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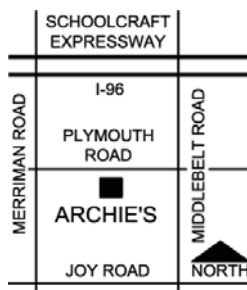
## JAGM Meetings

### Membership Meetings

are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday  
of the month  
from 7:00PM –  
9:00PM

### @ Archie's Restaurant

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NO Meetings:  
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## From the President

First a confession. I may have exaggerated a little at the end of the last article. When I said my next car was a Porsche it was not badged as such. But it was designed by Ferdinand Porsche!

It was 1976 and I had just bought my first house. It cost me the princely sum of £12,000 (about \$24,000 at the time). I thought I would pay forever and be working until I was 90 to pay it off. While I had the house I could not afford anything to put in it! There was a blanket across the bedroom window, one chair and an old monochrome TV some good friends had given me. The kitchen had a large eat-in area but this too was empty. The significance of this will come later.

A friend had an old VW beetle that had failed its MoT test because the floor plan was rotting away. Since he could not keep it on the street without tax he asked if he could park it on my driveway – it too was empty. I agreed.

Meanwhile another friend owned a 1970 VW beetle which his wife drove (badly) most of the time. She eventually blew the motor by dropping a valve in number 3 cylinder. If you know the VW flat four, air cooled engine this was not unusual. The engine has a central fan driven from the crankshaft that blows air directed over the cylinders. Unfortunately there is an oil cooler mounted so that it interrupts the flow of air to the third cylinder. Dropping valves was the result if you did not take care of the engine. He did not want the car anymore and did not want to pay to have it repaired. So now I had two cars, one with good bodywork but a dead engine and one with a good engine but rotting bodywork. You know what is coming. I decided to take the engine from the old car and marry



President Paul Blunt



## From the President, *continued*

it to the transmission on the new one. There had been changes to the engine in between these two models, mainly a conversion from 6V to 12V so I decided to completely strip and rebuild the older engine converting it to 12V along the way. It was winter and cold so I decided I would use the empty eating area mentioned earlier to carry out the work. A great plan I thought.

Life chooses many strange moments to teach you lessons. I re0-built the engine over a few weeks in the comfort and warmth of my own home. But I was about to learn lesson 1. If you know the VW engine it is wide, as it is a flat four, and high as it has a large cooling fan mounted on top. When it came time to put the engine back in the newer car I found out it would not fit through the door! Should have checked that. I had to take all the cooling ducts and fan back off to get it out and re-assemble again in the cold outside.

Eventually it was back in the car and everything was hooked up. Just need to start it now. It cranked fine but would not start. We even towed it on another vehicle to bump start it without success. I checked plugs, points, firing order, fuel, everything but still it would not start. Lesson number 2 was coming up. In frustration I shouted "the only thing we have not changed is the petrol". So we drained the tank and put in fresh petrol. It started first

time. Never try to start a newly built engine on old petrol. I later learned from a friend that I probably did not need to drain the tank. If I had just added a fresh gallon it would almost certainly have worked.

I drove that car for many miles and it never failed again. It was just what I was looking for. While the performance was terrible and the heating a joke it was at least reliable. I could go on a journey with a reasonable expectation of arriving. The heating is bad by the way because the air is taken from the cooling fan, over an exhaust heat exchanger and into the car. Since the fan speed is crankshaft speed dependent your heating also depended on engine speed. On the freeway it would cause serious burns on your ankle and around town you froze. But I loved that car and still have a soft spot for VW Beetles to this day.

The summer is here and lots of JAGM events have started. Join in and enjoy cruising with good friends. Hope to see you at an event soon.

Blunt, Paul Blunt

The advertisement features a close-up image of the front of a classic white car with a prominent chrome grille and round headlights. The text "OLD IRON AUTO SERVICE" is prominently displayed at the top. Below it, the tagline "I COME TO YOU AND YOUR GARAGE" is written. The contact information for Jon Slawson, Jaguar Owner, is provided, including his address at 2105 Robinwood, Toledo, Ohio 43620, his phone number 419.350.4346, and his email Toledo5@live.com. The service area is listed as "Servicing Michigan and Ohio".

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The advertisement features a close-up image of a classic car engine with various components like the carburetor and distributor visible. The text "BRITISH MOTOR WORKS" is prominently displayed at the top. Below it, the name "MATTHEW NOLD" and phone number "(810) 629-9220" are listed, along with the email "MDN@Charter.net". The services offered are "All Things Mechanical, Electrical & Fabrication" for "Jaguar\*Triumph\*Austin Healey\*Morgan and More...".

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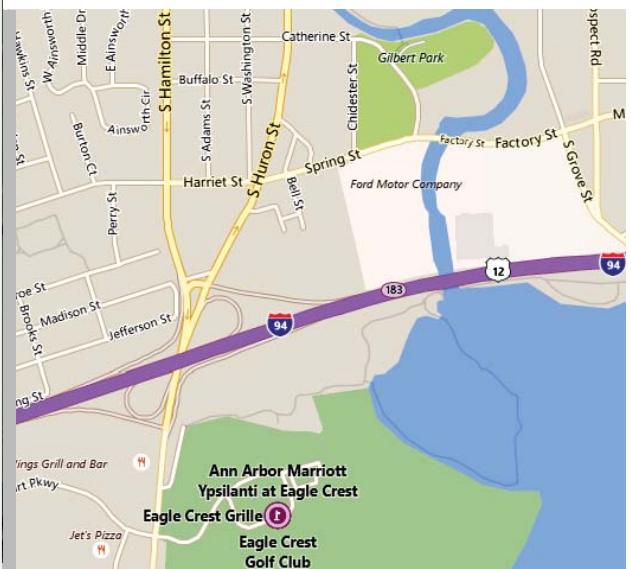
Jaguar Affiliates Group of Michigan  
invites you to join us at our 50<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**Concours d'Elegance**  
**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2017**

The 50<sup>th</sup> annual JAGM Concours, Golden Jubilee Edition, will be held this year at the *Eagle Crest Hotel and Golf Resort*, 1275 S. Huron Street, Ypsilanti, MI 48197. JAGM's most prestigious event, the JCNA-sanctioned Concours d'Elegance, will be held at this newly renovated hotel and golf course. Overlooking Ford Lake and nestled among 135 acres of championship golf, this premier Ann Arbor, Michigan area hotel offers a tranquil park setting and resort-style amenities.

**Come and join the fun!**

Join us and show your pride in the marque whether you have a classic, or a brand new F-Type. There will be formal judged events in both Championship and Driven JCNA classes. Prefer not to be judged? No problem. Come and join in the display class, where everyone can admire your car without the work!

A hospitality suite will be available during the Concours for respite from the sunny weather. Bottled water will be available, however the Hotel does not permit outside food or drink to be brought in. **Lunch may be purchased in the hotel restaurant.** The Awards Banquet will start at 6:00 PM in the Golf Course Clubhouse. A buffet meal, with cash bar, will be followed by the Awards presentations .





# Jaguar Affiliates Group of Michigan 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Concours d'Elegance Event Details

## Host Hotel

Our host hotel this year will be the **Eagle Crest Hotel and Golf Resort** in Ypsilanti.

1275 S. Huron Street, Ypsilanti, MI 48197, USA

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<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/dtwys-ann-arbor-marriott-ypsilanti-at-eagle-crest/?scid=bb1a189a-fec3-4d19-a255-54ba596febe2>



A block of rooms is reserved for JAGM members. Room rate will be \$129 per night. Please call the hotel direct and **mention 'Jaguar Club'** when making your reservation. *This is very important as they do monitor how many of our rooms we book!* Please be careful of third party web sites that may not recognize the special rates. A reserved parking area, trailer parking and car washing facilities will all be available.

Also Available:

Access to championship golf course

Access to indoor swimming pool

Access to fitness center

## Join Us for Friday Night Hospitality

A hospitality reception will be held on the hotel patio, behind the restaurant at 6:00PM. An internal room will be provided in case of inclement weather. Come and meet friends old and new. Light snacks will be provided and bar service will be available. (*Sorry, no personal food or drink allowed.*)

## Concours d'Elegance Schedule

09:00AM Event site (hotel parking lot) opens for entrants

11:00AM Rags down

11:00AM—12:30PM Judges Luncheon Meeting

12:00PM Judging begins—participants in Championship and Driven classes must be at their cars

04:00PM Expected release of cars by Chief Judge

06:00PM Awards buffet at the Eagle Crest Golf Clubhouse

Name	
Partner Name	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
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JCNA Affiliation	
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## Registration Form

Jaguar Affiliates Group of Michigan  
 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Concoors d'Elegance  
 Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2017

Concoors d'Elegance entries are open to all Jaguar Owners. Entries in all *Championship Division* classes and all *Driven Division* classes are judged according to JCNA rules approved for the current year.

For information on classes see: <http://www.jcna.com/concoors> and select *Appendix D — Concoors Classes*

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR CLASSES CAREFULLY**

**ALL Championship and Driven class entries must be received by August 25<sup>th</sup> 2017**

### Registration Fees:

- ♦ Championship Division: \$50 ♦ Driven Division: \$50 ♦ Additional Car, either division: \$45 ♦ Display: \$25
- ♦ Display registration will be accepted on the day of show until 11:00AM for \$30.
- ♦ If you are not a JCNA member we are required to charge a \$5 insurance fee.

Year	Model	Body Style	Color	Class	Fee
					\$
					\$
					\$
					\$
Total Entry Fees					\$

**Mail completed form, together with check or money order (payable to Jaguar Affiliates Group of Michigan), for total amount to:**

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 c/o Pauline Blunt  
 4715 Bell Oak Road, Williamston, MI 48895 USA

	Qty.	
Awards Buffet (\$50 per person)		\$
Non-JCNA Member Insurance Fee		\$
<b>Total Enclosed</b>		\$

### Release of Liability

JCNA event participation: It is an entrant's privilege to participate in any JCNA sanctioned event held by any JCNA affiliate upon executing proper registration forms and paying published entrance fees. Each affiliate shall be solely responsible for granting entry privileges to each entrant on an individual basis.

I hereby agree to enter the above described Jaguar(s) in the JAGM Concoors d'Elegance. In consideration of the right and privilege to enter and participate and other valuable consideration, and intending to be legally bound, I agree to release the Jaguar Clubs of North America (JCNA), Jaguar Affiliates Group of Michigan (JAGM) and the Concoors d'Elegance committee from any and all liability for injuries, damage or loss arising from my entry and attendance in the Concoors d'Elegance.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Jaguar Owner*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

Questions, comments or concerns? Contact Concoors Chairman Chuck Diamond at [ConcoorsChair@jagm.org](mailto:ConcoorsChair@jagm.org) or call (810) 688-4168



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The tour of Cell Block 7 at Jackson Prison last month was interesting, informative and a little bit creepy. More than a few of the Prison's administrative types have been killed there over the years.

Our guide led us thru the prisoner receiving area, to their cells, told us about prisoner life which is heavily based on rewards for good behavior, the work and crafts programs and a special prisoner who made a brief escape by helicopter.

There was one cell that contained notes left by visitors and former inmates. In it were many messages acknowledging that crime does not pay along with some who expressed appreciation for those who helped straighten them out. Fifteen club members showed up for the Cell Block 7 tour; I'm sure all of us left after the tour / presentation was over... well pretty sure..

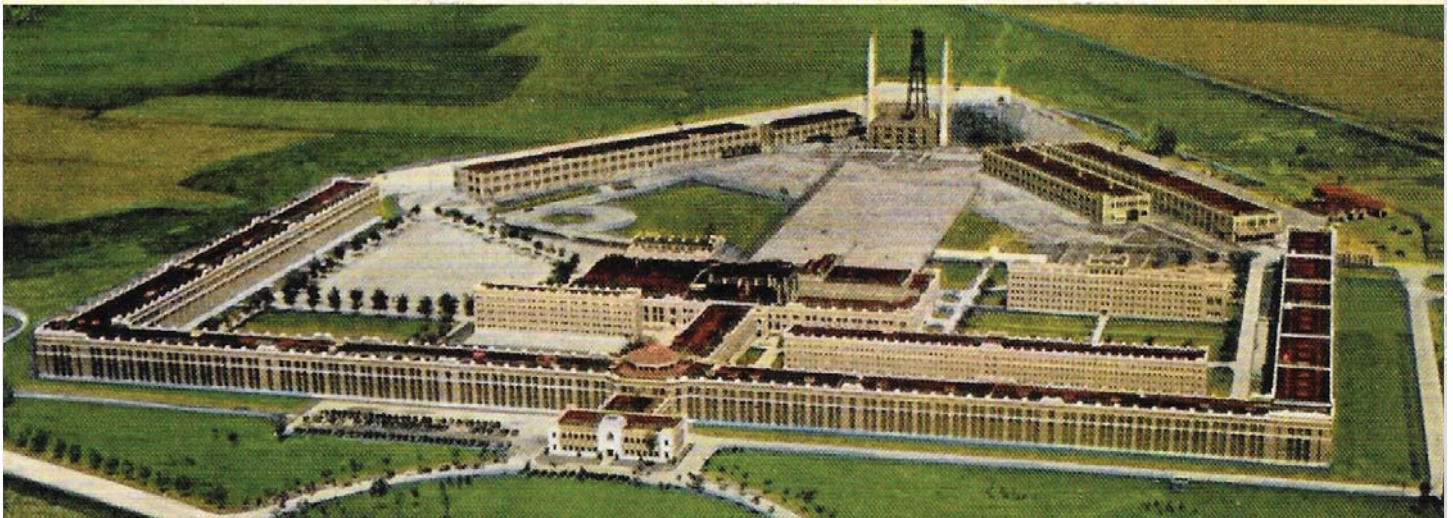
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## Oh What a Summer Drive!

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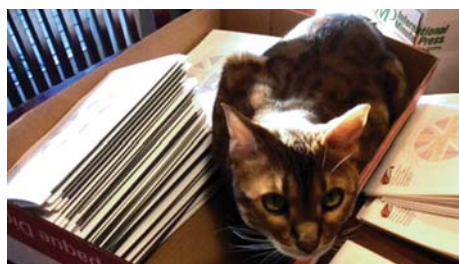
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## Activities Calendar

	July	August	September	October
Meeting Activity	Meeting 12 <sup>th</sup> 7:00PM Archie's, Livonia	Meeting 9 <sup>th</sup> 7:00PM Archie's, Livonia	No Meeting	Meeting 11 <sup>th</sup> 7:00PM Archie's, Livonia
Outside Activity	Caravan to Hickory Corners and Mad Dogs & Englishmen Auto Faire Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	T.B.D.	Concours d'Elegance Ypsilanti, MI Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mueller's Apple of your Eye Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> Linden, MI	T.B.D.
	November	December	January	February
Meeting Activity	Charity Auction 8 <sup>th</sup> 7:00PM Archie's, Livonia	T.B.D.	T.B.D.	T.B.D.



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