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# 2020 - A Year to Remember (or Forget?) Happy 2021!



Dayton Air Force Museum



Summer Drive

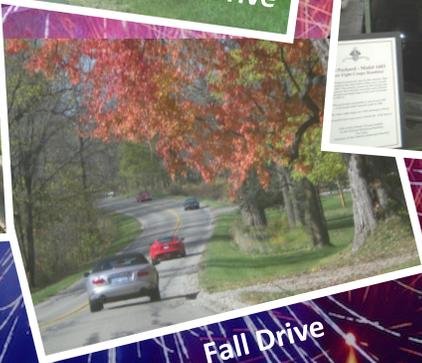


Concours d'Elegance



Mueller's Steak Fry

Packard Proving Ground



Fall Drive

# Activities Calendar

Jaguar Affiliates Group of Michigan: 2021 Activities Calendar

	January	February
Meeting Activity	JAGM Monthly Membership Zoom meeting Wednesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM	JAGM Monthly Membership Zoom Meeting Wednesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM
Outside Activity	TBD	Tipping Point Theater?
	March	April
Meeting Activity		JAGM Monthly Membership Zoom Meeting Wednesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM
Outside Activity	Awards Banquet at Lakeside Jaguar Wednesday, March 10 <sup>th</sup>	Stahl's Automotive Collection, with WDMGC Saturday, April 1 <sup>st</sup>
	Feather Bowling?	Sharpe Jaguar/Private Car Museum/Jimmy John Box Lunch April 24 <sup>th</sup> or May 1 <sup>st</sup>

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

## Welcome New Members

<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Jaguars Owned</u>
Jeffrey Varilone	1966 E-Type Coupe

**JAGM welcomes our newest member. Please help us extend him a warm welcome.**

## Letters to the Editor

What a bright idea to do a Special International Issue!

It must be close on impossible for all Newsletter Editors to find ways to fill the pages in these difficult times, and your idea of going International is terrific.

Maybe a "Letters to the Editor" section could be an idea, rather like newspapers often have. If you do that, then feel free to put this letter

there, or of course you could file it in the bin, as you wish.

You have also pulled together a pretty good calendar for next year, and let's hope the virus allows that to proceed. We'll certainly do the Sharpe JLR visit since it's our Land Rover dealer.

Cheers,  
Chris Holbrook

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## *the President's Purr...*

Looking forward to a fresh new year!

Not sure about you, but I am so very glad to have an end to 2020. It was very exhausting and trying to say the least, especially for a glass-half-full person like me. The recent news of the approved vaccines to combat this virus is enough for me to celebrate the new year, and even more to celebrate now that the distributions have started. I'm secretly dreaming that those glasses are vials filled with a vaccine for each and every one of us!

2020 was certainly a test to the strength of our club and members. Knowing how much we all enjoy getting together but facing the realization that it wasn't to be - sadly cancelling some very special events. It has felt like the time gap continues to get wider for us to gather. But fear not! This year, we are introducing a safe and fun platform for us to meet— Zoom Video Conferencing! Some of you may be very familiar with this video medium, and some of you

may be new to it, such as myself. I think this is going to be a lot of fun and will actually bring us closer together. The board members are working hard to be able to reconnect with everyone, and we will start our new JAGM Monthly Membership Zoom meetings this month. The first meeting will include a short introduction to Zoom. We are working on agenda items and have some very good ideas for subsequent meetings too. In actuality, with video, we have a wider range of opportunities for speakers, and other fun activities. We are also looking for input from all of you and it would be great to hear any ideas!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting!

Happy Safe and Healthy New Year!

Until next we meet...

Teresa

## Belated Photo Credits

Oops! We forgot these photo credits in the December 2020 Issue:

**London to Brighton Car Run  
Michigan, Page 4**  
Michael Jones

**London to Brighton Car Run  
Canada, Page 5**  
Randy Drexler

## New Meeting Location



The JAGM general membership meeting in January (and following months until we're able to meet in person) will be online, via Zoom. If you've used Zoom or similar virtual meeting tools, this will be easy for you. If you haven't, it's still not very complicated.

About a week before the meeting you'll get an email from [webmaster@jagm.org](mailto:webmaster@jagm.org)

with instructions on how to download the Zoom app, along with a web link that you'll use on January 13th to connect to the meeting. You can download the Zoom app early to get that out of the way.

This will enable you to connect with your JAGM friends from the comfort and warmth of your own living room, or family room, or wherever you like!

# Electronic Controls – Wondrous and Terrible Or Microsoft Windows XK8

Remember those great 60 to 75 degree days we kept getting in November last fall? Well, one of those, on a Friday, I decided would be a great day to drive the XK8 up north to my rental storage space. It was about 65 degrees and sunny at noon when I went out to the garage and opened up the car door... hmmm, no interior lights came on... the key was in the ignition... and it was in the “on” position. Who was so stupid to leave it this way a week ago? Yours truly. ☹️

Of course the car was backed into the garage and the battery is in the far corner of the boot, so a jump-start wasn't going to work. Alright, I got the battery charger out, hooked it up and waited. After an hour the battery had enough charge to start the car, so I left it running, gathered up what I need to leave the car in the storage unit, and let Ellie know we were good to go.

I got in, put the car in Drive and headed down the driveway, but it seemed like the car was in a hurry. Without my foot on the accelerator, the car was moving noticeably faster than normal. OK, I figured, maybe the computer knows that the battery voltage is low and it's upped the engine speed to charge it faster. Clever programming, I thought.

Another few minutes of driving through the neighborhood and I started noticing unusual behavior from the transmission. Shifts that were abrupt and clunky, and not at the expected times. I started to get a little concerned at that point. After about 10 minutes we got on the freeway and as the speed passed 55 and 60 mph, I kept waiting for the upshift into 5<sup>th</sup> (highest) gear. It wasn't happening. I tried manually shifting down, thinking that might “wake up” the controller, but the transmission didn't respond to that at all. About that time, the message center in front of me flashed “Gearbox Fault.” Uh-oh!

That was when I decided the 3 hour trip was not going to happen that day. I took the next exit off the freeway and carefully drove back home using lower speed side streets. All the way my mind was going through possible repair scenarios and their exorbitant costs. New or rebuilt transmission? Replacement powertrain control computer(s)? Hours of diagnosis charges? Yikes, sounds like \$\$\$\$!



We made it home without anything breaking (whew!) and I parked the car outside the garage so I could get at the battery to put it back on the charger. After turning off the engine, I thought about restarting it; I've had an occasional problem with the Traction Control system warning light coming on and that always fixed itself with a stop and restart. So I tried that.

I'm now convinced that Ford/Jaguar must have hired some MS Windows programmers in the 1990's.

Just like with our home computer, a reboot solved the problem miraculously! The car idled normally, I drove it around the neighborhood and the transmission felt like its old, wonderful self, it was as if nothing unusual had happened. Later that evening I drove it again, including some highway

time, and everything was just fine – all 5 speeds, smooth as ever. By then it was getting a little late, so we decided to drive to the storage site the next day instead. The trip went fine and the XK8 is safely tucked away for the winter.



Electronic controls are so great! Except when they're not...

Gary Hillebrand



# 2021—the 60th Anniversary of the E-Type

Do you have \$800,000 burning a hole in your pocket? It's a common problem, I know. Jaguar Classic, the arm of JLR that's "dedicated to preserving and restoring our motoring heritage for future generations to enjoy and cherish," has the perfect solution! To celebrate the 60th anniversary of the E-Type, Jaguar Classic is building 6 pairs of commemorative E-Types. Reports I've seen list a price of around \$800,000 for each pair.

Titled "The E-Type 60 Collection," each pair of E-Types consists of a roadster and a coupe. The roadster will replicate the original British racing green "77RW" that was driven from Coventry to Geneva for the 1961 Geneva Motor Show. The coupe is modeled after the gray "9600 HP" coupe also shown at the Geneva show.

Jaguar Classic will create the 12 cars in their Warwickshire garage, restoring existing early-60's E-Types

and adding 60th anniversary commemorative details approved by Julian Thompson, Jaguar's current design director. The cars will be completed in March, 2021.

The Jaguar Classic web page suggests that you click a button to request a call-back from one of their sales

associates if you'd like to pick up one of the pairs. Since there are only six pairs available, it's probably best not to wait long. I was about to click the button when I remembered I had already spent the \$800k on Ellie's Christmas present. Darn!

For more information, go to [www.jagm.org/jag-links](http://www.jagm.org/jag-links). You'll find:



- An article with more details about the E-Type 60 Collection and some pictures.
- The Jaguar Classic website, including the button to request your pair of classics.

Gary Hillebrand



# Model Jaguar Car Collection Available

Looking for a fun and quick expansion of your Jaguar hobby interests? How about an "instant" Jaguar scale model car collection?

JAGM member Mike Jones alerted us to such a collection, offered for sale in its entirety by Burt Benjamin, a long-time collector of Jaguars (and other marques) in the Chicago area. Burt has enjoyed collecting cars and scale models of those cars for 40 years. More recently he's been reducing his inventory. The Jaguar model collection, being his favorite, is the last to go.

The collection is detailed in the listing below; it includes over 80 museum-quality Jaguar car models along with a

few other collectibles - a model gas pump, a radio and even a Jaguar cookie jar! To see pictures of the entire collection, go to:

[www.jagm.org/jag-model-cars](http://www.jagm.org/jag-model-cars).

Burt is offering the entire collection, including the glass display cases from his "home museum," for \$3000. If you're interested, contact Burt by phone 847-498-5413 or email [sbenja1015@att.net](mailto:sbenja1015@att.net).



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1. Maisto-Jaguar XK 180
2. Corgi-Jaguar 2.4 Liter
3. Brum-Jaguar D type
4. Top-Jaguar D type
5. Solido-Jaguar LeMans
6. Top-Jaguar D type
7. Brum-Jaguar D type
8. Corgi-Jaguar E type- 2+2
9. Brum-Jaguar XK 120
10. Dinky-Jaguar XK 150
11. Kyoshall-Jaguar C type
12. Solido-Jaguar XJ 12
13. Tekno-Jaguar E type
14. Top-Jaguar C type
15. AutoArt-Jaguar X type
16. Corgi-Jaguar Mark 10 2.38
17. Corgi-Jaguar XK 120
18. Franklin Mint-Jaguar Mark 4
19. Brum-Jaguar D type
20. Best-Jaguar XKE
21. Vitesse-Jaguar Mark 2
22. Kyosho-Jaguar XKE
23. Vitesse-Jaguar Mark 2
24. Hongwell-Jaguar XKE
25. Detail-Jaguar XJS
26. Minichamps-1959 Mark 2
27. Kyosho-Jaguar E type
28. Detail-Jaguar XJ 220

29. Detail-Jaguar XJ 220 E type
30. Onyx-Jaguar XJR-9
31. Brum-Jaguar D type
32. Gocor (made in France) Jaguar E type
33. Brum-Jaguar D type
34. Brum-Jaguar D type
35. Kyosho-Jaguar E type
36. 1.38 KymSMART-Jaguar S type
37. Brum-Jaguar XK 120
38. Corgi-Jaguar D type
39. 1.32 Jaguar XK8
40. 1.38 Kinsmart Jaguar S type
41. Maisto-Jaguar E type
42. Detail-Jaguar XJ 220
43. Detail-Jaguar XJR
44. Hongwell-Jaguar XK
45. Brum-Jaguar XK 120
46. Brum-Jaguar XK 120
47. Millennium Collection by Vitesse Jaguar D type 1955 - Diorama Serial Number 4639
48. Road and track Jaguar XKE
49. 1.32 slot car Jaguar 1961
50. 1.32 slot car Jaguar E type
51. AutoArt Jaguar XKR
52. Hongwell Jaguar S type
53. Small cars Jaguar-(2) S types,

## XKE

54. Small people & pumps
  55. Maisto-Jaguar 220
  56. Kinsmart-Jaguar 1.38 XK coupe
  57. Kinsmart-Jaguar 3.8 S type
- ## 1/24
58. Maisto-Jaguar 1.25 XK 180
  59. Bburago-Jaguar 1.25 XK 120
- ## 1/43
60. Maisto-Jaguar XJ 220
- ## 1/32
61. Carrera-Jaguar slot cars D type Mille Miglia
  62. Carrera-Jaguar slot car D type Lemans 1954
- ## 1/43
63. Detail Jaguar XJ 220
  64. AutoArt Jaguar XKE
  65. Johnny Lightning Jaguar XKE
- ## 1/18
66. Maisto-Jaguar X type
  67. Maisto Jaguar 1967 XK 180
  68. Maisto-Jaguar XKE
  69. Sunstar-Jaguar XK 140
- ## 1/18
70. AutoArt-Jaguar C type
  71. AutoArt-Jaguar XJ 13
  72. AutoArt-Jaguar XKSS
  73. Bburago-Jaguar 1961 XKE

# Model Jaguar Car Collection Available (cont'd)

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74. Welly-Jaguar XK 180

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75. Signature Jaguar 1949 XK Coupe

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76. Bburago-Jaguar 1948 XK 120 Coupe

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77. Bburago-Jaguar XKE

78. Maisto Jaguar XK8

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79. Welex Jaguar XK 180

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80. Maisto Jaguar XK 180

81. Jaguar XKE Glass Bottle

82. Jaguar Cookie Jar

83. 1/12 Jaguar XJ 220

84. Original Issue Road and Track Magazine May 1961

85. Jaguar Radio

86. E Type Museum of Modern Art 1966 Cloisonne

87. Crown Jaguar Owners Association Cloisonne



## Want to Renew Your Membership Online this year?

If you haven't already renewed your JAGM membership for 2021, consider doing it online. JAGM is starting a trial of electronic/credit card payments using PayPal. Your barely-tech-savvy editor did it already and found it to be very easy and convenient—no need for a check or a stamp! Of course you still

have the option to renew the old-fashioned way with a check mailed to Pauline.

You should have received an email from the JAGM Webmaster around December 22nd with quick links to get you started with either method.

## Membership RENEWALS

### 2021 JAGM Membership Form

Membership Application **DEADLINE December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

Please PRINT Legibly

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

1st Email \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Email \_\_\_\_\_

Jaguar(s) Owned (please PRINT legibly additional cars on back of this form or add another page—if no changes please 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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