

The Official Newsletter of the Jaguar Affiliates Group of Michigan



### Dick Harms - A Man and His Machines



In Dick Harms' passing, we lost another great Club member and quite a character at the same time. Dick was involved in a car accident on July 9th returning from the JAGM trip to Mad Dogs and Englishmen and quietly succumbed to his injuries from the accident the morning of September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Dick's love of Jaguar's was started when an XK120 flew past him in the early 1950's. That got him into an XK120 of his own in 1952.

In 1954, he moved into a new XK140MC which became his favorite and most successful race car. He

raced over a good portion of the country, meeting all the stars of racing and collecting memorabilia from many factory teams. Dick owned four more lags (1961 E-Type, XK140 MC, 1963 E-Type & XK140 MC) before picking up his dream car in 1957, the last of five XKSS replicas produced under a license from Jaguar by LR Roadster in Surrey, England.

The XKSS was his pride and joy. This car has been on display in several museums and is heading to the Automotive Heritage Museum this winter. He was always a winner at car shows because of limited competitors and it was always a crowd favorite.

His eighth Jaguar was his 2014 F-Type, with a license plate FNLRIDE (Final Ride). It was the first F-Type delivered in the state of Michigan. He loved that car and was always afraid to take it out and get it dirty or wet. He did return to his old days when he took his F-Type to the Mid-Ohio Race Course to take part in a High-Performance Driving School. Old habits are hard to break.

Dick ninth Jaguar was an X-Type, an all-season car to preserve the F-Type.

As a professional, Dick worked for GM Assembly, mostly in Labor Relations for the UAW side. He had some rough years as a young adult, but eventually turned around his "rough" side and became a true gentleman. On one occasion, he asked Paul Blunt's permission to take Pauline for a ride in his car. That's old school or old-world charm.

Dick's love of cars, racing and the sport in general may have hurt him in his marriages. He had four wives, one of whom raced his car with him, and set several track records. He remained very good friends with a couple of them as well. He is survived by his son Kurt and his step-son and daughter.

He worked to support the Lighthouse Charity and his Lutheran Church. Anyone who can claim to be a friend of and to Dick will have had their life improved by him. He loved everyone and he is the last of that generation of old world charm. We will all deeply miss him.

Thanks to Bob Matejek and Gary Cunningham for sharing this with us.



JAN LAMMERS (NL) WINNER: 1988 LEMANS, DAYTONA 24 HR. PALM BEACH, MIP-OHIO/JAGUARXJR-9 WORLD/IMSA CHAMPION SHIPS





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### From the Behind the Wheel

Hello Everyone,

Our Club is looking for a few good people. Actually, maybe just one person. Nominations for Club President and Board Members are due in October so they can be published in the November newsletter and ballots prepared for voting. The results will be announced at the Christmas Party in December.

As far as I know, most all the Board Members are returning (but more are always welcome). What the Club needs is a candidate for President.

I assumed this office again after the untimely loss of Paul. I will not be running for a new term for 2018. That would be my sixth stint and I think there is an obscure JAGM rule about how many times one's name can appear on the President's Cup.

Our Club thrives because there has been a constant infusion of new ideas and energy brought in by people assuming a leadership role. Often this is a Board Member, sometimes a President, many times just a volunteer. Without an active organizational group, the Club will fizzle.

Below, I have included an outline of the Presidential Duties. Don't be overwhelmed by the list. Most of these tasks are things to keep track of and not perform. Please note there are no gender requirements. Not all past presidents have been men and we have some very capable women in our Club that would be great leaders. Also, there are no time requirements; as long as you are a member, you can be a candidate.

For 2018, a presidential candidate would have a "Dream Team" to work with:

- Topping the roster is the Newsletter Editor, Kris Whise. This function touches every member every month. It is the voice and historical record of the Club. Little to supervise here; just get your monthly article in on time!
- Bob Matejek has volunteered to be Concours Chairperson for 2018. This is the Club's premier event of the year and Bob has secured a venue and program already.

 Our veteran Chief Judge, Tom Bailey, maintains the Concours' Judging team with updates and certifications.



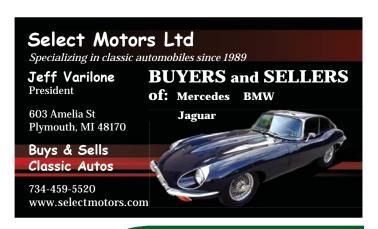
- Keeping track of members has been taken by Pauline Blunt; this is ongoing and important if we are to know who's who and where they are.
- JAGM is on very solid financial ground. Keeping track of this is long time Treasurer Tim Moore.
- Our Club Scribe is Gary Cunningham who also keeps a hand on the five Michigan Jaguar dealerships.
- Rounding out the Board are veteran Members
   Adam Gucfa (Vice-President), Gene Lapko (Vice President, Western MI), Teresa Klotz (librarian),
   Jeff Kosko, and Chuck Mueller. Beyond these
   members, Johnine Bailey works as Indicator
   co-editor and Wendy Mueller manages the raffle
   activities at the monthly meetings.

Whew! This is where all the works gets done! And the Pres gets all the credit! What more could one ask for??????

Bonuses: Presidential business cards, Presidential email address (President@ JAGM.org) and your name on this Way Cool trophy!

So, I'm asking for someone to step up. Give it some consideration.

Thanks, Mike Bailey, President JAGM.



# 2017 Fall Color Tour



Saturday October 14, 2017 Time: 11:45AM

The day begins, and ends, in COLDWATER, Michigan. We will meet for lunch at the **BROADWAY BAR AND GRILL**, (19 S. Monroe Street 49036) in downtown

Gene Lapko Coldwater at 11:45 am. There is ample parking on the street or in the municipal lot around the block on Hanchett Street.

After lunch we will walk across the street and around the block to a scheduled 1:00pm guided tour of the



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Built in 1882, it is the second oldest opera house in Michigan. The TIBBIT has recently enjoyed an exterior restoration while the beautiful interior restoration continues. The tour is "FREE" but donations are welcome and encouraged.

Following the tour we will drive into the southern Michigan countryside for a "FREE" singularly unique stop and experience. The drive will take approximately an hour and will return to COLDWATER where our day will conclude with a stop at the NORTH WOODS COFFEE COMPANY, 34 W. Chicago Street, where we will

have a great choice of **ICE CREAM**, coffee, pies, cookies and/or light sandwiches.

Please RSVP <u>BY</u> Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> to Karen Lapko @ 810. 334. 4421 or eklapko@hotmail.com

PS. We have checked the box for "GOOD WEATHER" on the tour application form...

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### **Brighton to London Run**

Date: Sunday, November 5, 2017

Time: 1:00PM - 3:00PM

Start: Cabela's

110 Cabelas Blvd E, Dundee, MI 48131

Finish: Brighton MI

This run is the longest running motoring event in the world. The first run was held in 1896 and it's taken place most years since its 1927 revival. To qualify, the

cars must have been built before 1905. The run takes place on the first Sunday in November, which this year, would be November 5.



Originally it ran from Hyde Park, London and finished in Brighton, a distance of 54 miles. It was called "The Emancipation Run" as it celebrated recently passed laws allowing cars to travel above 2 to 4 MPH, all

the way up to I4 MPH and not need a flagman running ahead of the cars. This is not considered a race. You were successful if you finished before 4:30 PM after starting out at sunrise. The fastest time in



1896 was 3:45 for an average speed of 13.91 MPH.

We will have our own recreation this year. You don't need a really old car. Having a Jaguar is already your handicap. London MI (or London Twp.) is located near Monroe MI. We will meet at the Cabela's in Dundee and drive through London. Don't blink because there isn't much there. We will travel two-lane roads to possibly Hell MI then on to Brighton. We'll average somewhat faster than 14 MPH, even stopping for lunch along the way. Come to celebrate this 121-year anniversary of the event and spend some time with your friends as the driving season winds down. Our route will be about 68 miles and will take almost 2 hours of driving time. For additional info, call Bob Matejek at 248.650.8755.

Credit to Wikipedia for the facts and images of the historical run.

# **October Meeting Speaker**

JAGM member Mark Griffith has built a Lotus I I replica car. Come to the October meeting to hear Mark describe his "Lotus Journey" and see images of the progress through his presentation.



but representative images of what he has built...





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### 2017 Golden Jubilee ~ 50th Anniversary Concours d'Elegance

Well, we did it! We pulled it off! Our 50th Anniversary Concours d'Elegance is now history.

Fifty years – half a century – I wonder if our founding members ever thought the club would be active this long. I suppose that there are numerous car clubs that are just as dedicated to their marque as we are; however, I have observed something these last few months since we have been organizing our Concours – our dedication seems to be not just to the marque, but to each other. Relying on each other, forming new friendships, pitching in, working together to support one another – getting the job done. This year, more than in any other that I've been Concours Chair. I have witnessed this in action.

Fortunately, the basic groundwork for the Concours was in place when I inherited the job – now all I had to do was solicit some help. To say this was an easy thing to do is an understatement! As I approached people for key jobs the response was always an immediate YES! Suddenly, I had a large pool of members that were anxious to be part of our 50th Anniversary Concours and the best part, with minor exception, is they already knew their job. If you were closely associated with the Concours you know who these people are; if not, I would like to give them the recognition they richly deserve:

Advance Registration: Pauline Blunt; Concours Registration: Pauline, Ilene Harris, & Lauren Ruiter; Hospitality & Coffee Hostess: Jonnie Bailey; JAGM Canopy: Sue Gufca, Karen Lapko, Steve Graff; Tabulation: Louise Diamond & Darlene Stevenson (an 11th hour draftee); Display Field Lay-out & Parking Attendants: Jack Valentine & Peter Pleitner; Our Uber driver/Runner: Teresa Klotz: Silent Auction & 50-50: Sue Gufca, Louise Diamond, & Jackie Bolick; Our "Rose Lady": Patti Valentine; Bob Matejek for preparing our awards presentation "slide show"; Chief Judge: Tom Bailey (a bigger job than most of you realize) & his crew of Judges. And, as I mentioned at the Banquet, three people that deserve a huge amount of credit for the success of this year's event. First is Kris Whise whose behind the scenes activity & communication skills keep the

whole event organized & on schedule. Second is Gary Cunningham our Secretary & Dealer Relations person – the generous donation he secured from Erhard Jaguar will ensure our final accounting is "in the black". FYI, Gary "only" brought five cars to the Concours – there should be a special award for that! And of course, my wife Louise – I'm not admitting how much help she was –all I'll say is we make a good team –Thank you, Dear. And, Thank You to any others I may have neglected to mention: your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Finally, the biggest Thank You of all goes to the members & guests that entered their beautiful cars; our field of 5 I cars was one of the finest in recent memory. We owe our success to your participation. In my humble opinion every Jaguar, regardless of model or condition, is a beautiful machine and deserves to be on the show field. I would like to encourage all of our members that were not able to participate this year to mark their calendar for next year – August 25,2018. Bob Matejek, next year's Concours Chair, has given some of us a preview of what's to come. I for one can hardly wait - it's going to be great!

Chuck Diamond, 2017 Concours Chair



# 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concours d'Elegance ~ continued



### 50th Anniversary Concours d'Elegance ~ continued



FROM THE BENCH: My thanks and appreciation go out to our Judges: Mike Bailey, Pauline Blunt, Gary Cunningham, Chuck Diamond, Adam Gucfa, Rod Lindoo, Mattie Majors, Bob Matejek, Tim Moore, Wayne Schultz, Tom Shipley, Bob Stevenson and Don Swanson; our Scorers: Louise Diamond and Darlene Stevenson; and our

Uber Runner, Teresa Klotz. Congratulations to Tim Moore, who is now a Certified JCNA Judge.

All of our training and preparation were utilized in judging a field of very well prepared Jaguars, presented by very enthusiastic entrants. As a club, we should be very proud of our dedicated team of Concours Judges and Scorers, who, I believe represent the best in JCNA.



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### 50th Anniversary Concours d'Elegance ~ continued





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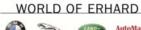
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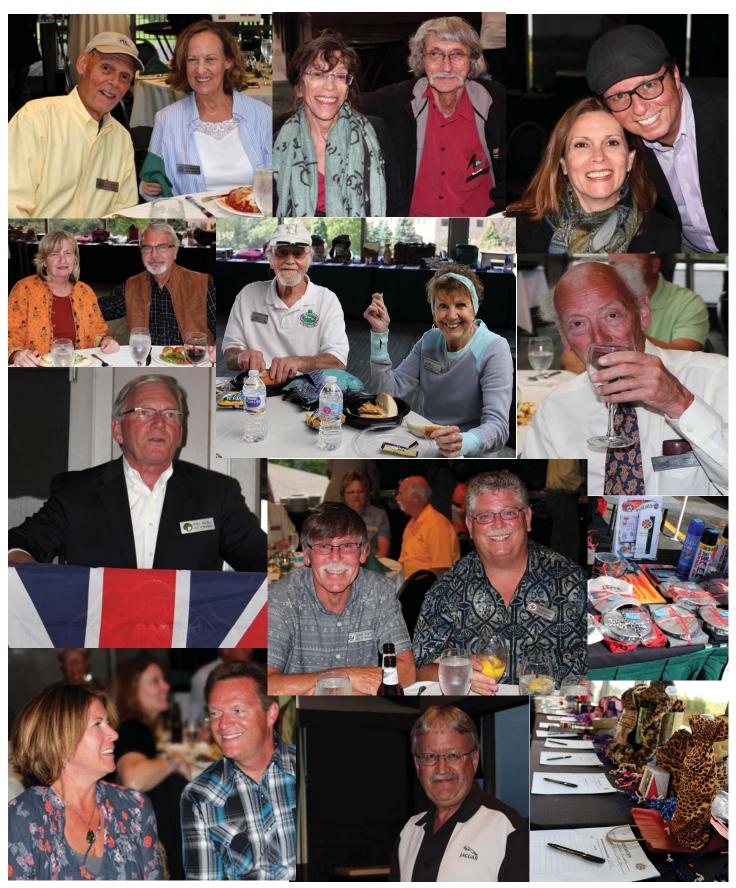


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# 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concours d'Elegance ~ continued



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### 2017 Concours d'Elegance Scores

ICNA Class D12/I8

~ Championship Class ~							
JCNA Class C5/E1							
Robert & Kathleen Reid	99.66	1965 E-Type					
JCNA Class C6/E2	00.70	1070 F T					
Chuck & Louise Diamond Rodney & Rebecca Lindoo	99.79 99.20	/ 1					
James & Carolyn Ricca	98.25						
JCNA Class C11/J8		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,					
James Kraft & Steven Graff	99.99	2008 XJ					
JCNA Class C12/JS							
Bob & Pat Matejek	98.60	1991 XJS					
JCNA Class C15/XK	100.00	)					
Allan & Carol Lingelbach Rick & Lauren Ruiter		) 2014 XKR-S ) 2008 XKR					
	100.00	) 2006 ARK					
JCNA Class C20/F Chris & Tracy Kailan	99.88	2014 F-Type					
~ Driven	Class a	,. _					
JCNA Class SI/PD	Ciass						
Mike & Deb Korneli	9.997	1949 XK120					
JCNA Class S3/REP Dick Harms	9.941	1957 XKSS-REP					
JCNA Class DI/PRE							
Jack & Patricia Valentine	9.986	1954 XK120SE					
JCNA Class D2/E1							
Peter Pleitner & Cynthia	0.701	10/F F T					
Haywood	9.781	1965 E-Type					
JCNA Class D3/E2 Gary Cunningham	9917	1969 E-Type					
JCNA Class D6/XJ	,,,,,	1707 2 1700					
Chris & Grizelda Holbrook	9.807	1984 XJ6 VDP					
JCNA Class D8/XJS							
Gary Cunningham	9.926	1990 XJS					
JCNA Class D9/XJS	0.070	1004 \/(10					
Robert & Patricia Kersten Adam & Susan Gucfa	9.979	1994 XJS 1994 XJS					
JCNA Class D10/K8	7.707	1771790					
Mike Meyer	9.996	2001 XK8					
Pat & Sue Geary		2006 XK8					
Lionel & Kris Sully	9.975	1998 XK8					
Peter Gilbert & Sherry Bom	9.964	2004 XK8					

### ~ Driven Class (continued)~

Jeith Class Diz/Jo		
Gary Cunningham	9.992	2000 XJ8 VDP
JCNA Class D13/SX		
Gary Cunningham	9.994	2001 S-Type
JCNA Class D14/FJ		
Gary Cunningham	9.987	2014 XF
Anton & Shirley Pintar	9.985	2013 XF
~ Displa	ay ~	
Mike Bailey & Kris Whise	0.000	1953 XK120
Gene & Karen Lapko	0.000	2000 XK8
Phil & Helene Crutchfield	0.000	2007 X-Type
Jeffery & Jacqueline Parko	0.000	1952 XK120M
Teresa Klotz	0.000	2001 XK8
Thomas & Johnine Bailey	0.000	1965 E-Type
Richard Balser & Julie McMae	0.000	2007 XKR
Randy & Anita Bernstein	0.000	2004 XJR
Pauline Blunt	0.000	2002 XK8
Steven Tye	0.000	1937 SS100REP

### ~ People's Choice Award ~

Bruce & Laura Schofield 0.000 1957 XK140



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## 2017 Christmas Party

Date: Sunday, December 3, 2017

Time: 1:00PM - 3:00PM

Canterbury Village www.canterburyvillage.com 2369 Joslyn Ct, Lake Orion, MI 48360

Canterbury Village, 3 miles off I-75, on Joslyn Road in Lake Orion, is a little old-world village filled with shops and a wonderful restaurant named the Old Irish Pub.

Our JAGM 2017 Christmas Party will take place on Sunday, December 3rd, from 1:00PM to 3:00PM, at the Old Irish Pub.

All are invited to attend for a Christmas banquet held in the informal rooms, up the stairs from the Pub.

Canterbury Village shops will be open that day (to complete your Christmas shopping) from I I:00AM to 5:00PM. So, plan your day to include some shopping fun in the unique shops of the Canterbury Village.

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**FOR SALE:** 2006 X-Type, White with tan leather interior: 40K miles on 3.0L engine; Car located in Holland, MI

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### **Activities Calendar**

	October	November	December	January
Meeting Activity	Meeting - Speaker I I <sup>th</sup> 7:00PM Archie's, Livonia	Charity Auction 8 <sup>th</sup> 7:00PM Archie's, Livonia	No Meeting	No Meeting
Outside Activity	Fall Color Tour Coldwater MI Saturday I4 <sup>th</sup> See Page 4	London to Brighton Run MI Style - Fall Drive Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Party Canterbury Village Lake Orion, MI Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Awards Gathering Friday 12th 2018
	February	March	April	May
Meeting Activity	Meeting 14 <sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM	Meeting 14 <sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM	Meeting I I <sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM	Meeting 9 <sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM
Outside Activity	Tipping Point Theatre Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Feather Bowling Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	T.B.D.	T.B.D.



## See You at the October 11th Meeting

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