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Chrysler Museum Outing - 12.17.16

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The Walter P. Chrysler Museum, will be closing to be converted to offices.

December 18, 2016, will be the museum's last public day. The Company will continue to preserve its historical vehicles and will showcase them at internal and external events including being on display around the Chrysler Technology Center and other FCA US facilities. The museum showcases the company's long history of contributions to the automotive industry. The design, technology and innovation, as well as the company's impact on American culture are expressed in more than 60 antique displays spanning more than a century.

JAGM members will meet at the **Museum at 10:00AM on Saturday, December 17th 2016**. We will try for group pricing, at 10AM, otherwise you are on your own for the full \$10 or \$8 (senior) admission price. We intend to spend about 3 hours roaming the 55,000-square-foot facility. The museum features three floors of custom, concept and classic vehicles interspersed with interactive displays and historical exhibits. At the conclusion of the tour we will go out for a late lunch at a nearby food emporium.

See it before it is gone forever.

Address: One Chrysler Drive,
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To get there, you can get off of I75, at Chrysler Drive, just north of M59 and drive to the SE corner of the Chrysler complex. You can also get off of M59 at Squirrel Road North.

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From the President

An American Holiday

By the time you read this the Thanksgiving Holiday will be over. I hope you all had a very happy and safe time however you chose to celebrate.



It is always a strange holiday for Pauline and me. Brought up in the UK we did not celebrate Thanksgiving, indeed as a child I had never heard of it! This means we have no history or family traditions. I understand the significance of the holiday and think it is always good to get families together. I also always appreciate an excuse to eat and drink way too much. Although I have to say some of this food is a little strange. The first Thanksgiving I experienced brought unexpected dishes. A Jell-O salad that tasted like I was eating a dessert with my entrée and a dessert consisting of a pie that made me think I was eating vegetables for dessert. But what do I know about food, I'm English. It was a wonderful time with friends and family though.

I admit I am a sucker for Christmas. In the UK, with no Thanksgiving, the Christmas holiday is everything. That is when you are expected to go home if it is at all possible. One of the rites of passage for all British males is the first time you call your mother to say you will not be home for Christmas. It is always an emotional conversation involving serious emotional blackmail on the part of your mother. This continues until you marry and have your own children when suddenly



your parents want to come and spend Christmas with you. The holiday is also a two day affair with the famous Boxing Day. Europe basically closes down from Christmas Eve to the 2nd January (or the 3rd if you are Scottish. I will let you Google why).



President Paul Blunt

However you choose to enjoy the Holidays, I wish you a very happy and safe celebration. Thank you for being part of the club for a year and I hope to enjoy the 2017 driving season with you all again.

Blunt, Paul Blunt

JAGM Awards Gathering



**Friday 20th
January 2017
6:30PM to 10:00PM
New Year!**

New Venue!

Same Great People!

The Erhard Jaguar Land Rover dealership in Farmington Hills has generously offered to host the JAGM Awards Gathering for 2017. The event will be catered and a bartender will

be there offering beer and wine.

Come and meet the people at the dealership and admire Coventry's latest offerings including the XE and the F-Pace. It's a great way to start the New Year and start planning the places to drive to when the sun re-appears.

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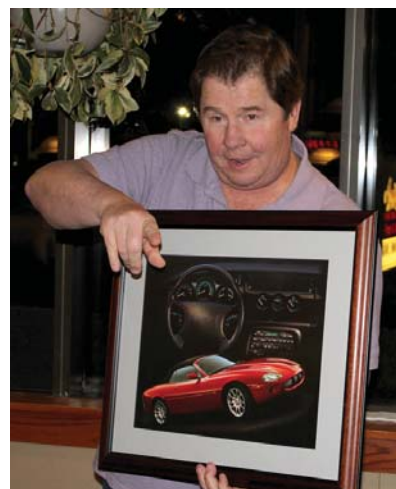
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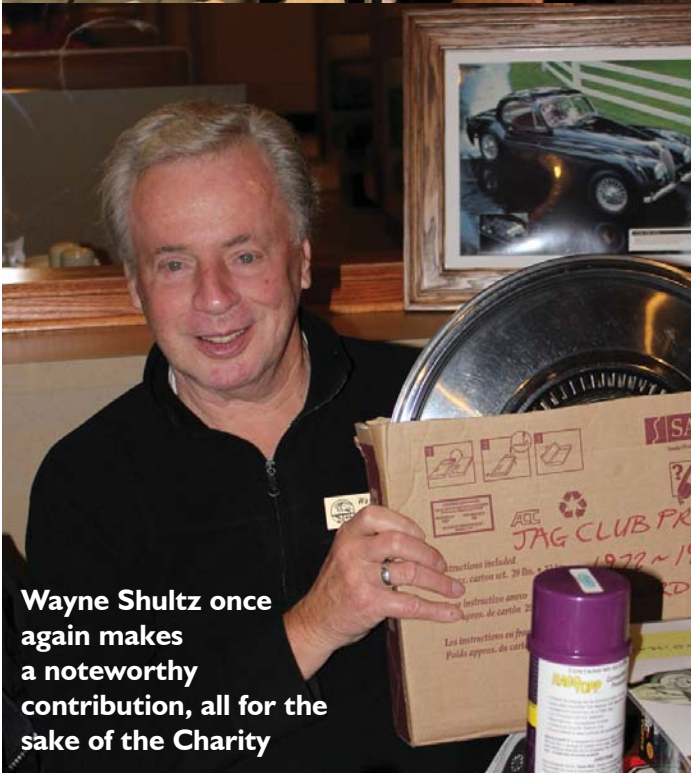
At the November club meeting we once again held the annual JAGM Charity Auction.

The generosity and enthusiasm of our members always amazes me.

First, a big thank you must go to Jason Mattison whose performance as our auctioneer was both entertaining and involving.



Charity... - continued



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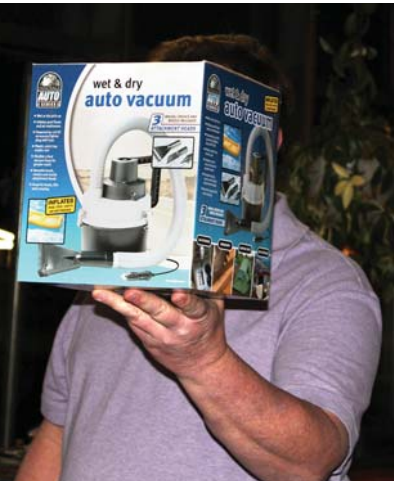
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Charity Begins at Home



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I must also thank all those who brought items along to sell and those who generously purchased. There was an impressive array of items to buy and some generous bidding on the purchases. So many things in fact that the restaurant was closing around us as the last few items were sold.

We raised over \$1100, all of which will go to the local charity Homes for Our Troops that helps our troops find homes. If you missed the event, you missed something very good. Make a note for next year to be there!

~Paul



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Jaguar Travels

...she never looked better.....the '69 E-Type that is. Freshened up with a new coat of dark blue to rid twenty five thousand miles of highway rash. It certainly earned the paint. All the miles and not once letting us down. I had received an acceptable offer from a dealer and she was going off to another keeper.

When the new Jaguar F-Type was introduced, I was very much taken with the styling and performance.



Needless to say, I was also very much a critic for introducing an alpha follow-up to the E-Type missing one pedal. I know the modern "paddle-shift" transmission's

performance has eclipsed the tried and true manuals; however, this is really only evident when driving with too much gusto for legal motoring. And besides, there is nothing more rewarding than running up

through the gears making a perfect snick with each change. Gladly, my criticism must have been heard and now a proper central-lever operated tranny is available.

So, there I was; a nice offer on the E-Type and a financial path to a new, manually equipped F-Type. I couldn't resist! Not one to be keen on dealer optioned vehicles; I opted to order one to my specifications. This was in March. Production of new orders wasn't slated to begin until May and delivery was promised by August. As these things go, I must admit I was thrilled to find out the Jag had arrived State side mid-July and I was able to take delivery not soon after.



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Jaguar Travels, *continued*

Now that we had the new Jag, a road trip was in order. The last few years, we've done a Bourbon Tour (Booze-Cruise) to Kentucky with two other couples (they in a pedestrian SUV and Kris and I in the '69). We had



already made plans for an October run, so the timing was perfect.

One characteristic of the F-Type is its compact size. This also translates into a small boot (trunk). I didn't help this much by ordering the optional spare tire that takes up some of this limited volume. We worked around this limitation

by re-employing the duffle bags from the '69 that allowed our carry-ons to be form fitted to the irregular shapes around the spare.



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Jaguar Travels, *conclusion*



The trip covered four days and about 1,100 miles. Some highway driving and plenty of Kentucky back roads. The new Jag couldn't have performed better. Even achieved over 28 MPG on one tank. We did have to get creative transporting our purchases. Individual bottles weren't too much on an issue, but Kris did

have to share her space with a case on the front floor. That was the Bourbon Cream, and I think she wanted it close anyways.

And the '69 E-Type? Last I heard it was purchased by a gentleman in Scotland and will be make its way back to the UK soon. I'm almost jealous thinking of the Blue Jag blasting around the Scottish county side.

Mike.



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1986 Jaguar XL, black/black, 79,887 miles, with a Chevy V8. Exc. cond. Engine runs well but trans linkage is disconnected. \$3,000 OBO.

1988 Jaguar XJ, blue/tan, 157,192 miles, A minor problem is keeping the engine from starting. \$1,000 OBO.

1986 Jaguar XJS, white/tan, 116,015 miles, \$3,500 - \$4,000 OBO.

1994 Jaguar XJ, silver/silver, 144,078 miles, \$5,000 OBO.

1991 Jaguar XJS, green/tan, 61,135 miles, 2 owner AZ car, great cond, \$10,000 OBO.

1977 Jaguar XJ 6L, white/red, 89,913 miles, with a Chevy V8, \$4,000-\$5,000 OBO.

1988 Jaguar XJ, running parts car, \$1,000 OBO.

1971 Opel GT, in primer, 32,328 miles, NC car, no rust. Many new parts included, \$3,000 OBO.

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1985 Olds Tornado, brown/brown, 83,298 miles, \$5000 OBO.

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	December	January	February	March
Meeting Activity	Christmas Party / Lunch 3 rd 1:00PM Mystic Creek Golf Club, Milford	No Meeting	Meeting 8 th 7:00PM Archie's, Livonia	Meeting 8 th 7:00PM Archie's, Livonia
Outside Activity	Chrysler Automotive Museum Tour 10AM 17 th , Dearborn	Awards Gathering Friday January 20 th 6:30 PM Erhard Jaguar - Farmington Hills	Tipping Point Theatre	American Speed Tour



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