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Yea it's May!

Time to wake up those sleeping "Cats"...



...and Let them PROWL!

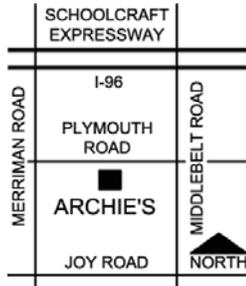
JAGM Meetings

Membership Meetings

are held on the **2nd Wednesday** of the month from **7:00PM – 9:00PM**

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May 10th Meeting Speaker

Former 60's Jaguar Apprentice and JAGM Member, **J. Martin Rowell** will be the guest speaker at the May 10th membership meeting.

Martin last spoke to us a few years ago and provided a personal insight into the life and times of working at Browns Lane during that fascinating era.

Background: Martin Rowell is a member of IMechE and SAE, and although retired since Jan. 1, 2005, maintains an interest in the ITS and Automotive industries. He trained as an Engineer with Jaguar Cars, in Coventry and received a BS Degree in Automotive Engineering in 1961. From the UK he moved in 1967 to Germany, first with Jaguar, later joining Continental-Teves. Martin's interest and activities continued to expand and grow. In 2003, he was awarded the SAE-Delco ITS Prize.

To get the "Full Story" attend the May 10th meeting, and "**Meet the Man!**"

Gary Hershoren



It is with great sadness we share the loss of long time JAGM member Gary Hershoren.

Gary was a member of the JAGM since 1985; he was a past President and a very active member.

Gary was a generous, caring man, and someone who you could talk to and know that he was really listening. His sense of humor and quick smile made him a fast friend to anyone fortunate enough to meet him. Gary was also a fun and interesting guy. All who knew him have a "Gary Story" to share.

We have lost a good friend and he will truly be missed!

From the President

... it worked for John Cooper and Colin Chapman so it must be good!

Next on my list of great British cars that I owned was a 1965 Hillman Imp. I had significantly raised my budget to €120 (about \$200) and saw this car at auction. It was powered by the famed Coventry Climax engine.

This engine was designed as an aluminum fire water pump (by an ex-Jaguar employee) but its power attracted attention from Colin Chapman and Cyril Kieft (who had Stirling Moss as a F3 driver). The first Coventry Climax racing engine appeared at the 1954 24 Hours of Le Mans in the front of one of two Kieft 1100 sports racers, but both cars (one with an MG engine) failed to finish the race due to problems unrelated to the engines. 2.5-litre version of the FPF arrived in 1959 that Jack Brabham was able to win the world championship in a Cooper-Climax. At the same time, the company produced the FWE engine for Lotus Elite and this enjoyed considerable success in sports car racing, with a series of class wins at the Le Mans events in the early 1960s.

In 1961, there was a new 1.5-litre formula and the FPF engine was given a new lease on life, although the company began work on a V8 engine, designated the FWMV, and this began winning races in 1962 with Jim Clark. There were a total of 22 Grand Prix victories before 1966 with cross plane, flat plane, two- and four-valve versions of the FWMV. When the new, 3-litre, formula was introduced, Coventry Climax decided not to build engines for the new formula and withdrew from racing after the unsuccessful FWMW project, with the exception of the new 2-Litre version of the FWMV.

Also in the early 1960s, Coventry Climax was approached by Rootes to mass-produce FWMAs for use in a compact family car project called Apex with an all-aluminum alloy overhead cam engine combined with a full-synchromesh aluminum transaxle. This combination was considered very radical at the time, especially the synchromesh on all forward gears,

which had been declared 'impossible' by Alec Issigonis of BMC Mini fame. The adoption to mass-production was successful, and the project came out to the market as the 875cc Hillman Imp totaling over 400,000 units made by 1976 including the later 998cc version.



President Paul Blunt

With that pedigree it had to be a great car, right? It was probably the most unreliable car I have ever owned! I have no pictures of my car but I have found some shots of the same year and color car.



To fit in the bodywork the engine was tilted over at a crazy angle! It was fun to drive when it was going! The battery died driving back from the auction. It was an omen.

Every journey in this car was an exciting challenge. Would it actually make it? The full story next month.

Enjoy spring and the start of the driving season.

Blunt, Paul Blunt

May 21st - Spring Dust Off Activity



This year's **Spring Dust Off** begins with lunch at **11:30AM** at the **Filling Station** in Comstock Park (just north of Grand Rapids on M37). The menu

is "American Diner" - burgers, fries, onion rings, and Mexican presented in an automotive themed setting that reflects local auto memorabilia and history. Prices are reasonable and there is plenty of parking.



Following lunch we will embark on a ten minute drive to northeast Grand Rapids and the renowned **Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park**. Admission is \$ 10 per person. There is opportunity for both an indoor guided tour (\$1.00 per person) and an outdoor guided tour by tram (\$4.00 per person). *Or, you can explore on your own - for free!!* Both tours take about 45 minutes. All in attendance are invited to take one or both of the tours. If we can muster 10 riders for the tram we will be seated first and from a favored boarding location to minimize walking. The world class sculptures and many of the gardens are included in the tram tour.



The property is quite stunning but hugely expensive. The recommendation here is to take the tram tour which is on reserve for us for 1:30PM. There is an attractive cafe on site for those wishing to refresh themselves with a cool drink, coffee or a cold brew.

Our last stop of the day will be a 15 minute drive to the **Pump House** in beautiful downtown Rockford, MI. This quaint shop offers you the opportunity to personally create your own frozen yogurt masterpiece. There is a multitude of flavors, toppings, cones and/or cups to choose from to craft your personal treat. In addition to the frozen yogurt the Pump House offers fresh baked cookies and coffee.



This JAGM - West event is open to all JAGM members. Drive whatever you fancy on the day of the drive.

Please RSVP no later than Friday, May, 19th to eklapko@hotmail.com or (810) 334-4421

Thanks!! C U at the Filling Station!
Karen & Gene Lapko - JAGM West

Filling Station:

4750 Alpine Ave NW, Comstock Park, MI 49321
(616) 784-6706

Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park

1000 E Beltline Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525
(616) 957-1580

www.meijergardens.org

The Pump House

30 N Main St, Rockford, MI 49341
(616) 951-7261

www.pumpjoy.com

Mueller Annual Steak Fry - June 3rd, 2017

Where: Mueller's Apple Orchard

6036 Lobdell Road, Linden, MI 48451

Time: 1:00 PM

RSVP: by Friday May 26, 2017

Email: mueller1939@gmail.com
or call Chuck or Wendy 810-735-7676

Muellers will supply a couple type of meats, and the grills.

Please bring your own flatware, drinks and your favorite "dish to pass".

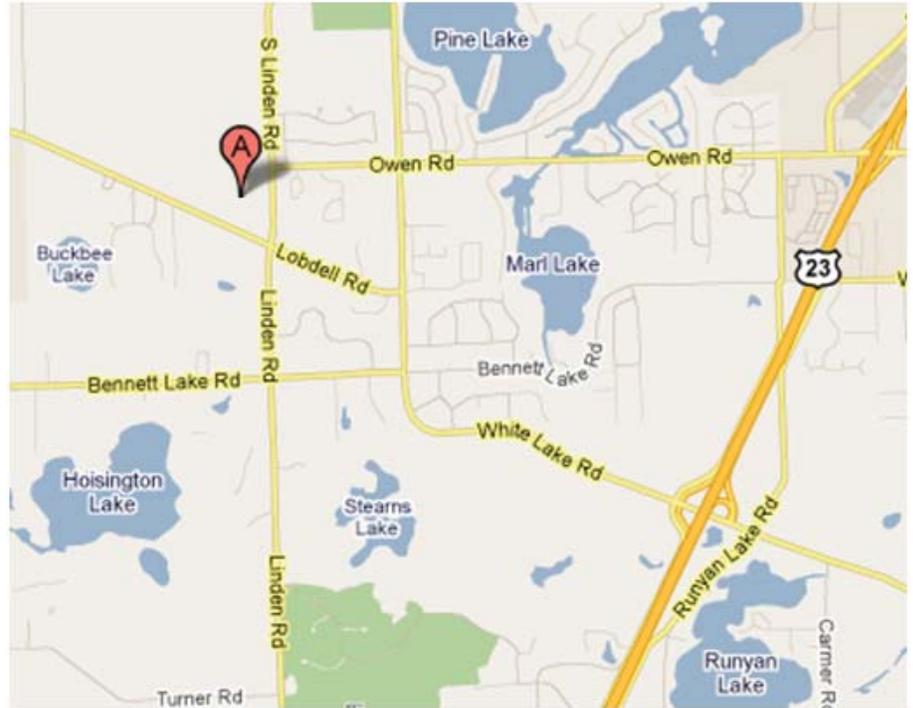
We usually get a wide variety of salads and desserts.

Come on out!

This is basically a club "BBQ", it is fun, relaxed, and always a great opportunity to drive your Jag, socialize with fellow club members, and enjoy good times and good food.



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JAGM Summer Drive to "Loop" the State

June 23rd to 26th, 2017

The Trip is coming together. All the reservation blocks have been set up. **You have the next step.** *By the way, you do not have to bring a Jaguar or even own a Jaguar.* Having a Jaguar is nice, but the cars are an excuse for friends to get together and have a good time.

Friday, June 23rd: We'll be at the **Stahl Automotive Foundation**, from **9:00AM - 10:30AM**, 56516 N. Bay Drive, New Baltimore, MI 48051, located near 26 Mile Road and Gratiot in Chesterfield Twp.



The museum is usually open only two days per week so this is truly a unique experience. We have reserved the entire museum just for JAGM so we will have plenty of attention from the docents to explain the entire collection of vehicles, music machines and memorabilia. **Since we have reserved the entire museum, please come and see the museum even if you are not going on the Drive.** Also invite your friends and relatives to come and see the museum. You will be asked for a \$5 to \$10 contribution to cover the reservation cost.

If anyone is coming a significant distance and wants local lodging, there is the Holiday Inn Express, 45825 Marketplace Blvd., Chesterfield, MI. 48051, 855-239-9222. They are located 7 miles away and their room rates are around \$120 per night. There is no block of rooms reserved.

After the Stahl Museum, we will begin our loop of the State. We will head east to Algonac, where the St. Clair River enters Lake St. Clair. From there, keep the water on your right. We'll head north along the shoreline of the St. Clair River, stopping for lunch at a nice food emporium along the way, probably in Port Huron. We'll continue along the Lake Huron shore through St. Clair, Port Huron, Lexington, Port Sanilac, Harbor Beach, Port Austin, and Caseville to Bay City. There will be an hour's worth of stops along the way for touristy sites.



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Arriving at 5:00 in Bay City, we will be staying at the

Fairfield Inn Marriott, 4105 East Wilder Road, Bay City, MI. 989-667-7050. We have a block of 15 rooms (15 double queens) **reserved under JAGM.** The room rate is \$109 plus tax. Hot breakfast is included. **The room block will be held until May 24th.** Friday dinner will be at the private **Saginaw Bay Yacht Club** at 6:00 PM thanks to Darrell Parks. The

outdoor patio is reserved for us with a live band, weather



permitting. After dinner, we may retire to the beachfront home of Teresa Klotz for desert and a cocktail or two.

Saturday, June 24th: We will head out after breakfast. Keeping the water on the right, we'll continue up the lakeshore. If timing works out, we may stop for lunch at the restaurant owned by JAGM member Pat Ruster in East Tawas. Continuing up the shoreline through Au Gres, Tawas, Oscoda, Harrisville, Alpena, Rogers City, and Cheboygan to Mackinaw City, with a few more touristy stops and maybe an ice cream.



Saturday night we will be staying at the **Baymont Inn of Mackinaw City**, 109 S. Nicolet St., Mackinaw City, MI. 49701, 866-331-7737. We have 15 rooms

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with double queens in the name of **Jaguar Car Club**. The room rate is \$143 plus tax, or \$166 total. Breakfast is included. Have your Wyndham Rewards card ready when you make your reservation. We

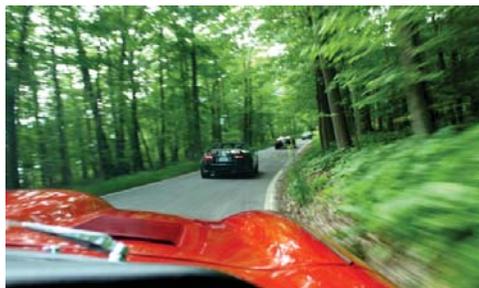


**ICEBREAKER
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are just a block or so off the main strip in Mackinaw City. We will have some time in Mackinaw City sightseeing on Saturday afternoon/evening. I'd like to tour the Old Historic Mackinaw Icebreaker which is open for public tours. The old Fort and Mackinaw Bridge Museum is also available for tours along with several other things. Dinner plans will be finalized before we arrive.

You will have the option to spend the night on Mackinac Island. You can take an evening ferry to the Island, have dinner, walk the deserted streets at night, spend the night, wake to the clomping of hooves and boat whistles, leave as the fudgies are arriving and be back with the group by 9:00.

Sunday, June 25th: we will start down the state, passing through the Cross Village, Tunnel of Trees, Harbor Springs, Bay View, Petoskey, Charlevoix, Elk Rapids to Traverse City. Lodging on Sunday night will be at the **Sleep Inn & Suites in Acme** – Traverse City, 5520 US 31 North, Acme, MI. 49601, 231-938-7000 **under the name JAGM/**



Gene Lapko. The room block of **15 rooms will be held until May 24th** and room cost is \$111, including taxes. We will be in the Traverse City area one week before the Cherry Festival so there will be plenty of people and activities including several



wineries. For your information the Sleeping Bear Dunes do not allow vehicles on the dunes. If you want to walk all the way across the dunes to see Lake Michigan, you are welcome to do so.

Monday, June 26: we will head back from Traverse City, in the straightest and fastest way possible.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday will be about 200 to 250 miles per day and 4 ½ to 5 ½ hours of serious driving if Bing Maps is close to being accurate.

Blocks of rooms have been reserved for our group in Bay City, Mackinaw City and Traverse City. **Please make your own reservation and let me know when you have done so.** That way, I will know that you are signed up and ready to go.

There will be a small cost per car to cover some of the planning and copying costs.

I'd like to thank Gene Lapko, Teresa Klotz and Darrell Parks for their assistance at pulling some of the accommodations together.

Bob Matejek

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Links to our stops are listed below:

Stahls Museum:
<http://www.stahlsauto.com>

Friday Night:
<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mbsbc-fairfield-inn-bay-city>

Saginaw Bay Yacht Club:
<http://www.sbycmi.com/index.php>

Saturday Night:
<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/baymont/mackinaw-city-michigan/baymont-inn-and-suites-mackinaw-city/overview>

Sunday Night:
<https://www.choicehotels.com/michigan/acme/sleep-inn-hotels/mi174>

Jackson Prison - Cell Block 7 Tour - June 17th

Where: Jackson Prison Cell Block 7

When: June 17th 2017

Time: Meet at Ticket Window at 10:15 AM

On Saturday, June 17th, we'll hit the road to visit a facility that was, at one time, the largest prison of its kind in the world!... and even today, the museum exhibit there is like none other.

What you'll see and feel can be intimidating, but along with that experience comes a fascinating history lesson about the evolution of its services that began 178 years ago, and how it literally became a mini-city inside the City of Jackson.

Hundreds of thousands have walked through its doors that bore the lucky number 7. Everybody stayed...many resided there a good long time... because they were the doors of a cell block in Jackson Prison.

We won't have to stay quite as long to get the 'feel' of the prison.

Please RSVP by June 10, 2017 - we will get a reduced "group" rate if more than 20 attend

Price: Tickets are \$15...\$10 for seniors.

DIRECTIONS:

100 Armory Court Suite 107 Jackson, MI 49202

Cell Block 7 is easily accessed by either US 127 or I-94. We are located at 3455 Cooper Street in Jackson, Michigan on the grounds of the operational State Prison of Southern Michigan.

From the north or south, take US 127 to the Parnall Road exit. Head east on Parnall Road until Cooper Street (M-106). Take a left on Cooper Street and the museum entrance will be on your right.

From the east or west, take I-94 to exit 139 for M-106/Cooper St. Follow Cooper Street north until you arrive at the museum on your right.

Lunch Plans are in the works, to follow the tour.

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When: July 8th & 9th, 2017

Why: Drive Your Jag ~ Make New Friends!

What: Road Trip ~ Barn Theatre Play ~ Ice Cream
Four Points Hotel by Sheraton ~
Mad Dogs & Englishmen Car Show ~
Ice Cream!!! ~ Road Trip

Check <http://www.fourpointskalamazoo.com/>
Them <http://barntheatreschool.org/>
Out: <http://www.gilmorecarmuseum.org/>
<http://www.maddogsandenglishmen.org/>

We will again be making our annual JAGM caravan to the Mad Dogs and Englishmen's show in Hickory Corners. This show takes place on the beautiful



grounds of the Gilmore Museum. In case you

are wondering, "Hickory Corners" is a small cross roads just Northwest of Battle Creek, Michigan.

To get there, we've mapped out a pleasurable tour route all on two lane, black top roads. The drive will take us through some wonderful small towns and scenic back country farm



land. The drive is about 100 miles and shouldn't take more than about 3.5 hours. To some of you, this drive may be familiar; to those new members considering the trip, ask around, it is a very good trip.

We have secured ten room reservations at the Four Points by Sheraton for the evening of July 8th. **Call**



800.368.7764 for a reservation. Be sure to mention "JAGM" to get our group rate of **\$119.00** + tax, includes breakfast.



Reservations must be made by June 8th, 2017, so dont' delay!



As in past trips, we plan to do a night out at the Barn Theatre Saturday evening. This is a quality production, performed in an air conditioned "Red Barn". The performance schedule has not yet been published, however, we haven't been disappointed yet! Theatre tickets are normally \$37 each but we will be acquiring a "group rate"

After a leisurely breakfast at Four Points, Sunday morning we will head off for the MD&E car show.

Entry forms for the 2017 MD&E Show are available at the link listed above. This show highlights between 250-300



British cars and motorcycles of all types.

There are always plenty of ice cream and rest stops

along the road trip.

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