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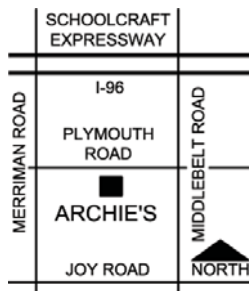
JAGM Meetings

Membership Meetings

are held on the **2nd Wednesday** of the month from **7:00PM – 9:00PM**

@ **Archie's Restaurant**

30471 Plymouth Rd.
Livonia, MI 48150



NO Meetings:
Jan., Aug., & Dec.

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April 13th Meeting - Guest Speaker



Our re-scheduled guest speaker on April 13th will be **Ben Roberts, a Project Engineer at FEV.**

FEV is an engineering design, test, and development company that has a broad expertise surrounding the complete driveline system (engine and transmission

development for all types of vehicles, passenger cars and trucks to heavy trucks and locomotives as well as marine applications).

Ben is a Lawrence Technical University graduate with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He is currently working on design and simulation efforts of various driveline systems, such as engines and transmissions, as well as hybrid batteries.

Ben will speak to us on:

- *Who is FEV and what do they do*
- *Current engine tech and industry direction*
 - Challenges (emissions vs. power vs. mileage)
 - Current technologies: VCT; dual clutch transmissions; superchargers / turbo chargers; engine calibration
- *Upcoming Technologies*
 - Variable connecting rod
 - Video blind spot A-pillar
- *Alternative Energy*
 - Fuel cells - brief overview and industry status
 - Hybrids - brief overview and industry status

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...From the President

*"Spring is sprung, the grass is riz.
I wonder where the birdies is.
They say the bird is on the wing, but that's absurd.
The wing is on the bird."*

Author unknown, and corrupted into a thousand slightly different versions.

Whatever your thoughts on the status of the birds there is little doubt the Spring has sprung. We all know what that means... the driving season is coming ever closer. It is time to wake up your cars from their hibernation. Start the cleaning and preparation needed to get them on the road for another season. Your club is here to provide as many opportunities to drive those cars in good company as possible.

Apart from the monthly meetings there are many other trips planned. Kris and Mike Bailey are working on the summer drive for this year. The Western Michigan guys are planning some trips of their own as well, and all are welcome. There are also the traditional trips to Mad Dogs and Englishmen, the Mueller Steak Fry and others. Planning for the Concours has also started and will again be held during the Woodward Dream Cruise on August 20th. Details of all of these trips will appear in the Newsletter. So please check what you would like to be part of and make sure you sign up with the organizer. Places on some of these trips have to be limited for practical reasons so sign up early. Have great ideas for places to go either for the day or longer? Please let us know, or better still start organizing it, you can always get help to begin.

I really hope to see you on the road at an event soon. If you have questions or concerns please contact the organizer or me.



President Paul Blunt

Next for me is the JCNA AGM in Scottsdale, AZ. The committee meeting on Saturday April 2nd is never the greatest fun, but the International Jaguar Festival on the Sunday should be great to see. Anyone from JAGM who plans to be there please let me know. It would be great to get together and I may even buy you a drink (subject to Treasurer approval).

I hope you had a wonderful Easter weekend. Drive safe out there. If you see a car with a flashing blue light behind you let him go by, those guys drive like maniacs!

Blunt, Paul Blunt



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Spring Dust Off Drive - May 22nd



Gene Lapko
VP West-MI

JAG-West invites all JAGM members to join us for an eclectic day of driving and activities on Sunday May 22, 2016.

Karen and I are planning an interesting day sight seeing and good old fashioned camaraderie for our May outing.



R. E. Olds Transportation Museum
www.REOldsMuseum.org

240 Museum Drive
Lansing, Michigan 48933
517.372.0529

Our day will start at noon as we gather at the **R. E. Oldsmobile Transportation Museum** in Lansing. "The Museum has thousands of irreplaceable items in the archives along with over 60 vehicles that range from 1886 through 2003."

Following our museum visit we will travel a short distance west to the **Grand Ledge Opera House** where we will enjoy a pipe organ concert featuring a restored 1928 Barton Theater organ. 90 minutes of TV, Radio and Movie themes is the order of the day.



Grand Ledge Opera House
www.GLOperaHouse.com

121 South Bridge Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837
517.627.1443

We will conclude our schedule with dinner at the **English Inn of Eaton Rapids** located about 15 minutes south of Lansing. The Inn is the original home of J. Reuters, an early President and General Manager of the Oldsmobile Motorcar Corporation.

Details as to times, menu and cost will be available in the May INDICATOR.



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Feather Bowling - JAGM Style



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- YOU MUST BE 12 YEARS OLD TO BOWL
- NO HIGH HEELED SHOES ALLOWED ON LANES
- \$75 CHARGE FOR MISPLACED OR DAMAGED WHEELS
- NO LOFTING BALLS
- NO GAMBLING

GAME RULES

- The game is played with two teams, balls are marked **maize** and blue circles, each team has 6 balls.
- Teams consist of one-two or three players.
- Balls are split-up evenly between partners.
- A coin flip determines which team starts the game.
- The winning team rolls all 6 balls trying to and close to the feather and also leave a good defense.
- The opposing team then tries to land their balls closer to the feather than their opponents.
- Scoring is based on how many balls one team has closer to the feather than the other team.
- One point is given for each ball that is closer to the feather than your opponent. (No extra points if a ball lands on the feather.)
- A team can score a maximum of 6 points.
- The team that scores will go first the next turn.
- The game is 10 points.

Please see your server for Jukebox volume control in your lane.



The wooden disks were flying (wobbling?) at the **Bath City Bistro** as JAGM members renewed their Feather Bowling skills.



Feather Bowling - JAGM Style



The visit to downtown Mt. Clemens is always enjoyable. Mild weather made the trip a breeze. The competition was stiff. It was a guys vs. the gals challenge again. There were accusations of secret warm ups and questionable sportsmanship, but in the end, everyone had a great time.

Dinner moved this year and the Group sampled the cuisine at **Three Blind Mice Irish Pub**. The food and spirits didn't disappoint.

JAGM has made this an annual event, so next March watch for the date and join the challenge!



Many Thanks Jeff Gilbert

WWJ and CBS radio automotive reporter Jeff Gilbert was the guest speaker for the JAGM March membership meeting.

Jeff has been a journalist for over twenty years and is the only broadcast reporter in the USA assigned to exclusively cover the auto industry. You can listen to Jeff on his WWJ Newsradio 950 broadcasts at any time and also as the host of "The Car Chronicles" featured on CBS Radio Network affiliates around the country. He also writes many auto industry related stories you see on the internet.

Part of Jeff's assignments include test driving new vehicles and rating them. He sometimes drives more than a hundred cars a year doing these evaluations. Some of the better and not so good experiences were shared with the members.

Jeff also attends all the major car shows across the country and is one of the fifty "jurors" who gets to vote on the North American Car and Truck of The Year Awards.

We'd like to thank Jeff for sharing his experiences with JAGM.



CBS Detroit

Thanks to Mattie Majors for arranging the visit.



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Stratford with WDMG Club

Our friends in the Detroit-Windsor MG Club have invited JAGM members to join them in their annual trip to Stratford Ontario, June 17th-19th 2016.

There are 2 departure options:

- ✓ Friday June 17th - A group will be leaving the Detroit area mid-morning or
- ✓ Saturday June 18th - A second convoy will be leaving from the M-59 and I-94 area.

Theater will be Saturday June 18th – “**A Little Light Music**”- 8.00PM performance at the Avon Theatre.

Accommodations are in the **Westover Inn Hotel** at nearby St. Mary's for Friday and Saturday evenings. Call the Westover directly at 519.284.2977 and specify "MG Tours" for the group rate.

Contact **Philip Wiltshire** when you have made your hotel reservations so he can get theater tickets for you. Show tickets are \$55 US dollars each.

Please provide an email address (if you have one) & contact number when confirming your hotel reservation.

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No registration, no formal car show or class parking, and no awards; just an opportunity to share our passion with fellow British car owners and clubs, and to get to know one another.

We have reserved a large, well shaded area that is to the right just inside the entrance, behind and down the hill from the office (the "Pony" area AI on the website map, it is not the BOTB area). Cars will be parked on pavement so not to worry about wet or soft ground. We have use of a picnic shelter and nearby restrooms.

A large grill will be fired-up for anyone to use. BYO picnic, something to throw on the grill, beverages, etc. The park entrance fee is \$6 per car.

Have some spare parts, tools, etc. that are cluttering your garage? Bring them along and offer them for

sale from the boot of your car. We are not looking to host a full blown swap meet, so please no trailers full of stuff. Whatever you can get in your car or bring pictures of larger items that you want to sell.

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July 9th-10th: The annual JAGM Caravan to Hickory Corners and Mad Dogs and Englishmen Car Show.

We hope to again catch a play at our favorite "Barn Theatre". The theatre does not publish its schedule until June, but we have yet to see a "dud".

We have a new lodging this year. We will be staying at the "Four Points by Sheraton". **Call 866.961.3003 for a reservation.** Be sure to mention "JAGM" to get our group rate.



Activities Calendar

	April	May	June	July
Meeting Activity	Membership Meeting 13th 7:00PM - Guest Speaker Ben Roberts Archie's, Livonia	Membership Meeting 11 th 7:00PM <i>Guest Speaker</i> Gary Kish~Jaguar Dealer Archie's, Livonia	Membership Meeting 8 th 7:00PM <i>Guest Speaker</i> Tom Haddock~Author Archie's, Livonia	Membership Meeting 13 th 7:00PM Archie's, Livonia
Outside Activity	The Village Workshop Tour 23rd Northville Time t.b.d.	Mueller's Steak Fry 14 th 1:00 PM	Summer Drive 24 th - 27 th	Caravan to Mad Dogs & Englishmen Car Show 9 th - 10 th
	Contact Mike Bailey for more information 734.416.3839	Spring Dust Off Drive 22 nd Lansing Area	RO-DY Crankshaft Shop Tour Date t.b.d.	
	August	September	October	November
Meeting Activity	Concours d'Elegance 20 th Woodward Avenue	Membership Meeting 14 th 7:00PM Archie's, Livonia	Membership Meeting 12 th 7:00PM Archie's, Livonia	Charity Auction 9 th 7:00PM Archie's, Livonia
Outside Activity	N/A	Mueller's Charity Car Show for Cystic Fibrosis 10 th & 11 th	t.b.d.	t.b.d.



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