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# JAGazette



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## *To George with love*



*Photo by Kristan Neubecker*





*Beautiful spring drive. Photo by Sandor Nagyszalanczy.*



*Dinner in Fresno. Photo by Deborah Hartunian.*



*This may be the purrrettiest rest stop ever.  
Photo by Sandor Nagyszalanczy.*



*Baby Blue the winner of the President's Award.  
Photo by Sandor Nagyszalanczy.*



*1958 meets 1961 while the rest of us drool over two XK150s.  
Photo by Deborah Hartunian.*



*WOW! Photo by Sandor Nagyszalanczy.*



## President's message for May 2025

OK, I give up. I'm perplexed: How is it that our JAG club has more than 200 members, yet only a fraction of members attend our wonderful drives and events. Was it something I said? But, seriously, I'm very curious as to why there's such a low level of member participation. Is it because of scheduling conflicts? I know non-retired members usually can't attend drives during the working week. Could it be because the drives aren't interesting enough? I'm pretty sure that isn't a factor, since our drives typically follow scenic back roads. Is it because members live too far away from where drives and events take place? That could be the case; however, a number of members, including our esteemed vice president Deborah Hartunian who lives in Fresno, drive for hours just to get to where our events. Finally, is it because your Jag is in the shop more often than it is street-worthy? Now that I can understand. But it's still no excuse, as you are allowed to drive any other make of car—as long as you pay our Treasurer, Phil Endliss, a "fine" of \$1.

If you've never attended a JAG event, chances are that you don't really know what to expect—or realize what you're missing. Having attended a couple of dozen JAG drives and events, I can tell you from experience that most of the club members I've met are really kind and friendly. My girlfriend Karen and I have developed some really lasting friendships through the club. JAG events are also a great place to:

1. Learn more about your car, as some of our members are like walking encyclopedias of British motor history
2. Find places in your area for Jaguar repairs and service.
3. Discover sources for Jaguar parts, which are increasingly harder to find.

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What more can I say to convince you to participate in one of our upcoming drives? All I can say is, I pretty much guarantee you won't regret attending. All of our drives are carefully thought out and then tested, meaning that the person who comes up with the drive does a "test run" to make sure that all the directions are correct and that there are no unpleasant surprises on the route, say a road closure or bridge out. And if all that isn't enough, V.P. Deborah and her sister Carla usually make up little gift bags for each attendee, which, in addition to printed drive directions, include tasty snacks (home-baked cookies, raisins, nuts, etc.). I challenge you to simply go for it and sign up for an upcoming JAG drive. You can read all about them and sign up here: [www.jags.org/events-list](http://www.jags.org/events-list).

Looking forward to seeing more of you at one of our upcoming events,

Sandor Nagyszalanczy  
JAG President

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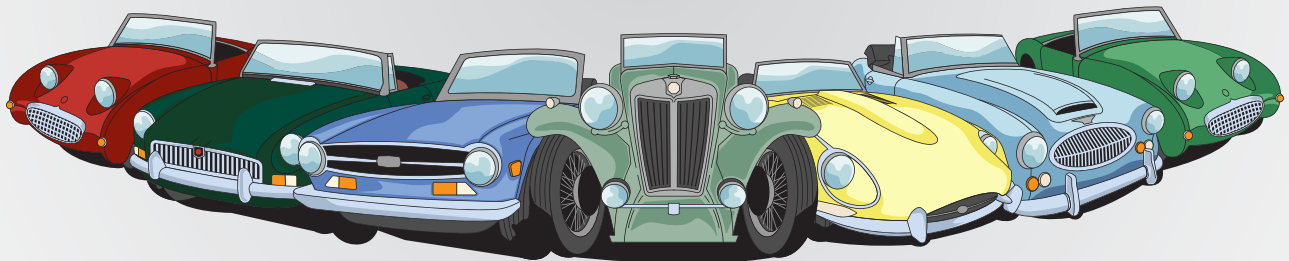


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# 2025 CALENDAR

ALL EVENTS IN CAPS ARE JAG CLUB

## MAY 2025

24 EAST BAY DRIVE TO BACK 40 TEXAS  
BBQ/ HAWAIIAN ATTIRE

## JUNE 2025

7 Brits by the Bay, Marin  
22 Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance

## JULY 2025

20 DRIVE TO CAMERON'S  
27 SARATOGA CAR SHOW-JAGUAR IS  
FEATURED-15-20 CARS

## AUGUST 2025

10 BRITISH LUNCH IN PEBBLE  
BEACH  
11 MONTEREY BRITISH SHOW

## NOVEMBER, 2025

16 MOSS BEACH DISTILLERY

## May Jaguar Birthday's

Les Hamilton	May 3
Walt Wood	May 4
Jan Strohecker	May 4
Thomas Gibson	May 5
John Swensson	May 7
Joy Hawkins	May 7
Michael Doyle	May 7
Katerine Avila	May 8
Ken Frances Zib	May 10
Sonia Bailey	May 12
Susan Roffman	May 16
Bob Airey	May 20
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*By Deborah Hartunian*

On the last weekend of March, 16 Jag club members in 8 cars arrived in Clovis/ Fresno for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Clovis British Auto Roundup. Since some had driven all the way from Rohnert Park and Santa Cruz, 10 of us met at the 500 Club across the street from our hotel for a nice dinner with wine and lots of fun conversation. The next morning all types of British cars from the VBAC and from all over the state, began driving into our hotel parking lot. David & Debbie Langley, very new members, drove in their 1956 XK 140MC in Bird's Egg blue. And Ken & Marcia Fritz from Sacramento, not members at that time driving their rare British racing green 1959 XK 150S. Neither car knowing what the weekend would bring. By 10:00 we were ready for a driver meeting and then off on a 2-hour drive through the Sierra foothills for a little Jaguar exercise.

It didn't take long before the scenery went from residential to farmland with citrus orchards to stone fruit and grapes to meadows, hills, and grazing land. As we continued the elevation went from 900 to 2300 feet which is where the over 55 cars made a rest stop at the MR5 Market with British cars parked everywhere. This was a good chance to look at some great cars and get to know their owners. I found a couple in their F-TYPE all the way from Los Angeles. Back to our foothill adventure the road became smaller, more turns and lots and lots of beautiful scenery. Wildflowers were everywhere! At one point we came around a corner and right in front of us was an orange hillside, covered with poppies! Then you'd see pops of purple flowers too. Once we got to 3,800 ft, there was Pine Flat dam. The Jaguar exercise continued until we found ourselves Hwy 168 coming back into Clovis. As we arrived back to the hotel parking lot, most of us just walked across the street to Bobby Salazar's for a Mexican lunch. More time to enjoy old and new friends. That night I took 15 Jag club members to The Lime Lite restaurant for a delicious dinner. Everyone loved it! I also passed out to each car their

choice of a leaper or growler key chain, a gift from the local JLR dealer. We all left happy ready to get rested up for Sunday's car show and hopeful the rain would stay away. Sunday's car show started right at 8:00am, with no rain in sight. A few of our members were there bright and early, some came a little later. But JAGUAR was prominently shown at the beginning of the show. Our club had 5 cars in the show. Russell Couch's 2024 F Pace, Deborah Hartunian's 2023 FTYPE, Bill Van Deelen's 1998 XK8, David Langley's 1956 XK140MC and new member Ken Fritz's 1958 XK150S. Out of five cars, 2 of our clubs' cars were winners. David Langley's XK140 was the President's Award. Ken Fritz's XK150 was the Best Jaguar. Next year you might consider the trek to Fresno/Clovis since our club has more winners waiting to be seen.



*The Fritz's won Best Jaguar. Photo by Deborah Hartunian.*





*Ahhh, those are some beautiful driving buddies.  
Photo by Sandor Nagyszalanczy*



*My kind of parking lot. Photo by Deborah Hartunian*



*Blue making friends. Photo by Deborah Hartunian.*



*The Couch's new F-Pace. Photo by Deborah Harunian.*



*Loving that view. Photo by Sandor Nagyszalanczy*



## Cambria Pines

*By John Swenson & Deborah Hartunian*

Another great trip for the Jaguar Club after last March's two events, 55 people on our Mount Tam drive and 27 people drive to Fresno/Clovis for a drive and car show. For April we met up on a Sunday morning at Sean and Patricia Rositano's River Ranch Collection barn in Gilroy. A much better choice than the Black Bear Diner. Wow! What a spread: One of their two firetrucks was outside, the other indoors. Both were as cool to find in a collection as it gets. But there was a lot more: Rolls Royce's, Bentleys, Lincoln Continentals (Mark types), Jaguars of all varieties including their personal daily driver the limited edition, all Black XJR 575 Sedan. In addition to an eyeball feast of cars they served a wonderful catered lunch with some of the very best sandwiches and salads along with champagne, wine, soft drinks, water, and cookies. The Rositanos know how to do it well, and it was a rare privilege getting to share in their wonderful collection.

From Gilroy we headed South with a brief rest stop at the King City Starbucks. The road got more beautiful after we headed into the hills before Paso Robles. Then we drove the CA 46W into Cambria. We spent Sunday night at the Cambria Pines Lodge in very large rooms with fireplaces. In our private room we had wonderful hors d'oeuvres and cocktails provided by the hotel while we shared memories of George Berry. Including his driving in the rain with no top and a leather driving helmet as his only protection from the elements. Andrea Butler, George's wife, was leading the memories of the longest serving member of the club. Andrea herself was President at one point until they moved for a short time to the desert in Palm Springs. We were all glad when they returned, and they treated the club to Hot Dogs one Sunday morning in Los Gatos. George's C type replica was astounding, fast, loud, and fun to see and he enjoyed showing it off. Les Hamilton purchased the car (and George's Jacket full of Jaguar patches so they both remain with the club). George was a giant and we were much the better for having known him--and his Jaguars, ....and Andrea.

Monday morning after breakfast at Cambria Pines Lodge we headed out for a poker run which turned out



to be a drive of idyllic beauty through the hills west of Paso Robles. Glen Barker did a masterful job with 5 checkpoint stops, where jags were looking for little white flags and a plastic box with envelopes containing playing cards inside. When we got to the Paso Robles Inn for lunch, then we played poker to find the best hands, all of which were awarded prizes from George Barry's private stock of automotive supplies. Glen Barker also provided each car a bottle of his privately bottled wine with a special commemorative label of George in his C Type. The winning poker hand was two pair, but we all won on a wonderful and rare Sunday to Monday drive honoring the late, great George Berry. We thank those who came from the San Diego club to help us honor George. Thank you, Deborah, for putting such a wonderful event together. And a special thanks to the Rositano's for sharing their wonderful collection with us.

*Deborah's  
view driving to  
Cambria.  
Photo by Deborah  
Hartunian.*







*Andrea, Deborah, Stuart and Pam.  
Photo by Carla Hartunian*



*Wishing I had room to do this myself!  
Photo by Carla Hartunian.*



*Sheepie the little cat saying hi to Spunky  
the big cat.  
Photo by Kristan Neubecker*

*The best looking Poker Rally bunch ever!*







## Back Forty Texas BBQ

It's time for another East Bay drive, this one is led by our favorite New Zealander Stuart Smedley. We've picked a Sunday, May 24, to traverse the East Bay hills. With good weather you'll see the entire Bay Area from skyline Blvd and Grizzly Peak. The two-and-a-half-hour tour will start in Castro Valley and loop through some truly scenic vistas until we arrive at our final destination in Pleasant Hill. The BACK FORTY TEXAS BBQ. We will meet at 9:00AM in the Castro Valley Community Center parking lot at 18988 Lake Chabot Rd in Castro Valley, with a planned departure of 10:00AM.

Our tour will take us through the Oakland Hills alongside Chabot Regional Park with spectacular views of the San Francisco Bay from Skyline Blvd,

and Grizzly Peak Blvd. Full turn by turn directions will be sent out ahead of the drive date.

Our tour will end at the Back Forty BBQ in Pleasant Hill where we'll pig out on a Texas BBQ Buffet. The meal will include Pork Ribs, BBQ Chicken, Caesar salad, Granny Smith Coleslaw, baked beans, Ranch Rolls and Butter, Assorted Cookies and tea or lemonade. You can get cocktails in the bar too. We will have a reserved space for 40 guests, so sign up now to be sure you are guaranteed a spot. Cost is \$55.00 per person. We hope to see you there in your favorite Jaguar with a full tank of gas and the top down in all open top cars for a great drive around an area that we don't get to visit often enough.

### LUNCH RESERVATIONS

### BACK FORTY TEXAS BBQ

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ members at \$55.00 each for Lunch.  
Last day to sign up is May 19, 2025.

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# Have you made August plans yet?

We are under 100 days for JAG's hosting of the return of an ALL-British show to Monterey Car Week.

Linda Humber has graciously made arrangements with Pebble Beach again, so there are two days of ALL-British fun:

- Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> will delight everyone with a "Tour d'British" enjoying the 17-Mile Drive (yes, we will have more fun with flags!), and group photo at the ocean before heading to our private lunch.
- Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup> we return to the park surrounded by the Santa Lucia Mountains where ours is the ONLY show at this stunning location.

These incredible events have limited space, and at the time of writing, both are half full!

Whether you come down for the day, for one event, or both. Car Week 2025 will be historic with the return of British events.



If not already full, registration closes July 5<sup>th</sup> and even Kristan can't help 'ya

Don't wait, register today [www.jags.org](http://www.jags.org)

Meeting Date: 4/9/2025 4:00pm.

Location: Zoom Video Call

**Participants:**

Sandor Nagyszalanczy – JAG President

Phil Endliss – Treasurer/Membership Chair

Les Hamilton – Secretary (absent)

Deborah Hartunian – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

John Swensson – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (absent)

Stuart Smedley – Director at Large

Andy Preston – Director at Large

Kristan Neubecker – JAGazette Editor

Tom O'Neill – Webmaster

Howard Smith – Immediate Past President (absent)

President, Sandor Nagyszalanczy, called the April 2025 Board Meeting to order at 4:00pm

**Secretary Report**

The minutes of March Board meeting were reviewed and approved. MSA.

**Treasurer report**

Phil reported the Club's financial positions. The Treasurer Report was approved. MSA

As the club is currently paying both website fees, as well as credit card processing fees, it is only fair to the club that any cancellations will be refunded the event fees minus the processing fees. MSA

**Membership Report**

Phil reported we currently have 208 members. Membership report approved. MSA.

**Vice Presidents Report**

- March 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> – Valley British Auto Annual Clovis British was great fun with two JAG Jag's winning: Ken Fritz, Best Jag with an XK150 and David Langley won the President's Award with his XK140
- April 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> Cambria overnight and Poker Run this is the first event that has such a small turnout with only 14 cars registered
- May 24<sup>th</sup> Back 40 drive, only 2 signups so far **Action: Deborah/Stuart**
- June still needs an event **Action: Deborah**
- Discussion was had wondering how to get members to sign up for events within a reasonable amount of time ?



## Directors at Large Reports

### Andy Preston

- Andy shared the MG's By The Bay classic car show will now be Brit's By The Bay, held on June 7<sup>th</sup>, in Marin, with entries from 1980, and previous. **Action: Andy**

### Stuart Smedley

- Stuart shared he will be driving the East Bay route for May's drive this weekend **Action: Stuart**

### Editor Report

- April JAGazette deadline will be Saturday, April 26th. **Action: All**
- Gayle Lash-Pederson has signed up as a proofreader **(Thank you Gayle!)**
- Look into additional printer pricing and options **Action: Newsletter Committee**
- Kristan will need coverage for August & September editions **Action: All**
- Next JAGazette Editor? **Action: All**

### Website & Social Media Report

- Website cover pages will be updated soon

### Old Business

- JCNA membership discussion. **Action: All**
- Tom's proposal to share information with members about GMRS radios **Action: Tom**

### New Business

- JCNA AGM in Valley Forge in April. Sandor will attend. **Action: Sandor**
- MSA for all reasonable and necessary AGM expenses to be covered
- Filling the vacant Director at Large position: To Be Continued: **Action: Kristan**
- Clive Hallatt has expressed interest in the position. Andy Preston nominated Kristan Neubecker for the position after being Editor of the JAGazette **Action: Kristan**

Date for next board meeting : Wednesday, May 7th at 4:00pm on Zoom

President, Sandor Nagyszalanczy, adjourned the meeting at 5:20pm

### Parking Lot Items

- Collecting Club archival documents. Action: Howard/Les
- Sandor investigating an updated Club Logo. Wait for JCNA decision.

Respectfully submitted by Kristan Neubecker April 9, 2025

# May Membership Report

Phil Endliss - Membership Director

Our membership has increased to 213 members including 7 Associates. I am very thankful to all our members who refer new members to join the club. Please continue to be on the lookout for potential new members to help us maintain our status as the largest Jaguar Club in North America. Make sure to use your "You've Been Spotted" postcards or business cards when you see a Jag on the street, in a parking lot, during a visit to a Cars & Coffee meeting and especially at car shows.

## New member signup

JAG welcomes everyone with a Jaguar (or Daimler) to join our club. Even if you just have a desire to own a Jaguar or lust after one, you can become a Friend of JAG. You can use the application on our website under the Membership tab or you can mail in the printed application form with your payment. Your dues will provide membership in JAG and JCNA, the North America Jaguar Association, through the end of 2025.

## Welcome our newest members

**John Cabrinha of Sherman Oaks**  
with his 1994 XJS

**Jack & Dolores McKenzie of San Jose**  
with their 2012 & 2001 XJ8L

**Caroline Berning of San Bruno**  
with her 2001 XK8

**Ken & Marcia Fritz of Sacramento**  
with their 1958 XK150S Roadster

**Chris Galloway of Davis**  
with his 1970 S II E-Type

**Mel Hill of Modesto as a Friend of JAG**  
looking for an XK120 or XK140

**Melissa Cooper of El Granada**  
with her 1956 XK140 & 1966 S I E-Type

**Tony Theophilos of Piedmont**  
with his 1967 S I E-Type

**Martin & Marlene Stein of Petaluma**  
with their 1967 S I E-Type

**Ken Boetzer & Lisa Jenkins of Scotts Valley**  
rejoined with their 1955 XK140

## Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following members who are celebrating their anniversary joining JAG in May:

Ron & terry Brazell - 4 years

Deanne Gjerstad - 2 years

John & Kate Hutchinson - 4 years

Robert & Bernice La Mar - 8 years

Stuart Smedley & Pam Conrad - 3 years

Daniel & Diane Spengel - 3 years

John & Susan Swensson - 9 years

William & Carol Witt - 2 years

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## Radios for JAG

JAG's driving events sometimes result in multiple groups separated by traffic, construction, bathroom breaks or missed turns. Handheld radios could allow the Lead and Sweep cars, at a minimum, to keep in touch and hopefully keep the group together. It would also allow those in between to report unplanned stops or navigation trouble.

CB radios have long since been replaced for short-distance use by FRS radios, and now by GMRS, or General Mobile Radio Service radios. GMRS offers more power, range, and versatility than FRS radios, with fewer limitations. They're inexpensive, around \$20-40 each, and very easy to use. Several JAG members have used them informally on previous events to communicate while driving, and I recommend you consider buying one as well.

With enough GMRS radios on hand for a given JAG driving event, the trip leader would choose one of the 30 standard GMRS channels. Everyone with a radio would set theirs to that channel so they could hear the leader call out intersections, obstructions, cautions, route changes, stops, etc. and the Sweep call out any breakdowns or other problems. This would be especially valuable where cell service is limited.



A few more notes:

- The FCC's GMRS license requires no technical test or Morse code exam like amateur ('ham') radio. The license costs \$35 and covers the licensee's immediate family for up to 10 years.
- The radio's range is adequate, up to 25 miles line of sight and less in hills & valleys.
- Operation is easy, just pick a numbered channel—there's no need to learn or enter frequencies.
- A fixed in-vehicle radio mount and external antenna isn't required; for our group sizes handhelds should do just fine.
- In case of others using a chosen channel, GMRS allows for privacy tones/codes that would allow us to filter out any non-JAG transmissions. It doesn't make ours private but does filter out other traffic on the same channel.

Here's the FCC's site for body GMRS:

<https://www.fcc.gov/wireless/bureau-divisions/mobility-division/general-mobile-radio-service-gmrs>

And here are a couple more introductions to GMRS:

<https://www.motortrend.com/features/gmrs-radio-basics/>

<https://tidradio.com/blogs/news/beginners-guide-to-gmrs-radios>

There are also a raft of YouTube videos:

[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=gmrs](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=gmrs)





*Celia and Nedra from San Diego with our Phil Endliss celebrating George. Photo by Kristan Neubecker.*



*Kicking off an evening of fun. Photo by Kristan Neubecker.*



*Pat Rositano, Sandor Nagyszalanczy, Carla Hartunian, Sean Rositano. Photo by Deborah Hartunian.*



*Pat Rositano, Pam Conrad, and Susan Swennson enjoying the Rositano collection. Photo by Sandor Nagyszalanczy.*



*All smiles at the Rositano collection. Photo by Deborah Hartunian.*



*That was a Poker Rally for the history books.*





*The Allen's from San Diego who made this Editor's year. Photo by Kristan Neubecker*



*Can you hear this picture too. Photo by Kristan Neubecker*



*F for ferrrrrrocious. Photo by Kristan Neubecker*



*Waiting for the signal from Phil. Photo by Kristan Neubecker*



*Grrrrrowlllll. Photo by Kristan Neubecker.*

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