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JAGM Treated Like Royalty at Curwood Castle

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New JAGM Meeting Location

Membership Meetings

Are held quarterly in

February, May, August and November on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM @ the **Library Sports Pub & Grill**

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Activities Calendar

Jaguar Affiliates Group of Michigan: 2019 Activities Calendar

	June	July
Meeting Activity	No Meeting	No Meeting
Outside Activity	Classic Car Nights Meadowbrook Theater Friday, June 7 th Summer Drive Northern Indiana June 14-17	Mad Dogs & Englishmen Hickory Corners, MI July 6-7 Cars & Coffee St John's, Plymouth, MI Saturday, July 27 th
	August	September
Meeting Activity	Meeting 14 th @ 7:00 PM Library Sports Pub & Grill	No Meeting
Outside Activity	Jags on the Bay Bay City, MI Saturday, August 10 th Gathering d'Elegance Meadowbrook Hall Sunday, August 25 th	Apple of My Eye Car Show Linden, MI September 14 th and 15 th Waterford Hills Race Course Clarkston, MI Saturday September 28 th
	October	November
Meeting Activity	No Meeting	Meeting 13 th @ 7:00 PM Library Sports Pub & Grill
Outside Activity	Great Pumpkin Classic Car Show Howell, MI Saturday, October 12 th	TBD

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

Jaguar Factoid

The Jaguar X-Type, built between 2001 and 2009 was much maligned in the press because it shared components with the Ford Mondeo. Labels such as "Mondeo in Drag", "Jazzed Up Mondeo", "Not a real Jaguar"

could be seen frequently. But what was the real commonality between the Mondeo and the X-Type? Pick the correct answer from the list below:

1. 13%
2. 32%
3. 51%

See Page 9 for the answer.

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the President's Purr...

We've had some great adventures to kick off the Spring season!

I've heard so many good things about the different activities and get togethers that have taken place so far. Sounds like everyone is enjoying being together! I had the opportunity to join folks on the Owosso trip and it was a great time! It was fun to visit the castle. Sorry to all the "Queens and Princesses" for not getting the tiaras like I hoped. Thank you, Phil for organizing!

As we get more into the warmer and hopefully drier weather, check out all the fun activities that are slated to happen in the next few months. And if you have any ideas for additional activities, make sure to post them on the website.

I am very much looking forward to the summer drive in June, relaxing and enjoying my time away from the office. It sounds like a wonderful trip.

And, not to rush summer, but getting very excited for the **Jags on the Bay** this year. Basically the same routine – burgers and hotdogs and all the fixins will be supplied. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass. Still thinking about adding a theme to the event, so any suggestions would be welcomed! Hope to see everyone – Saturday, August 10th!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the club who have put in so much effort to make these events possible, with organizing and scheduling and volunteering. Thank you all for your continued efforts to keep the JAGM club one of the most entertaining clubs in Michigan, which is evident from the new members and interest we've had lately.

Until next we meet...

Teresa



Welcome New Members

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

<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Jaguars Owned</u>	Recent new members Howard and Lori Richards with their cats
Sandy and Lisa Baruah	2010 XKR Convertible 2014 XJ 5.0 S/C Sedan 2018 XF Sportbrake (Wagon)	
Stan and Mary Burnell	1963 XKE OTS 1996 XJS Convertible 1998 XJ8 L Sedan	



Curwood Castle Museum



On Saturday, May 18th, under partly-sunny skies and high 70's, twenty JAGM members arrived in Owosso, MI, from Petoskey to Northville and points in between. We met at the Curwood Castle Park at 1:00 PM. Our first stop was the Curwood Castle Museum. The building was the studio of James Oliver Curwood, one of America's foremost authors. Writing and love of nature were his boyhood interests and by 1908 Curwood was earning most of his living as a novelist. Most of his stories were adventure tales set in the Canadian North, where he spent much of his time. During the 1920s, his books were among the most popular in North America, and many were made into movies. The Castle was built in 1922 and a number of his latter works were composed in the tower, overlooking the Shiawassee River.

As we moved down the Shiawassee River toward our second stop at the Shiawassee Arts Center, we stopped to investigate the Heritage Suspension Bridge. You could feel its movements as people walked across. The view of the river was spectacular and Chuck



Mueller recalled for us his earlier experiences canoeing the Shiawassee River. We stopped at the Shiawassee Art Center, which showcases the work of regional and national artists in nine galleries, as well as the impressionist painting of Frederick Frieseke.

Our next stop was the Steam Railroad Institute. It was such a nice afternoon that we decided to leave our Jags at the Park and walk the 0.6 miles through town. It took us about 15 minutes.

At the SRI we split into three groups and were led through the yard by docents to see two sleeper cars, one passenger car, a coal keeper (storage tank) and a water keeper. We also went inside a Caboose, and tried out its high perched seats with windows in the middle.



We then moved to their maintenance building. There we met three volunteers just finishing up with some work. We got an up close view of the very big, oily bits of locomotives, including the Pere Marquette 1225 that inspired Disney's Polar Express. Based on the conversations taking place, our members seemed to have a lot of interest in, and curiosity about these locomotives.

Some of the younger-at-heart members took a ride on the train. It



Curwood Castle Museum (cont'd)

wobbled about as it we down the rails, but elicited smiles from both the riders and the onlookers.

Our final stop was Lula's Louisiana Cookhouse. which was just a couple of blocks from the SRI. The food and drink were very good as well as the many conversations taking place.

And as the meal drew to a close a small cake with a candle arrived table side. We all joined in to sing "Happy Birthday" to Steven Myerscough, who had decided to celebrate his birthday with us.

Phil Crutchfield



Yankee Air Museum / Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum



On Saturday, April 27th, the ubiquitous spring rains took a break giving us partly sunny skies and nice driving weather to the Yankee Air Museum. Our group was joined with another group there at the same time for a docent led tour. Our docent stopped at each display in their 28,000 square foot facility. He shared many stories with details about pilots or crew members who flew the craft, including where it was built, the war(s) it was in, and often with the personal histories of the men and women involved. Their current location is smaller than their prior one, which burned down in 2002. And much smaller than their future facility, which will be in the former factory at Willow Run, currently under construction. However, the stories and rich details overshadow the size of the museum.

Next was a short drive to the Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum. Here we viewed cars no longer in production, but forever a part of our automotive

memory and history. Many brands were represented, including Hudson, Kaiser, Corvair, DeLorean, and others. My personal favorite was the red 1953 Hudson Runner.

Afterward, we walked across the street from the museum to the Sidetrack Restaurant. There we had good food and great conversations. Hard to beat that!

Phil Crutchfield



Mad Dogs & Englishmen XXIX—July 6th and 7th

JAGM is planning another popular weekend to the Mad Dogs and Englishmen all British Car Show at the Gilmore Museum in Hickory Corners, MI.



Saturday, July 6th will begin with the customary caravan across mid-Michigan following two lanes and passing through several small towns and villages.

This year's Saturday destination will be the Firekeepers Casino Hotel in Battle Creek. Consequently, we will be taking a **new route** with **new views** and **new stops**. Kris and I will be testing out some roads and setting up the new route over the next couple months. All participants will be provided maps and an itinerary.

JAGM has secured a block of rooms at the Casino Hotel for a reduced rate of \$229. + tax. We will be planning a dinner at the Hotel and an evening of competitive "gaming" at the Casino. If you aren't interested in the gambling, come on out anyway. Casinos typically offer a wide variety of people watching and entertainment opportunities.

Sunday morning we will caravan to the car show; following the show we will begin our return caravan home in the mid-afternoon.

Please make your reservation **by June 21st**. You can call directly at 877-352-8777 or make your reservations online at www.firekeeperscasino.com/stay/. Use the code **"070619JAGM"** to receive the discount.

Don't forget to register for the Car Show at <http://www.maddogsandenglishmen.org/mde/registration.cfm>

The car show brochure and mail-in registration form can be found at: <http://www.maddogsandenglishmen.org/mde/images/AutoFaireBrochure.pdf>

Also, please be sure to drop me an email or phone call so we can keep track of who is attending. We will be distributing some info to those who are registered,

before the departure date.

Looking forward to seeing you on a new adventure!

Mike Bailey

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Classic Car Nights at Meadow Brook Theatre

Bring your classic car to Meadow Brook Theater for a fun-filled Friday evening where you can show off your "wheels", socialize with fellow car enthusiasts and enjoy some great live theatre!

Feel free to bring refreshments and have a picnic in the parking lot before the show! (Sorry, no alcohol)

Only one performance left!

Friday, June 7, 2019:

The It Girl

Classic Car arrival: 6:30pm

Doors Open (for seating): 7:30pm

Performance: 8:00pm

Special Offer for Participants

Theatre tickets only \$23 ea. & get one free ticket per classic car!

Contact Group Sales: 248-370-3316

Please make reservations in advance

Meadow Brook Theatre is located on the campus of Oakland University (on the corner of Walton Blvd & Squirrel Rd) RM 207 Wilson Hall—378 Meadow Brook Road—Rochester, MI 48309

MBT attendants will be in the parking lot to keep an eye on the cars during the performance.



Gathering d'Elegance

Join us for a day of history, elegance and fine automobiles. Hosted by the Jaguar Affiliate Group of Michigan and the Windsor - Detroit MG Club. Meadow Brook Hall's largest dining room is limited to 110 people, so register early to reserve your spot!

You are invited to both venues, but if you can only join one of the two, that is ok.

A National Historic Landmark, Meadow Brook is the historic home built by one of the automotive aristocracy's most remarkable women, Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of automobile pioneer John Dodge, and her second



down, it's your choice. We plan on presenting fun certificates of award based on the following criteria:

Route 66 Award - the car driven the further distance to get to this event

Drag Strip Award - the car driven the shortest distance to get to this event

Senior Award - the oldest car present at this event

Junior Award - the newest car present at this event

Prince of Darkness Award - the car sustaining the most event filled journey of the day

People's Choice Award - picked by the customer's of Yates Cider Mill & Ice Cream Shoppe

To register, go to www.jagm.org / Events / Up-

When: Sunday, August 25, 2019

Venues: **1st Venue:** Meadow Brook Hall, 350 Estate Dr, Rochester, MI 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM
\$30 per person

10:30 AM - Arrival at Meadow Brook Hall

11:00 AM - Tour of the Mansion

12:00 PM - Luncheon

2nd Venue: Yates Cider Mill, 1990 E Avon Rd, Rochester, MI 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM
No cost

1:30 - 2:00 PM - Drive from Meadow Brook Yates Cider Mill, directions provided

2:00 - 3:30 PM - Cars arrive and set up for display (bring your chairs, etc)

3:45 - 4:00 PM - Fun Awards Presented (see categories below)

coming / then find and open the event. Then click on the Register button. Please provide the number of people who will be attending, your name and email address, and your club affiliation. The

husband, lumber broker Alfred Wilson. Constructed between 1926 and 1929, Meadow Brook represents



one of the finest examples of Tudor-revival architecture in America.

At Yates Cider Mill we will park our cars on the grass for display from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM and enjoy an afternoon of

camaraderie, car talk, ice cream, donuts, cider and perhaps even a river walk. Yates will publicize our event on their Facebook page.

No judges, no categories, no rules. Bonnets up or

cost for this event is \$30 per person, including taxes and service charge. Please mail your payment (number of guests attending Meadow Brook Hall luncheon x \$30) to:

George P. Crutchfield
23556 Millwood
South Lyon, MI 48178-1944

At the time of registration you will receive an acknowledgement email and then three days before the event you will receive a reminder.

Registration and payment, for the Meadow Brook Hall venue, **must be received by August 5th**. No registration is necessary if you are just joining us at the Yates Cider Mill venue.

Ice Racing a Jaguar in Michigan

Really! Some of you may have heard me speak of it at a Jaguar Club function and maybe thought of it as a novelty. But it is true. The Saginaw Valley Region (SVR) of the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) has held auto ice racing events in Michigan for over 50 years. When I moved here from PA and joined the local club, I had never heard of it and was skeptical. I went to Ross Lake at Beaverton, watched it, and sure enough I started in a '66 MGB roadster. Actually, it is more like doing "time trials" ...not wheel to wheel racing, but rather four cars on the two mile long course at a time, spaced far enough apart for safety reasons.

Basically, cars are classed as: Front wheel drive, stock (SF), prepared (PF); Rear Wheel Drive, stock (SR), prepared (PR); All Wheel Drive, stock (SA), prepared (PA); or Studded Class. Most cars do run with four good snow tires. All season tires just don't make the grade. It does not matter whether you are driving a 4, 6 or 8 cylinder, turbo charged, supercharged, fuel injected or carbureted...ice is an "equalizer". More power and stiff suspension are not always an advantage.

As the sun came up, myself and a few others started setting up the course by 7:30 AM. The ice had already been measured at more than 10" thick, perfect for our first ice run of the season. Using a combination of large and small orange cones, the course was set up around the perimeter of the lake with gates and single cones. Typically we use either a 1.5 mile short course or a 2 mile course around an island that cannot be seen from the start / finish. With 1 practice run and 5 timed runs, everyone would get plenty of seat time. Since registration was via computer... www.myautoevents.com, it went quick... sign the waiver, have your car and helmet, go through tech inspection, and get ready to do your practice run. The drivers' meeting would be at 10:30 and hopefully cars would start timed runs by 11 AM. While first heat drivers lined up to run, the 2nd heat drivers would be assigned worker stations with radios

out on the course. The timing van was set to go and cars would be released shortly. Lunch time was after the first heat. Then it was time for the 2nd heat drivers to line up and the 1st heat drivers to take assigned worker stations on the course.

The ice had about 3 to 4" of snow on top, which gave minimal traction for the first of 2 heats. Temperature was in the low 20's and the sky was partly sunny. First heat cars would be rear wheel drive and front wheel drive. Second heat would be all wheel drive and studded cars. I ran our 2011 XF S/C with newer Pirelli snows against an '89 BMW 325i with snow tires. As was the case with many cars, their first run was their best because traction was available. But as the day went on, the ice became very polished. Noo, we don't have a Zamboni to clear the track, but I have to say the studded cars made excellent traction for

each other and the all-wheel drive cars in the second heat. My first run was my best with a 233.387. Josh in the BMW ran his best, 234.850 on his 3rd run. All of the other runs were longer, but it was because we were trying harder, either by braking later, drifting too far out or even spinning out in

an effort to go faster. But...it still comes back to "sometimes going slower is going faster"! It does take a lot of practice, seat time and trying different techniques to get the right combination in ice racing. Plus every car is different. With most newer cars, you have to disable the "stability control". If you don't,



Ice Racing a Jaguar in Michigan (cont'd)

you will notice that the car will bog down and refuse to accelerate.

To give you an idea of other vehicle times, see the chart below. Quite a variance!

SR	Tom Hudak	11 Jaguar XF S/C	233.387
SR	Josh Greiner	89 BMW 325i	234.850
SF	Pete Andrusiewicz	09 Saab 9-3	213.353
SF	Andrew Dawson	00 Saab 9-3	213.577
SA	Casey Swanseger	19 Subaru WRX	191.695
SA	Matt Fisher	17 Subaru WRX	198.352
Stud	Dave Feighner	80 VW Scrabbit	109.275
	(snowmobile studs! - See Picture)		
Stud	Sean Murphy	87 Toyota MR2	126.217
2 second penalty hitting each cone. DNF for missed gate.			

unusual weather conditions, SVR would have had 2 more daytime events and one at night using cones with reflective tape.

In the end, I will tell you that everyone (50 cars) had a good time of it and they learned how to handle their vehicles. Entrants came from all over MI and some from OH.

Tom Hudak



Dinner, conversation and trophies were taken care of at the Beaverton Tavern after cones and timing equipment were collected. Had it not been for the



Answer to Jaguar Factoid (page 2):

According to Jaguar World, May 2019, page 44, it was 13% (the bulkhead, front brakes, and rear subframe were shared).



Jaguar X-Type



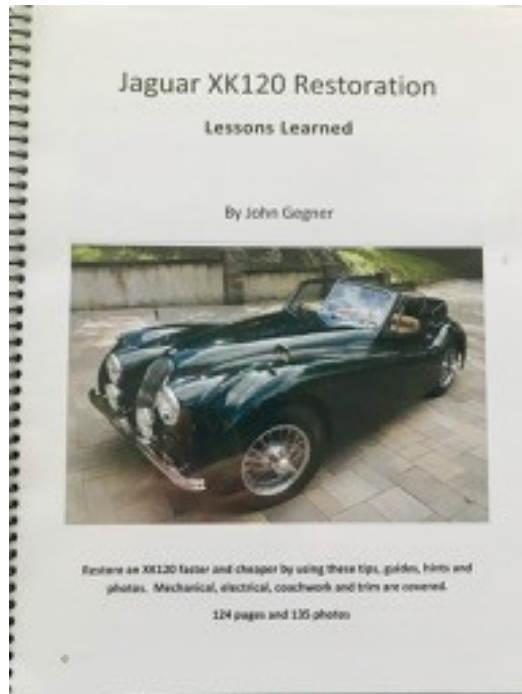
Ford Mondeo

Book Review by Les Hamilton

Jaguar XK120 Restoration Lessons Learned by John Gegner

Well, every great book deserves a sequel. I had earlier reviewed "*Jaguar XK120 DHC, Installing the Soft Top and Headliner*" by John Gegner and Gregg Philbrick and I realized that the soft top installation was only part of the larger question, how do you start on and go about restoring a classic Jaguar without sending the car and large check to a professional restorer? Well the answer to my question was delivered by John in this more substantial, equally well written, story in 124 pages with 135 photos.

The author states the book "is not



a substitute for already published restoration books", but I cannot imagine embarking on a classic car restoration without this book as a guide to what is a large home garage project. The book provides a rationale for the overall structure for a restoration project, how to sequence and manage the project and guidance on identifying the critical path to avoid rework or long periods of downtime. Preparing your workspace for the project and guidance on make versus buy are some of the great collection of common-sense hints and guidance provided by the work.

June 2019 Summer Drive

By now you should have made your reservations for the June 14th - 17th drive into Northern Indiana.

On Friday, June 14th, at 9:00 AM we will form a caravan starting from:

McDonald's
11033 Whitmore Lake Rd
Whitmore Lake, MI
48189

or you can meet us for lunch at 12:30 PM at
JT's Billiard Bar & Grill
50 E Chicago St
Coldwater, MI 49036

or just drive directly to:
Farmstead Inn
760 S Van Buren St
Shipshewana, IN

Organizers:
Phil Crutchfield and Steven Myerscough



Note change from last month's Indicator: The Amish Buggy Ride and thrasher dinner will begin at 5:00 PM and the cost will be \$40 per person.

After setting the stage with the history of John's XK120 and workspace preparation, the book walks through each of the major stages and for each stage provides the cost of key parts and labor. Each section is followed by lesson learned, hints and tips, references to more detailed technical publications, all accompanied by illustrative color photos.

The book provides easy reading with an efficient use of words and I found it to be quite a page-turner during my review. Although the book describes John's adventure restoring his XK120, it provides a great basis for any classic Jaguar restoration as the project structure and many of lessons learnt and references are not XK120 specific. A great addition to any respectable Jaguar library at the cost of \$68 including shipping in the U.S.

To obtain your copy, please contact John Gegner at jpegner@comcast.net

This review written by: Les Hamilton, JAG/Jaguar Associate Group, JCNA SW05

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Call Mike @
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See You at the Membership Meeting August 14th

In the meantime, check out the new information inside about the following upcoming events:

- Summer Drive—see changes in timing and cost
- Mad Dogs & Englishmen—deadline for hotel reservation is June 21st
- Jags on the Bay—August 10th
- The first ever Gathering d'Elegance—August 25th

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