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Jaguar Troy Grand Reopening** See Page 6

Feather Bowling UPDATE

When: Sunday, March 20th
NEW TIME: 11:30am for Brunch. Bowling starts at 1pm
Cost: \$12 p/p for brunch. \$3 for Mimosas or Bloody Marys. JAGM covers the cost of bowling
Where: Bath City Bistro, 75 Macomb Place, Mt. Clemens, 586-469-0917
www.bathcitybistro.com

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

Please RSVP prior to March 17th. Leave message for Tom Bailey at 734-743-5760 or 313-283-0198

Tipping Point Theatre - 2/6/2022

"The Play That Goes Wrong",
 Tipping Point Theatre, 361 Cady Street,
 Northville MI 48167, 248-347-0003
All patrons must show proof of vaccination and wear masks while in the theatre.

Pick up your tickets (reserved by the 1/10/22 deadline) from Johnine or Tom **between 1:30 and 1:45pm.** Dinner will follow the play at Deadwood Bar and Grill .

Johnine Bailey 734-743-5760
 BLY12770@gmail.com



February Zoom Membership Meeting 2/9/2022 @ 7:00 PM

Watch for an email from webmaster@jagm.org with a web link to connect to the meeting.

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Activities Calendar

	February	March	April
Meeting Activity	Zoom Membership Meeting February 9 th @ 7:00 PM	No Meeting	Zoom Membership meeting April 13 th @ 7:00 PM
Outside Activity	Tipping Point Theatre Deadwood Bar and Grill Northville, MI Sunday, February 6 th	Charity Auction/Awards Banquet Lee's Garage, Livonia, MI Saturday, March 12 th	Selfridge Military Air Museum River Rat Restaurant Harrison Twp, MI Date TBD
		Brunch/Feather Bowling Bath City Bistro, Mt Clemens, MI Sunday, March 20 th	Dinner/Jags & Java (Sharpe)/Lunch Grand Rapids, MI Postponed

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



the President's Purr...

Need to spread that Valentine's Day Love!

Ahhh February... Is there any better time to show our love to one another? Ummm...yes actually...like when we didn't have COVID to worry about. How sweet it will be to get back to normal and kick Love into gear. Feels like I've built up a stockpile of hugs that are just bursting to be set free. For now though, I'm sure we're better off staying safe, knowing that someday, somehow, hugs will make a triumphant return.

All is not lost, however. Another way to show some Love for our JAGM family, is to be more active by joining other club members at the monthly membership meetings, either on Zoom or at Brass Pointe. And take part at some of the exciting events we have coming up to show appreciation to those who work diligently to bring you such fun and different events.

Happy Valentine's Day everyone! Raincheck on the hugs for now!

Until next we meet...

Teresa



Welcome New Members

<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Jaguars Owned</u>
Gerry Bryce	
Patrick & Gerry Mason	
Joe & Sue Dogariu	2007 XK Convertible 2021 F-Pace SUV
Rick & Lynda Mammel	1960 MK II Sedan 1948 MK IV DHC

JAGM welcomes our newest members. Please help us extend them a warm welcome.

2022 JAGM Membership Renewal

*Membership Application **DEADLINE** December 31st, 2021*

Please PRINT Legibly

Name(s) _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

1st Email _____ 2nd Email _____

Jaguar(s) Owned (please PRINT legibly additional cars on back of this form or add another page—if no changes please write 'same')

Year

Model

Body Style

Color

I hereby make application to renew my membership, in the Jaguar Affiliates Group of Michigan, a non-profit Corporation. With this renewal, I agree to abide by the bylaws of the corporation. Attached I am enclosing my check in the amount of **\$65.00, payable to JAGM.** (\$65.00 amount includes \$40.00 for JCNA membership dues)

Signature _____ Date _____

Send your application and check to: Pauline Blunt, Membership Director, 4715 Bell Oak Road, Williamston, MI 48895

Or renew your membership online at jagm.org/membership.

In our Garage—Replacing XK8 Convertible Top Hydraulic Hoses

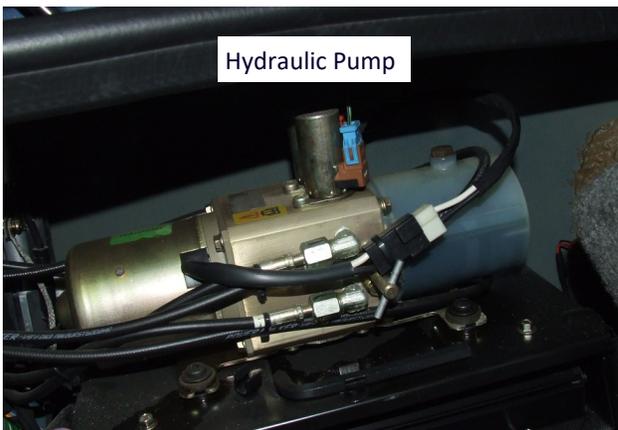
This story starts in Marysville, Michigan, on a JAGM drive to the Wills Sainte Claire Museum. A group of us had just arrived at the museum on a 90+ degree August day and for those of us with convertibles, it was time to put the tops up so we could tour the museum. This time, the “hood” on Steve Myers-cough’s XK8 powered up into place as normal, but it would not latch to the windshield header. After a few tries and some sweaty contortions and attempts to manually assist the process, Steve resorted to following the owners manual instructions to manually close the latch, using an allen wrench stored in the boot.

After driving home with the top up (and A/C on!), Steve looked into the issue and found that the fluid in the hydraulic pump reservoir was below the normal level. The low fluid level suggested a leak somewhere in the system. As many of us XK8 owners know, a common place for the hoses to fail is inside the windshield header near the latch. That failure location often results in an unpleasant event known as a “Green Shower.” Luckily, Steve’s car hadn’t treated him to that experience; he and I decided to work together to find the leak and replace the hoses.

The pump and reservoir are located in the boot, behind the trim on the passenger side of the car. From there, two sets of hydraulic hoses go forward; a shorter set that feed the hydraulic rams that power the top up

and down, and a longer set that feed the latch in the windshield header. Steve had already consulted

with Mark Griffith (who had done the hose replacement on his own XK8) and decided that he would replace all the hoses, regardless of where the leak was found. He ordered the full set from Top Hydraulics, in Florence, Oregon.



We started by systematically removing the trim to access the hoses, from the rear of the car toward the front. After removing the boot trim, we moved into the interior, starting with the rear seat, the rear quarter trim and rear speakers. With those out of the way, the root cause became apparent. One of the front latch hoses had abraded through at a location where a plastic tie strap was installed, probably not according to the original design and routing. On the floor pan under the rear seat there was quite a mess of hydraulic fluid along with lots of little pieces of deteriorated plastic coating from the hoses themselves.

Continuing toward the front, we then removed the center console (a YouTube video was helpful here), the driver’s seat and carpet, the rocker sill and A-pillar trim, and finally the windshield header trim and the upper console. That gained us visual access to the entire length of the hoses.

To disconnect the front hoses from the latch at the header, we had to drop the steel latch support, which was attached with 13 torx-head screws. Most



of these screws had been overtorqued such that we stripped the heads trying to remove them. This meant a trip to the hardware store for some Easy-Outs (not all that easy, really!) and replacement screws.

We installed and routed the new hoses from the front, as we were removing the old ones. The hose ends came labelled from Top Hydraulic, but we found the latch labels a bit confusing. They were labeled

In Our Garage (cont'd)

“Top” and “Bottom”, but the latch orientation is horizontal and the two connections are at equal heights. Again, a YouTube video proved helpful to sort this out.

Typically with jobs like this, the reassembly goes much faster than the disassembly; that was certainly the case here. We were working outside, in my driveway since the weather was nice and sunny, if a bit cool. Of course, along the way it started to rain so we had to button things up enough to move the car into the garage (this didn't include reinstalling the driver's seat, so Steve was sitting on the floor to drive!).



With the longer front latch hoses routed and attached back to the pump, we next removed and replaced the shorter hoses to the two hydraulic rams that power the top up and down. They were much easier, since the rear seat and quarter trim was already out of the way. Now it was time to fill the system with hydraulic fluid and test the operation.

Steve cycled the top up and down a few times – the top would raise and lower all the way, but the latch wouldn't pull it down to the header! After a couple hours of head-scratching, we found a Jaguar Forums post that traced a similar problem to a broken electrical connection to one of the hydraulic pump solenoids. We found that we had damaged one of the solenoids on Steve's pump during the several times we had to maneuver the pump into and out of its place behind the wheelhouse in the boot. We removed the

solenoid and Steve looked into replacing it. He would have had to order it from Great Britain at great expense and delay, so he repaired it with some solder, glue, and a tie strap. With the “new” solenoid, the top was back to its full function again.

We reinstalled all the interior and boot trim without further drama (except for one vanished screw and at least one more rain-induced drive into and out of the garage). We didn't keep track of our time working on the project, but I would guess we totaled around 20-25 man-hours. Benefits? We learned a lot about the car and how it works, had a lot of laughs along the way (often at ourselves!) and saved at least a thousand dollars in labor charges.

Gary Hillebrand

JAGM Awards Banquet/Charity Auction

The **JAGM Awards Banquet** will be held at Lee Jacobsen's garage at 12224 Belden Ct, Livonia on March 12th, 2022 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. We will also be holding our annual Charity Auction to benefit “Homes for our Troops” at the Awards Banquet.

You can help to make the auction a success by looking for the following types of items that you can donate to be auctioned off:

- Car parts
- Automotive Art
- Club Shirts
- Car Models
- Food
- Puzzles
- Books
- Decorations
- Photographs
- Cleaning Supplies
- Mystery Boxes

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

We will have box lunches for this event.

Please RSVP by March 7 at the events page at www.jagm.org. Payment of \$10 for each box lunch must be made by credit/debit card at the time you make your reservation. There will be a \$3 convenience fee per transaction.



JCNA/JAGM at JLR Troy Grand Reopening

On January 10, about 200 brave souls wended their way to the Jaguar Land Rover dealership in Troy, Michigan. The purpose of such an excursion in sub-freezing winter temperatures? A Grand Reopening of the JLR Troy facility, including the largest JLR showroom in the US and one of the largest service departments.

The primary attendees to this invitation only event were from JLR USA, JLR of Troy (including many Suburban Collection employees), a well-heeled gathering of retail customers, and about 30 members of JCNA and/or JAGM.¹ Three of our members (Gary Cunningham, Chuck Diamond and Dave Wathen) had the privilege to display the following cars in the new showroom:

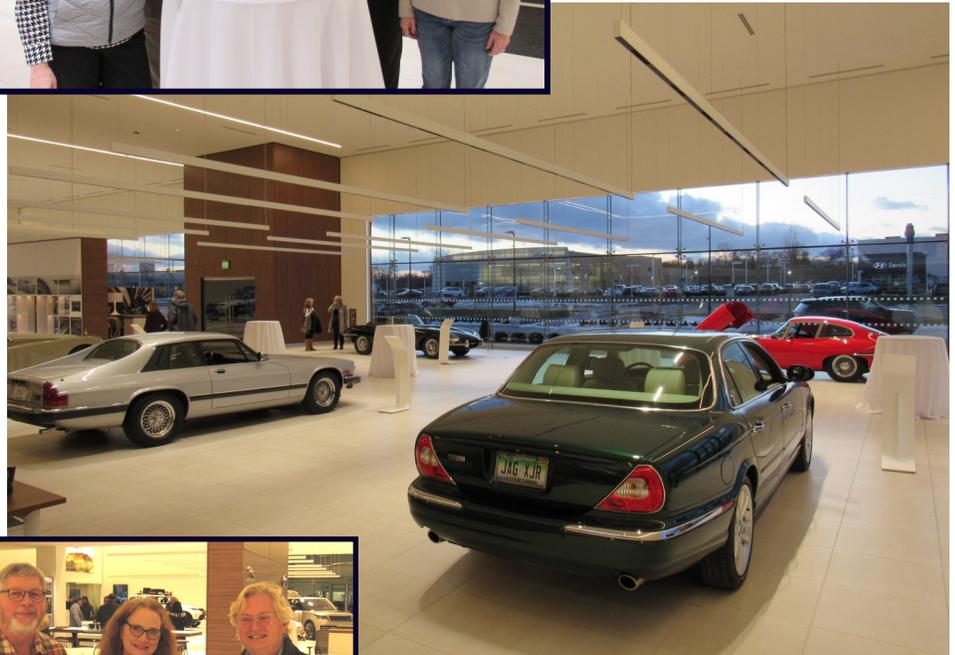
- 1953 Jaguar XK120 OTS
- 1966 Jaguar E-Type OTS
- 1970 Jaguar E-Type FHC
- 1990 Jaguar XJS V12 Coupe
- 2004 Jaguar XKR 4.2 Supercharged

Our hosts that evening were David Fischer, Jr, Adamm Davis, and Brian Cupler (the owner of the Suburban Collection, general manager and sales manager of JLR of Troy). They plied us with liberal doses of heavy appetizers and an open bar of our favorite libations. They even served us exotic desserts and hand-crafted cappuccinos and espressos.

But the star of the show? That was an exquisite example of the all-new Range Rover in Batumi Gold (a beautiful silver/

gold metallic paint) and a black leather interior. The new vehicle has generated so much excitement that the dealership has already taken orders from 141 customers and anticipates selling 30 more as a result of the grand reopening event. That is for a vehicle that will not be delivered for another six months!

The evening was also a great example of the buzz and syn-



ergy created when the club and the dealerships get together to throw a party. When it was all said and done, the old Jaguar advertising motto still rang true: Grace...

Space... Pace. And so did the current one: The Art of Performance.

The next time you visit JLR of Troy, please thank them for a wonderful evening of Jaguars and Range Rovers (and the friendships we have acquired along the way driving those vehicles).

by Gary Cunningham

¹Even the new President of JCNA, John Boswell, came flying into town to join us for the festivities.

Classified Ads

Parts Wanted: I am looking for an original radio for my '64 E-type 3.8. Perhaps someone has upgraded to a modern sound system and would like to sell the old one. I'm also looking for an original oil pressure gauge in any condition.

Call or text Al at 248-622-3300

For Sale :- Barb McMenamin is selling Mike's collection of twenty seven 1:24 model cars. Most are Franklin Mint. 1st picture has 1938 Alvis Speedster, 1930 Duesenberg J Derham Tourster, and 1952 Jag XK120. 2nd picture has James Bond Aston Martin DB5, 1933 Duesenberg Twenty Grand, and 1961 Jag XKE Coupe. 3rd picture has 1956 T-Bird, 1934 Packard, and 1965 Corvette Mako Shark. Cars come with original boxes and paperwork.



Please contact my son in law, John Buller, for pricing, details, and additional photos at



mcmjagxke@gmail.com or 248.420.9990.

For Sale: One Vredestein Sprint Classic 185 HR 15 tire. It was a spare tire and never used. Older, but would make a great spare. Well stored. **\$50.00 OBO Dayton 15" Standard, curly hub, chrome wire wheel** that was used as a spare and never driven. Stainless steel spokes. Looks new. **Price Reduced \$275.00 OBO**



All of these would fit an E-Type or MK2 Jaguar.

Contact Mike at 734-416-3839 or jaguarinterests00@yahoo.com.



For Sale: 1961 XK150 SE Drophead Coupe

The car has a 3.8 liter engine (10:1) with twin carbs. This is a beautiful car with blue over blue leather. Has been repainted - minor rust on vent door. It is a matching numbers car and the body and undercarriage are in excellent condition. Chrome wire wheels and new top. The interior needs replacing. The car has always been garaged. The car was purchased by my father in 1966. 98k miles. Located in Dearborn, MI

Call or text Ian at 313-414-9808 for appointment to view.

For Free: Four wheels with Pirelli tires for XJ6. Good shape.



Call Paul 734-646-5591

For Sale: Set of four 60 spoke wire wheels and whitewall tires from a 1957 Jaguar XK150. Wheels have been professionally restored with a gray powder coat as they were originally. Great Splines. Tires are like new Columbia Deluxe 4 Ply 6.00-16. All in excellent road ready condition.

Price Reduced \$1200 OBO
734-883-4717 frayer@charter.net



Membership Meeting — 1/12/2022

Our first in-person membership meeting for 2022 took place on Wednesday, January 12 at the Brass Pointe Restaurant, in Farmington Hills. We had two new members in attendance, Josiah LaColla and Pete Conway, who crossed over the Detroit River to be with us.

After dinner the discussion turned to our 2022 event calendar, Josiah's 1993 XJS and Pete's XK 120 project. Pete is looking for resources for body panel repair, paint and interior and assembly work. The majority of the mechanical work has been done previously.

A good time was had by all.

Phil Crutchfield



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