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**Seattle Jaguar
Club
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**Fall Colors Tour
Chelan Wine Tour
La Conner Drive**



You are cordially invited to attend the Seattle Jaguar Club Annual Holiday Party

Date: December 14, 2025

Time: 10:00am – 2:00pm

Location: Seattle Yacht Club

1807 E Hamlin St, Seattle, WA 98112

**Dress is Festive Holiday/Business Casual.
Cost of the Lunch Buffet is \$50.**

**Please bring something for our Silent Auction
that will raise money for NW Harvest.**

**Register at [www.seattlejagclub.org/events/2025-
holiday-party](http://www.seattlejagclub.org/events/2025-holiday-party)**

2025 Events

Please check for the most up-to-date information at seattlejagclub.org/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 four JCNA-affiliated clubs covering Washington, Oregon, and British Columbia, and members in Idaho and Montana, you will find opportunities to share activities and expertise. Check their newsletters to discover what they are doing.

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

November 2025

Sun Nov 2 10:30 am—2:00 pm Tour Paul Fritts & Co. Organ Builders, followed by lunch. Meet at in Parkland, 630 121st St E, Tacoma, WA 98445. Remember to change your clocks back to standard time that day. The location for lunch afterwards is El Toro Mexican Restaurant & Cantina at 13719 Pacific Ave S, Tacoma, WA 98444. You may do only the tour or lunch, reserved for 12:30 pm. Register by Sunday Oct 26th at Roving Lunch & Tour Organ Builders Shop | Seattle Jaguar Club



Questions? Contact Sharon Case sbcase253@hotmail.com 206.931.7795

Wed Nov 5 6:30 pm Board meeting via video conference. All members welcome. Contact Chris Eseman at secretary@seattlejagclub.org.



Sat Nov 8 10:00 am—noon PST, tech session at RW Auto Classics, 18601 Sky Meadows Ln, Snohomish, WA 98290. Tour of their Jaguar and other British car parts and repair facility, plus presentation. Register: <https://www.seattlejagclub.org/events/tech-session-nov2025-rw-auto-classics/form> Contact randypickett@hotmail.com.

Sat Nov 15 10 a.m. Mason County / Hood Canal drive. Meet at park & ride at the second Shelton exit of US-101 near the Ford dealership. Go west from US 101 one block (toward Matlock) to a right turn on W Hulbert Rd to the park and ride. After drivers meeting, leave at 10:20 a.m. for 50-mile, 90-minute drive to a lunch of Salvadorian or American lunch at the downtown Shelton Railroad Tap Station, 221 W Railroad Ave, Shelton 98584. Register by Nov. 9 at Drive Mason County / Hood Canal | Seattle Jaguar Club Contact Tim Weber toadhall87@msn.com 360.426.7533



December 2025

Wed Dec 3 6:30 pm Board meeting via video conference. All members welcome. Contact Chris Eseman at secretary@seattlejagclub.org.

Sun Dec 14 10 am—2 pm, Holiday Party at the Seattle Yacht Club, Fireside Lounge, 1807 E Hamlin St, Seattle, WA 98112. Brunch starts at 11 a.m. \$50 for buffet includes water, coffee & tea; Pay by card for other beverages. Festive holiday/business casual dress. Register and pay by Dec. 9th at <https://www.seattlejagclub.org/events/2025-holiday-party>. Dec. 9th is also the last day to cancel by contacting Sharon Case, 206.931.7795 or sbcase253@hotmail.com. Contact her with questions.



2026 Events

January 2026

Wed Jan 7 6:30 p.m. Board meeting via video conference. All members welcome. Contact Chris Eseman at secretary@seattlejagclub.org.

Sun Jan 11 Roving Lunch. Location TBD Contact Brian & Sharon Case sbcase253@hotmail.com.

Sat Jan 17 11:30 am—4:00pm, Annual General Meeting at Griot's Garage Flagship Store, 3333 S 38th St, Tacoma, WA 98409. Details to come.

Contact Brian Case sbcase253@hotmail.com.

February 2026

Wed Feb 4 6:30 p.m. Board meeting via video conference. All members welcome. Contact Chris Eseman at secretary@seattlejagclub.org.

Sat Feb 14 Valentine's Day Drive. Details to follow. Contact Brian Case sbcase253@hotmail.com.

Roving Dinner (or lunch), date and venue to be determined.

March 2026

Wed Mar 4 6:30 p.m. Board meeting via video conference. All members welcome. Contact Chris Eseman [at secretary@seattlejagclub.org](mailto:secretary@seattlejagclub.org).

Sat Mar 14 St Patrick's Day drive. Details to follow. Contact Brian Case sbcase253@hotmail.com.

Roving Dinner (or lunch), date and venue to be determined.

April 2026

Wed Apr 1 6:30 p.m. Board meeting via video conference. All members welcome. Contact Chris Eseman [at secretary@seattlejagclub.org](mailto:secretary@seattlejagclub.org).

Thurs Apr 23 7:00pm Judges Training Session via Zoom. Contact Bill Holmes bholmes1588@gmail.com.

Roving Dinner (or lunch), date and venue to be determined.

May 2026

Wed May 6 6:30 p.m. Board meeting via video conference. All members welcome. Contact Chris Eseman [at secretary@seattlejagclub.org](mailto:secretary@seattlejagclub.org).

Roving Dinner (or lunch), date and venue to be determined.

Thurs May 28 7:00pm Judges Training Session via Zoom. Contact Bill Holmes bholmes1588@gmail.com.

Sat May 30 Spring Thing Drive. Details to follow. Contact Brian Case sbcase253@hotmail.com.

June 2026

Wed Jun3 6:30 p.m. Board meeting via video conference. All members welcome. Contact Chris Eseman [at secretary@seattlejagclub.org](mailto:secretary@seattlejagclub.org).

Roving Dinner (or lunch), date and venue to be determined.

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WHAT'S NEW

Would you like to lead a great JagMag team?

A talented, enthusiastic group of Seattle Jaguar Club volunteers has been working to make creating JagMag easier and sustainable. As a result, the work of the editor is now divided among several team leads. For instance, the classified ads are the responsibility of a team leader. Another volunteer trained in graphic design will produce the final magazine. Assembling the new member stories is the responsibility of another volunteer.

The team is now ready for a new editor.

Could that be you?

The job will be much easier than for past editors. ***And it will be rewarding!***

First, you will be working with other enjoyable, experienced team members who operate at a professional level.

You will be a key player in the operations and the club's direction.

Every month you will see the results of your and the team's efforts.

You will get to know the many members who will be sending you stories, photos, and columns. And you will know what's going on before the rest of the membership.

The articles and photos in JagMag consistently win coveted Jaguar Clubs of North America awards, as many or more than all other clubs.

Desired skills for the new editor:

Good management skills are important in order to track the incoming work. But the team leads are responsible for having final work ready for the graphic designer. If an article column, ad, or calendar entry is not ready on time, it won't be in the magazine.

Be assured that several members have volunteered to function as on-call reporters to create event stories from their own experiences or the reports of members. And seven-plus year editor Kurt Jacobson will help you launch successfully.

If this is for you and you want more details and reassurance, contact Seattle Jaguar Club President craigduckering@hotmail.com.

This month's cover

photo: Lisa Rogers in Mabel, the personalized SK140 that she and husband John Rogers enjoy. She is awaiting the start of the Seattle Jaguar Club drive from Tulalip to lunch in La Conner.

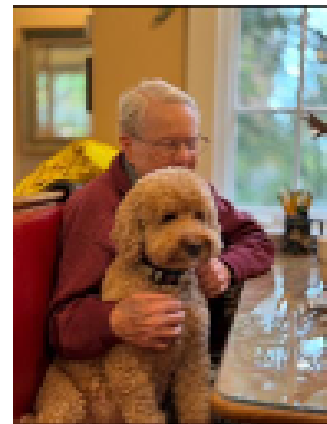


Photo by Kurt Jacobson



Roy Pringle was a person of goodwill. A member of the Seattle Jaguar Club for 30 years, Roy died September 27, 2025, leaving his wife Sheila and friends in our club, the Jaguar Car Club of Victoria, BC where he also was a member, as well as in the communities where he lived in Anacortes and most recently Panorama in Lacey, WA. When the Pringles moved to Panorama, he had to sell their Aurora Red Metallic XF with Espresso-Latte interior, and more importantly, give up his frequent 35-40-mile rides with his Cascade Bike Club friends.

Moving to Lacey he quickly reassembled a new community, making friends with his neighbors, helping them buy and sell their Jaguars, recover a stolen bike for another friend, joining the clean-up crew for people who passed and had items of value that could be donated, and most of all finding a great new friendship with Seattle Jaguar Club members Art and Marisa Foley, with whom he and Sheila became like family members. Art says, "We lost our dear friend Roy Pringle. He leaves a huge void in our lives. What started as a car



Saturday mornings with Roy at the Foleys, whose dog Jackson will miss him too



Roy standing next to, and Sheila sitting in, the MG VA in England

detailing bond, became a five-year friendship. Most Saturday mornings, after washing his Jag or mine we drank coffee and ate pastries. He was a prince of a guy, who I loved like a brother. He will be missed.”

What goes around, comes around. After selling his beloved XF to another Jaguar club member, Roy got an additional parking spot and bought the car back. Roy had an eye for beauty, in people and transportation. He sailed Hobie Cats, a Bristol 27 sloop, owned and/or restored an MG VA Open Tourer, MG TD, Austin-Healey, two XJ6s, and a XJ8.

After leaving Port Jefferson, NY, and while in the Air Force stationed at RAF Mildenhall, Suffolk, England, he met Sheila who moved to the US where the couple married in Pasadena. Both were teachers, moved to a geodesic dome home on Orcas Island, then to Anacortes, near Skyline Marina.



Roy, on the left with Seattle Jaguar Club friends Art Foley, Alf Howald, Fred Ehret and John Voigt.

Referring to Roy as a person of goodwill seems quaint and understated, but the meaning is powerful, “A person of goodwill is kind and benevolent, characterized by friendliness, compassion, and a desire to help others, rather than hostility or lack of empathy. They act with positive motives, show support and concern for others, and are willing to make sacrifices for the benefit of others, fostering positive relationships and a sense of trust.”

A couple of us have agreed that the universe needs more Roys.

A lesson from Marisa and Art Foley on how to use your E-Type

The following snippets and pics are from emails Marisa and Art Foley sent to friends from their recent trip in their E-Type OTS.

“Thursday we had dinner at a pub just down the street from our hotel in Portsmouth. Basic English pub fare with a pint of their local beer. ... This afternoon we had lunch at Victoria Park with toasted cheese sandwiches and tea under a canopy of old chestnut trees. ... Tonight, we join some of our group ... hoping our two-day crossing to Santander, Spain will be smooth.”



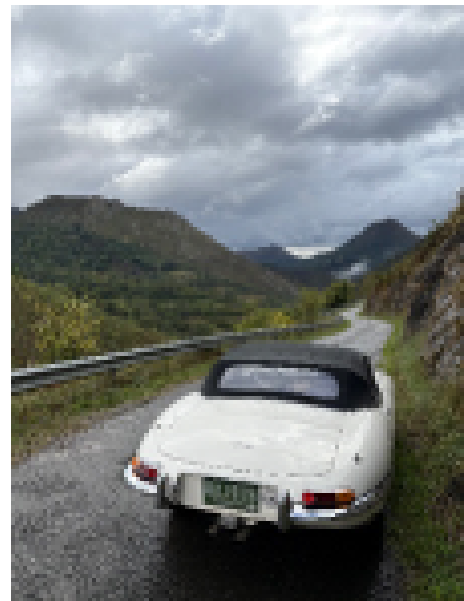
“We spent Friday and Saturday night on the boat arriving in Santander early Sunday morning on the north coast of Spain. As you can see from the first photo, we had a little rain! Fortunately, that cleared after about 45 minutes. We drove west along the coast, stopping to see the famous Antoni Gaudi house, which is one of the rare houses he designed outside of his native Barcelona. Very “gowdy”. There are about 20 Jaguars on this tour, about half of them are E-Types and the other half are XKs. It’s rare to see all these beautiful old cars in one spot. It was great fun driving on all

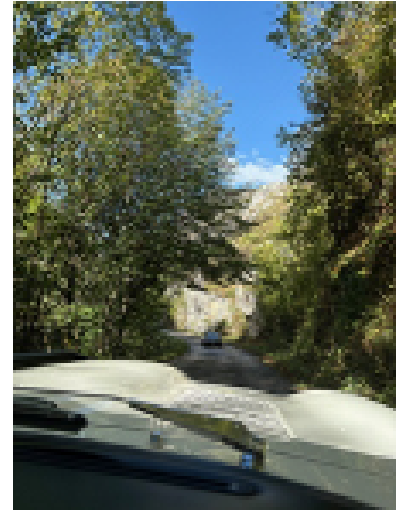
the small curvy roads with these unique vehicles. We had a very delightful lunch Sunday early afternoon at a seafood restaurant right on the ocean. The octopus was especially good. In Spain, people eat late and we're told at our hotel we won't have to come down to dinner until around 8 o'clock.

... The scenery is unbelievable with the ocean on our right and the mountains on our left."



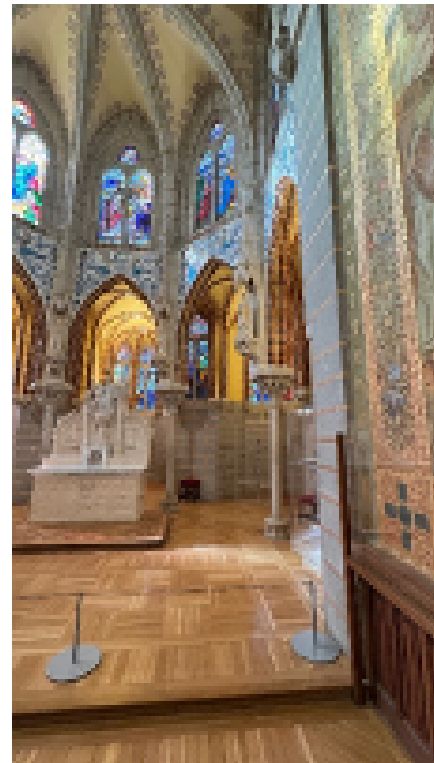
"Yes, It rained on and off all day today. The car is warm and kind of dry. The wipers and the defrost fan did remarkably well. The scenery was fantastic and although the roads were very narrow and twisty we saw almost no one out and about. Most people had more sense, except of course the cows. The people and the roads here are better than Scotland and Ireland! Really having fun!"



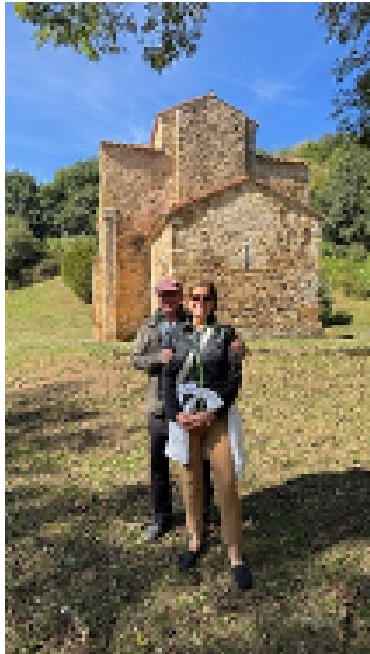


“Lots of switchbacks and challenging driving. This afternoon we visited the national mining Museum, which was well done. They took us underground and showed us all the sophisticated mining equipment that has been used in the past and in the recent times. We got to ride in the coal cars on the railroad tracks underground. We are eating way too much cheese and wonderful food. Everything is included on this tour and it’s difficult not to want to have a full breakfast lunch and dinner.”

“A few photos I forgot from yesterday at the Gaudi church and driving. Twenty Jaguar cars and people from France, Andorra, England, Germany, Spain, and of course the UK.”



"Today we visited two very old pre-Romanesque churches, Santa Maria and San Miguel de Leo, both UNESCO sites. We had a very interesting meat and cheese and potato lunch at a cider making facility. They had traditional bagpipe and drummer entertainment with enough food for massive crowd. It does seem like the Spanish really love their meat and cheese and potatoes. They like to show us how they can pour the cider with one arm, raised above the head and the other arm at your waist holding the glass. I didn't try it. The cider itself seemed very strong. I just had a sip since I was driving. so far we're doing well. No car problems. I'm sure the locals really enjoy seeing 20 old jaguars pass by. We create quite a dramatic parade. Some of the guys are quite spirited drivers also."



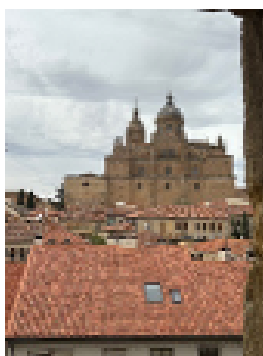
"Twenty Jaguar cars parked in the plaza in front of the monastery/hotel. We had a beautiful meal in an underground cavern."

"The Moda Castle had an underground passageway in the outer wall of the entire castle, which ran some 900 feet. The winery turned out to be more like an underground labyrinth, which was a little unsettling. I think we were underground for over three hours, but the food was good."

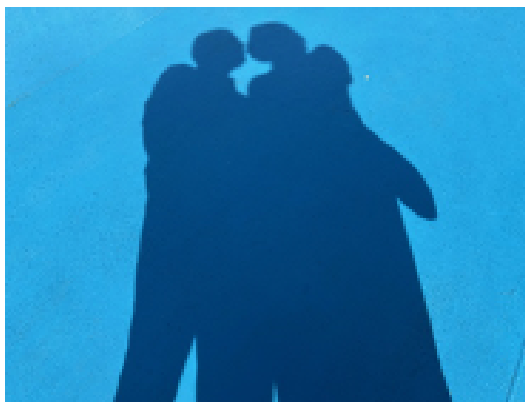




“It was lovely to come around a bend and see this castle. It’s interesting that it was used in the movie, Monty Python and the holy Grail. We had a quick picnic lunch while driving to Salamanca. The last photo is from our window at our hotel overlooking the cathedral. The town itself is a world heritage city, one of the prettiest cities in Spain. We had a nice coffee after visiting the castle in a small bar/coffee shop €3 for two cups of coffee with cream. And some chorizo.”



“We’ve been on the ferry and so nice not to be driving! We saw dolphins three different times. Smooth seas and very relaxing. We fly home tomorrow—Art and Marisa.”



We visited Fleet Bodyworks in Everett

Sharon Case reports that, "During the Edmonds car show in September, we parked our E-Type right in front of Dennis Wibbelman who had a nice looking 1947 Pontiac. Our cars matched in color. He told me about all the 1940–1960 cars that he had: Buicks, Pontiacs, Chevies, Oldsmobiles, etc. He owns Fleet Bodyworks in Everett. Of course, I had to ask if we could tour his garage!"



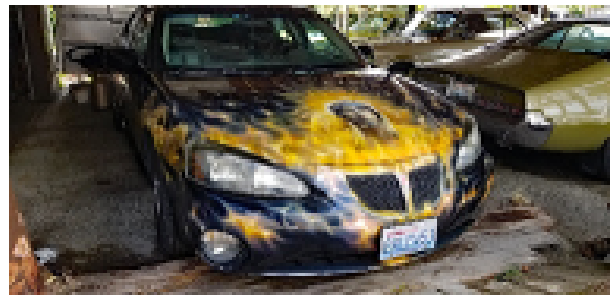
At the Edmonds car show is the Case's Photo from Edmonds in front of Dennis Wibbelman's 1947 Pontiac.

We had a Roving Dinner coming up in late September, so I quickly got Dennis to agree to the tour of his garage on September 21st and then I booked a reservation at the Scuttlebutt Brewery after the tour. Members that were able to make it included Stan Galyean, Bob Malecki, Ray Papineau, Linda Roberts, Ken and Gracelyn Skutt and me and Brian.

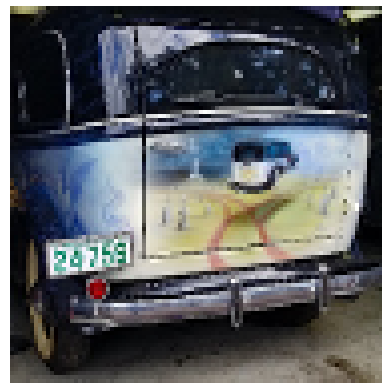


This 1950 Pontiac sedan delivery was once a military ambulance.

Dennis has a nice collection of cars. Some of them have amazing paint jobs. He told us much of the history on how he had come to own them. They each had a story! He is a big believer in driving his cars and not trailering them to shows. In the past he often went to the car show in Reno, driving one of his cars down there to show. We very much appreciated getting to see the collection belonging to Dennis!



Pontiac with custom paint.



1933 Henney hand built custom coach with custom art by Mickey Harris used as a hearse.

New members Carol & Ron Muhleman join our growing Kitsap County Jaguar community

They live in the Greater Bremerton area in the Treemont area of Kitsap, where, Ron says, "I am president of Kitsap Street Rods, a traveling car group, and we are members of Olympic Vintage Auto Club."

"Carol has owned her silver '56 140 MC roadster for over 50 years. It has a complete restoration except body and paint. It doesn't get driven out of town. I thought it would be fun to roll it out of the garage in the snow for a photo."



"About five years ago I purchased a newly built modified 61 MKII. It is our driver. Sorry to purist, it has Corvette LT1 running gear." "I have been building a '50 MKV saloon for about five years. It is headed for the paint now, probably a year out for driving. I imported it from Canada where all Jag running gear was missing. So, it too ended up with Chevy running gear ... reason is we drive our old cars several thousand miles each year and I do my own wrenching, and I am NOT a Jaguar mechanic. We attended several Jag events in Victoria and Portland."



My love of Jags started when I traded my 1953 Ford for a Jaguar MKVII in high school ... fun car except on gas mileage. I also raced British Triumph and BSA motorcycles. We have a dozen other old cars ... '54 BelAir hardtop, '40 Packard 120 coupe, and '67 Fairlane sedan ... family mental illness, brothers, children and now grandchildren. We joined this group to have access to tours, shop tours and to source parts."



Ron adds, "Hopefully we can make it to some of your events...and we don't mind running in the back due to being modified." Wait until Ron discovers all the other modified, replica, kit and hand-built Jaguars in the club.



New Members

Roy Parkes followed a familiar path to the Seattle Jaguar Club. Like others in the club, Roy left Great Britain to come to the Northwest US to work for Boeing. In Roy's case, he "came from Wales, UK in 1965 on a contract to work for Boeing on 747 aircraft." He now lives in Redmond and has been a member of our club in the past.

He explains, "My Jaguar is a 2006 XKR Convertible and I have had other Jags." In addition to the pictures of his beautiful contemporary Jaguar, he sent along intriguing photos of other cars and motorcycles, all of which deserve a story. We will dig deeper into Roy's background later.



New Members

Ryan Roberts has several Jaguars and many more interesting cars. On his membership application Ryan listed these non Jaguars: 1946 Chevy Stylemaster coupe hotrod, 947 Rover 14 Saloon driver, 1953 Hudson Super Wasp in original condition he is getting back on the road, 1959 Chevy El Camino driver, 1960 Thunderbird restoration in progress, 1967 Saab 96 driver, 1978 Chevy Camaro hotrod driver, and a few others.

Ryan tells us this about himself: “I am a lifelong Puget Sound resident. Specifically, from Maple Valley. I grew up around vintage cars. My parents have a few ‘63 and older Corvettes. The first Jag I remember seeing as a kid was the primrose coupe featured in Herbie the Love Bug.”

“My first Jag was a 2005 XKR. From the first time I saw one I was in love. It took me two years to find this example. Specifically, I wanted a 2005 coupe in black. I flew to Evansville, Indiana to buy it and drive it home. I arrived Saturday morning and had to be at work Monday so I drove 2,680 miles in 32 hours, only stopping for gas. I have owned it since 2014.”

“After learning the history of Jaguar there were two other cars I wanted, a MK IV 3.5. (I bought a 1948 1.5 Mk IV last summer). Next on my list is a Series II E-Type coupe.”

“Aside from that, I am an adult health and safety educator for the International Brotherhood of Teamsters as well as a real estate investor. I have two daughters, both currently in college. Both have classic cars. So, you know they have been raised properly ... haha.”

“I sing for a couple different bands in the King County area and I am the President of the Maple Valley Street Rats car club. Oh, and I am a general class ham radio operator, KE7MAI.

“Looking forward to meeting club members and participating in events.”

Welcome back, Paul Fritts. Those who remember our returning Seattle Jaguar Club member know that there is more to Paul’s story than reported here about his importance to music. For now, anyway, here is what he says about his love of cars.

New Members

Paul Fritts, Continued

“When in high school in 1968 I had a 1956 baby blue English Ford Consul convertible that my dad bought me for \$50 without consulting me. I rebuilt the engine, fixed some things and, for a number of years, experienced special aspects of English cars from that period.

With this in mind, I set out to find an XK model and ended up buying a wrecked '54 120 from a guy who had bent and welded the frame back to "factory specs" and had front fenders that I welded to the body and subsequently attached the hood. I naively didn't realize these parts were from a 140 so I ended up with a crossover 120-140 car! To correct this, I bought a 120 parts car from the owner of XKs Unlimited. And when I engaged them to restore my car they said the parts car would be cheaper to restore. So I now have a '52 120 OTS with a sedan engine and modern 5 speed. It's great (once I squeeze into it), but doesn't nearly have the power of my high school car which had 2" racing carbs and high-lift cams.



The '66 E Type was purchased from a guy in the South and came with a box of Playboy magazines from the 60's. It badly needed restoration and this was done by JK Restorations in the Chicago area. It is a beautiful numbers-matching car. Neighbor Fred [Ehret, another Seattle Jaguar Club member] who lives a half block from me has the same car, but it might be a '67.

I'm a Tacoma native, born and raised by parents who moved here from the East when my father took a job teaching music at Pacific Lutheran University. I am still working full-time at the organ shop where we have a six- year backlog of interesting work.”



Jaguar Jaunt: Colors and Curves

Pictures: Michael Bramble, Sharon Case & Kurt Jacobson. Story: Kurt Jacobson.

Wendy and Craig Duckering promised that we would, “embrace the magic of Autumn with a relaxing drive through the stunning landscapes of North King and South Snohomish counties,” and invited us to “buckle up and join us for a day bursting with fall colors, winding roads, and flowers galore.”

October 18th, they delivered. The water droplets stayed suspended in the clouds, the autumn leaves waited until the following day to let go in the wind and rain. The “drive through the scenic backroads of Duvall and Carnation, soaking in the kaleidoscope of fiery reds, golden yellows, and vibrant oranges painting the countryside” was as the Duckerings promised.



Nick Kappes' F-Type R-S and Julie Flynn's XKR.

We met in Issaquah to chat get briefed by Craig about the drive and to talk about the Rallista app map and directions the club is trying. Then we glided “along the shimmering shores of Lake Sammamish, weaving through the winding roads around Redmond, Woodinville, and Maltby.” One of the roads we briefly took was called Yew, which was, along with Earl, one of the earlier names for Maltby.



Anna Miyatake follows along as Craig talks about the route with Wendy watching.



Wendy Duckering, Cheryl Jacobson, Cynthia First, and Tamera Bramble.



Craig's serious students.

Our destination was the eight-acre Flower World with its three acres of greenhouses, pond, and park-like grounds. Its website says that it grows “90% of its own plants on approximately 200 acres in the Maltby and Snohomish Valley.”



A sample of the three acres of greenhouses.



The pond and fountain.

Cutting over to the Snohomish River Valley we came to a standstill as traffic tried to get into the giant Bob's Corn and Pumpkin Farm. From there the route jukeed back and forth across the Snoqualmie Valley and the plateaus to the east and west, then back to Issaquah and lunch at the Tutta Bella pizzeria.



Janet & Doug Bosworth and their E-Type.

Joining Wendy & Craig Duckering on their jaunt were Sarah Squibb & Steve Bird, Tamera & Michael Bramble, Mark Jones, Tanya & Bob Willits, Nick Kappes, Sharon & Brian Case, Cynthia First & Alan Donald, Carol & Doug Jackson, Cheryl & Kurt Jacobson, Anna & Kurt Miyatake, and Mac & Andy Phillips.



Alyss Flynn with her mother and new member Julie Flynn.



Big crowd, but always room for more.

Janet and Doug Bosworth joined us at the nursery. Julie Flynn was interested in the club and brought along her daughter Alyss Flynn to take the Jaunt with us. Julie subsequently joined the club.



One of the many winding roads

Curiosity didn't kill the cat: The Chelan Wine Tour

Contributing photographers: Samah Sous, Carol Jackson, Lisa Wilken, Andrew Hewitson, Cheryl & Kurt Jacobson. Story: Kurt Jacobson & Doug Jackson

The Seattle Jaguar Club's October 3-5 wine tour took us between and next to two of Washington State's major 2025 wildfires into Leavenworth, Wenatchee, and Chelan. After evaluating the risk of possibly unpleasant smoke and the reward of wine and camaraderie, all 21 members who signed up made the trip. And rewarded they were. Except for the final hours of Saturday when they encountered smoke and aerial firefighting activity, all were rewarded with a memorable weekend. The full idiom, "Curiosity killed the cat, but satisfaction brought it back," applied to the experience.



Samah Sous & Ehab Sahawneh in their E-Type nearing Rocky Reach Dam with wildfire smoke hugging the hilltops, and a firefighting S-64 Skycrane/Air-Crane dipping water from the Columbia.



We gathered in Monroe at the base of the 150-foot, 1919-year-old smokestack that was part of the [condensery](#) that made Carnation condensed milk. Organizer Kent Wiken briefed us on the afternoon's drive. A few drove separately and joined us later.

In addition to Kent & Lisa Wiken, our group of curious cat drivers included Samah Sous & Ehab Sahawneh, Kathy & Tim Weber, Andrew Hewitson, Cheryl & Kurt Jacobson, Lee & Terry Nelson, Linda & Richard Desimone, Tamera & Michael Bramble, Alison & Jerry Lamb, Carol & Doug Jackson, and Chelan residents and long-time members Vicki & Randy Niman.

After breaking free from the creeping US-2 traffic through Gold Bar, we stopped at the somewhat creepy location of the cinema version of the sasquatch museum in the 1987 film, *Harry and the Hendersons*. In the shadow of looming Mount Index, Index Village fits author Tom Robbins' concept of "another roadside attraction."

After descending from the 4,000-foot elevation Stevens Pass, we turned left from US-2 at Cole's Corner, through Plain and past the Lower Sugarloaf wildfire command post.

Trailing a surprisingly quick dump truck towing an excavator, we took the Chumstick Highway to Leavenworth and dinner at *Gustav's*. While there Octoberfest crowds along Front Street, the restaurant wasn't crowded and the food was fine, which may not mean the same as "fine food."

Then a half-hour drive to the *La Quinta Inn and Suites* where we enjoyed seeing the many firefighters heading in for duty or departing. In the morning, we rallied around Kent in the parking lot for a rundown of the four wineries we would visit.



At Entiat we passed another wildfire forward operating base, then convoyed up through Chelan to the eastern shore of the lake. It was the *Mahogany & Merlot* weekend, so the purring of our Jaguars was accompanied by the thunder of V12 aircraft engines in a vintage unlimited hydroplanes. While the classic six-cylinder XK engine is, to us, one of the most sonorous and familiar engines, the basso of the Allison and Rolls-Royce V12s is more evocative to Seattle old-timers and fans of historic military aircraft.

Up a dusty driveway was our first stop, the *Chelan Ridge Winery* where we enjoyed our first flights, lunch and a view of neighboring wineries, Lake Chelan, and Wapato Point.

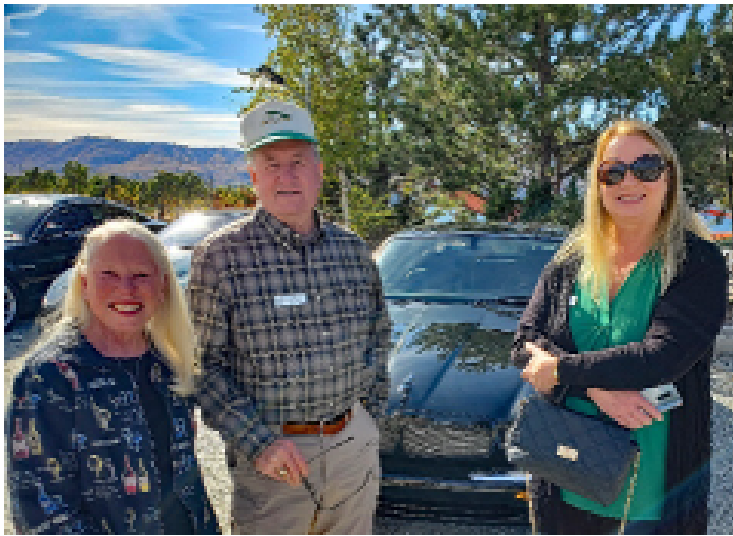




*Vicki & Randy Niman, members since 1975
and from Chelan, in their XK140*



Lake Chelan from Chelan Ridge



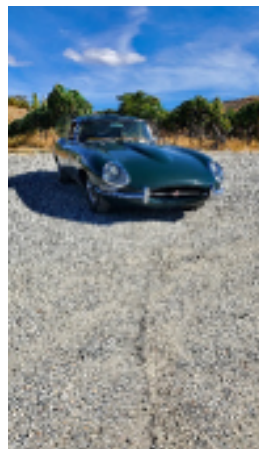
Lee & Terry Nelson with Tamera Bramble



*Alison & Jerry Lamb being served by
Hunter, giving thumbs up*



Richard & Linda Desimone



Samah & Ehab's E-Type



*The Lamb's pup, Tokaji, which is a
Hungarian dessert wine*

Then a hop over to another dusty driveway leading up to the nearby Vicki & Randy Niman, members since 1975 and from Chelan, in their XK140 with an inviting lush lawn and Bordeaux style wines. The last car to park was a black F-Type coupe that none of our members recognized. Out popped two strangers, Harold and Helen. This Seattle couple spotted Samah and Ehab's E-Type coupe and had to check it out, finding a lot full of Jaguars and welcoming Seattle Jaguar members. Harold had recently posted a recent scenic drive to our club's Facebook page.



Ehab & Samah



Shaded patio



Club members and winery dogs

They joined our convoy back through Chelan to, yes, another really steep, dusty driveway up to Mellisoni Vineyards. Owner Rob Mellison enjoys hosting car clubs and is a former sports car racer, competing in California at Sonoma Raceway (Sears Point) and WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca.



Although many members questioned spending three days close to Washington's major wildfires, the smoke never drifted our way until Saturday afternoon when heading back to Wenatchee.

Our final destination for dinner that day was only a couple blocks from our Wenatchee hotel, the Chateau Faire Le Pont Winery. The renovated 1920's warehouse was historically used for staging fruit to be loaded onto trains. Its brick walls were cleaned and faux painted to look old. The musical combo was a bonus. Kent Wiken (shown here with Lisa Wiken) found a variety of excellent venues and kept us on course and on schedule.



Sunday several people headed straight back through smoke to Western Washington. Three couples stayed so they could check out historic Ohme Gardens with sweeping views out over a sea of roofs of agricultural and industrial buildings, with the Columbia River beyond. Although not quite the Colchuck Lake Trail in terms of rock scrambling, the paths are made up of irregularly placed rocks making the readily available trekking poles nearly a wise accessory.



From left, Tim Weber, Kent Wiken, and Kathy Weber



Kurt & Cheryl Jacobson

Doug Jackson picks up the story: "First, I had suggested to Kent Wiken that an interesting optional activity might be a visit to the British Car Ranch (BCR). My wife Carol and I were the only ones who went."



"British Car Ranch is a full-service mechanical, body repair and restoration shop that our friendly hosts Steve & Laurie Day (above with Doug Jackson) established about twenty-six years ago in a small two-car garage. It is now much bigger. The Days focus on MGs, Austin-Healeys and Triumphs, but don't work on Jaguars., although they will entertain working on other types of British vehicles."

"They work on cars from all over the country. Seattle Jaguar Club member Rob Westcott's Austin Healey was in there for attention to its rear wheel hubs and axle issues, as well as two cars from Massachusetts! About 12 cars were in various stages of being ready to take home."

"Steve is more-or-less in charge of the full restoration projects, while working with a staff of four or five people, including two sons, one of whom is in complete control of total engine rebuilds, which Steve says, he does wonderfully! Laurie is the "Boss" of the operation, handles administrative, and also enjoys doing the interior and convertible top work, as well as the "total rewiring" work... what a woman!"

After exploring the wineries in the Yakima Valley, Walla Walla and on the Columbia, it was exciting to investigate the new-to-the-club Chelan area. Kent Wiken, where will next year's wine tour take us?



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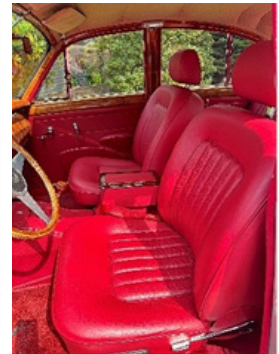
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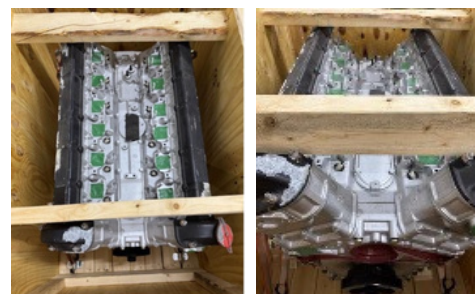
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Rebuilt 5.3-liter V12 for sale Rebuilt by British Motor Cars in Eugene. Unfortunately, would not mate to my ZF transaxle. In crate, ready to ship. \$9,000, Jim Lunz, Jimmlunz@gmail.com

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1970 XJ-6 for sale 4.2L rebuilt engine. 3 SU carburetors. Borg Warner 3-spd replaced with a General Motors T700 4 speed transmission with overdrive. Factory fog lights, rebuilt rear differential and drive train, BOGE front shocks Koni rear shocks, new battery. Regency Red with tan leather interior. Walnut facia and trim professionally refinished, original Phillips AM-FM-SW radio. London delivery with original owner's manual, all delivery paperwork, etc. Maintained and cared for by a professional factory trained MB technician. New owner also gets spare parts including complete Stainless Steel exhaust system, custom fit car cover, etc. Asking \$9000, willing to negotiate. Contact William Chappell, Bellevue, WA, *Oct 2025*
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1997 Jaguar XK-8 for sale, 97k miles, professionally serviced/maintained, new parts and maintenance records for engine and driveline, new plugs, valve cover gaskets, coil packs, throttle body, mass flow sensor @ rubber air inlet duct. Complete front suspension rebuild, including shocks, struts, wheel bearings, upper & lower ball joints. New catalytic mufflers & exhaust system, Top works perfectly. New tires, brakes, leather seats, driveline rubber donut & rear transmission mount replaced by Performance Auto, Lynnwood, new chain tensioners and chains at 70k miles at Park Place, Bellevue since 2011. Great driver, especially with top down. \$8.000 negotiable. Includes many spare parts. Larry Becker, cell (205) 818- 4305, email Larry.Becker1@frontier.com

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2004 Vanden Plas XJ8 for sale Merlot with lovely ivory interior with no damage to walnut burl or instrument panel. Less than 90,000 miles on original engine, 2nd owner. Sunroof with privacy shade, touchscreen nav with installation of CD, Excellent AC, Alpine CD, air compression system replaced within the year at Park Place in Bellevue, and it was just fully inspected and serviced in July at Firestone. recent wiper blades, rear disappearing sunshades, programmable seats, Only issue is a tiny hose leak that mechanic literally said a piece of electrical tape can fix and is not critical. Asking \$10,500 (negotiable for quick sale, Seattle. (206) 549-1664, judyabolafya@gmail.com

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1973 Jaguar XJ6 Series 1 for sale Sable (brown) with tan leather interior, 73,911 miles, one owner, all original, engine runs smooth, drivers-side fuel pump is not working but passenger-side tank and fuel pump work. All offers considered. Contact Kent Wiken kwiken50@gmail.com.

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