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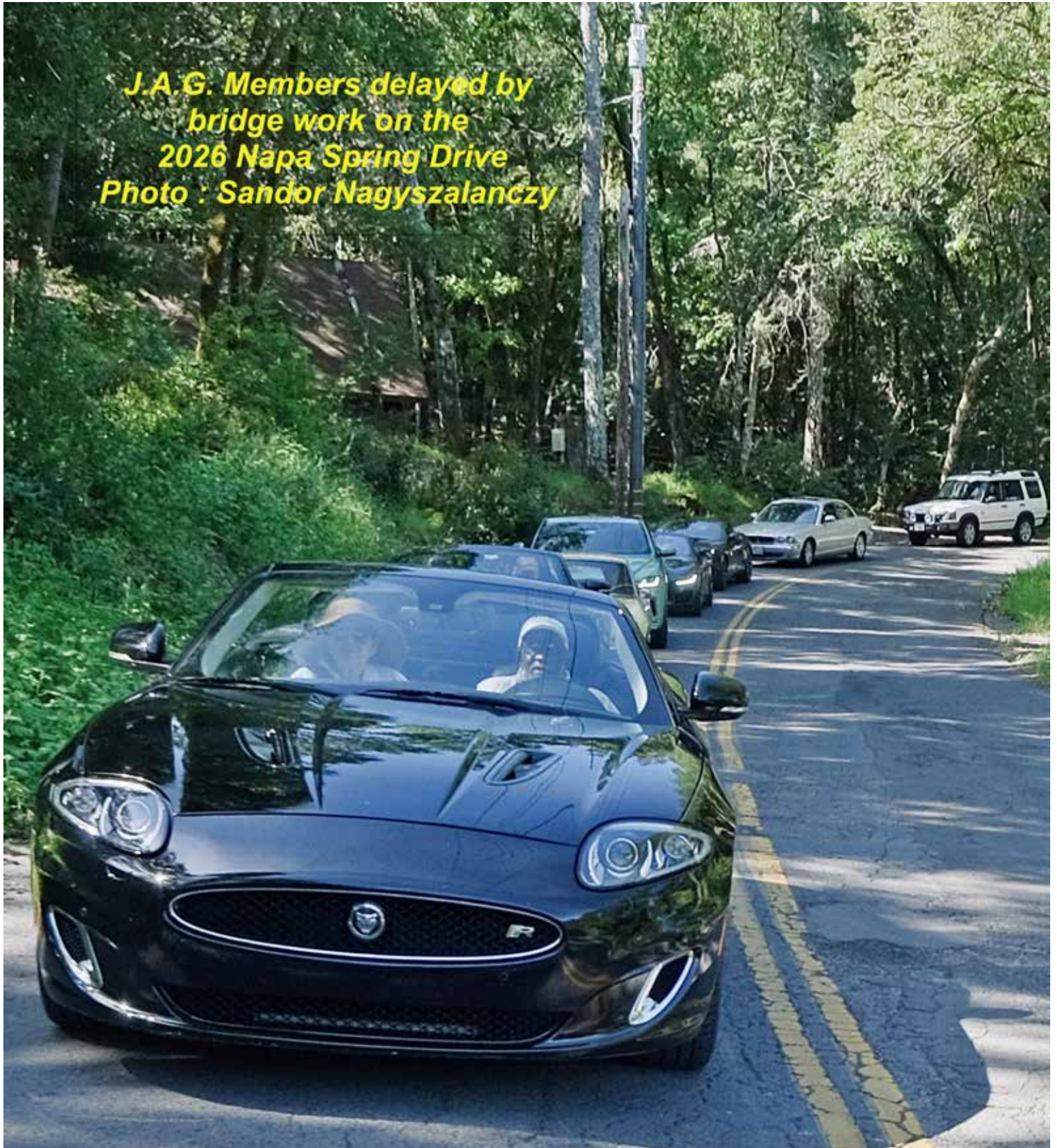
# JAGazette



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*J.A.G. Members delayed by  
bridge work on the  
2026 Napa Spring Drive  
Photo : Sandor Nagyszalanczy*





*J.A.G. Members prepare for the Clovis Drive*



*From the 2026 All British Meet Clovis - by Deborah Hartunian*

## JAG President's Message May 2026

The open road has a way of revealing an automobile's true character. When I drive my Jaguar XKR convertible around town, it's an elegant creature—stylish, composed, and, I dare say, rather sexy. But the moment the asphalt unwinds into something more twisty, my Jag transforms from a tame transportation device into a bit of a beast. I'm sure as a J.A.G. club member, you know that feeling of anticipation as you point the nose of your car around a tight bend on a mountain road, the car seems to sense what's coming before you do.

I am very fortunate because where I live in Santa Cruz mountains, exciting, windy roads are just a stone's throw beyond my driveway. Early in the morning, before the tourists and delivery vans are out, I feel like the road belongs to me. Just down the hill, the Pacific Ocean is just waking up. The cliffs are throwing long shadows, and the air carries that mix of salt and eucalyptus scents that feels like a promise. In my XKR, with its dignified stride and feline composure, the road almost becomes a kind of meditation. The steering is alive without being nervous, the suspension settles into the pavement like it's known it for years, and the engine purrs with an unmistakable sense of reserve power. The feeling's like I'm not fighting the car, but rather collaborating with it.

Another route I never tire of is the climb up Highway 9 going north of Felton. It's a completely different rhythm—tighter, more intimate, a road that rewards finesse over bravado. In the dappled light under the redwood canopy, one can feel the lineage of these cars—the engineers who cared about steering, the designers who believed a car should move with grace; who understood that speed is only one small part of the overall story.

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And then there's the moment every Jaguar owner knows: you pull over at a turnout, step out, and glance back at the car. It doesn't matter if it's a concours-ready E-Type or a well-loved XJ that's showing a bit of age. Jaguars have presence. They look at home in beautiful places. They elevate the scenery simply by being in it.

That's why the drives we take with our club matter to us. They're not just routes on a map—they're reminders of why we fell in love with these cars in the first place. The open road gives a Jaguar and its owner room for self-expression, and in doing so, room to breathe a little deeper, to feel a little lighter, to remember that driving can still be an experience rather than a chore.

In the end, the joy of the open road isn't just about the road. It's about the partnership between driver and machine. And Jaguars, more than many other marques, were built for that partnership. They don't just take you somewhere—they take you somewhere beautifully.

Hope to see you at a turnout on a scenic road very soon,

*Sandor Nagyszalanczy*

*J.A.G. President*

# Keeping your Jaguar on the road

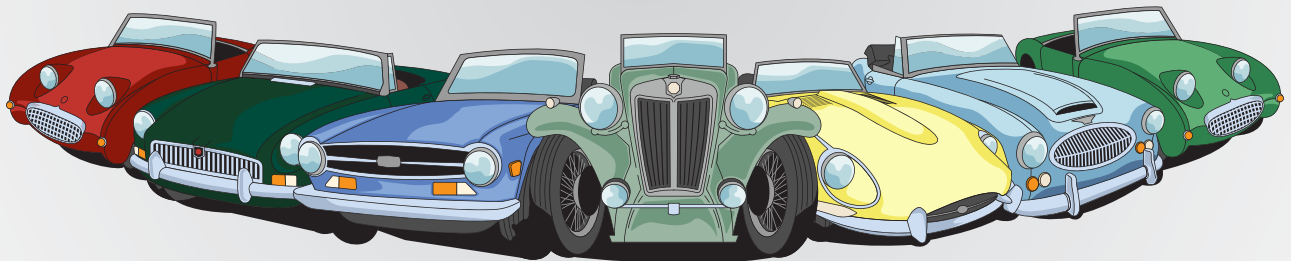


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**MAY 2026**

- 17 DIXON BRITISH CAR SHOW AND SWAP MEET
- 30 SAN JUAN BAUTISTA DRIVE, LUNCH AT JARDINES DE SAN JUAN**

**JUNE 2026**

- 6 BRITS BY THE BAY
- 14 Car Show and Shine in Downtown Danville
- 20 Tiburon Car Show
- 26-27 Hillsborough Concours
- 27 J.A.G. CAR SHOW & SHINE, PICNIC & WINE TASTING AT KIRIGIN CELLARS**

**JULY 2026**

- 16-18 JCNA International Jaguar Festival in Pittsburgh
- 11 or 25 JAG EVENT COMING**

**AUGUST 2026**

- 7-15 ROLEX MOTORSPORTS REUNION
- 10 MONTEREY BRITISH CAR SHOW - CARMEL**
- 16 PEBBLE BEACH CONCOURS

**SEPTEMBER 2026**

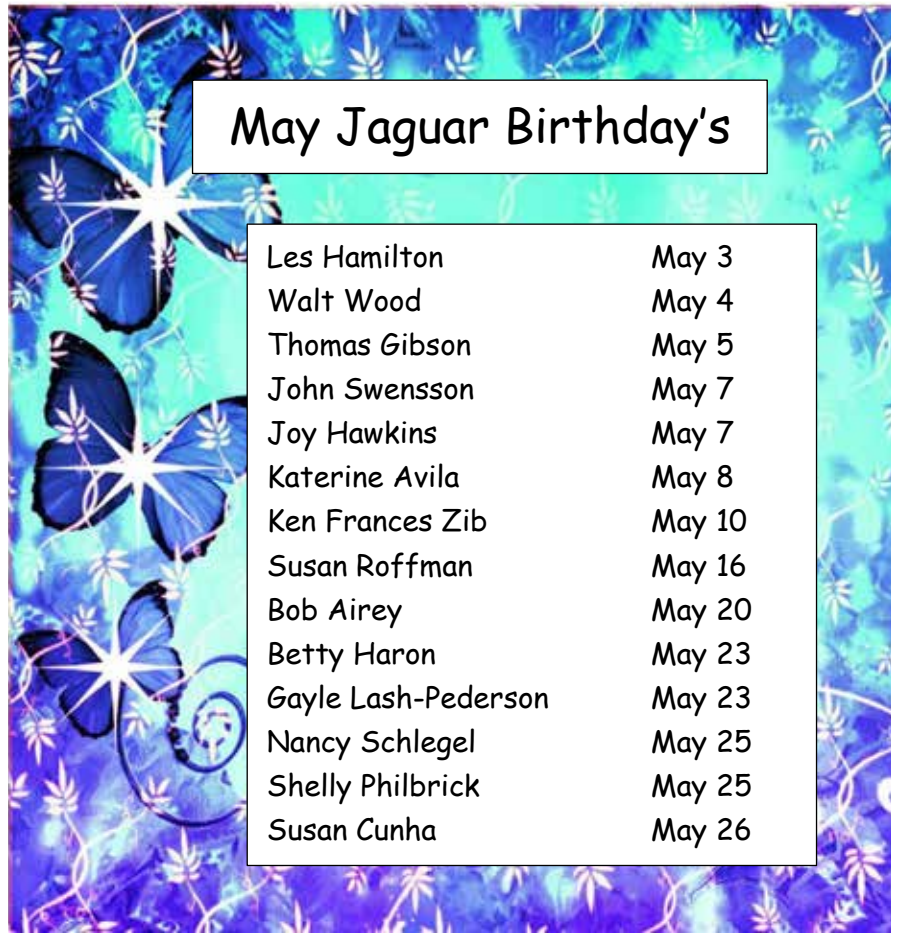
- 25-26 AMADOR COUNTY & PLACERVILLE**

**OCTOBER 2026**

- ?? PRESIDENT'S DRIVE OVERNIGHT X / HIGHWAY 1 / CAMBRIA**

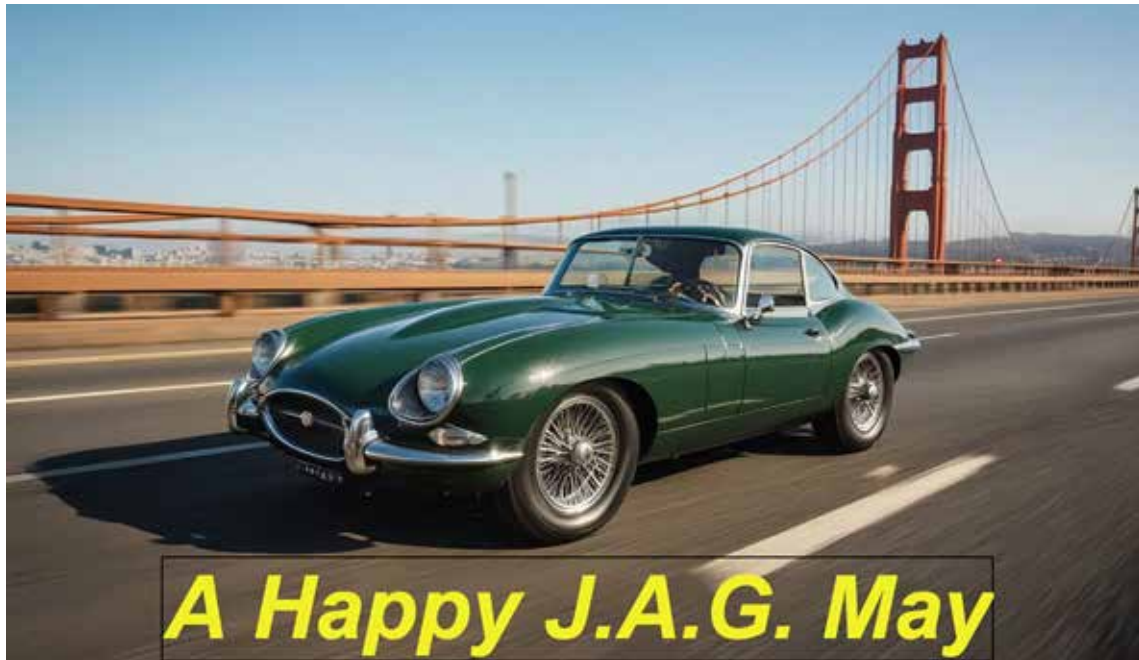
**NOVEMBER 2026**

- 22 MOSS BEACH DISTILLERY DRIVE & BRUNCH**



## May Jaguar Birthday's

Les Hamilton	May 3
Walt Wood	May 4
Thomas Gibson	May 5
John Swensson	May 7
Joy Hawkins	May 7
Katerine Avila	May 8
Ken Frances Zib	May 10
Susan Roffman	May 16
Bob Airey	May 20
Betty Haron	May 23
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## CLOVIS BRITISH AUTO ROUNDUP 2026

J.A.G. again participated in the Clovis British Roundup with a small but mighty group of Jaguars and their owners. Andy & Marla Preston, John & Susan Swensson, Mike Epperson & Jeanne Thomas, Russell & Nelly Couch, David Langley, Betty Haron, and I. On Friday night at 6:30 PM, eight of us met at the 500 Club for dinner. Betty and I drove over; the rest walked over from the hotel. As usually happens when we all eat a meal together, there's lots of good conversation about cars and many other subjects. Getting to know each other better is always fun, interesting, and most enjoyable.

Saturday morning began early, with most gathering in the hotel's breakfast area. As they enjoyed their coffee, the parking lot outside filled with all types of British cars. Valley British Auto Club members and enthusiasts from across the state were arriving. The Roundup began with the traditional tour/drive through the foothills of eastern Fresno County. This year, the route went through the citrus groves (with many positive comments about the delicious scent of orange blossoms) northeast of Sanger, onto Trimmer Springs Road, alongside the Kings' River, crossing the river, and onto Elwood Road until the route reached CA180, then back to Clovis.

With 40 cars signed up, it was deemed necessary to divide the participants into two groups for safety's sake. A big thanks to Bill Van Deelen for serving as the guide for the 2.5-liter autos. The drivers' meeting began with a welcome from the VBAC president, Jon Brothers. Jon explained that since so many cars had gathered, we would have to divide into two groups. His voice deepened as he said, "The first group will be the HEAVY DISPLACEMENT VEHICLES, like the Jaguars, Aston Martins, and DeLoreans. The second group will begin ten minutes later. They are the lighter-displacement vehicles, the MGs, Triumphs, and Minis." Feeling very privileged to be HEAVY DISPLACEMENT, all the Jaguars got in line promptly.

The Sierra foothills tour, once again, proved to be a fantastic outing for everyone. Those heavy-displacement vehicles easily straightened out the curves past Wonder Valley. Since the valley had received less rain so far this spring, there was more browning on the hillsides, but the wildflowers were still abundant, and the river was flowing mightily. The well-planned route was extremely scenic and enjoyed by all. At the end of the drive, we rolled back into Clovis and our Mexican lunch spot.

J.A.G. club members then dispersed until 6:30 pm, when 10 of them, two by two, met up at the Elbow Room in Fig Garden Village for dinner. Many took advantage of the fabulous aged beef offered there. After ample delicious food, and lots of laughter (John was feeling cold and so happily borrowed Jeannie's sweater!), it was time for the Jags and their drivers to rest up for Sunday's car show.

Those signed up for the car show had to arrive before 9:00am. The attendees included David Langley, Mike Epperson, Russell Couch, and Bill Van Deelan. This year's show was greatly helped by the weather, which was excellent. VBAC set up the most well-organized car show. As you entered the car show, you were greeted by all of last year's winners (including David Langley's 1957 XK140 SE 3.4L). All car types and models were grouped together. It was as though the cars were painted in a picture, with every car so colorfully placed. J.A.G. didn't walk away with a winner this year, but we all really had a great time. You might consider coming next year.

By Deborah Hartunian

**Quick Hint from Les:** I needed parts for my 2009 XK and the local dealership did stock them. SNG/MOSS did not carry the parts, but I found the parts department of Harper Jaguar in Knoxville, TN. Harper Jaguar carries most non-classic Jaguar parts, service kits, and accessories at better prices than the dealership, even with shipping. If you need parts for your non-classic Jaguar, check them out at <https://parts.harperjaguar.com>.

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## NAPA DRIVE AND LUNCH AT CAFÉ BELLINI

Saturday, April 18, started like most of our beautiful spring days with especially beautiful weather to make this a memorable day. Around 9:00 am Jaguars started to converge on the parking lot near Starbucks in Rohnert Park and soon the parking lot was overflowing with XKR's, XKE's, XK8's, and F-TYPE's. 20 of them in all. In addition there were 2 E-TYPE's both in Primrose Yellow, 1 F-PACE, 1 XJL Ultimate and a vintage Land Rover driven by J.A.G.'s new members Arron and Lisa Renne. Member Brian Frye utilized his crop of lemons in his backyard and baked delicious lemon cookies. Brian made enough for each person attending to receive a bag of cookies to munch on, during the drive. After a quick driver meeting given by the days route master, Andy Preston, the assembled Jaguars formed 2 groups and got ready to depart.

At 10:00 am sharp, group #1 departed followed fifteen minutes later by group. Within 15 miles of the start we arrived at Trinity Road-Oakville. The first turn was a dramatic unexpected, sharp, hairpin turn. Later members described this road which continued for 25 miles as, spirited exercise, challenging, and white knuckled with spectacular views. This road was just the kind where Jaguars shine as they eat up the curves and altitude changes.

After the first 15 or so miles of spirited switch back driving, we arrived in St. Helena and entered the parking lot of V. Sattui Winery. The V. Sattui Winery

One of the most beautiful parking lots ever, lined with blooming roses. This was our fancy rest stop and bathroom break. The Market place was an expansive building with wine tasting, lots of delicious looking prepared foods and one of the largest selections of cheeses I've ever seen. It was easy to find something scrumptious to eat there. The perfect place to put together a most fabulous picnic and therefore your VP spoke to the President of V. Sattui and we set a date for April 2027 for J.A.G. to return for a picnic lunch and wine tasting. So, if you missed this drive, you could sign up for next years event.

Leaving the parking lot, we travelled CA 29, then took a brief drive through the beautiful grounds of the Veterans Home. The scenic views continued as we made our approach into Petaluma. Café Bellini restaurant came into view and their parking lot quickly filled up with our Jaguar's, creating our own car show to the delight of customers exiting the restaurant. Our private room and Ashley our server extraordinaire were waiting for us along with a delicious lunch.

This drive contained everything you could wish for, great roads to exercise the cars, drop dead gorgeous scenery, hills, forests, and pastures. Andy and Marla's drives never disappoint. It was a wonderful day.

*Deborah Hartunian*



## “Cars, like people, carry stories worth saving”

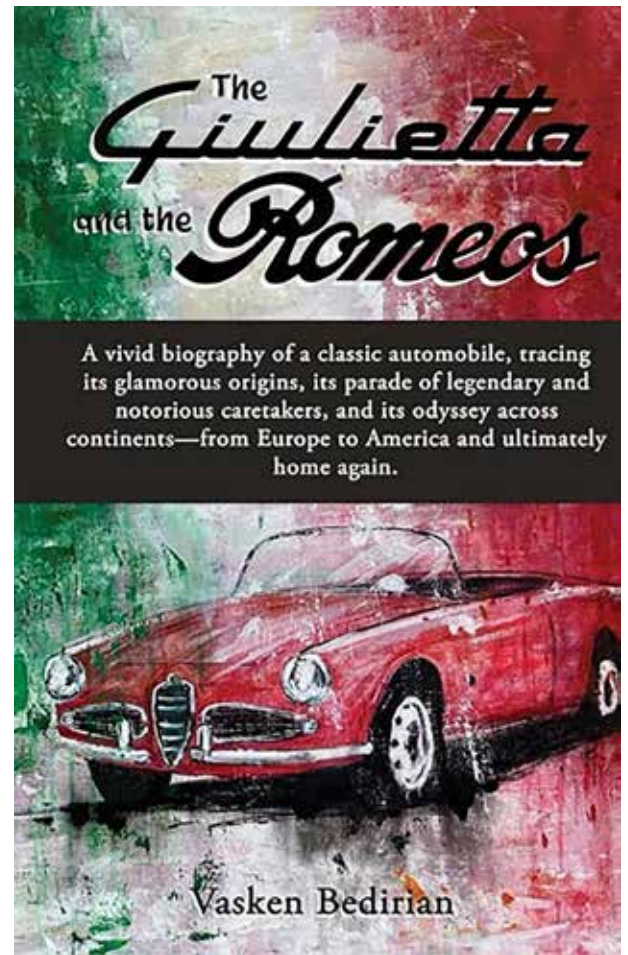
J.A.G. member, Vasken Bedirian, has recently added Author to his long list of accomplishments with his book *The Giulietta and the Romeos*, and I highly recommend enjoying this delightful read. Set across generations and continents, there's something for everyone: history, mystery, adventure, romance, of course, great drives, and don't worry, there is a Jaguar in the story.

Vasken brings you in, starting with the preface, sharing some of his personal stories. “The first car I ever solo-drove was a Jaguar MK1. I remember the thrill vividly. I must have been thirteen – it was on a grassy church parking lot in a small village near the Cedars of Lebanon. The car lurched, the grass tore under its tires, and my heart raced. That moment sealed my fate.”

Aside from “blending authentic automotive history with vivid character drama”, readers are also delighted in enjoying Vasken's first passion, automotive art. How many authors are also their own illustrators? And each illustration is gallery-worthy.

You can find Vasken's book on Amazon, and you can experience his art in person during Monterey British, where you can bid on the original painting the poster is as created from.

Hope you enjoy as I did! -Kristan Neubecker



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## The Tees Transporter Bridge

Tees Transporter Bridge commonly known as "The Transporter," connects the NE England towns of Middlesbrough and Port Clarence across the River Tees, and is the longest existing transporter bridge in the world, with a total length of 850 feet (260 meters). The Transporter Bridge is somewhat misnamed as it ferries passengers and vehicles across the river on a gondola suspended by cables from a gantry (rail track) some 160 feet above the water. Passengers stepped onto or cars drove onto the gondola (platform) on one side of the river, and the gondola was winched across the river by a motor on the South Side of the river. On arrival the passengers stepped or drove off the platform.

The platform could hold up to 200 pedestrians and 12 cars (English sized) for each crossing.

The “Bridge” was built in 1910, entered service in 1911 and operated until 2019. The bridge is a testament to early 20th century engineering and is considered a symbol of the Teesside communities.

I grew up in the grimy industrial North East town of Hartlepool, about 12 miles North of the River Tees. My first work was for an engineering company on the South Side of the Tees. To reach work, and later my Engineering College, I cycled to the Transporter Bridge and was ferried across the river to complete the short ride to work. Waiting for the gondola to make its round trip could delay you 10 to 15 minutes, but it was speedier than traveling upriver to the next crossing and back, which added at least 30 minutes to the trip.

*By Les Hamilton*



**On Saturday, May 30, we will hold a drive from  
Los Gatos to San Juan Bautista.**

**We'll be using county backroads and mostly avoiding freeways.**

We will meet at the PEET'S COFFEE PARKING LOT at the intersection of Los Gatos and Blossom Hill Road in Los Gatos at 9:30 am. There will be a brief driver meeting at 10:00 am, with departure by 10:30 am for a drive of about 1 and a half hours. There will be a brief comfort stop. Route directions will be distributed at the beginning of the driver meeting.

When we arrive in the quaint little town of San Juan Bautista we will use street parking around the intersection of Washington and Third street which is a block from the Plaza de San Juan. The Plaza is next to the Mission San Juan Bautista. More parking information to follow.

Our group will enjoy a delicious lunch at Jardines De San Juan. Special seating will be reserved for J.A.G. club members in the beautiful patio to order right off the menu and receive individual tickets.

So that we know how many people are planning on attending, please sign up on the website, [www.jags.org](http://www.jags.org) or provide the information below to Phil Endliss

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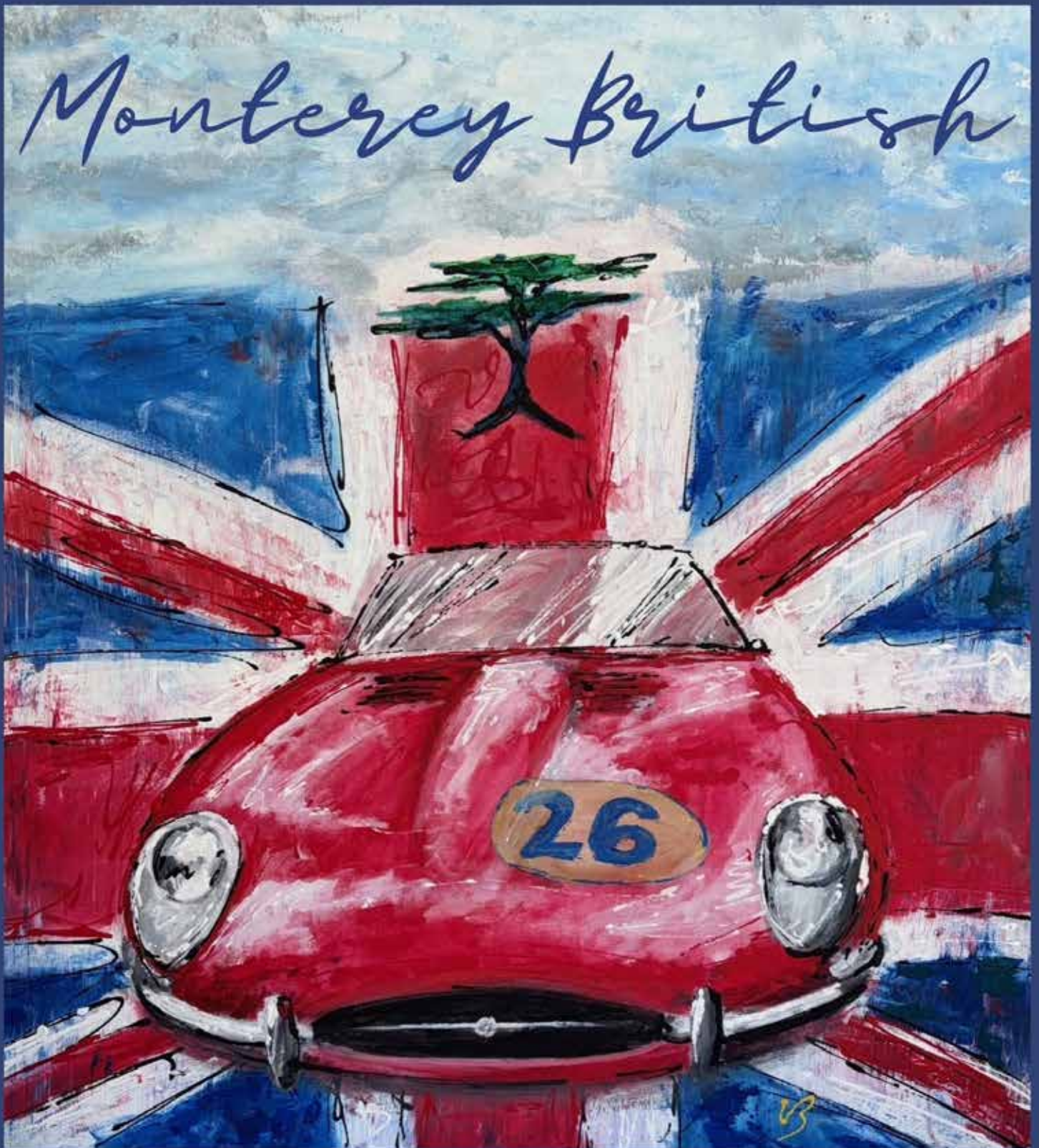
Join us in Salinas for a truly unique experience and be prepared to be blown away! Whether it's your first visit to Rancho Cielo or you are returning to see what new adventures they are up to, this will be a day you will remember for the rest of the year!!

**ALL** Makes, Marques, Years, and Models are welcome but please drive something fun as this will be an incredible Show & Shine opportunity to share with the students.

We will start with a special guided tour of the campus (including the Classic Car Restoration Program) that will leave you speechless. Then, we'll be on hand to delight in the questions and viewing of our cars before walking over to the award-winning Drummond Culinary Program where Chef EJ and his students will prepare a mouthwatering lunch for us.

We will coordinate drive options to the campus from locations in both Monterey and Salinas.

Register at [www.montereybritish.com](http://www.montereybritish.com)  
Email [info@montereybritish.com](mailto:info@montereybritish.com) with any questions



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# J.A.G. Board Meeting, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Meeting Date:** 03/24/2026 4:30 pm.

**Location:** Zoom Video Call

## Participants:

<b>Sandor Nagyszalanczy</b> – J.A.G. President	<b>Howard L Smith</b> - Immediate Past President
<b>Deborah Hartunian</b> - 1st Vice President	<b>Andy Preston</b> – Director-at-Large
<b>Stuart Smedley</b> - 2nd Vice President	<b>Clive Hallatt</b> – Director-at-Large(Absent)
<b>Phil Endliss</b> - Treasurer/Membership Chair	<b>Kristan Neubecker</b> – Webmaster
<b>Les Hamilton</b> – Secretary/Editor	

## Minutes

J.A.G. President Sandor Nagyszalanczy called the March 2026 Board Meeting to order at 4:31 pm.

## Secretary Report

The minutes of the February 2026 Board Meeting were reviewed and approved. **MSA.**

## Treasurer Report.

Phil reported that J.A.G.'s finances remain adequate for 2026. **MSA.**

## Membership Report.

J.A.G. has 203 members, including 5 associate members. The 2026 Roster has been mailed to members. **MSA**  
Phil mentioned that he would like another J.A.G. member to take over the Membership Chair duties due to his ongoing personal commitments. Phil has documented all the activities of the Membership Chair. **Action: All**

## 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Report/2nd Vice President Reports.

### 2026 Schedule

#### March 2026

28-29 Clovis British Car Round Up. The sign-ups are light, and Deborah has made reservations.

#### April 2026

16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> JCNA AGM in Mexico City.

18<sup>th</sup> Napa Drive and Lunch at Café Bellini, Petaluma. Andy has driven the route again and coordinated lunch arrangements with the restaurant. Andy will communicate lunch orders to the restaurant. Andy will provide the driving directions to Deborah before the event. Phil will provide a means of payment.

29<sup>th</sup> Rancho Ceilo Classic Restoration Program with the Cypress British Car Club of Monterey. See Kristan's report.

#### May 2026

30<sup>th</sup> J.A.G. is repeating the popular San Bautista Drive and lunch at El Jardine. Les sent the route to Stuart.

#### June 2026

Brits by the Bay: Andy would like a strong Jaguar turnout. Cars pre-1990 are accepted. The registrations have been light so far, and Kristan will send a reminder to all members.

A J.A.G. event is not scheduled yet.

#### September/October

The President's overnighter will be held. A possible mid-week drive on Hwy 1 to Cambria is being considered.

#### Other

A suitable central location for a J.A.G. Show and Shine is being sought. The location used by "Woody's on the Wharf" was suggested.

An overnight to Amador County/Placerville/Mosquito Bridge may be considered.

It is anticipated that J.A.G. can organize a tour of a famous collection in Napa/Sonoma at some point.

# J.A.G. Board Meeting, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## Directors at Large Reports:

### Andy Preston

Andy also reported that his recently purchased 1968 Volvo P1800 is running with some minor quirks.

### Clive Hallatt

Clive was unable to attend due to his travel plans.

### Past President Report

Howard will be returning from Hawaii this week.

### Editor's Report

The JAGazette deadlines will be April 17<sup>th</sup> and May 16<sup>th</sup>. **Action: All**

### Social Media/Website

J.A.G. Members will visit the Rancho Ceilo Classic Restoration Program on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, with other clubs. The tour includes the Classic Car Restoration Program, followed by a BBQ Lunch prepared by the Rancho Ceilo Culinary program.

The Monterey British Car Show 2026 will be held on Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, hosted by the Cypress British Car Club of Monterey. Kristen provided a list of the cars already registered. We are unsure if there will be a Cars and Coffee at Monterey Jaguar. Linda and Kristan will host a post-Pebble Beach Concours open house after the Concours on Sunday.

### Old Business

An additional tier is needed on the Gene Babow trophy. In progress. **Action: Sandor**

Candidates are needed for the vacant Director at Large Position. It was discussed that a younger board member would be beneficial. Suggestions should be submitted to Sandor. **Action: Sandor.**

J.A.G. will not attend the JCNA Mexico AGM, thereby saving \$2500, and J.A.G.'s proxy was sent to Nedra Rummel.

Two changes to the JCNA By-Laws will be submitted for voting at the AGM. Sandor submitted the forms to Nedra Rummel.

A Zoom connection for the AGM general session will be requested. **Action: Sandor**

### New Business

The claim that J.A.G. is the Oldest Jaguar Club in the World was refuted in 2022 but has re-emerged. Les presented his 2022 research. Howard will check with Larry Cook. **Action: Howard**

### Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the J.A.G. Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 4:30 pm via Zoom.

### Adjournment:

The March 2026 J.A.G. Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 5:32 pm. **MSA.**

Respectfully submitted by Les Hamilton, J.A.G. Secretary.

# April Membership Report

Phil Endliss - Membership Director

JAG continues to add new member in 2026 . We now have 205 members including 5 Associates. The efforts of our members referring potential new members is critical to our growth. Continue to use your JAG 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. Let me know if you run out of them and I'll send you more.

## **New member signup**

To join JAG, all you need is a Jaguar and the desire to spend time with others who enjoy socializing while enjoying their Jaguar. Even if you just have a desire to own a Jaguar or lust after one, you can become a Friend of JAG. To join, fill out the application on our website ([www.jags.org](http://www.jags.org)) under the Membership tab. Your dues will provide membership in JAG and JCNA, the North America Jaguar Association, through the end of 2026.

## **Welcome these new members who joined in April**

**Bruce & Christie Campbell of Alamo  
with their 1956 XK140 DHC**

**Mark & Maureen Sanders of Redwood City  
with their 1970 S II E-Type, 1964 Mark II & 2015 XJ8**

## **Anniversaries**

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

Jason Brandt & Romeeta Parag – 1 year

Dan & Cheryl Buringrud – 1 year

Alan Gjedsted – 2 years

John & Kate Hutchinson - 5 years

Robert & Bernice La Mar - 9 years

Richard & Gail Salice – 1 year

Stuart Smedley & Pam Conrad – 4 years

Daniel & Diane Spengel - 4 years

John & Susan Swensson – 10 years

## JAGazette Classifieds

### New and used Jaguar parts. Photos available upon request.

1. 1964 XKE 3.8L head. Milled, Al welded water passages, powder blasted overall. \$1000 or best offer
2. 1964 XKE bell housing and transmission - used. \$400 or best offer.
3. XK120 rear bumpers, pair - new. \$200.
4. XK120 17" steering wheel - used. \$50.
5. XK120 Lucas voltage regulator - new. \$200.
6. XK120 roadster hood window and trim - new. \$50.
7. Oil pump - new. (Welsh part no. C-21765-2). \$100.
8. Set of 5 Dunlop painted wire wheels 6"x16" - used. \$125.

John Gegner 925-254-7377

**For Sale: Lovely 2003 XJ Sport (X308)** Platinum Metallic with Oatmeal Leather Upholstery. Purchased on Bring a Trailer in 12/24. 5k miles added since, currently ~70k. In lovely condition. New rear tires in 2025, and new front tires this year. Recent oil change and alignment. Clean Car Fax. Please reach out if interested. We would love to keep in the family. Jeff Cowan [jeffcowanm3@gmail.com](mailto:jeffcowanm3@gmail.com) for more info and pictures

**For Sale: 1938 SS-Jaguar Drophead +1939 SS-Jaguar Drophead + 1950 Mk V Drophead.** Each car is a time capsule of Jaguar history. Interested? please contact Les Hamilton, [hamiltonl@mac.com](mailto:hamiltonl@mac.com) (408)759-2921

**Wanted:** XK120 Bell Housing from a later model XK120/XK140. Contact Les Hamilton

**For Sale:** 2005 XK Convertible, my wife's daily driver before retirement, 83,000 mi, blue exterior, cream interior, white top, newer tires on 19" rims, car cover, always garaged. \$8,000. Patrick von Merveldt (209) 261-7288



**For Sale:** 1968 E-Type Series 1.5 convertible, 65,327 mi, cream over red leather, black top, Heritage certificate, older restoration (1998), not a show car but a solid driver. \$65,000. Patrick von Merveldt (209) 261-7288



**PARTING OUT** - Extensive project, never completed. 2 -1969 Series II, 2+2. Many new and rebuilt parts, New-windshields, leather seat covers, carpeting, all leather dash and interior parts, many re-chromed parts, etc. etc. etc. Located in Bay Shore, NY. Call Jerry, 631 974 6889

### Editors' Musing: Les Hamilton

#### A warning to Members.

This month, member Christian Rowcliffe updated us on the status of his 2014 XFR 5.0L Supercharged. Christian has owned this car for several years and loves the car. However, he has recently had maintenance issues with the car. Although always maintained by a Jaguar dealership, Christian was dismayed to find that an undetected coolant leak had caused several downstream issues with the supercharger and the lubrication system. Christian found that the injection-molded parts of the cooling system, particularly the thermostat housing, were leaking. This is a common failing of later Jaguar models that requires component replacement, preferably non-plastic. The dealership had not detected this issue on Christian's treasured car, and the leak had caused additional problems.

Members who own later-model cars, including F-Type, F-Pace, E-Pace, XF, and XJ, should be aware of the issue and ensure that the coolant system is checked and the friable parts are replaced at the first sign of failure, or sooner. My own F-Pace and F-Type have both experienced this issue, and parts have been replaced.

#### Another warning

Austin Kilburn alerted me to California State Bill AB 2046, which proposes to legalize E85 Conversion kits in California. Currently using E85 in Flex Fuel vehicles is legitimate. The aftermarket conversion kits enable non-FFV (Flex Fuel) vehicles to use E85 in place of standard gasoline. E85, which is 85% Ethanol, currently costs around 50% of regular gasoline, so this may seem attractive at today's high gas prices, although the lower energy output reduces any savings. E85 is available at about 600 fuel stations in the state. Owners need to be aware that Ethanol can be very harmful to their car's engine, particularly the fuel lines. Ethanol also promotes water accumulation in vehicle fuel tanks, which is highly undesirable. Members are advised to thoroughly research E85 to ensure they do not permanently damage their prized Jaguars before using it.

The new legislation also allows gas stations to sell fuel that contains 15% ethanol and 85% refined petroleum, known in the industry as E15. At present, almost all gasoline in the United States is E10; it contains 10% ethanol and 90% petroleum. Many carmakers have approved E15 for use in their cars [in the past decade](#), but some still recommend against it. EPA has approved it for sale in any 2001 or newer model of car, but [prohibits it from use](#) in cars built prior to 2001. Fuel pumps dispensing E15 are required to include a label stating these restrictions.

#### An anniversary approaches

In June 2016, Jaguar introduced its first SUV, the F-Pace, which is therefore approaching its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the US. Since its introduction, the F-Pace has been popular, has received many upgrades, including the SVR Performance models, and has been joined by the E-Pace and I-Pace (EV). Unfortunately, production has now ended as part of Jaguar's pivot to Electric Vehicles.

Whilst not a traditional sports car, the F-Pace made a great sporty addition to the Jaguar lineup. Happy Anniversary.



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