Members

Member Name	Jaguars Owned
William & Lauren Abbe	1960 MK2 4 Door
Alan & Cathy Chapman	1998 XK8 Convertible
Gary & Lynn Dwight	1979 XJS White/Red
JAGM welcomes our newest members. Please help extend them a warm welcome.	
Current JAGM membership is 133	

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2025 Activities Calendar

	March	April	May
Activity	Zoom Membership Meeting 12 th @7:00 PM	Stahl's Museum/Bad Brad's BBQ Chesterfield, MI Saturday 5 th	Studebaker Museum Cars & Coffee South Bend, IN Saturday 3 rd
	Feather Bowling Bath City Bistro, Mt Clemens Sunday 23 rd , 10 AM –2 PM	In-Person Membership Meeting Craft Breww City Farmington Hills, MI 9 th @ 6:00 PM	Touring Day on GingerMan Raceway South Haven, MI Saturday 3 rd -Sunday 4 th
	Charity Auction/Awards Ceremony Lee's Garage Livonia, MI Saturday 29 th , 12 –5 PM	Drive and Dine Clark Lake Golf Course Brooklyn, MI Saturday 26 th	Zoom Membership Meeting 14 th @7:00 PM British Car Corral/Baker's of Milford Milford, MI Sunday 18 th Lap the Lake 1000 Mile Tour Around Lake Michigan Monday 19 th —Friday 23 rd

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



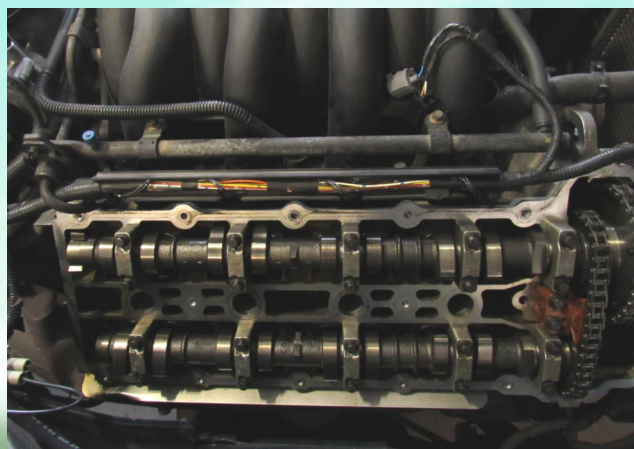
In the next couple days I should receive a shipment of parts from Welsh Enterprises and a shipment of special tools (on loan) from the Coventry Foundation. At that point I'll continue the learning process and project of putting it all back together again. Hopefully back on the road as the weather turns to Spring.

Wish me luck! Maybe an article will follow...

Gary Hillebrand

Ahh, Spring! A time when a young man's fancy turns to ... timing chain tensioners? Maybe I'm not so young anymore.

The view in the picture to the right is my XJ8's engine, minus cam covers, and getting ready to welcome new timing chains and tensioners, along with quite a lot of other new hardware that just happens to be easily accessible while I'm at it.



JAGM Charity Auction and Awards Banquet

When: Saturday, March 29th 12:00—4:00 PM

Where: 12224 Belden Ct, Livonia, MI

The annual **JAGM Charity Auction and Awards Banquet** is one of our most popular events each year—giving us the opportunity to clear stuff out of our garages, while acquiring new stuff for our garages!

We'll start, as usual, with some time to mingle and explore the interesting collection of cars and projects in Lee's garage, then sit down and enjoy box lunches from Jimmy John's. Then we'll present the JAGM Most Active Member Awards, as well as any special awards.

Then comes the auction, when our amateur auctioneers will work through the dozens (maybe even hundreds?) of donated items, sending them off to their new homes.

You can help to make the auction a success by looking for goodies like these that you can donate: Garage art and decorations, car parts, Jaguar memorabilia, club shirts and other apparel, puzzles, books

and magazines, car models, detailing and cleaning supplies, ... the list goes on!

All the proceeds will be donated to an organization we've been supporting for years—Homes for our Troops.

Bring those "goodies" and your checkbooks to join in this fun annual event!

The cost is \$18 per person (for the lunch). RSVP and pay at JAGM.org/Events by March 23rd.



Feather Bowling, followed by a Visit to Motor City Metalcraft— March 23rd

When: Sunday, March 23th
10:00 AM for Brunch. Bowling starts at 12:00 PM

Cost: \$16 p/p for brunch. \$3 for Mimosas or Bloody Marys. JAGM covers the cost of Bowling

Where: Bath City Bistro, 75 Macomb Place, Mt. Clemens, 586-469-0917
www.bathcitybistro.com



What is feather bowling?

Feather bowling is a form of Belgian trough bowling. It's best described as a cross between bocce ball and shuffleboard.

How do you play it?

Players divide into two teams, with players at each end of the lane.

A pigeon feather is planted in the center of the trough at each end of the lane. The object of



the game is to roll a wooden disc down the lane in an attempt to land your disc as close to the feather as possible.

Put this fun activity on your calendar! It's really a fun time for young and old alike. No experience or athletic prowess required. Join us to eat, bowl or watch and simply have fun.

Please RSVP by March 14th at JAGM.org/Events.

New This Year—Motor City Metalcraft!

This year there is an optional, additional attraction, while we're in the Mt. Clemens area. After Feather Bowling, we'll take a short drive to Motor City Metalcraft, an auto restoration/metal fabrication shop with an amazing heritage. Think about roots in Holman Moody, Kar Kraft (Ford GT40 fame), Foyt and Penske racing.

While we're there we'll tour the facility and see a metal shaping demonstration.

Check out their website, at: <https://www.motorcitymetalcraft.com/>

Organizer: Tim Moore



The Magic Soiree at Camp Ticonderoga

Nineteen JAGM members met at Camp Ticonderoga restaurant in Rochester for a funny and often mystifying evening with some very talented magician/entertainers.

Before and during dinner, three magicians circulated among the tables and wowed us with card tricks and sleight of hand mixed in with a good bit of humor.

The main show after a generous buffet dinner featured our hosts for the even-



ing, Lady Sarah and Keith Fields. Their show continued the magic and comedy smorgasbord, throwing in a good bit of audience participation and lots of British humor and terminology (although, oddly, they claimed to have emigrated here from Flint!). The show reached its pinnacle with the unleashing of a mountain of toilet paper by a leaf-blower powered contraption any of us would have been proud to

design.

The Magic Soiree was a unique and enjoyable evening and it was fun to share it with our JAGM friends.

Gary Hillebrand



What Can We Do About Service for Our Jaguars?

A common conversation between JAGM members - and Jaguar owners in general - starts something like this: "I've got this (your current issue here) problem with my car right now, and I need to find a place where they can diagnose and fix it."

The current corporate direction for Jaguar Cars will make these conversations increasingly common. The number of Jaguar dealers will be decreasing significantly and their willingness and ability to work on cars more than a few years old is also decreasing. As owners and drivers of older Jags (and this really includes all of them from the inception of the brand through even the most recent internal combustion engine vehicles), we need to work together to find and cultivate good repair and service resources.

The Service Directory that JAGM started up a few years ago was our first attempt to fill this gap. Located on our website at <https://www.jagm.org/Service-directory>, the directory includes about 70 businesses that provide parts and/or service for our cars. All these businesses were suggested by JAGM members, and many of the entries include comments by our members who have used and recommend them.

That's been a good start, but the aforementioned conversations are still happening, which means there's still plenty of room for improvement. Here are two ways we'd like to try in order to improve and expand this service to our members.

1) Update and expand the number of resources in the directory. Any time you have a good experience with a service or parts provider, take just a small bit of time to help that business and our club members by sending a note and contact information to webmaster@jagm.org. This is easy and can be done by any/all of us.

2) Locate and work with a small number of service outlets who currently work on cars like ours and might want to expand that part of their business. The idea here is to develop a partnership of sorts between our club and these providers. They benefit

through exposure to potential customers in our club (and by extension, through our contacts), and we benefit by identifying known and trusted service providers.

This second path will require some effort, so Phil and I are hoping a small group of members could join us to plan and begin working in this direction. Some initial ideas:

- personally visit and "interview" potential service providers to gauge their capabilities and interest
- hold an informal meeting or event for members at the service location
- eventually coordinate our club's efforts with other clubs, e.g. other local British car clubs and other JCNA clubs in our region.

So, what are we asking for?

- 1) Regarding the current JAGM Service Directory, take a look at what's already there, and send in any additional resources our members should know about.
- 2) Regarding the service partnership concept, contact Phil or me if you're interested in helping develop this idea, or if you know of good service providers we should consider talking to.

Gary Hillebrand and Phil Crutchfield



Upcoming Events—April

Stahl's Automotive Collection and Lunch at Bad Brad's BBQ

It's been a few years since the club included this great museum on our schedule. Whether you've been there before or not, this collection of classic and special interest cars, along with the historic mechanical music machines always amazes and impresses visitors. We'll spend a couple hours at the museum, then enjoy a fun lunch nearby at Bad Brad's.

When: Saturday, April 5, 11 AM—4 PM

Where: Stahl's; 56516 N Bay Dr, New Baltimore, MI 48051
Bad Brad's BBQ; 6525 23 Mile Rd. Shelby, MI 48316

Please register on the JAGM Events page so we know how many to expect.



Drive and Dine - Clark Lake Golf Course

This is a pretty simple event. We drive, we dine, then we drive back. Depending on the weather, this might be a good first drive for a Jaguar that's been hibernating.

Clark Lake Golf course is in the Irish Hills area, near Brooklyn MI and Michigan International Speedway.

If it's convenient, meet those who want to caravan together at the McDonald's Restaurant at US-23 and 9 Mile Road (11033 Whitmore Lake Rd, Whitmore Lake, MI 48189) at 10:30 AM. From there it's about a 55 mile drive (a bit over an hour) on the backroads to get to Clark Lake. Or just meet us at the golf course restaurant at about noon.

When: Saturday, April 26th 10:30 AM - 4 PM

Where: Clark Lake Golf Course; 5535 Wesch Rd, Brooklyn, MI 49230

Please register on the JAGM Events page so we know how many to expect.



Some Great May Events

Cars & Coffee at the Studebaker Museum, South Bend, IN Saturday, May 3rd

Join us at 10:00 AM at the Studebaker Museum for a Cars & Coffee event. The museum will have some of their cars in the parking lot along with our Jaguars. It will be quite a sight to say the least. After the Cars and Coffee, we will tour the museum and then we will have lunch at the historic Tippecanoe Place Restaurant.

You might want to arrive Friday evening and have dinner at the Bistro 933 located in The Hilton Garden Inn South Bend.

Some of us will be making a weekend of it, driving to South Haven for the GingerMan event below.

GingerMan Raceway Vintage Racing & Touring Laps, South Haven, May 4th

The Vintage Sports Car Driver Association (VSCDA) Spring Brake race weekend at GingerMan Raceway features many classes of vintage races, and the opportunity to drive our own cars on the track during the lunch break.

GingerMan is a road course, about 2 miles long, just East of South Haven. This year we'll watch the qualifying and races on Sunday. Racing begins at 8 am and finishes around 5 pm, with a break mid-day for what they call "Touring" laps. That's when we can, for \$35, drive our own cars on the track for around 45 minutes, which is quite a bargain. A nice and easy

way to enjoy your Jag on the track.

If you join us on Saturday at the Studebaker Museum, we will drive to South Haven Saturday afternoon. Otherwise, just meet us in South Haven Saturday for dinner at 6 PM at Clementine's.

We plan to stay at the Holiday Inn Express South Haven on Saturday night.

Stay tuned and see the Events page at JAGM.org as more details evolve on this fun weekend.

Organizers: Philip Wiltshire & Phil Crutchfield

Lap the Lake, for the Last Time (May 19-23)

Quite a few JAGM members have participated in this annual Rambler Rallies event since it started five years ago. It's been announced that this year's rally will be the last one, so if you've been thinking about it, now's the time!

Ellie and I have signed up this year, along with several others from the club. This five day drive around Lake Michigan is loosely run, as rallies go, with the organizers providing driving directions, which you can choose to follow, or not, and nightly stops with recommended hotels and restaurants.

Each day's drive is 200-250 miles, leaving ample time for interesting stops and enjoyment of the scenery throughout the

Wisconsin and Michigan coasts of Lake Michigan (along with a short drive along the Lake Superior shoreline this year).

About 80 cars will be participating, and typically



Lap the Lake (cont'd)

smaller groups of cars travel together each day. Think about joining the JAGM contingent for a beautiful drive and a lot of fun.

Some details: The drive starts in Evanston, IL on Monday, May 19th, with overnight stops in Manitowoc Wisconsin, Munising, Mackinaw City, Frankfort, and Saugatuck, where the rally ends on Friday, May 23rd. The cost to join is just under \$300 per car; you need to make your own hotel reservations.

The Lap the Lakes website for more info and registration is: <https://www.ramblerrallies.com/lapthelake>. You can also look at past Indicators (e.g. June 2023 and August 2024) for writeups and pictures from the last couple rallies. Please contact me or Phil Crutchfield if you decide to go—we'll try to coordinate our group's hotel choices. We hope to rally together with you in May!

Gary Hillebrand

More Great May Events

Classic Car Nights at Meadow Brook Theatre

Join us for a fun-filled Friday evening where you can show off your Jag (or other classic car), socialize with fellow car enthusiasts and enjoy some great live theatre!

Featured plays:

Friday, May 16, 2025 at 8pm, The Rat Pack Lounge

Frank, Dean, and Sammy are up in heaven, but God tells them they left some unfinished business back on Earth. It



seems Frank made an unfulfilled promise to Vic, the owner of the Rat Pack Lounge. Now he and the boys have one night to make things right. With hits like "My Way," "What Kind of Fool Am I?" and "Everybody Loves Somebody Sometime," this show will leave you singing and savoring the days of high-balls and high rollers.

Friday, May 30, 2025 at 8pm, Shear Madness

This unique comedy-whodunit takes place today in the "Shear Madness" hair salon and is chock full of up-to-the minute spontaneous humor. During the course of the action, a murder is committed and the audience



gets to spot the clues, question the suspects, and solve the funniest mystery in the annals of crime. The outcome is never the same, which is why many audience members return again and again to the scene of the mayhem.

Classic Car arrival: 6:30pm

Doors Open (for seating): 7:30pm

Performance: 8:00pm

Feel free to bring refreshments and have a picnic in the parking lot before the show! (No alcohol, please).

MBT attendants will keep an eye on the cars during the performance.

SPECIAL OFFER FOR PARTICIPANTS:

Theatre tickets only \$30 each & get one free ticket per classic car!

Please Register for these events on JAGM's website, then purchase your tickets by calling Lisa Marie in Group Sales at (248) 370-3316

JAGM Organizer—Gary Hillebrand 313-595-5365

More Great May Events (cont'd)

British Car Corral at Baker's of Milford Sunday, May 18 (first of 5 monthly events)

Where: Baker's of Milford
When: Select Sundays from 2 - 7 PM

Baker's is America's largest weekly car cruise, with live outside entertainment, free raffle prizes, outside grill, hundreds of great cars, and restaurant dining discounts for all cruisers.



British cars will have their own defined parking area. Mark your calendar now.

Classified Ads

For Sale: Jaguar Hats with Correct Logo for 1945 to 1952. The hats are available in Black and are of the "Fitted" variety. They are available in Sizes—Small/ Medium and Large/X Large.

\$35 each.

Call Karl @ **248-766-9141**



For Sale: 1999 Jaguar XJ8. 44291 miles. New tires. Garage kept.

\$4000

Contact K Heys for details.
616-560-6007



For Sale: 1995 XJS V12 Convertible in Sapphire Blue.

Excellent Condition. All original. One owner (provenance). No accidents. Clean title. Well maintained. California car 1st 20 years. Heated garage in MI. Includes original wheels. Dayton wire wheels. Car cover. 23712 miles.

\$25000 OBO.

Contact Donald Petersen
Bwanadon53@gmail.com or text: **248-563-8110**



For Sale: Classic 1971 Jaguar E-Type 4.2 Convertible. Private owner - 30 years in storage. Original condition but in need of restoration.

Asking price is negotiable. Serious inquiries only. Reach out to schedule a viewing or request more details.

Contact Lisa @
847-560-0218 or
j.byrne@comcast.net



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

Contact Tim Moore at **586-945-4509**
tfm0719@live.com

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**

Three Big Summer Events

It's early, but summer weekends fill up quickly, so you may want to get these three great annual events on your calendar.

Bay Harbor Classic Car & Boat Festival 2025 **June 19-21** **Petoskey/Harbor Springs area & Bay Harbor**

The Bay Harbor Classic Car & Boat Festival is a collection of the finest classic, future classic & rare cars and boats in the country.



JAGM has had a big part in this event for the past three years, with 20+ cars attending and a prominent display area for our cars on the grass in front of the bay. Our club activities start on Thursday evening with a JAGM reception. On Friday we join with the other exhibitors on a great drive event around the area with interesting stops and a nice lunch along the way. Friday evening is the very elegant Exhibitors' Dinner at the Bay Harbor Yacht Club, then Saturday is the Car and Boat Show. JAGM entrants finish the day Saturday evening with a nice dinner at Vernales Steak House in Harbor Springs.

Mad Dogs & Englishmen British Car Faire **Weekend July 11-13** **Kalamazoo Area and Gilmore Museum**

We always get a good representation of Jaguars at this popular annual show. The weekend includes a Saturday rally run by the Mad Dogs and Englishmen Car Club, and JAGM also traditionally does a Saturday

evening dinner and play at the Barn Theater in Augusta, MI. The British Car Faire is Sunday at the Gilmore Museum, and typically draws over 300 British cars. We usually arrange for a caravan of cars traveling from the Detroit metro area across to Kalamazoo on Friday, and also a caravan back on Sunday with a dinner stop at Schuler's Restaurant in Marshall.



JAGM 57th Annual Concours d'Elegance **Sunday, September 14** **Packard Proving Grounds, Shelby Township**

The big news this year is this location—the Packard Proving Grounds (PPG) historical site. PPG has invited JAGM to be the featured marque for their biggest fundraising car show of the year, called Cars 'R' the Stars. This significant automotive history site has lots of grassy areas for us to run our Concours event, and several impressive Albert Kahn buildings from the 1920's when Packard Motor Company opened their proving grounds. The Cars 'R' the Stars show draws more than a hundred cars and a large number of spectators, so our big event will be highlighted within PPG's big fundraising show.

Bring your car(s), have them judged, or not; either way our Concours is a fun day and a good way to meet other members and share knowledge and stories.

See more details for these events as they develop in the Events page at JAGM.org. Also you can check out the stories of previous years' events in past Indicators.



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Hey, here's some empty space; quick, find some automotive wisdom to put in!

“Walking isn't a lost art—one must, by some means, get to the garage.”

— Evan Esar

“Money may not buy happiness, but I'd rather cry in a Jaguar than on a bus.”

— Françoise Sagan

See You at the March 12th Zoom Membership Meeting!



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