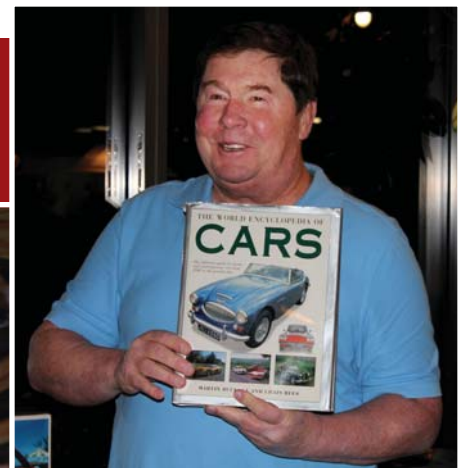


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2019 Membership Renewal Due December 31st 2018

JAGM Membership Form

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1st Email: _____ 2nd Email: _____

Jaguar(s) Owned: (please PRINT legibly additional cars on the back of this form or add another page ~ if no changes, please just 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** \$30.00 for JCNA membership dues)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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



the President's Purr...

Happy Holidays everyone!

I hope your Thanksgiving was filled with special times and lots of good food. And that the precious time spent with family and friends fills another page in your memory books including lots of traditions, food and expressions of being thankful for life's blessings.

For me and my family, since we are a very large bunch, starting with my 5 brothers and 5 sisters, 15 nieces and nephews, and I may have lost count on the number of great nieces and nephews, we rent a hall every other year. And even that venue is starting to get too small. The numbers keep growing, along with all the wonderful memories!

In the spirit of Thanks, I'd like to thank you all for continuing to be such a big part of the JAGM club. Without each one of you, and the encouragement with all the volunteers, great ideas for activities, and best of all the contributions that you've made to this inviting family, who knows where we would be right now. Looking into the new year, I'm excited about all the new and different events and ideas that await...

like the Chicago Train Ride, possible meeting venue change, the impressively growing website, and joining with other car clubs for fun opportunities.

And in the spirit of Giving, I'd like to make a special request. JAGM is family to me, and I'm sure it is to others in the group. But there are some members who we haven't seen in quite some time at meetings or activities, and some who I personally haven't heard from in a while. Let's try to reach out to them in some way, letting them know they are missed.

I'm looking forward to the year ahead, as we've had some new members join, and increased enthusiasm for many of the exciting activities planned. As always, we welcome new members, new ideas, and new leaders for activities or Board of Directors. It's a way to get more involved and helps to keep the club strong and energized.

And of course, I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Until next we meet... Teresa



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Train Trip to Chicago - Friday 1/18 to Monday 1/21 2019

The details of the trip are slowly coming together and with a lot of difficulties.

Amtrak Train Service:

We will be taking the Amtrak Wolverine Service # 353 to Chicago. That service starts in Pontiac, moves through Detroit and west to Battle Creek and to Chicago.

You can see all the stops and station times on the documents that will be attached to the electronic Indicator.

The train leaves Pontiac at 10:00 AM, Detroit at 10:45, Ann Arbor at 11:32, Kalamazoo at 1:31 and arrives at Chicago Union Station at 3:05 PM.

The return will be on the Wolverine Service # 352. The train leaves Chicago Union Station at 1:25 PM, Arrives at Kalamazoo at 4:32, Ann Arbor at 6:34, Detroit at 7:33 and Pontiac at 8:32 PM.

You will have to book your own train tickets on line. The website is www.amtrak.com/home.html. I stopped into the Pontiac train station to check things out and ask a few questions, but there is no one there to discuss train travel at all.

The cost of round trip train travel is about \$100 per person, about the same cost of gas for the round trip in your car. There are a few economy rates left, getting in under \$100 from the end of the line in Pontiac. Seniors over 65 get 10% or so reduced rates. The Amtrak website is not very straight forward. Prepare for a little bit of frustration.

There are other trains running around Michigan. They will not meet up with our Wolverine Service and their times are significantly different. There is a cafe on board with sandwiches, snacks and beverages but feel free to bring your own. There is Wifi on-board. I will board in Pontiac and will see if we can get a bunch of seats saved for the others who will board later. If you can't make it for Friday thru Monday, you can book just the days that you can travel.

Lodging

We will be staying at the **Hilton Garden Inn**, 10 E. Grand Ave, Chicago, on the corner of Grand and State Streets and next to the Grand Station. It is just three blocks to the Magnificent Mile known for fine shopping and historic buildings. I was not able to establish a block of rooms without paying for them myself. A 1K room is about \$88 per night and 2Q is about \$97. Tax and fees adds about \$15 to \$18 per night. The hotel has a great location and very good customer ratings. **You need to call and make your own reservations.** A phone number for central reservations is 855-850-0554.

I am still trying to figure out the easiest way to travel between Union Station and our Hotel. I will have a plan before we get there. You may want to make sure that you have an Uber and/or Lyft account ready to go before we get there. We may have activities together and we may all go our separate directions. I will look into the Theater and Sports schedules and have more info for you later.

Please let me know once you have booked your hotel room and bought your train ticket. Let me know what train station you will be boarding and departing. I will establish a texting group so we can all stay informed even while moving.

Bob Matejek

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REMINDER

The JAGM Awards Gathering has been moved to Spring 2019 and will NOT be in January.

The 2019 event is being moved in order to work closer with one of our dealership sponsors, have better weather for driving our Jags to the gathering, and encouraging more members to attend.

Please see future **Indicators** and check out the Events page of our website (www.JAGM.org) for current details and dates.

'Tis the Season...

For Sharing the Holiday Spirit with Good Friends!

**RSVP BY
12.5.18**

When: Wednesday, December 12th, 2018

RSVP: Monday, December 5, 2018

To Gary Cunningham 248.470.4000

ghcunningham@comcast.net

Time: 6:00PM - 8:45PM

Where: Jaguar Farmington Hills
38200 Grand River
Farmington Hills, MI 48335

Cost: **ONE Unwrapped** child's gift or gift card
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JAGM Auction Results

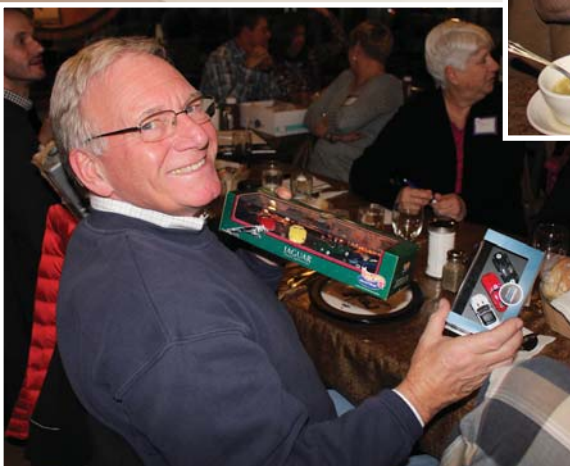


23 generous club members brought in models and puzzles and books, and stuffed toys and car parts and cigars and a "mystery basket" and... well, you get the idea - So Many Items!

Special thanks to Jeff Kosko for "purchasing" the revolving auction item "hubcap". This item is returned each year and re-"purchased" simply as a contribution to the charity. It is usually the most expensive donation of the night, and that was true again this year. Thank you Jeff for your generosity!

The other 22 members most certainly **ALSO** brought their check books. Our auction raised \$1076.00 and that money will be donated to the "Homes for our Troops" organization.

A big **THANK YOU** to all who contributed!!!



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Road Trip to the International Jaguar Festival in California

The IJF was in Santa Barbara, CA on the first weekend in November. Not one to miss a chance for a trip, I drove there and back. I was the only one from the NC Region to attend. The other 5 regions had higher attendance. I left the Detroit area on Wednesday, October 17 and drove across the northern part of the country, south on the Pacific Coast Highway to Santa Barbara and then Returned on Old Route 66 arriving home on Friday, Nov 16.

I was surprised to see 80 mph speed limits in SD and WY. The 2018 Corvette GS didn't mind. The link below is to a Flickr photo account where I posted my daily photographs from my travels and stops. You may care to view some of the sights from the trip. I took over 1300 photos and posted about 750. They are shown on 8 pages so can be viewed quickly.

The *IJF Concours* was on the hotel lawn under the palm trees with the beach and ocean right across the street. There was a nice selection of beautiful Jaguar cars represented. The rally was on some very winding mountainside roads ending up at a winery. We were close but didn't win. The Slalom was on an airport parking apron and I was the fastest car on the course that day.



<https://www.flickr.com/photos/131947224@N08/>

Stops along the way were:

- ✓ Lou Mitchell's Restaurant in Chicago, the official eastern end of Route 66
- ✓ The Harley Davidson Museum, Milwaukee, WI
- ✓ House on the Rock, Spring Green, WI
- ✓ John Deere Museum, Waterloo, Iowa
- ✓ Pioneer Auto Show and Prairie Town, Murdo, SD
- ✓ Sturgis, South Dakota
- ✓ Mount Rushmore, Keystone, SD
- ✓ Crazy Horse Monument, Custer, SD
- ✓ Devils Tower, Hulett, WY
- ✓ Yellowstone National. Park, WY

- ✓ Jackson Hole, WY
- ✓ Redwood National Forest, Crescent City, CA
- ✓ Golden Gate Bridge & Lombard St. San Francisco, CA
- ✓ Winchester Mystery House, San Jose, CA
- ✓ Pacific Coast Highway, CA
- ✓ Hearst Castle, San Simeon, CA
- ✓ The Peterson Museum, Los Angeles, CA
- ✓ IJF in Santa Barbara, CA
- ✓ Sequoia National Forest, CA
- ✓ Drove Angeles Crest Hwy, Rt 2, CA
- ✓ Santa Monica Pier CA, the western end of Route 66
- ✓ Return on Route 66
- ✓ San Bernardo and Barstow, CA
- ✓ Kingman, Flagstaff, and Winslow, AZ
- ✓ Side trip to the Grand Canyon
- ✓ Side trip to the big Meteor Crater
- ✓ Side trip to the Petrified National Forest and Painted Desert
- ✓ Albuquerque and Santa Fe, NM
- ✓ Amarillo, TX
- ✓ Oklahoma City and Tulsa, OK
- ✓ Springfield and St. Louis, MO
- ✓ stopped for the Budweiser tours and the St. Louis Arch
- ✓ Springfield and Chicago, IL
- ✓ Back to Lou Mitchell's Restaurant for a completion dinner

The trip took 8500 miles lasting 31 days. It was truly a great trip.

I got home a day of two early because Winter Storm Avery chased me home all the way from Texas. I had to keep moving to stay ahead of it and I almost accomplished it.

Historic Route 66 has moved around over the years. Some of it and the relics from the past are still there. Others have to be sought out. In some places a 2-lane county road follows the interstate and it is marked State Route 66. Other places you really need a map and person navigating to find the next section and artifacts along the way. In some places the road is long gone.

Bob Matejek

Activities Calendar

	December	January 2019	February 2019	March 2019
Meeting Activity	No Meeting	T.B.D.	T.B.D.	T.B.D.
Outside Activity	Holiday Party Wednesday 12 th See Page 4 for Details	Chicago Train Trip January 18-21 Genetti's Murder Mystery Saturday January 26	Tipping Point Theatre ???	Feather Bowling ???

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

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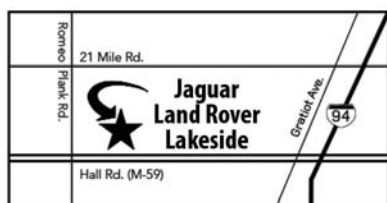
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Time for A Change

As noted in Teresa's Presidential "Purr", things are changing in our club for next year.

This December issue will be my last newsletter publication. I have enjoyed preparing the *Indicator* for many years, but it is "time for a change".

I want to extend a sincere **Thank You** to all who have contributed with photos, articles and encouragement. I couldn't have prepared the *Indicator* without your help!

A VERY special Thanks goes to **Johnine Bailey** for being my "CO-" in recent years. She has helped immensely with page layouts, organization and finding my typos and grammatical gaffs. The quality and professionalism of the newsletter was enhanced and apparent, with her very first issue.

I am very happy to introduce your new **Indicator** Editors: **Ellie & Gary Hillebrand!**

Ellie and Gary are already active members of the



club, and have now graciously volunteered to become JAGM's new Co-Editors. Their first issue will be January 2019; I

look forward to their fresh enthusiasm and spirited ideas. **Please** continue sending your photos, articles, humor and suggestions to jagmeditor@yahoo.com **Please** show them the support and encouragement you have provided me.

Thank you,
Kris Whise

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