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## Activities Calendar

	March	April	May
Activity	Sloan Museum of Discovery Flint, MI Saturday, March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Zoom Membership Meeting 10 <sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM	GingerMan Raceway Vintage Racing South Haven, MI Saturday, 4 <sup>th</sup> –Sunday, 5 <sup>th</sup>
			Zoom Membership Meeting 8 <sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM
	Meeting/Awards Presentation Shield's Pizzeria, Troy, MI 13 <sup>th</sup> @ 6:00PM	ECC Cars & Coffee Northville Twp, MI Saturday, April 13 <sup>th</sup>	ECC Cars & Coffee Northville Twp, MI Saturday, May 11 <sup>th</sup>
			Meadowbrook Theatre- Classic Car Night Friday, May 17 <sup>th</sup>
	Feather Bowling Bath City Bistro Mt Clemens, MI Sunday, March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Poker Rally Port Huron, MI Saturday, April 27 <sup>th</sup>	British Car Corral Baker's of Milford Sunday, May 19 <sup>th</sup>
			Lap the Lake 1000 Mile Tour Lake Michigan Shoreline Monday–Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> –24 <sup>th</sup>
			Meadowbrook Theatre Classic Car Night Friday, May 31 <sup>st</sup>

## Welcome New Members

Member Name	Jaguars Owned	Current JAGM membership is <b>149</b>
Terry & Patricia Gonser	1964 E-Type Roadster	
	1966 E-Type FHC	
	1966 E-Type FHC	
JAGM welcomes our newest members. Please help us extend them a warm welcome.		

## Photo Credits

### International Jaguar Festival

Pete & Deb Conway



For Ellie and I, spring is the best time of the year. Especially this year – our first year in a new (to us) house. We’re planning a new garden, watching the completion of an addition to the house, and nearing the time when I can get the Jaguars out of storage and herd them into the new garage space.

Exciting times, particularly as we enter into the JAGM driving season. Take a look at the calendar – there are plenty of events coming up. Some (like Feather Bowling, Cars & Coffee informal shows, and Meadowbrook Theater Classic Car Nights) have been on our calendar in previous years, while others (like the Sloan Museum and the Port Huron Poker/Museums Rally) are



new this year, thanks to Bob Matejek.

And don’t forget the vintage racing weekend at GingerMan Raceway in South Haven; a great chance to watch a lot of older road racers on a nice road course, and get some inexpensive “touring” track time in your own car. If you’re looking for a longer drive, check out the Lap the Lake five day tour around Lake Michigan. All these things are happening in just the next three months!

As always, our intent is to offer a great variety of events so everyone in the club can find some fun ways to enjoy their cars and the company of other members. So let’s get out there!

Gary Hillebrand



## March Membership Meeting – March 13<sup>th</sup>

JAGM’s first in-person membership meeting in 2024 will be on Wednesday, March 13th at the Shield’s Pizzeria location in Troy.

This meeting includes two special features:

- ◇ The annual awards presentations of JAGM and JCNA awards to our members.
- ◇ A presentation by Gary Cunningham and Tim Moore about their 2023 trip to Mother England, including Coventry, Oxford and Goodwood.

Don’t miss this chance to enjoy some great pizza and

get together with old and new friends. Here are the details:



**When**—Wednesday, March 13; 6 pm if you’d like to eat first, or 7 pm if you just want to attend the meeting.

**Where**—Shield’s Pizzeria 1476 W Maple Rd, Troy, MI 48084 (248) 637-3131

You will be able to order dinner off their menu, but they will apply a 20% gratuity because we are in their private room.

**Please register for this event by March 8th so that we can provide Shields with a dinner count.**

## Marvin's Marvelous Mechanical Museum – Sat, Jan 20, 2024

We had another blast from the past when we visited Marvin's Marvelous Mechanical Museum. The place was packed with all sorts of arcade games, current and going back to well before many of us were born. By today's standards, Pac Man, Space Invaders, and mechanical pin ball machines are old. Those were modern compared to many of the vintage games on display and for everyone's entertainment. I was looking for the Fortune Teller machine from the Tom Hanks movie "Big." There were several of the same vintage. In the time there everyone went through the entire building several times. I saw several people with a large fistful of winning tickets. They looked good but weren't worth much. For 20 tickets, you get a single Hershey's Kiss.

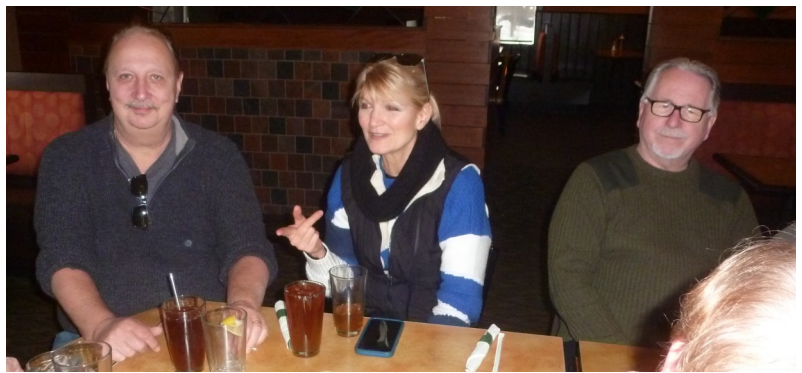
JAGM gave everyone some seed money to encourage participation. Some just cut loose and broke out their wallets and added to it or brought a roll or two of their own quarters. I wonder how many people felt young again. Age is just a number and not a state of mind, unless you let it. JAGM was there about 10 years ago. Mark it on your calendars as we will be returning in another 10 years, address unknown. Marvin's must move to a new location. Their lease is up and a Meijer's store is moving in. Let's hope they can find a new location, hang in there, expand and improve.

It was a long drive to Lunch, just across the street to Bone Yard BBQ Grill House and Bar, for all kinds of good BBQ food

with generous portions. An advantage of being at both places near opening time is that there was no crowd, and we had the places to ourselves.

The 24 of us in attendance had an enjoyable time.

Bob Matejek



## Tipping Point Theatre—February 11, 2024



Once again JAGM celebrated Valentine's Day with a visit to Tipping Point Theatre in Northville. Our relatively sparse attendance was probably related to the Super Bowl being that same day. The NFL failed to consult us when they

than a mile to the Deadwood Bar and Grill.

Everyone had a great time.

Gary Hillebrand

scheduled that "other" event over ours!

This year we saw a performance of the play "The Chinese Lady" by Lloyd Suh.

The cast of two put on a thought-provoking performance based on the true story of Afong Moy, a fourteen year old who was brought to the United States from Guangzhou Province in 1834. The play followed her career, performing for curious Americans, showing them how she eats, what she wears, and the highlight of the event: how she walks with bound feet.

Following the play, we drove less than a mile to the Deadwood Bar and Grill.

## Feather Bowling at Bath City Bistro—March 17<sup>th</sup>

**When:** Sunday, March 17th

**Where:** Bath City Bistro, 75 Macomb Place, Mount Clemens, MI 586-469-0917

[www.bathcitybistro.com](http://www.bathcitybistro.com)

**Arrival time:** 10:00 am for Brunch

**Cost:** \$16.00 for all you can eat brunch, payable to the Bistro. \$3.00 Mimosas or \$4.00 Bloody Marys also available.

Feather Bowling will begin at 11:00 am; JAGM covers the lane charge! Put this FUN activity on your calendar – it's a great time for young and old alike. No experience or athletic prowess required. Join us to bowl, to watch and to simply have fun!

**Phone confirmation to the Baileys by March 8th.  
734-743-5760**



# INTERNATIONAL JAGUAR FESTIVAL

September 28 to October 1, 2023; Columbia, South Carolina

Deb and I are still working to get our feet wet and to learn how to participate in Jaguar club events. When the International Jaguar Festival suddenly moved from somewhere out west to Columbia, South Carolina, we thought we would give it a whirl. Then we realized the drive would be about 725 miles. After some more thinking, we decided that driving one or two days in an XK 140 OTS on expressways was a bit too much. Solution - rent a pickup truck and trailer. This is the first time we tried using a trailer. We were successful. The car did not fall off the trailer!



There were events spread over four days. On Thursday, there was a reception at the Coventry Foundation. I suspect everyone in the club is familiar with the Coventry Foundation, but I was intrigued to learn about the tool loan program and all of the other ways that the foundation works to further our hobby. As a bonus, donations to it are tax-deductible.

The Jan/Feb issue of the Jaguar Journal has several stories about the event. So, you can see lots of pictures there that were very much part of our weekend. This included the more exotic cars that would run in the slalom on Sunday.

Friday was rally day! Deb and I had never done a rally before. The directions were incomprehensible. If they had given a trophy for getting furthest off course, Deb and I would've won hands down! Of the 20 some odd cars that entered the rally, none finished. However, a few of the people had managed to answer the three questions that were part of the rally and they finished first, second and, you guessed it, third. That evening, the South Carolina club put on an extremely

nice dinner complete with a program.

Saturday was concours day. We had the great fortune to meet Gary Hagopian and his wife in the parking lot at our hotel on Thursday morning. He flagged us into the spot next to him at the concours. He did any number of wonderful things from taking our picture to realizing the judges had not judged our car. We were delighted to win our class and discovered that they hand out plates as trophies. That evening, the group went to, natch, the British Bulldog Pub.

Sunday was slalom day. Unfortunately, something happened so that we could not use the original location. Luckily, someone knew of an unused parking lot behind a mostly abandoned mall. So, we moved in. Did the slalom. Left without anyone noticing. I was in



a class with this red 1938 SS and the silver 1947 Mark IV that you see on page 18 in the Jaguar Journal. Luckily, I prevailed with a time of 61.888 seconds. Deb and I are now the proud possessors of two plates. **Editor's note:** to see a video of Pete's slalom run in the XK140, go to: <https://www.jagm.org/grace-pace-space>.

We had a great time and are looking forward to the next time we can attend the International Jaguar Festival.

Pete Conway

# Sloan Museum of Discovery in Flint, Sat. March 2, 2024

We'll be trying something new with a visit to the Sloan Museum of Discovery in Flint. It is only about a 45-minute drive for me, more for most of you, but I have never been there nor much of Flint. It's time to change that.

There are five unique galleries inside the Sloan Museum.

## **Hagerman Street, Early childhood learning gallery.**

Interactive child-sized neighborhood with roundabouts for tricycles, shops, and a charming three-story tree house.

## **Durant Gallery, Vehicle gallery**

11,000 square foot vehicle exhibition hall with rare collections of vintage and concept cars.

## **History Gallery**

Regional interactive history from the earliest inhabitants through history-in-the-making.

## **Discovery Hall, Science gallery**

Hands-on learning that makes science fun, like the giant interactive Great Lakes water table, Earth Globe, and 10 other hands-on spaces.

## **Fun Gallery, Exhibition Hall**

5,000 square foot exhibition space for special traveling exhibits - "Mazes & Brain Games" runs February 3 -May 19, 2024.

**We will meet at the Sloan Museum, 1221 E. Kearsley St., Flint, MI 48503** at 10 am on Saturday March 2.

After spending a couple of hours wandering around the Museum, we will head out for an interesting lunch in the area. I haven't found the perfect spot yet but will before we get there. Any ideas? Admission is \$11 to \$14. As usual, invite your friends and family to join you. They haven't been there either.

Tied to the Sloan Museum, there is also the Longway Planetarium and the Applewood Estate. Those will be for a later time.

There will be a map of the Museum posted on the JAGM website with this activity. **Sign up on the website**, if you can, so we have an estimate of how many will be attending.

Bob Matejek 248-842-1046



## British Car Corral



**Where:** Baker's of Milford

**When:** Select Sundays from 2 - 7 PM

**May 19<sup>th</sup> June 30<sup>th</sup>, July 21<sup>th</sup>, and August 25<sup>th</sup>.**

Baker's is America's largest weekly car cruise, with live outside entertainment, free raffle prizes, outside grill, hundreds of great cars, and restaurant dining discounts for all cruisers.

British cars will have their own defined parking area. Mark your calendar now.

**Baker's of Milford, 2025 S. Milford Road, Milford, Michigan**

# April Coming Attractions – Port Huron Museums & Poker Rally

On **Saturday, April 28** we will be taking another step back in time. I bet you didn't know that there were four Maritime Museums in Port Huron. I didn't know it either until recently. We will hit the road, quickly see all of them, gamble a bit on the way and after you have committed a half a tank of gas, we will stop for a nice meal.

Meet at the first museum at **10:00 AM** right when they open for the day. We'll try to avoid all the crowds. They open for the season on April 1. Consider this a Spring Drive, possibly the first one of the new year. Time to blow out the mouse nests.



The four museums that we will visit in order, South to North:

1. **Fort Gratiot Light Station**, 2802 Omar, Port Huron, MI. 48060, 810-216-6923.
2. **The Carnegie Museum**, 1115 Sixth Street, Port Huron, MI. 48060, 810-982-0891.
3. **Huron Lightship Museum**, 800 Prospect Place, Port Huron, MI. 48060, 810-984-9768.
4. **Thomas Edison Depot Museum**, 510 Edison Parkway, Port Huron, MI. 48060, 810-455-0035.

Next we will have lunch at **Lynch's Irish Tavern**, 210 Huron Ave, (Main Street) Port Huron, MI 48060, 810-824-4021. Have you ever heard of an Irish Tavern that is not a fun place on a weekend afternoon?

Plug all these addresses into your GPS unit, whether that is part of your car or on your phone. The distance between all the stops ranges from 1.5 miles to 59 feet. Try not to get lost.

We will spend about 45 minutes at each of the museums and move on. I will try to arrange a docent-led tour at each. Then we will proceed to the restaurant. At each of the five stops, each car will receive a poker card, from 5 different decks of cards. At the restaurant, we will compare poker hands to determine the

poker winner. With 5 decks of cards, it is possible to have some unusual hands and several versions of them. To break ties, we will use the ranking of suits in official US poker rules. 1-Spades, 2-Hearts, 3-Diamonds, and 4-Clubs. For the winner, we are trying to negotiate one month's use of a reconditioned (almost new) Jaguar or Land Rover vehicle. I'll let you know how the negotiations work out. In the event that a slightly used Jaguar car is not available from the dealer for the winner, we need a back-up plan. There will be an entry price of \$20 per car and all that will be returned as the winning pot to the best poker hands.

This rally has no time constraints or challenging directions. This past Fall, they suspended the admission price for all the museums and that should still be in effect in the Spring. Donations would probably be appreciated.

This is Springtime in Michigan. We will go rain, cloudy or sunshine. Bring whatever car you are comfortable in driving that day. There will be a detailed brochure and a Bing Map routing available on the [www.JAGM.org](http://www.JAGM.org) website so you can take an advance look at where we are going if you care to. Otherwise, just trust me. Have I ever steered you wrong?

Please turn your poker cards in at the restaurant. There will be another Poker Rally coming up later in the Summer through Shelby and Washington Twp.

The purpose of the Club is to bring nice people together for a bit of enjoyment and companionship. Feel free to invite your family, friends, and neighbors. The Windsor Detroit MG Club and GMC Corvette Set Clubs are welcome to join us for the day. The more the merrier. **You will have to RSVP to the [www.JAGM.org](http://www.JAGM.org) website a week before, so I can pass on an estimated head count to all the stops.**

Bob Matejek 248-842-1046



# Vintage Racing at GingerMan Raceway—May 5th

The Vintage Sports Car Driver Association (VSCDA) is holding its Spring Brake race weekend at **GingerMan Raceway**, near South Haven, the weekend of **May 4–5**. Three of us made the trip to South Haven for last year’s event, and we thoroughly enjoyed both the racing and the opportunity to drive our own cars on the track during the lunch break.

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.



This year we plan to attend the main race day on Sunday the 5th. The various class races begin at 8 am and finish around 5 pm, with a break mid-day for what they call “Touring” laps. That’s when we can, for a mere \$35, drive our

own cars on the track. The track time for touring is around 50 minutes, which makes this quite a bargain. We enjoyed it immensely last year.

For more information on the event, go to: <https://vscda.org/events/gingerman-spring-brake-drivers-school-races/>. The site includes a 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](http://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 want to make a weekend of it.

**Organizers:** Phil Crutchfield and Gary Hillebrand



# ECC Cars and Coffee—April 13<sup>th</sup> & May 11<sup>th</sup>

The first two scheduled dates for this popular monthly drive-in car show are Saturday, April 13 and Saturday, May 11. The location is near the intersection of Beck Road and 5 Mile Road in Northville Township.

The show offers car clubs the option to park together in “Kar Korral.” JAGM took advantage of this opportunity in last year’s shows, and we’ll look to do so again this year. The April show is one of the earlier



chances to get your car out in the spring; last year quite a few of us were in the massive crowd that braved 30 degree temperatures when the show opened around 9 am.



The Cars and Coffee organizers are still working out details, so we’ll have more detailed information in the April Indicator, but this is another fun event to put on your calendar.

## Classified Ads

**For Sale: 2013 Jaguar XJ.** Supercharged, AWD, 53k miles, kept in heated garage, second owner, non-smoker (both owner and car).



**\$23,750 OBO Call/text Jimmy at 248-921-1112**

**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: G.W. BARTLETT CO., original Jaguar interior for E-Type Series II, 2 + 2.** Black in color. Current price new from OSJI (formerly 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:** E-Type and Mark II parts. I have a large selection of parts—mechanical, electrical, trim and hardware. Too much to list. Some items NOS, other good used, including Bees Black and GNK bolts, Cheney hose clamps, fan motors, steering wheel etc.



If you need it, call or text me—I might have it!

Call Pat at 989-295-0466 or email me at [cminc@charter.net](mailto:cminc@charter.net)

## Lap the Lake 2024 –May 20–24



Rambler Rallies will be running their Lap the Lake (Michigan) Rally for the fourth time in 2024. Stops will be in Evanston, IL., Port Washington, WI, Sister Bay, MI, Manistique, MI, Charlevoix, MI and Holland, MI. The route is around 1000 miles in length driving Monday through Friday.

They target 100 vehicles in the group. You are given detailed directions if you choose to follow them, or you can take off on your own, see and do what you want and meet the group for lunch or dinner. The overall group usually breaks up into smaller groups. Last year the JAGM people and some others stuck together and shared the experience. There are a couple of articles and a lot of photos on last year's rally on the JAGM website from May 2023. This is far from a TSD rally with drivers and navigators fighting. There is no pressure. Just keep your tank full and enjoy the scenery. I already have my tickets and reservation. <https://www.facebook.com/ramblerrallies/>



Bob Matejek

## JAGM Name Badges

Make it easier for other JAGM members to get to know you and recognize you. 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.



# Classic Car Night at Meadow Brook Theatre—May 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>

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!

## Featured plays:

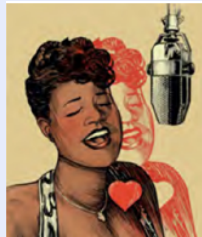
### Friday, May 17th “Route 66”

Get your kicks with this smash coast-to-coast musical revue with 34 of the greatest ‘Rock ‘n’ Road’ hits of the 20th century.



### Friday, May 31st “Ella, First Lady of Song”

Traces the 60 year career of Ella Fitzgerald, including classics like “Sweet Georgia Brown” and “It Don’t Mean a Thing (If It Aint’s Got That Swing)”



**Classic Car arrival: 6:30pm,**  
**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). **MBT attendants will keep an eye on the cars during the performance.**

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### **SPECIAL OFFER FOR PARTICIPANTS:**

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

### **Please Register for these events on JAGM’s website.**

You will pay JAGM and group tickets will be purchased on May 3 for Rt 66 and May 17 for Ella. After that you would have to call the Box Office yourself. There should still be tickets available.

**JAGM Organizer—Bob Matejek 248-842-1046**

## Save the Dates – Three Big Summer Events

It’s early, but summer weekends fill up quickly, so you may want to get these three great annual events on your calendar.

### **June 20-22: The Bay Harbor Classic Car and Boat Festival (Petoskey area)**

JAGM has had a big part in this event for the past two years, and this year we’re planning an additional activity – an evening dinner followed by a sunset cruise on Thursday, June 20th.



### **July 13-14: Mad Dogs & Englishmen British Car Faire (Gilmore Museum, Hickory Corners)**

We always get a good representation of Jaguars at this popular annual show. This year Jaguar is the Featured Marque in the show, and pre-1961 Jaguars are the Rare Gems, so JAGM and other Midwest Jaguar

clubs have been requested to display as many cars as possible. The weekend includes a Saturday rally and the show is Sunday at the Gilmore. JAGM also traditionally does a Saturday evening dinner and play at the Barn Theater in Augusta, MI.

### **September 1: 56th Annual JAGM Concours d’Elegance (Canterbury Village, Lake Orion)**

Plans are well underway for our club’s biggest event of the year. It’s a great opportunity to display your own car(s) and view a fantastic variety of Jaguars on the scenic grounds of Canterbury Village. Have your car judged, or not; either way our Concours is a fun day and a good way to meet other members and share knowledge and stories.

See more details for these events as they develop in the Upcoming Events page at [JAGM.org](http://JAGM.org). Also you can check out the stories of previous years’ events in past Indicators.



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