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Member Name	Jaguars Owned
Jon Davies	1964 E-Type OTS 1999 XK8 Convertible
Steve Guilbalt	1960 MK2 Saloon
<b>JAGM welcomes our newest members. Please help us extend them a warm welcome.</b>	
<b>Current JAGM membership is 162</b>	

## Activities Calendar

	August	September	October
<b>Activity</b>	Zoom Membership Meeting Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM	JAGM 55 <sup>th</sup> Concours d'Elegance Canterbury Village/Lake Orion, MI Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	NUIAS Cars and Coffee and Fall Drive Midland, MI Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> –Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>
	ECC Cars and Coffee Northville Township, MI Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Apple of Your Eye Car Show Mueller's Orchard/Linden, MI Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	
	British Car Corral/Baker's of Milford Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Battle of the Brits/Membership Meeting/Picnic Milford, MI Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	ECC Cars and Coffee Northville Township, MI Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>
	Back in the Day—Historic Motor Tour US 27 Coldwater, MI to Cheboygan, MI Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> —Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Detroit Concours d'Elegance Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Twisty Bits Fall Drive/ Sharon Mills County Park/ Picnic and Membership Meeting Saline and Manchester, MI Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>
	Maritime Museum/Dune Buggy Ride South Haven, MI Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> —Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	British Car Corral/Baker's of Milford Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	
			Vintage Sports Car Racing & Reunion Put-In-Bay, OH Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> —Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>

For the most up to date listing & schedule of events, go to: [www.jagm.org/events](http://www.jagm.org/events)



Driving a classic Jaguar around metro Detroit takes commitment. Potholes, road construction, unexpected detours, and heavy traffic can sap some of the joy out of driving a 60+ year old sports car. But venture a little outside the city and things change quickly.

After a very soggy Saturday, my wife and I started our drive to the Mad Dogs & Englishmen British Auto Faire XXXII just after dawn on Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. With the hood securely stowed behind the seats, we started our drive due west towards Hickory Corners on smooth and nearly deserted two-lane roads with our headlights on, an eye out for deer, and enjoyed the sound of the powerful XK engine running through the gears. About an hour west of Detroit, with light rain on the windscreen and dark ominous clouds ahead of us, we made a quick stop to check the weather radar and to reconsider the wisdom of open-air driving. Pushing on, we were rewarded when the clouds cleared allowing us to enjoy blue skies for the rest of the day.

The show itself exceeded expectations. The open areas around the Gilmore buildings were packed with hundreds of British cars in 29 different classes representing all the famous British car marques. We were in the *Jaguar (any model through 1960)* class and shared the field with two other XK150s, an XK140, a couple of XK120s and some older sedans. All beautiful cars and we were happy to take 2<sup>nd</sup> in our class. We had great conversations with members of the JAGM club as well as new friends who shared stories and insights. An unexpected encounter was with a

gentleman who searched out my car specifically because he had followed us for about 15 miles on the way to the show and wanted to see the car up close.

One of the questions that I often get at shows is whether I actually drive the car a lot. I now know the answer to that question. To the best of my knowledge, the XK150 is unique in that the turn signal control is a stalk on the *right* side of the steering column. Newer Jaguars and all modern cars have the turn signal stalk on the *left* side of the column. When I'm driving my regular car, and instead of signaling a turn, I mistakenly turn on the windshield wipers, I know I've been getting enough seat time in the Jag.

See you at the upcoming JAGM Concours on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Remember, the registration deadline is August 15<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you and your car there.

Loran Brooks



## ECC Cars and Coffee August 12<sup>th</sup>

The August ECC Cars & Coffee will be on **Saturday, August 12th** from **9 a.m. to noon**. The location is the ZF parking lot at 15701 Technology Drive, Northville Township. There will be signage and volunteers at the entrances off 5 Mile Road and Beck Road to Technology Drive.

JAGM has secured 20 spaces together in our club's "**Kar Korral**". The first 20 people to register can park together. The reservation fee has been paid so your \$5 reimbursement will be **payable to Phil Crutchfield at the event**. You must arrive a bit early to accommodate this special parking in Lot D.



JAGM Organizers: Conrad Foster and Phil Crutchfield

# Bay Harbor Classic Car and Boat Festival

The Bay Harbor Vintage Car and Boat Festival is an annual event that showcases a remarkable collection of vintage, exotic, collector cars and boats. Arriving at the Apple Tree Hotel on Thursday afternoon, in our '95 XJS we joined fellow JAGM members for snacks and drinks on the hotel's terrace. This was followed by dinner at the iconic City Park Grill.

eras, making it an unforgettable experience. I believe the most overheard word used was WOW... as each car was presented. It was truly an honor to see such a wonderful collection.



Next stop was at the private garage of Mike Stowe, AKA Great Lakes Motor Works in Boyne City, another collection of vintage, classic, and muscle cars and boats that also enthralled the visitors.



On Friday morning the JAGM members joined other car enthusiasts at the Great Lakes Center for the Arts where we received our maps and tour instructions. Starting off in small groups, we set off on the drive to the first stop at an extensive Private Classic Car Collection near Bay Harbor Village, featuring several winning entries from the Pebble Beach Car Show. This collection of rare Packard, Cord, Bentley, Duesenberg, and other collectible cars was outstanding! The Owner Chris provided fascinating insights into the history and significance of the vehicles showcased in his collection. It was a unique opportunity to witness rare and exotic cars from different

The last stop of the day was at The Stone House in Torch Lake for a tour and lunch. This unique house was made of eight hundred tons of rock and had amazing views of Torch Lake. The



# Bay Harbor Classic Car and Boat Festival (cont'd)

gracious owners provided an informative tour of the house, outlying buildings and garden, which was followed by a great lunch overlooking Torch Lake. Our journey back to Petoskey took us through picturesque countryside and scenic roads, and nothing better than with the convertible top down.

Festival took place on a glorious sunny Saturday. The venue was abuzz with excitement as participants and attendees gathered to admire the stunning array of vintage cars and boats on display. The organization



In the evening, a special dinner was arranged at



the prestigious Bay Harbor Yacht Club. The club's elegant setting provided a picturesque backdrop for the event. Attendees gathered to unwind, socialize, and relish a delicious meal. The atmosphere was convivial, with conversations revolving around the day's highlights and shared experiences. It was a perfect way to conclude day 1 of the Bay Harbor Vintage Car and Boat Festival, surrounded by fellow enthusiasts and friends.



and layout of the show were impeccable, allowing visitors to explore the exhibits with ease. The show featured an impressive range of vehicles, from vintage models to modern marvels.

The main event of the Bay Harbor Vintage Car and Boat



As members of JAGM, we had the privilege of participating in the Parade of Cars that kicked off the day's festivities. The parade showcased a magnificent lineup of 20 Jaguars, each gleaming with pride. We drove down the Main street of the Bay Harbor Village, drawing the attention and admiration of spectators. It was an exhilarating experience to be part of such a grand procession,

# Bay Harbor Classic Car and Boat Festival (cont'd)

celebrating the elegance and power of these iconic cars and parking at a premier location on the grass near the Marina surrounded by beautiful wooden boats.

An elegant Ladies' Tea, organized by members of the Yacht Club took place midday. Many JAGM ladies attended dressed in their finest attire including hats and gloves. The venue was elegantly decorated, and the food was beautifully presented. The atmosphere was filled with laughter, conversa-



Club, each event contributed to the overall charm and excitement of the show. The showcase of vintage cars and luxurious boats, the camaraderie among fellow car enthusiasts, and the elegant gatherings left a lasting impression. Attending the Bay Harbor Vintage Car and Boat Festival was an incredible journey into the world of automotive excellence and shared passion. We eagerly look forward to future editions of this remarkable event. If you missed the event this year, make sure you attend next year, as we are sure there will be even more activities planned and to be enjoyed.

Thank you, Domenic Federico and



tions, and the clinking of champagne glasses. It was a wonderful opportunity for the women to connect, share stories, and enjoy a delectable Tea together.

Dinner in the evening at Vernales in Harbor Springs was a fitting conclusion to the day, with friends sharing laughter and stories over a wonderful dinner and drinks.

The Bay Harbor Vintage Car and Boat Festival was an unforgettable experience spanning two days. From the drive and visiting private collections on Friday to the car parade, Lady's Tea, and dinner at the Yacht

Gary Cunningham for your efforts on this great event.

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# 2023 Mad Dogs and Englishmen Weekend

Saturday afternoon some JAGM members headed to Kalamazoo to participate in the Mad Dogs and Englishmen Car Show, at the Gilmore Car Museum early Sunday morning. For those making the trek over on Saturday, we planned dinner at The Players Grill and a play "Anything Goes" playing at the Barn Theatre School, a very short distance from the restaurant. We also had rooms booked at the Fairfield Inn & Suites in Kalamazoo.

Saturday afternoon, depending on where you started your journey Mother Nature might have presented your windscreen with a bit of excess humidity. But it wasn't enough to upset our plans. That stiff upper lip, and carry (motor) on philosophy prevailing.

Sixteen people met up at The Players Grill for dinner at 5:30 PM. Our young server gave our large group her best effort to get our drink and dinner orders together and see us through. After we enjoyed our dinner we had a short 1.5-mile drive to The Barn Theatre. For those who have yet to see a play there, it is truly a converted barn. Most of our group

was seated in the first or second row immediately in front of the orchestra pit and stage. From that seating location, we were able to see the occasional perspiration from the more energetic performers. Judging from the comments being made, we all enjoyed this whimsical, funny, and entertaining musical.

Sunday morning, the JAGM members participating this year (we lost count somewhere around the mid-twenties) made their way to the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners. Cars arrived and checked in with the registration tent as the grassy midway filled up with lots of interesting cars. I did hear some comments about excess humidity hitting windscreens for some members on Sunday early morning, but it was not enough to spoil their day. In total, 440 British cars were displayed at this year's show.

While I don't think anyone actually got around to counting the number of Jaguars on display, it was an unusually large number based



on my experience. We had a full five rows that ran the full length of our grass area. We did run into some members of the Jaguar Group of Ohio (Cleveland). Of course, we had to extend them a personal invitation to our 55th Concours in September. We also handed out a couple of dozen Concours Flyers to the other Jaguar own-

# 2023 Mad Dogs and Englishmen Weekend (cont'd)

ers and flew our new JAGM Feather Banner.

Most of our group did not stay for the awards announcements, but after the show we heard that Loran and Margaret's XK150 won 2nd place in its class!

At about 3:30 PM eight JAGM members headed toward Marshall, MI driving back roads. In Marshall, we enjoyed dinner at Schuler's Restaurant. Others whose route home took them in a different direction, or who chose to



for the title containing Mad Dogs and the date of the event, which was July 9, 2023. I did look at his albums before he had time to include his latest work and he does have a substantial number of car shows in his albums.

Phil Crutchfield



get home quicker, departed individually.

A bloke named Ryan Gertner was striving to take pictures of all the cars displayed with a closed hood. He asked several Jaguar owners to accommodate him - and they did. I understand that you can view Ryan's pictures at <https://flickr.com/photos/ryangertner/albums>. You will have to look



## August 9th Zoom Membership Meeting

JAGM's August membership meeting will be virtual—look for an email with the link early in August. We'll follow the usual agenda. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm and generally ends around 8:30 pm.

## Photo Credits

**From the Navigator's**

**Seat**

Margaret & Loran Brooks

**British Car Corral**

Phil Crutchfield



# Upcoming Events — September

## **Apple of your Eye Car Show Charity Benefit for Cystic Fibrosis**

**Where:** Mueller's Apple Orchard  
6036 Lobdell Road, Linden, MI 48451  
**Date:** September 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, 10AM to 6PM

Have fun with your car and let others enjoy it as also!

- No entry fee, no classes, no judging
- Awards for participation
- All makes and models of cars
- Food concessions by Kiwanis
- Music, raffles and youth activities
- Orchard apples, cider and donuts
- Proceeds are donated to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

Charles & Wendy Mueller  
Ph: (810) 618-3026  
email: [wmueller839@gmail.com](mailto:wmueller839@gmail.com)

## **Battle of the Brits/Membership Meeting/Picnic**

**Where:** Camp Dearborn, Milford, MI  
**When:** Sunday, September 10th, 10 am to 5 pm  
The 40th annual Battle of the Brits Motorcycle and Car Show attracts more than 200 bikes and British cars. Join JAGM for a picnic gathering at the event. Find more details and register at [JAGM.org/Events](http://JAGM.org/Events).

## **Detroit Concours d'Elegance**

**Where:** Detroit Institute of Arts  
**When:** Saturday, September 14th  
The Detroit Concours d'Elegance will host 150 historically significant vehicles. Its heritage can be traced back to its beginnings in 1979 at Meadow Brook and the Concours of America at the Inn at St. Johns.

For more about the Detroit Concours d'Elegance, visit [DetroitConcours.com](http://DetroitConcours.com).

## Classified Ads

**For Sale: 1995 Jaguar XJS, 3.6 litre convertible,** Sapphire Blue with oatmeal interior, 75000 miles. Two owners, current owner since 1997. Garaged locally entire time. Good interior and exterior, runs very well, has optional front and rear spoiler, custom wheels, cruise, seat heater, power seats, rear seats, cassette player, original radio. AC/ Heater works well. All mechanicals work well. Beautiful color, many complimentary notes previously left on windshield.

**\$12,500 firm.**  
Bloomfield Hills.  
**Contact Dave,**  
[db@plastomer.com](mailto:db@plastomer.com)



**Wanted: JAGM Concours dash plaques from the past (pre-1999).** Will pay any reasonable price.

**Contact Tim Moore at 586-945-4509/[tfm0719@live.com](mailto:tfm0719@live.com)**

**For Sale: 1988 XJ6 4-door sedan.** 69,000 miles. Silver gray with gray leather interior. Wire spoke wheels. 3.6 liter inline 6. Automatic. Single owner. Immaculate condition. Always very carefully parked to avoid damage, always garaged indoors, and never driven in winter.

**\$8900 or best offer. Contact Alex at 269-599-1910**



Car located in Grand Rapids

**For Sale: G.W. BARTLETT CO., original Jaguar interior for E-Type Series II, 2 + 2.** Black in color. Current price new from OSJI (formally G.W. Bartlett Co.) is **\$4900.**

Come and take a look as I will refuse no reasonable offer.

**Call Rob at 734-564-0366**

**For Sale: 1989 XJS 2-seater convertible.** 48,000 miles. White with chocolate brown top. Beige leather interior. 5.3 liter V-12 engine. New engine belts recently. Automatic. Immaculate condition. Always very carefully parked to avoid damage, always garaged indoors, and never driven in winter.

**\$14,900 or best offer. Contact Alex at 269-599-1910**



Car located in Grand Rapids



# Jaguar Affiliates Group of Michigan

## Invites You to Join Us at Our 55th Jaguar Concours d'Elegance

Sunday Sept 3, 2023

Olde World Canterbury Village, 2359 Joslyn Ct., Lake Orion, Michigan 48360

<http://canterburyvillage.com/index.php>

JAGM's most prestigious event, the JCNA sanctioned Jaguar Concours d'Elegance, will be held at this small and unique old-time village. The cars will be displayed on the lawn between the shops and cottages. This year we will invite other British Marques to join us in a British Showcase. **Come and Join the FUN!**

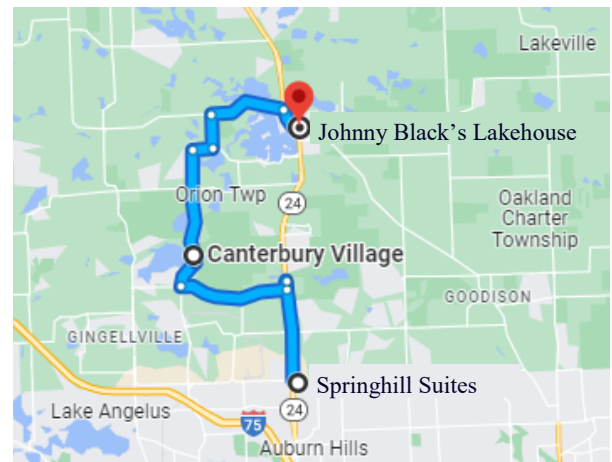
Join us and show your pride in the marque whether you have a classic, or a brand-new E, F or I-Pace. There will be formal judged events in both Championship and Driven JCNA classes. Prefer not to be judged? No problem! Come and join in the display class, where everyone can admire your car without the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

Trailer parking is in the North Parking Lot at Canterbury Village.

A hospitality tent will be available during the Concours for respite from the sunny weather. There are plenty of small shops to visit. These venues will offer you a break from the weather and will also provide options to entertain your guests.

Lunch may be purchased at the C-Pub Bar & Grill or snacks at Yates Cider Mill.

Dinner and the awards presentations will be at **Johnny Black's Lakehouse**, at 21 W. Flint St., Lake Orion, MI 48362.



Canterbury Village is off the I-75 expressway at Exit 81 (Lapeer Road North) near the Palace, and at Exit 83, (Joslyn Road North) near the "Great Lakes

### Event Details

#### Host Hotel

Our host hotel is the **Springhill Suites, 4919**

**Interpark Drive, Orion Twp., MI 48359**

**Tel: (248) 475-4700**

<https://www.marriott.com/hotels/hotel-photos/dtwra-springhill-suites-detroit-auburn-hills/>

The hotel is basically on the corner of Lapeer and Dutton Roads, just 5 miles from Canterbury Village

A block of rooms is reserved for JAGM members.

Room rate will be **\$139/night** for 2 Queens or 1

King bed. **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. Full-service continental breakfast is included and served in the morning.

A reserved parking area, trailer parking, and overnight security will all be available. You will also have access to indoor swimming pool and fitness center.

Contact Concours Chairman Mark Griffith at [markgriffith50@yahoo.com](mailto:markgriffith50@yahoo.com) or call (248) 767-5893

# Jaguar Concours d'Elegance (cont'd)

## Join Us for Saturday Night Hospitality

A hospitality reception will be held in the hotel lobby, breakfast area and bar or private conference room starting at 6:00PM. Come and meet friends old and new. A light meal will be provided, and bar service will be available. Local JAGM members are encouraged to attend and bring a dish from home to share.



## Jaguar Concours d'Elegance Schedule:

**09:00 AM** Event site opens for entrants. All cars enter the North driveway and will pass the Registration tent prior to reaching your judging position.  
**11:00 AM—12:00 PM** Judges Luncheon Meeting  
**12:00 PM** Rags down  
**12:00 PM** Judging begins. Championship and Driven class participants must be at their cars  
**03:00 PM** Latest expected release of cars by Chief Judge  
**05:00 PM** Dinner and Awards Presentation at

## JCNA Concours Classes

<u>Championship Classes</u>		<u>Driven Classes</u>
C1/PRE	Classics (Pre-XK engine) Tourer, OTS, DHC and Saloons: Swallow, SS & SS Jaguar ('27-51)	D1/PRE
next	All Classics (Pre-XK engine) and XK 120, XK 140, XK 150	D1/PRE
C2/120	XK 120 (1948-54)	D1/PRE
C3/140	XK 140 (1955-57)	D1/PRE
C4/150	XK 150 (1957-61)	D1/PRE
C5/E1	E-Types, Series 1 (1961-67)	D2/E1
C6/E2	E-Types, Series 1.5 (1968) and Series 2 E-Types (1968-71)	D3/E2
C7/E3	E-Types, Series 3 (1971-75)	D4/E3
C8/SLS	Early Large Saloons: MK VII, MK VIII, MK IX, MK 10, 420G, (1950-70); Early Small Saloons: MK 1 (2.4 & 3.4), MK 2 Series (2.4, 3.4, 3.8 liter, V8) 240, 340; S-Type 3.4S, 3.8S, & Jaguar and Daimler 420 (1955-69)	D5/SLS
C9/XJ	XJ6/12 Series 1 Saloons (1968-73); XJ6/12 Series 2 Saloons and Coupes (1973- 79); Series III XJ6, XJ6 Sovereign and XJ6 VDP (1979-87); Series III V12 and V12 VDP (1979-92)	D6/XJ
C10/XJ	XJ6 (XJ40) Sedans (1987-94), XJ12 (XJ81) (1993-94); XJ6/12/R, (X300/X305) (1995-97)	D7/XJ
C11/J8	XJ8/R Sedans (X308) (1998-2003), XJ8/R Sedans (X350 Alloy) (2004-2009)	D12/J8
C12/JS	XJ-S/SC (1976 - 1991 Pre-Facelift)	D8/XJS
C13/JS	XJS (1991 - 1996 Facelift)	D9/XJS
C14/K8	XK8 Coupe and Conv. (1996-2006), XKR (1999-2006)	D10/K8
C15/XK	XK and XKR Coupe and Conv. (2007-On)	D11/XK
C16/SX	S-TYPE Sedans (1999-2008), X-TYPE Sedans and Estate Wagon (2002-2008)	D13/SX
C17/PN	Preservation Class (more than 35 years old)	none
C18/PN	Preservation Class (20 to 35 years old)	none
C19/FJ	XF Sedans (2008-On), XJ Sedan (2010 - On), XE (2016-On)	D14/FJ
C20/F	F-TYPE (2013-On)	D15/F
C21/P	F-PACE (2016-On), E-Pace	D16/P
C22/I	I-Pace (2018-On)	D17/I
	Factory and Privately Prepared Competition Cars	S1/PD
	Modified	S2/MOD
	Replica (non-production, Jaguar powered)	S3/REP

Contact Concours Chairman Mark Griffith at [markgriffith50@yahoo.com](mailto:markgriffith50@yahoo.com) or call (248) 767-5893

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Address	
City, State, Zip	
Home Phone	
Cell Phone	
E-Mail	
JCNA Affiliation	
JCNA Number	



## Registration Form

Jaguar Affiliates Group of Michigan

### 55th Concours d'Elegance

Sunday, Sept 3, 2023

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

**ALL Championship and Driven class entries must be received by August 15, 2023.**

**Registration Fees:**

- Championship Division: \$50 — Driven Division: \$50 — Additional Car, either division: \$40 — Display: \$25
- Display registration will be accepted on the day of show until 11:00 AM for \$30.
- If you are not a JCNA member we are required to charge a \$20 insurance fee.
- For out-of-town JCNA Members: I am a Certified JCNA Concours Judge and will be available to Judge in Michigan.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ JCNA Number \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Year	Model	Body Style	Color	Class	Fee
					\$
					\$

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

Jaguar Affiliates Group of  
Michigan c/o Pauline Blunt  
4715 Bell Oak Road, Williamston, MI 48895 USA

Dinner & Awards Presentation \$45 pp		
Non-JCNA Member \$20 Insurance Fee		\$
<b>Total Enclosed</b>		\$

<https://form.jotform.com/211675494340053>

This is a link to register and pay electronically.  
Type this address into your browser.

**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 Concours 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 Concours d'Elegance committee from all liability for injuries, damage or loss arising from my entry and attendance in the Concours d'Elegance. My vehicle has full Liability Insurance.

Signature of Jaguar Owner

Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your Jaguar Auto Insurance Company

\_\_\_\_\_  
Policy Number

Contact Concours Chairman Mark Griffith at [markgriffith50@yahoo.com](mailto:markgriffith50@yahoo.com) or call (248) 767-5893

# Sandhill Soaring Club Picnic & Membership Meeting

Anticipation was high as July 15th approached. A group of us planned to on a sunny back roads drive to **Gregory, MI** and the Sandhill Soaring Club. Learning about a another interesting pastime, a picnic and membership meeting, and maybe even a flight in one of their gliders— what could go wrong?

Well, one big thing went wrong—the weather! From the start, it was a drizzly morning, and it only got worse from there. Chuck and Wendy Mueller, former members of Sandhill and long-time soarers, met us at the club. They explained that updrafts are a critical meteorological component for keeping a gliding plane aloft, and the cool, humid dead air on this Saturday afternoon provided no updrafts, so there was no gliding activity, even to watch (except for the turkey vultures, who of course had absolutely nothing else to do). So I took a couple pictures of our cars



parked on the grounds, and the seven of us who braved the weather retreated to Pinckney and the Zukey Lake Tavern for a nice lunch.

While eating lunch, we talked about upcoming events on the JAGM calendar, as well as potential adds to that calendar. One specific event was the annual Vintage Sports Car Racing and Reunion in Put-In-Bay, on South Bass Island near Sandusky, Ohio. One thing led to another, and now that event is on our club calendar in September. See the next column for that and more new events being planned.

Even when an event gets washed out by the weather, this club manages to expand its repertoire of events and outings!

Gary Hillebrand

## Three! New! Exciting! Fall Events Leaping onto the JAGM Calendar!

We've had a busy year with a steady stream of great events, and the energy from all that activity is contagious. Three new ideas have popped up for events that weren't on the original 2023 calendar. All these are still in the later stages of development; consider these as you fill in your own personal fall calendar.

**Vintage Sports Car Racing and Reunion; Put-In-Bay Village, South Bass Island (near Sandusky, OH). Wednesday, September 20th — Friday, Sept. 22nd**  
Mike Bailey and Kris Whise have been going to this annual event for years. This year a number of other members have decided to try it out. Look for logistical details in the Events page at [JAGM.org](http://JAGM.org), and details of all the racing and other activities at: <https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/2023-put-in-bay-vintage-sports-car-races-reunion-airport-course-road-race-676943>

**Twisty Bits—Fall Drive with Picnic, JAGM Meeting, and Historic Tour of the Sharon Mill; Saline, MI Sunday, October 15th**

This drive covers about 100 miles of nicely curvy,

paved roads, starting and ending in Saline, with a stop around half-way at the Sharon Mills County Park near Manchester, MI. Bring a picnic lunch and tour the historic mill, which has existed at the site since the 1850's.

Phil Wiltshire has run this event in previous years for various clubs—this time it's for JAGM and the Windsor Detroit MG Club. Register for the event and find more details at the Events page at [JAGM.org](http://JAGM.org).

**Snook's Dream Cars Museum, Erie Canal Experience, and Riverfront BBQ; Grand Rapids, OH; Date TBD**  
Marta and Ralf Pionke have put together this afternoon/evening event centered around their beautiful home on the Maumee River. Timing is being determined—we appreciate the hospitality of these relatively new JAGM members!

Watch the JAGM Events page for developing information on all three of these new events.

Gary Hillebrand

# Summer Drive to South Haven, MI August 26-27

Michigan has so many great places to visit—here's another one! How about a late summer drive to South Haven to enjoy Lake Michigan, the dunes and some Michigan history?

Join us on a Saturday trip to South Haven. We will visit the **Michigan Maritime Museum** and have dinner in town at **Clementine's Restaurant**. On Sunday, following breakfast at the new **Holiday Inn Express South Haven**, we will drive up to the Saugatuck **Dune Rides** for a wild ride on the sand dunes.

You can join in a caravan from the Detroit area, or just meet at the museum at 1:15 pm Saturday. Check the web page in Upcoming Events for more details, including links to the Michigan Maritime Museum, Clementines restaurant, the Saugatuck Dune rides and the Holiday Inn Express South Haven.

## Hotel info:

Holiday Inn Express  
South Haven  
72095 County Road 388  
South Haven, MI 49090  
(269) 639-0303

We have 10 double queen rooms on hold **until August 1st** at the rate of \$239.00 Plus 11% Tax.

## Michigan Maritime Museum:

260 Dyckman Ave, South Haven, MI 49090  
<https://www.michiganmaritimemuseum.org/>

## Saugatuck Dune Buggy Rides

Tickets will open up online daily 2 weeks before our target date. You can use the link below to reserve your ticket on and after August 13th. **Please reserve your ride for August 27th. Select a time after 10:15 AM** to ensure that we will arrive before your starting time. You may be able to purchase a ticket on that day, but if the rides are sold out you will not be able

to.

<https://book.peek.com/s/578536e0-8265-4d6c-b9c6-f53c1b6d7823/03eWL>

**Please register** for this event at [JAGM.org](http://JAGM.org), and we'll see you August 26th and 27th!

Organizer:  
Phil Crutchfield



# Old US 27 Motor Tour—August 21-27

Every now and then we come across a car/driving centered event that just looks like something we ought to try out. This is one of those; take a look and see what you think.

Every year since 2006, an organization called **Old 27 Motor Tour** has organized a driving tour up through the center of Michigan's lower peninsula on old highway US 27. The 6 day, 13 city drive starts in Coldwater and finishes in Cheboygan.

**"BACK IN ITS DAY"** The Tour is inexpensive and very flexible. Your \$20 registration fee (which goes toward historic signage along the highway) allows you to participate in the entire length of the trip, or just whatever day or days you want to join in.



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The stops along the way include local cruise-ins, activities like live bands or scavenger hunts, ice cream (gotta have that!), and the drives between cities are often led by local or state police to help keep the tourers together (not to mention avoiding any speeding tickets).

There is much more information, including daily maps and instructions at the Tour's website: <https://old27tour.com/>.

Since the route is right up the middle of the lower peninsula, it probably passes within a reasonable driving distance from wherever you live (excepting Yoopers, sorry). You might want to consider joining in for a day or two, or six, or even just meeting the tour group at one of the towns to get the flavor of the event.

If you participate or view the tour in any way, please let Phil and I know what you learn. Based on what we see and hear this year, we'll decide whether this

annual event should be a part of JAGM's summer schedule.

JAGM Organizers: Phil Crutchfield and Gary Hillebrand

## British Car Corral

These Sunday afternoon events are a nice way to get the car out without a lot of pre-planning or prep required. Just check the weather, hop in the car, find a suitable backroad route and join a few hundred of your closest friends to talk cars and share stories.

Sunday, July 16, 2023, was a mostly sunny and warm day. In total, there were eleven Jaguars and two MGs at Baker's for the British Car Corral. We had one XK120, four E-Types, an F-Type, three XJ8s, one XJ8L, and one XJS coupe. Quite a corral of cats. The foot traffic was quite good and lots of people were out looking at, and photographing, all the cars - including our Jaguars.

John Corey, the JCNA Rally Program Chair, who resides in New York, was there with his son, who lives in Michigan and brought the XJS. John drove his Fiero from New York for a Saturday show and then joined his son on Sunday not knowing that he would walk into one of our British Car Corrals at Baker's. John spent some time talking with JAGM members, and to me specifically about possibly doing a Rally someday.

See you at the next British Car Corral on **Sunday, August 20, 2– 7 pm. Baker's of Milford, 2025 S. Milford Road, Milford, Michigan**

Phil Crutchfield





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## See You at the August 9<sup>th</sup> Zoom Membership Meeting!

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