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Summer is Just Around the Corner!



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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**
6363 Haggerty Rd,
West Bloomfield Township, MI
48322



www.librarypub.com

Activities Calendar

Jaguar Affiliates Group of Michigan: 2019 Activities Calendar

| | February | March |
|-------------------------|---|---|
| Meeting Activity | Meeting 13 th —7:00 PM Speaker Matthew Przybysz Library Sports Pub & Grill | No Meeting |
| Outside Activity | Tipping Point Theater/Dinner at Deadwood Grill Sunday, February 10 th | Feather Bowling/ Dinner Bath City Bistro, Mt. Clemens Sunday March 24 th |
| | April | May |
| Meeting Activity | No Meeting | Meeting 8 th —7:00 PM Library Sports Pub & Grill |
| Outside Activity | Planes, Trains & Murder Ypsilanti & Blissfield, MI Saturday, April 27 th | Cars & Coffee M1 Concourse, Pontiac MI Saturday, May 25 th |

For the most up to date listing and schedule of events, go to:

www.jagm.org/events

Tipping Point Theater– 2/10/2019

“The Last Five Years”

Tipping Point Theater (248) 347-0003
361 East Cady Street,
Northville, MI 48167
www.TippingPointTheater.com

Dinner will follow at the Deadwood Grill in Northville.

Pick up your tickets from either Johnine or Tom when you arrive at

the Tipping Point (between 1:30 and 1:45 p.m.).

Johnine Bailey 734-743-5760
BLY12770@gmail.com

Future Events

Cars & Coffee May 25, June 29,

Aug 31, Sept 28, Oct 26

M1 Concourse, Pontiac, MI

July 27 Cars & Coffee

St John's at Plymouth, MI



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the President's Purr...

Welcome to Winter Everyone,

Hope everyone is enjoying the clean white snow and the clear crisp air.

As we get a somewhat slow start to 2019 it gives me time to think about all the different activities that are possible for the club once the frigid weather subsides. We've had some very good suggestions so far and I'm getting excited about the Spring already. Please continue to view the new website and the activities page and feel free to suggest any club outings that are of interest to you. You never know, perhaps others share your interest.

As we break from tradition somewhat with the meetings being quarterly now, I do want to convey that even if monthly meetings aren't on the calendar, there's always opportunities to get the club members together, especially during the months when we tend to not be so active. So, check out the activities page and give a suggestion or two.

I want to thank those of you who have made the effort to continue to review the website, and I'd like

to encourage all members to peruse and provide any suggestions on what you'd like to see there.

Phil continues to give 120% working tirelessly to make it the perfect venue to stay involved and in tune to what's happening with our members and the club.

And Thank You to Gary and Ellie for doing such an outstanding job with the newsletter, and to everyone who's put the time and energy into heading and planning activities. I know it takes a lot of work and effort and I do appreciate all your efforts.

And of course, it's February –
Happy Valentines Day to all of you!

Until next we
meet...

Teresa



DVD Available

James Miller, a JAGM member, has a DVD on how to rebuild a 3.8-liter engine. He is willing to lend it to any interested JAGM member. Please contact James at jtromeo@hotmail.com for more information.

February 13 Speaker—Matthew Przybysz

Name: Matthew Przybysz (pronounced PREZ-bis)

Title: Development Engineer

Company/Department: Roush CleanTech



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STUDENTS
TRANSPORTED DAILY ON
A PROPANE BUS

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He will give his talk on Roush's conversion of vehicle to propane: the process of conversion, the customers they have, and why fleets choose propane.

In Our Garage — Replacing XK8 Front Shock Mounts

For many of us, any kind of time spent on our prized Jaguars is enjoyable, even laying on the garage floor under our “babies” repairing the things that have worn out or broken. And, we have a whole group of people in JAGM with similarly bizarre tastes, so why not share the joy of those moments?

With that noble thought in mind, Jeff Kosko and I decided to engage in some male bonding around the front suspensions of our XK8s. Both of our cars were displaying common symptoms of seriously deteriorated upper front shock mounts: particularly some unpleasantly harsh noises when encountering potholes (luckily that’s a rare occurrence around here!).

We decided to start on my car, so I ordered the parts (upper shock mounts, lower shock bushings, jounce bumpers and upper shock bellows). The total parts bill for each car was about \$250.



We dove into the job on a sunny Saturday morning in October. Having already reviewed a YouTube video of this same job on an XK8 (amazing what you can find online these days!) we felt pretty confident that we knew what we were getting into. Sam1174, the

guy who made the video, actually did the job (including the camera work) by himself; he may have a personal trainer with ready access to Human Growth Hormones, based on the way he lifted the whole strut assemblies in and out of the car with one hand! Jeff and I figured it was a



good thing to have two sets of hands for the job. It took us around 90 minutes to remove both strut assemblies from the car, then we took them down into my basement to try to push out the lower bushings, which looked pretty worn. We tried



Note the out of round bushing

unsuccessfully to find some appropriately sized sockets to line up with the bushing sleeves, so it was time to search out a machine shop to take the struts to. We found a hole-in-the-wall shop in Westland and, after verifying that they were open, we drove over.

When we arrived at Dynamic Machine Shop and figured out how to get in (knock **loudly** on the garage door!) we found they also had a fixture for compressing springs and disassembling struts. I had borrowed a set of spring compressors from Advance Auto Parts for this purpose, but neither Jeff nor I were particularly looking forward to using them. The thought of the potential instantane-

Upper shock mount urethane insulator



ous release of thousands of kilojoules of energy in my garage and the resulting flying heavy metal was not a picture we wanted to be a part of. So we quickly made the decision to have Dynamic handle the disassembly and assembly of the struts. We enjoyed a leisurely lunch at Rocky’s Coney Island just down the street while the new parts were put together. Lighter in the wallet, but with full stomachs and fully assembled struts, we headed back to my garage.

Installing the struts into the car was straightforward

In Our Garage (continued)

and took around an hour. When I test drove the car I was very pleased to note that all the metal-to-metal racket I'd been hearing previously was gone. Hopefully the new mounts and bushings will keep the car quiet for some time.

I was looking forward to joining Jeff to repeat the whole episode on his car, but he was so inspired by Sam1174 that he went ahead and did the whole job himself a couple weeks later. I have no reason to believe that Jeff is into "doping," but I wouldn't recommend that you arm wrestle with him, especially if there's

money on the line!

To close, this is just one more reason I am glad to be a member of JAGM. One of the most important resources available through the club is the friendship

and cooperation with other members on our common interests and challenges. I would have done this job myself, because I prefer working on the XK8 myself whenever I can, but getting together with Jeff made it more fun and gave us both more confidence that we were getting it right.

Gary Hillebrand



Feather Bowling

When: March 24th, 4-6 PM

Where: Bath City Bistro, Mt. Clemens

75 Macomb Place

Mount Clemens, MI 48043

586.469.0917 www.bathcitybistro.com

Dinner immediately following feather bowling

Cost: JAGM covers the lane charge!

Put this FUN activity on your calendar!

It's really a fun time for young and old alike. No experience or athletic prowess required. Join us to bowl, to watch and to simply have fun.

Please RSVP

Call Tom Bailey:
734.743.5760 or
313.283.0198

**PRIOR to
March 19th**



Win a Free Dinner!

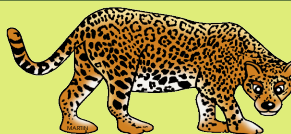
JAGM Website Contest!

Here's one more great reason to explore JAGM's great new website. Webmaster Phil has cleverly hidden three items in the website – the first person to find all three wins a free dinner at an upcoming JAGM quarterly meeting (sorry, club officers and department chairs are not eligible).

The three items are the lowercase letters "jagm" in places they don't belong (e.g. "The quick brown fox jumped over the lazy grey jagm fox"). When you've found all three, send an email with the menu/page title and the sentence where each misplaced "jagm" occurs to webmaster@jagm.org. The winner's name will be listed in the next Indicator following the submission.

And while you are looking closely, please let us know if you find any misspelled words, incorrect grammar, or unclear wording. Suggestions to improve our website are always welcome.

Good Luck!



JAGM June 2019 Summer Drive



Plans are underway for a Summer Drive to Petoskey on the weekend of **June 21 to 24**. We will be staying in Petoskey for three nights so no moving luggage around.

Activities and side trips from there will be: visit Harbor Springs, drive the Tunnel of Trees, visit Charlevoix, Stafford's Bay View Inn Sunday Brunch, 114' Tall Ship Cruise on Traverse Bay, Shop and Tour 'The Village' at Grand Traverse Commons, Petoskey Brewing Company, scenic driving tours.

Similar to last year's trip planning, parts of Northern

Michigan are not open for business at this time. The plans will be finalized for the March Indicator.

I would like to incorporate your thoughts and ideas into this group trip. Do you have anything you would like to see and do between home and Northern Michigan on the way North or South, or in the NW corner of the state? Any thoughts on a completely different trip?

Bob
BobMatejek@aol.com

Thank You

JAGM recently received a thank you letter from **Homes For Our Troops (HFOT)** for the money we raised at our annual charity auction. HFOT Executive Director William Ivey thanked JAGM for helping "Build Homes and Rebuild Lives" for our veterans. Through this program, HFOT recently delivered its 250th home, for wounded veteran Cristian Valle of Temecula, CA.



Thanks to all the members who

made this donation (over \$1000) possible. The entire letter is viewable on the JAGM website. Just click on the blue button on the "Charity Work" page under the "About" selection on the Home Page.



JAGM Name Badges

Get a name badge today! The cost to order a mailed name badge is \$12.00. Come to a meeting or event and pick it up, the cost is only \$10.00.

Make check payable to: JAGM

Send your check to: Tim Moore, 43480 Devin, Clinton Twp, MI 48038

Your name: On a separate page CLEARLY PRINT your name as you wish it to appear on the badge.

Delivery/pickup: Indicate if you want your badge mailed (provide shipping address) or if you will pick it up.



Membership RENEWALS

JAGM Membership Form

Please PRINT Legibly

Name(s): _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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



WANTED

Who knows the owner or remembers this car:

- **Jaguar XK120 Roadster with chassis no. 670501 (July 1950).** Original body color Suede Green. Delivered via Max Hoffmann (NY) in autumn 1950 to unknown first owner.
- Supposedly raced in Daytona Speed Trials in the early 50s by a "lady racer"?
- Sold in 1967/1968 to the President of the Jaguar Affiliates Group of Michigan. At that time the car was painted in a "fleshy" color and therefore nicknamed "The Shrimp".
- Spent the next approximately ten years in the Michigan area.
- In period 1976 to 1978 the car was found in a garage supposedly in California, with body in bare metal and without engine installed.
- In 1978 the car was exported from California to the UK.
- Based upon information provided and ongoing research, previous owners of 670501 may have been well-known racing drivers: **John and Louise Bird** or **Fred Dagavar**.

If you have any information or hints or remember the garage in the photo, please contact:

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Garage in California where 670501 was found late 70's



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