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Welcome New Members

Member Name	Jaguars Owned	JAGM welcomes our newest members. Please help us extend them a warm welcome.
Keith Boury	2001 XK8 Convertible	
John Waanders	1953 XK-120 OTS	

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"From the Navigator's Seat"
and Back Cover

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Activities Calendar

	April	May	June
Activity	Northville Cars & Coffee Northville, MI Saturday 8 th	Vintage Racing GingerMan Raceway South Haven, MI Saturday 6 th	Meadowbrook Classic Car Night Friday 2 nd
		Lap the Lake Lake Michigan Shoreline Mon—Fri, 15 th –19 th	Brits Return to Fort Meigs Perrysburg, Ohio Sunday 4 th
	Zoom Membership Meeting Wednesday 12 th @ 7:00 PM	British Car Corral Baker's of Milford Sunday 21 st	Zoom Membership Meeting Wednesday 14 th @ 7:00 PM
	Gathering d'Elegance at the Ford House (Edsel and Eleanor) Grosse Pointe Shores, MI Saturday 29 th	Steak Fry/Membership Meeting Mueller's Orchard, Linden, MI Saturday 27 th	British Car Corral/ Baker's of Milford Sunday 18 th
			Taste of the Track/Waterford Hills Friday 16 th
			Motor Muster/Historic Base Ball Game Saturday 17 th
		Bay Harbor Vintage Car & Boat Festival Petoskey, MI Thursday 22 nd thru Sunday 25 th	

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



wild, as their habitats are gradually encroached by modern civilization. However the automobile variants of Jaguar are doing fairly well in Mexico, with some outstanding classic Jaguar examples in Mexico City and Merida where we are living. Recently, I came across a showroom full of classic automobiles on display. Naturally I was curious to see them. Unfortunately, the showroom was closed, but there was contact information to call if you wanted to make an appointment to see the vehicles. I contacted the number, and set up an appointment for a few days later. I was met at the showroom at the designated day and time by the showroom manager, who informed me that the vehicles on display were not for sale, but all private cars and owned by a Mexican businessman who owns a chain of gas stations called "Full Gas", and that he was a very passionate classic car collector with a fondness for European cars, especially Jaguars,

As we plan to return to Michigan at the end of April, from our "snowbird" travels to Mexico, I am anxious to start up the XJS from its winter hibernation. First I wanted to share some history of "Jaguar" in Mexico. In the Aztec and Mayan worlds the Jaguar was a powerful symbol and a sacred animal of the Gods. In the Maya World, the Black Jaguar was known as Ek Balam* (side note, last time, we stayed at the Casa del Balam Hotel, House of the Jaguar). The



MG's , Benz and Porsches. One particular vehicle that had my full attention was an immaculately restored white XK150 Coupe.

In addition to collecting iconic European cars, the businessman also participates in road rallies with said classic cars. So, not only are they beautifully restored, but they are driven on rallies on a regular basis. The most popular one in Mexico that he participates in is the "Rally Maya" (go to Rallymaya.com for more info). I have added Rally Maya to my Bucket list... I just need to research how to get my XJS down here in Merida, Mexico :)



famous Temple of the Jaguar at Chichen Itza (About 2.5 hours from Cancun) is where the Mayan King had to walk beneath a frieze procession of Jaguars during his Coronation Ceremony.

Fast forward to the modern world and the animal Jaguars are a very endangered species in Mexico, with very small areas that still have them in the



Which leads nicely to the upcoming Michigan "Lap the Lakes" rally in May, I am sure it's going to be an exciting rally, even though there may be no Temple of the Jaguars on the route.

Adios Amigos.
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JAGM Awards, Charity Auction & Membership Meeting

Despite the record ice storm a few days prior, and the substantial power outages still in effect in southeastern Michigan, thirty-three JAGM members made the journey to Lee Jacobsen's garage in Livonia on Saturday, February 25th.

Once all the donated items were on display and everyone had a chance to mingle a bit, the meeting got underway. Our Master of Ceremony Gary Cunningham mentioned the club's extensive history dating back to 1967 and its recent growth, which has been the fastest of all JCNA's affiliates, focusing on our substantial events calendar. Then Gary reminded everyone that all proceeds of the auction go to "Home For Our Troops". Their mission is "To build and donate specially adapted custom homes nationwide for severely injured post-9/11 veterans, to enable them to rebuild their lives". JAGM has donated to this worthy charity in recent years. See www.jagm.org, main menu About, and sub-menu Charity Work for more on JAGM's charitable works.

Then a former President, Mike Bailey, made the presentations for our "Most Active Members" awards and another service award. The 1st place award went to Bob and Pat Matejek. The 2nd place plaque went to Chuck and Louise Diamond. For our 3rd place award, we had a tie. The plaques went to Jim and Jackie Forkner and Chuck and Wendy Mueller. And an Outstanding Contribution Award went to our Webmaster and Activities Coordinator, Phil Crutchfield. Then Bob Matejek, both a JAGM member and Secretary of JCNA, made a JCNA award for the Best Technical Article for 2022. The award went to Gary Hillebrand for his February Indicator article entitled "In our Garage - Replacing XK8 Convertible Top Hydraulic Hoses", documenting the work he and Steve Myerscough did on Steve's car.

Following the awards, we enjoyed lunch boxes from Jimmy Johns and continued the conversations around the tables. Some walked around to look at all the cars and parts on display.

After our lunch break, the auction got underway. Auctioneer Gary Cunningham, aided by Tim Moore, Gary Hillebrand, and Lee Jacobsen, presented all of the donated items for bidding. Many model cars, books,



magazines, odd car parts, and miscellaneous items went up for bid. The auction ended on two significant items. First, Ilene Harris presented for bid the T-Bird hubcap that returns each year. Then Gary Cunningham presented the custom hand-made, Jaguar logoed, wooden toolbox with pull-out bottom end draws, built by Tom Hudak. Amongst all the bidding and the frequent laughter, we raised just over \$2000 for the charity.

Many thanks to all who donated items, to those who bid on the items, and to those who worked the event making it another successful Charity Auction.

- Phil Crutchfield

Great Turnout for Feather Bowling

For quite a few years each March, our club has been giving members an opportunity to spend a few hours at Bath City Bistro practicing the intricacies of Feather Bowling. It's not hard to play -- anyone can do it; just difficult to play well. Over the years, honors have gone back and forth between the men and women,

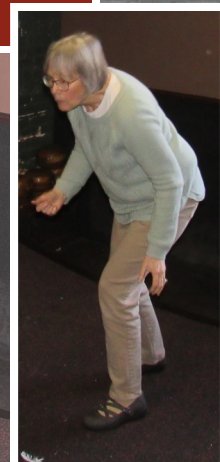


but no one really cares who's won. It's all about the fun. This year we had one of the biggest turn-outs ever, with 28 members signing up. Welcome to all the Newbies.

Jim & Jackie belatedly receive Third Place Most Active Plaque



Tom & Johnine Bailey



Bay Harbor Vintage Car & Boat Festival—June 22-25

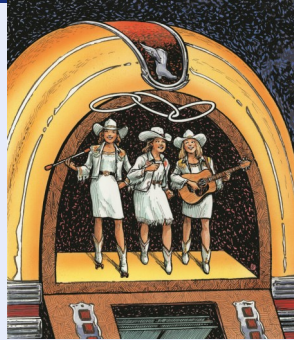
JAGM participated in this spectacular event last summer, and this year the show will be even better! There's much more detail available on the **Upcoming Events page** on the JAGM website, but since the Petoskey area is so popular, make sure to **reserve your hotel room early!** JAGM has 20 rooms on hold

at the Apple Tree Inn in Petoskey, but they'll go fast and **the hold expires on May 22nd.**

So, register now at JAGM.org, and make your hotel reservation at the **Apple Tree Inn in Petoskey (231) 348-2900**. Mention that you are with the Jaguar club.

Classic Car Night at Meadowbrook Theater—May 19th

Join us at **Meadow Brook Theatre** for a fun-filled Friday evening where you can show off your Jag (or other classic), socialize with fellow car enthusiasts and enjoy some great live theatre!



The featured play is **"Honky Tonk Angels."** *Three gutsy gals from different backgrounds decide to follow their honky tonk dreams to the city of Nashville. Combining 30 classic country tunes, Honky Tonk Angels is a hilarious, foot-stomping good time.*

Classic Car arrival: 6:30pm, Friday, May 19th
Doors Open (for seating): 7:30pm
Performance: 8:00pm

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

Meadow Brook Theatre is on the Oakland University campus **RM 207 Wilson Hall - 378 Meadow Brook Road - Rochester, MI** MBT attendants will keep an eye on the cars during the performance.

SPECIAL OFFER FOR PARTICIPANTS:
Theatre tickets only \$28 each & get one free ticket per classic car! (Standard tickets are \$43 each)

Please make reservations in advance and identify yourself as a JAGM member.

For tickets, contact Lisa Marie in Group Sales:
248-370-3316

JAGM Organizer—Gary Hillebrand 313-278-4206

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

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

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: New Pilkington windscreen for Series 1 E-Type roadster. Has a tiny chip at the top which would be covered by the chrome strip when installed. Damaged by an installer.

\$200. Offered by Al Jacobson - 248-622-3300

Vintage Car Racing Event - May 6 GingerMan Raceway, South Haven

The Vintage Sports Car Driver Association (VSCDA) is holding its Spring Brake race weekend at **GingerMan Raceway**, near South Haven, the weekend of **May 6-7**. Phil Wiltshire brought this to our attention, and we thought it might be interesting to some of our members. We could meet at GingerMan for the racing event on Saturday, and anyone interested in driving their own car on the track can participate in what they call "Touring" the track during the mid-day break in the racing.



GingerMan is a road course, about 2 miles long, and the weekend event features multiple classes of cars, each running in a qualifying race then a 20 minute Sprint race. Practice sessions start at 8:30 am and racing finishes around 5 pm on Saturday (racing continues on Sunday as well, in case you want to stay to see more).

For more information on the event, go to: <https://vscda.org/events/gingerman-spring-brake-drivers-school-races/>. The site includes a detailed schedule of the entire weekend event.

Admission to the track is \$10/person, and the cost to participate in the "Touring" run at noon is \$35. **Register for the event at [JAGM.org/Events/Upcoming](https://jagm.org/events/upcoming)**. You'll also find a registration form for the Touring event there. Depending on the number of interested members we may coordinate the drive to the track, restaurants, and hotels for those who might want to make a weekend of it.

Organizers: The Phil's (Wiltshire and Crutchfield)

Gathering d'Elegance at the Ford House - Saturday, April 29



Looking for an early-season chance to get your Jag out this Spring? Join JAGM and the Windsor-Detroit MG Club for a tour of the **Edsel and Eleanor Ford House**, followed by a buffet lunch at The Continental. Meanwhile our cars will be on display for visitors of the estate to enjoy.

Here are the details:

Time & Location

Saturday, April 29, 11:30 AM – 5:30 PM

The Ford House, 1100 Lake Shore Rd, Grosse Pointe Shores, MI 48236

About The Event

Please arrive around 11:30 AM entering through the North Gate. Park your car in the cordoned-off section of the Visitor Center Parking lot. From there, we will enter the Main Residence at 12:15 PM and take a guided tour from 12:30 - 1:30 PM. We will go back to the Visitor Center for lunch at **The Continental** from 2:00 - 3:00 PM. Following lunch we can explore the exhibits and The Shop on our way back to our cars.

We will depart through the North Gate by 5:00 PM.

Registration and Cost

The cost, including the tour and the buffet lunch, is \$48.75/person.

YOU MUST REGISTER BY 4/13/2023. To register and pay, go to: <https://form.jotform.com/212056337142043>.

Organizers: Phil Crutchfield, Vicki Bade



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"House of the Jaguar" in Mexico (see page 3)