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The Official Newsletter of the Jaguar Affiliates Group of Michigan

JCNA Awards



Bob Matejek



Phil Crutchfield



Kris Whise



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New JAGM Meeting Location

Membership Meetings

Are held quarterly in

February, May, August and November on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM @ the **Library Sports Pub & Grill**

6363 Haggerty Rd,
West Bloomfield Township, MI



www.librarypub.com

Activities Calendar

Jaguar Affiliates Group of Michigan: 2019 Activities Calendar

	May	June
Meeting Activity	Meeting 8 th —7:00 PM Library Sports Pub & Grill	No Meeting
Outside Activity	Curwood Castle Museum Owosso, MI Saturday, May 18 th Classic Car Nights Meadowbrook Theater May 10 th , 17 th & 31 st	Summer Drive Northern Indiana June 14-17 Classic Car Nights Meadowbrook Theater June 7 th
	July	August
Meeting Activity	No Meeting	Meeting 14 th 7:00 PM Library Sports Pub & Grill
Outside Activity	Mad Dogs & Englishmen Hickory Corners, MI July 6-7 Cars & Coffee St John's, Plymouth, MI July 27 th	Jags on the Bay Bay City, MI Saturday, August 10 th
	September	October
Meeting Activity	No Meeting	No Meeting
Outside Activity	Waterford Hills Race Course Saturday September 28 th Clarkston, MI	

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

Welcome New Members

<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Jaguars Owned</u>	JAGM welcomes our newest members. Please help us extend them a warm welcome.
Bob Forbes	2004 XK8 Convertible 2006 X-Type Sedan	
Jackson Olson	1986 XJ6 Sedan	
Larry and Judith Taunt	1999 XJR Sedan	

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New! Cars & Coffee

Check out the new Cars & Coffee page under the Events Main Menu on JAGM.org. You will find details of Cars & Coffee Events across the state and surrounding areas.



the President's Purr...

Wow, what an incredible turnout!

I can't say enough about the great time I had at the Awards Gathering! The food was great, and the conversations and hospitality even better. I hope you all enjoyed yourself as much as I did. It was great to connect with everyone too - seems like forever for me. I also want to thank all those who arrived early to help setup, as always, you're invaluable to the club. I'm sure the pictures will show the joy that we had. We have some fabulous members and I'm very proud to be in the position to brag about you all!

There are some really great events coming up this summer, so I encourage each and every one of you to register for them as soon as possible so that we can get numbers and keep the momentum going. Let's also help to spread the news of our club so that we can grow in membership and support of new and exciting activities. It's always good to get new ideas! And speaking of new ideas....as you all may be aware,

and very sad for me to say, we have not had any encouraging signs or volunteers step up to support the Concours d'Elegance for this year. We will not be showcasing our Jags in the usual venue or environment, but instead we have had a team of dedicated members who are working on a special alternative to a judged car show. Nothing will truly match the experience of the Concours, but we are hoping this change will be a fun and exciting alternative. More information will be provided as it comes available.

Now that the weather is getting warmer, let's make plans on getting together more often! Check out the JAGM website and signup for some fun times! Remember, Membership Meetings at Library Sports Pub and Grill on Haggerty Road in West Bloomfield – quarterly – Wednesdays – May 8th, August 14th and November 13th.

Until next we meet...

Teresa



JAGM Publications Awarded (See Cover Photos)

JCNA or Jaguar Clubs of North America is somewhat the parent organization for all 65 individual local Clubs in US, Canada and Mexico. They promote competition in Concours, Rally and Slalom, publish the Jaguar Journal, loan Official Jaguar Tools, promote the Jaguar Marque and work with Jaguar Land Rover to the benefit of the membership.

There is also a Special Awards Committee which recognizes deserving members and Clubs. In 2018 the JAGM Website and Webmaster Phil Crutchfield was recognized as the Top Website in North America. That was certainly a nice redesign that was just completed. In the Newsletter judging, Phil Crutchfield was again awarded a first place for his Event article on "Magic in Marshall" in the October

Indicator. Kris Whise was awarded second place in the Photo category for her cover photograph from the 2018 Concours also in the October Indicator. Bob Matejek also received a first place in the Travel Category for the followup article on the UP Summer Drive, in the August Indicator.

JAGM members, you have a lot of good workers and resources keeping the Club going.

Bob Matejek
JCNA Special Awards
Chairman



2019 Awards Gathering



Once again, Lakeside Jaguar hosted JAGM's annual Awards Gathering on April 10th. Unlike the 2018 gathering, which saw relatively low attendance owing to a January blizzard, this year's event was

enjoyed by about 40 members and guests. And, as is typical of JAGM events regardless of the weather, no one left hungry! The food tables were sumptuously arrayed with great tastes and smells.

Speaking of great taste, Awards presenter Jeff Kosko looked resplendent in his tuxedo, adding a touch of elegance to the proceedings.

Particular thanks go to Joe Roeder and the rest of the Lakeside staff, who greeted us and saw to all our needs – the dealership was a great place for us to meet and enjoy this event.

Also, not too surprisingly, a number of awards were presented. Starting with the JAGM **Most Active Member** awards; these went to:

- 1st place - **Louise and Chuck Diamond**
- 2nd place – **Ellie and Gary Hillebrand**
- 3rd place - **Kris and Lionel Sully**

A number of JAGM **Special Recognition Awards** were also presented:

- ♦ A special (think Oscars "Lifetime Achievement") award plaque was presented to **Gary Cunningham** for many years and types of service to JAGM, including his current roles as Secretary of the Board of Directors and Dealer Relations. I believe he al-

so has the largest collection of Jaguars in JAGM.

- ♦ **Bob Matejek** received a special award plaque for the amazing variety of roles he takes on for JAGM, including being the "gold standard" for drive planning, Concours chair, Activities chair, Board member and President, newsletter editor and JAGM rep for JCNA. I believe he also has the largest collection of Corvettes in JAGM.
- ♦ A special award was presented to **Phil Crutchfield** for his transformation of the JAGM website over the past several months. In addition, he's gotten heavily involved in event planning and has joined the Board. Phil seems to be able to fit about 26 hours of work into each day.



- ♦ **Kris Whise and Johnine Bailey** received JAGM appreciation awards for their excellent work (10 years and 5 years, respectively) as Co-editors of The Indicator.
- ♦ **Adam and Sue Guca** received a JAGM appreciation

award for their service over the years, including activities and event planning, banquet planning and Adam's time on the Board.

Finally, several JAGM members received JCNA national awards; these are detailed in Bob Matejek's preceding article.



Note: in the photo at left, the large trophy Jeff is holding is for "1st place Most Active Member," not for "Best Dressed." Maybe we need a new award for that next year...

Congratulations and a huge Thank You to all our award winners.

Gary Hillebrand

2019 Awards Gathering



Feather Bowling at the Bath City Bistro



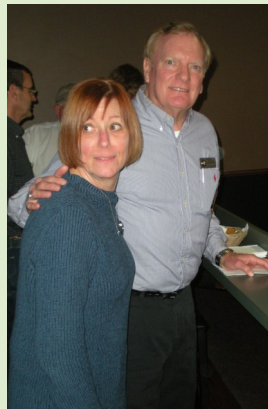
Tom and Johnine Bailey
Event Organizers



This was another fun gathering of JAGM members. Combining the bowling with an in-house meal makes for a more user-friendly event. With the trajectory of each disc as predictable as Michigan weather, you cannot anticipate the



result of any toss. The benefit of this is our increased ability to hold our breath! Put this event on your calendar for next year!



Happy Birthday Bob and Pat!



Mechanics & Body Men by Chuck Diamond

I consider myself lucky – I grew up in a family of “car guys.” By this I mean most of the men (and some women) worked in the car industry. Cars in general were always a topic of discussion at family gatherings. For the most part, my father and uncles were all what was referred to as “white collar workers,” a term I came to associate with “can’t fix crap” (if you or your father are/were a w.c. worker please accept my apology if you’re mechanically inclined - that was just not my experience in my youth).

As a result, every male in my extended family had two men they held in the highest esteem. The first was their “mechanic” and the second was their “body man.” Evidence of their high regard was the fact that their names and telephone numbers were written on the garage wall, a puzzling fact since no one had a phone in their garage back then. Names were frequently crossed out and new ones added; the reasons for this were never fully explained. And, just to convince you of the exalted place held by these men, I was raised Catholic and never once did I see our family priest’s name on our garage wall.

To this day I can picture my father, hood up on the car, scratching his head and saying “guess I better call Joe (or whoever the current mechanic of choice was)” or, looking at rusted rocker panels and saying “better have Fred take care of this.” I loved my father; he had many admirable qualities, but I was determined not to be like him when it came to being fearful of whatever gremlins lurked under the hood of a car. As a result, whenever I wasn’t fooling around with wood I could usually be found across the field at the Johnson’s house. Living there were two friends about my age that shared an affinity for taking things apart and putting them back together (sometimes without any “optional” parts being left over!). So, that’s how my limited mechanical skills developed, although I still keep a name or two on my garage wall for when I get in over my head.

Now, the “Body Man”. Bumping and painting is a skill that defies my understanding and ability; my few



early attempts when income was limited are best described as “dismal.” Wherever I lived I had a favorite body shop nearby that took care of any needs I had. I never had a name on my garage wall though – until now.

That name is TOM SHIPLEY, his phone number is 248-981-8550. Write it down – here’s the story:

First the name – unless you are a fairly new member to JAGM you probably know Tom. He has been a part of our club for as long as I can remember. Tom is and has been a “body man” par excellence since he was a teenager. He specializes in British cars and understands how they come apart and go back together as well as anyone. Don’t think of him for mechanical work though – he can do it but it is not his forte; I’m pretty sure he would refer you to someone else.

I have seen Tom’s work often enough to know that when I had need of those skills he was first on my mind. About 15 years ago I had an incident that required repairs to my bonnet. At the time I was still working, so for the sake of convenience I took the car to the local restoration shop that had painted the car in 2000. Living in a small town, we tended to support each other.

Since I had a friendly relationship with the owner it seemed a logical choice. When I picked the car up I must have been dazzled by the paint work – it was beautiful and I was thrilled to have the car back. What I didn’t immediately notice was a less than perfect bonnet fit. It was proud at the left side of the cowl and when the bonnet closed it hit on the sill. I should mention that when I took the car in I discovered my friend had just begun a short stay with the Dept. of Corrections; it seems the bar we frequented and his home were just a little too far apart – can you spell DUI? Darn! However, the guys that had worked on my car before were still there so I had no concern. I should have taken it back immediately, but I didn’t. It

was the beginning of summer and this shop is not famous for their prompt turn-around time. I decided to wait for the owner’s return as his son and I really didn’t hit it off – he had a dislike for

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Mechanics & Body Men by Chuck Diamond (cont'd from page 7)

foreign cars and only wanted to work on street rods and muscle cars. According to him, his dad "was doing me a favor by working on my car" (a very expensive one, fortunately covered by insurance). By the time the shop owner was back I was involved in selling my hardware store, buying property, and planning the construction of our "retirement home." The Jag was not a priority, so I lived with the crappy fit. At different Concours sometimes I received a legitimate deduction for "poor bonnet fit" and other times I did not, but I knew eventually I'd have to deal with it.

Fast forward to last year's Concours event. The ever-present Judge Tom Shipley and I stopped to chat. I asked him to check out my bonnet fit – he didn't think it was any big deal to repair, but it would involve a bonnet re-paint. Shortly after that I made arrangements to bring him the car at the end of the driving season. One of my better decisions.

Not only is Tom a pleasure to work with, the man is also a perfectionist. When the bonnet was off the car he discovered that a number of inner support panels were showing signs of corrosion. His recommendation was to replace them as he was averse to just painting over them. The replacement panels were a lousy fit – just one more obstacle he was able to overcome. Every step



of the way, whenever a new surprise turned up (and, per Tom, they always do – things like a decayed bonnet wiring harness), Tom insisted we do it right, and I agreed in every case. I cite this to demonstrate the quality of his work and what can be expected from him. If slipshod work is acceptable to you, go somewhere else, you won't get it here. If an area of concern has more than one option for repair he will patiently explain the choices, the pros and cons, detailing the cost differences.

Tom can and will do as much or as little work as you request. In my case he went over the entire car and with a felt tip marker (water-based I hoped) identified all the places where he saw a flaw – this on a car that consistently scored in the mid to high 99+ point range! He has provided me with many photos of his progress so I'm confident the fit and finish will be of the highest quality when he's done. He also keeps meticulous records of his time and materials so you

will have accurate documentation to support the final bill (and insurance companies don't scare him!).

Finally, Tom is a no B.S. kind of guy – he does what he says he will and he does it with integrity. Now that's my kind of "Body Man" and why his name is on my garage wall! Call him if you need him, you won't be sorry. Tell him Chuck sent ya.

Spring Tech Session - Lee Jacobsen's Garage

Initially, the tech session was planned as a Michigan MGT Chapter interlude, how to use a sandblaster. As in all things 'British' the tech session format quickly went off into other directions, with the WDMGC needing a location to change out a driveshaft for member Mike Harris's MGB, who happens to be my neighbor right across the street. We are both busy, and this event gave us a chance to 'catch up'. How is your son

Daniel, last time I saw him he was 12....he's married?, has kids?, you're a Grand Dad?.....How time flies.....}



We did get Mike's driveshaft removed, but a previous owner messed up the universal joint, so a new one will need to be installed, no problem....

The Jaguar club was out in force, with many of their members checking out member Tom Coolman's silver 2004 Vanden

Spring Tech Session - Lee Jacobsen's Garage (cont'd)

Plas, being fine tuned, and a junkyard Jag engine of Tom's that showed the complexity of a Jaguar Aluminum dual overhead cam V8. What a piece of art!

As the host, my job was to make sure we had decent weather, and Mother Nature cooperated, sunny and 68 degrees. As a result, many fine sports cars made a showing in the parking lot. Many thanks to the WDMGC for the donuts and coffee in the AM, and more thanks to my dear wife Karen and daughter Bonnie who provided a great lunchtime break for us all. Also thanks to all who brought many paper towels, they will be used up in no time.....



All in all, many British cars were represented, MG, Jaguar, Morgan, Triumph, Austin Healey, even a Lotus I believe. Some American cars were worked on as well. One attendee, Jerry Daughterly, of the Michigan T chapter, solved two problems that I have been pondering for awhile....both related to 30s Packards, and, with so many folk present, removing a heavy hood from a 1949 Chrysler convertible was a 'piece of cake'.

Thanks to all for coming to the Tech session, for sure we will do another in the near future.

Cheers, Your Belden Garage Host.....Lee Jacobsen.

Curwood Castle Museum

Saturday, May 18, 2019

Take a spring drive to historic Owosso for an afternoon of museums, comradery and a Louisiana Cookhouse dinner.



A guided tour the Steam Railroading Institute, including several historic railcars and the famed PM 1225 locomotive, the one that inspired Disney's movie the Polar Express. **Free. Donations welcome.**



1:00 PM: Curwood Castle Museum

224 Curwood Castle Drive, Owosso, MI
<http://99wfmk.com/curwood-castle-2018/>

Visit the studio of James Oliver Curwood, one of America's foremost authors of adventure novels. The studio is a replica of a Norman Chateau and was completed in 1923. The castle was used by Curwood until his death in 1927. It is now a museum and open to the public. Admission is \$5.00 per adult.

Shiawassee Art Museum

206 Curwood Castle Drive

Visit the Art Museum which showcases the work of regional and national artists in nine galleries, as well as a collection of the impressionist paintings of Frederick Frieseke. **Free. Donations welcome.**



2:30 PM: Steam Railroading Institute

405 South Washington Street
www.michigansteamtrain.com

3:45 PM: Lula's Louisiana Cookhouse

113 S. Washington Street
<http://www.lulascookhouse.com/menu>

Voters Choice "Best BBQ Lansing and Greater Lansing Area, August 2018". Named "Best Fried Chicken in Michigan by MLIVE - Best of Michigan". Tripadvisor "#1 Restaurant". We have the private dining room in the back. Parking: Angled parking along S. Washington, or the parking lot at the corner of W. Main and Washington Streets, or in the large lot behind the Penney's store at Comstock and Park Streets.



RSVP by May 13th via email to webmaster@jagm.org, or 734-347-8747, or on the website event page via the Register button. Please include the number of people participating.

Mad Dogs & Englishmen XXIX—July 6th and 7th

JAGM is planning another popular weekend to the Mad Dogs and Englishmen all British Car Show at the Gilmore Museum in Hickory Corners, MI.

Saturday, July 6th will begin with the customary caravan across mid-Michigan following two lanes and passing through several small towns and villages.

This year's Saturday destination will be the Firekeepers Casino Hotel in Battle Creek. Consequently, we will be taking a **new route** with **new views** and **new stops**. Kris and I will be testing out some roads and setting up the new route over the next couple months. All participants will be provided maps and an itinerary.

JAGM has secured a block of rooms at the Casino Hotel for a reduced rate of \$229. + tax. We will be planning a dinner at the Hotel and an evening of competitive "gaming" at the Casino. If you aren't interested in the gambling, come on out anyway. Casinos typically offer a wide variety of people



watching and entertainment opportunities. Sunday morning we will caravan to the car show; following the show we will begin our return caravan home in the mid-afternoon.

To make your reservation **you can call** directly at 877-352-8777 or make your reservations online at www.firekeeperscasino.com/stay/. **Use the code "070619JAGM" to receive the discount.**

Don't forget to register for the Car Show at <http://www.maddogsandenglishmen.org/mde/registration.cfm>

The car show brochure and mail-in registration form can be found at: <http://www.maddogsandenglishmen.org/mde/images/AutoFaireBrochure.pdf>

Also, please be sure to drop me an email or phone call so we can keep track of who is attending. We will be distributing some info to those who are registered, before the departure date.

Looking forward to seeing you on a new adventure!

Mike Bailey
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or 734-416-3839



Classic Car Nights at Meadow Brook Theatre

Bring your classic car to Meadow Brook Theater for a fun-filled Friday evening where you can show off your "wheels", socialize with fellow car enthusiasts and enjoy some great live theatre!

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

Choose from the shows and dates listed below—be sure to reserve your tickets in advance!

Friday, May 10 & May 17, 2019:
The Marvelous Wonderettes

Friday, May 31 & June 7, 2019:
The It Girl

Visit
JAGM.org
for more
info.

Classic Car arrival: 6:30pm

Doors Open (for seating): 7:30pm

Performance: 8:00pm

Special Offer for Participants

Theatre tickets only \$23 ea. & get one free ticket per classic car!

Contact Group Sales: 248-370-3316

Please make reservations in advance

Meadow Brook Theatre is located on the campus of Oakland University (on the corner of Walton Blvd & Squirrel Rd) RM 207 Wilson Hall—378 Meadow Brook Road—Rochester, MI 48309

MBT attendants will be in the parking lot to keep an eye on the cars during the performance.

June 2019 Summer Drive—Northern Indiana

This is a 3 or 4 day drive into Northern Indiana (see details below) June 14—17, 2019.

On Friday, June 14th, at 9:00 AM we will form a caravan starting from the McDonald's in Whitmore Lake, MI, or you can meet us for lunch at 12:30 PM at JT's in Coldwater, MI, or just drive directly to the Farmstead Inn in Shipshewana, IN.

On Friday evening at 6:00 PM we will experience a thrasher dinner in an Amish farmhouse (\$25 per person, cash only).

On Saturday, we will drive to South Bend and tour the Studebaker National Museum (\$10 - \$15 per person, based on the group size). Lunch will follow at the Tippecanoe Place Restaurant (formerly the Studebaker Mansion). That evening we have dinner theatre tickets for a performance entitled "Hotel California - A Salute to the Eagles" taking us back to 1976 (\$62.95 per person).



On Sunday morning, you can either head home or join us for a 120-mile drive to the Indiana National Dunes Park, located at the bottom of Lake Michigan. This is the newest US National Park. We will have lunch at Wagner's Ribs and then head to the Visitor Center. We will view two short videos to give us an

introduction to the Park. We have planned two drives within the Park, one on the "Dunes & Lake" route (19.7 miles), and the other on the "Downtown & Country Roads" route (27.9 miles). We may make some stops along the way. Dinner will be at the Craft House Restaurant.

We will stay at the Hilton Garden Inn, in Chesterton, IN (\$99 per person plus tax).

Monday, June 17, 2019, head home independently.

RSVP by 4/27/2019. Please indicate:

- The number of people
- Your plans for Friday - plan to caravan, or meet for lunch in Coldwater
- The days you will be participating, Friday - Sunday, or Friday - Monday

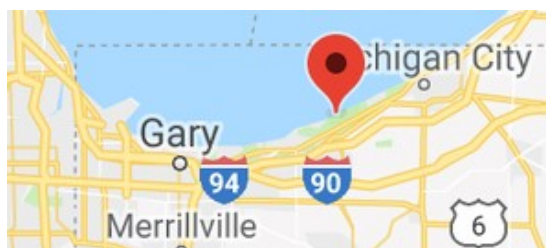
Please send your reservation info to webmaster@jagm.org or call 734-347-8747.

Please mail payment for the dinner/theatre tickets to Phil Crutchfield, 23556 Millwood, South Lyon, MI 48178-1944, no later than April 27, 2019. The tickets are \$62.95 per person, which includes the Saturday evening dinner and the performance with seating in the "blue" section (closer to the stage).

Please call the Farmstead Inn directly at 260.768.4595, by 5/01/2019, to make your reservation for June 14th and 15th. Mention that you are part of **JAGM** for the discounted rate of **\$249.76 for two nights**, including breakfast and taxes. We have a block of 15 rooms on hold.

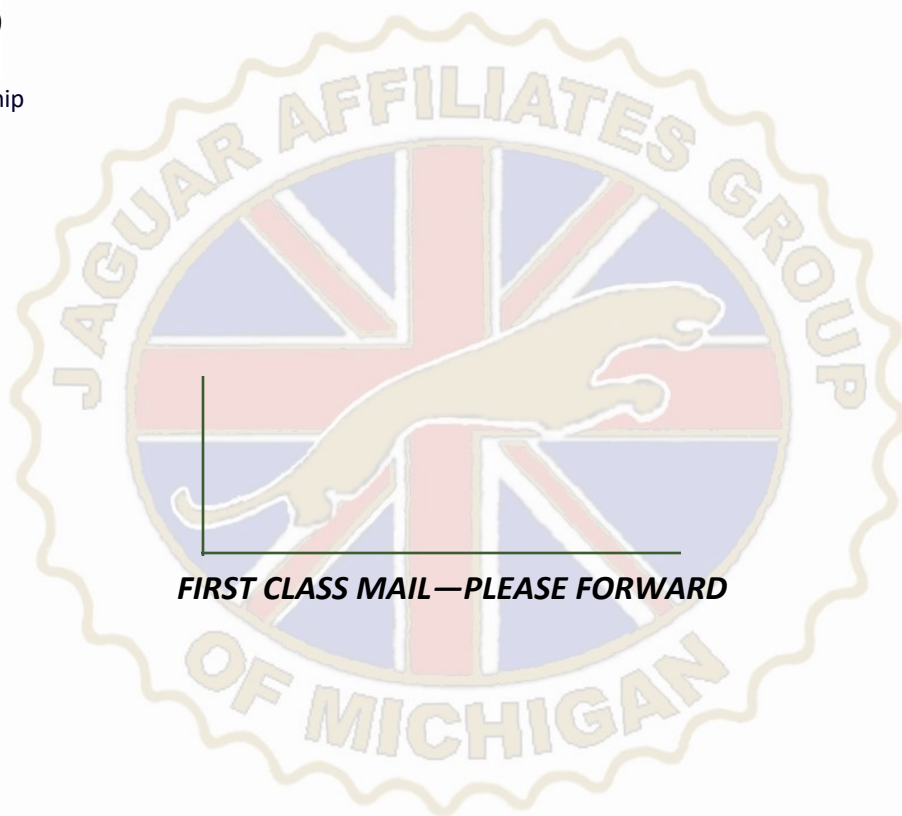
Please call the Hilton Garden Inn directly at 219.983.9500, by 5/01/2019, to make your reservation for June 16th. Mention that you are part of the **Jag Club** for the discounted rate of \$99 per night, breakfast included, plus taxes. We have a block of 10 rooms on hold.

Organizers: Phil Crutchfield and Steven Myerscough





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See You at the Membership Meeting May 8th

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