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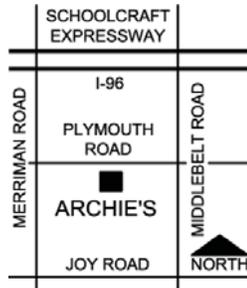
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Changing of the Guard

THANK YOU!

Gary and Vicki Dauw have been the JAGM Westside VP's for the last couple years. Gary is a machinist on the 1000 ft. Lake Freighter, M/V James R. Baker, and consequently spends most of the "driving" season motoring around the Great Lakes. Last we communicated, he was docked way north; the ship had broken one of its five ton crank shafts, and needless to say, he was a busy man. Anyway, it's been difficult for Gary to coordinate with us land-based folks and he has decided to pass the baton.

Fortunately for JAGM, Gene and Karen Lapko of Cadillac have stepped up and will be taking the reins. The Lapko's have already orchestrated a couple JAGM events; the last being the tour of the Air Zoo in Kalamazoo. Watch for the announcement of their Fall Color Tour coming up in October.



I want to personally thank Gary for instigating the Westside Chapter. It was Gary's idea to kick this off and it has been a benefit to our Westside members as well as the JAGM club.

I also want to thank the Lapko's for taking over this very important post. Our Club can boast many successes and it's because we have members who "step up" and get involved.

Mike

West Side - Color Tour

Calling all "West - Siders" and / or ALL JAGM'ers who would like to go for a Color Tour in South Central Michigan.

SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY OCTOBER 24th

The route will likely include stops at Hidden Lakes Gardens, The Magic Capital of the World... and YES, there is the possibility of **Ice Cream!**

Look for details in the October Indicator.



...From Behind the Wheel

...and the travels continue...

We departed Butte, MT at 9:30 AM. 60F and sunny; perfect driving weather. Our destination near Glacier National Park was 300 miles ahead of us, but the drive looked interesting. Most of the terrain was



Truly, Big Sky Country

scenic with wide vistas and backdrops of mountains. No doubting why it's called "Big Sky" country. Most of the day's travel followed US 90 to Missoula, MT where we abandoned the Interstate and headed north on a mixture of two-lanes. It was difficult to ignore the scenery and pay attention to the driving. Interestingly, the back roads had speed limits of 70 mph; these same routes in Michigan would have been signed 55 mph at best. Lots of winding up and around through the hills, most often never achieving the generous speed limit. I didn't push the Jag too hard; yes we were spirited in our driving, really enjoying the E-Type's performance. The 5-speed has nice ratios, and a quick shift. Exploiting the torque of the big six up the hills and out of the turns was a continuous pleasure. With two of us aboard, and a full boot, I'm sure we were somewhere near GW limit Jaguar had



Scenic Views at Every Bend

assigned to the car; consequently, I didn't attempt to discover what the cornering or braking limits might be as surpassing one would have put a quick end to the journey.



Today was Thursday, the 28th and heading into the long Labor Day weekend. My son had suggested we stay in Whitefish, MT which was supposed to be a very nice resort town not too far out of Glacier NP. Once we were near, Kris employed the iPad to see about overnight accommodations. Well, we were not the only ones with that idea, and quickly found out the town was booked. Nearby Kalispell was the same and we were beginning to wonder if we should have packed the tent. Fortunately, there are several small towns just outside the Park and we had success in Columbia Falls (and it was closer to the entrance!). Being in a bit of a controlled panic, we made a two night

reservation on-line with the justification that the days would be spent sight-seeing and just about any room would do.



Impromptu Car Wash

Check-in was at a stand-alone building. The drive to the room turned out to be a ride through a golf community and the "room" was actually a condominium unit! Full kitchen; living room; covered deck; second floor views. Just off the parking lot (and next to the pool) was a service building with a FREE laundry.....but wait, there's more! The unit had an assigned space under a car port. How thoughtful!

All this turned out to be a bonus. We both packed a weeks-worth of clothes anticipating a once-a-week stop at a coin-op. It hadn't been seven days yet, but for free, all got clean again. And by this time, the Jag

...From BTWheel, continued

had carried us over 2,200 miles; had its share of road grime plus a colossal collection of bugs. The car port made a perfect, shaded car wash. All was clean and good. For the evening, we both settled into comfy deck chairs with our All-American libation; a few salted nuts, and contemplated the next-day's drive.



To be continued...

Mike



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Some of you may have noticed this banner flying at the Concours this year. It is a very special banner! Jaguar's Browns Lane facility was last used in 2005 and was demolished in 2007. The last building to remain at the site was the Jaguar Heritage Museum and that was demolished in 2012. This banner was the last to be flown at the site before it was demolished.



Bruce Schofield

**Jaguar Cars Manufacturing Facilities
Browns Lane, Coventry, England
1951-2005**

This pennant is the last to be flown at the Browns Lane location, the "Jaguar Heritage Museum", before its demolition in 2012.

The Assembly Halls were demolished in 2007

It was given to JAGM member Bruce Schofield by the Ford Engineering Manager stationed there after the Ford purchase of Jaguar.

Bruce has decided to donate the banner to the club so that we may fly it at our events. Our thanks to Bruce for his generous and interesting gift. It is part of the Jaguar story that we can all share.

Paul Blunt
Concours Chair 2015

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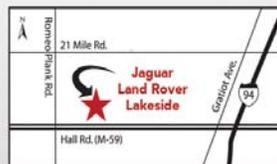
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2015 JAGM Concours d'Elegance



The 48th Jaguar Affiliates Group of Michigan Concours d'Elegance is in the books! My second show as your Concours Chair and I think it was a great show.

The Somerset Inn once again provided us with a great base. Comfortable rooms at a reasonable price, parking and car washing facilities and great hospitality. They are always helpful and willing to work with us.

Thanks again to Dave Wathen and Betty Colussi from TriMas who welcomed us with an excellent site and facilities for the hospitality. They are always generous with their help and support. We did improve security at the hospitality using wristbands. We need to respect that this is someone's work place and ensure we leave the site as tidy as we always find it. Big thanks to Johnine Bailey for leading the team of Pat Matejek, Sue Gucfa, Karen Lapko, Jan Kosko, and Patti Valentine who kept us fed and watered in clean surroundings all day.

It takes a team of people to make this event happen and I am happy to see new people getting involved in the organization. John DeBano has organized the field and placed the cars for many years, over twenty I am told! My most sincere thanks to John for all his work. But it is time to hand the reins to someone new and Jeff Kosko stepped in to work with John this year and I hope take over the role next year. Thanks to Lauren and Maddi Ruitter for greeting everyone with a smile and ensuring everyone had goodie bags and registration papers. Thanks to Steven Graff and Gene Lapko for twisting peoples' arms to buy regalia. Thanks to Dick Harms for taking care of the door prizes. Thanks to Chief Judge Tom Bailey and the team of judges who once again discharged their duties well. Thanks to all those who helped set up the site and pack it away again at the end. A special thanks to my long suffering wife Pauline who goes around tying off all the loose ends that I leave behind.

The awards buffet was held back at the Somerset Inn, and was so popular it gave us a small problem.

A Huge Thanks to a few of our Special People ...



Concours d'Elegance, *continued*

I have to estimate the numbers days before the buffet and given the number of dinners ordered I told them 65. In the event we had 78 people at the buffet and we needed to set an extra table. It's a nice problem to have! I love to see so many people at the awards dinner.



great music and keeping us entertained in the heat.

Special thanks must go to Jaguar Cars (through JCNA) and the Elder Group (through Jaguar of Troy, Novi and Lakeside) whose financial support makes this great show possible. Also thanks to the Elder Group for bringing out the Jaguar logo stuff we all need, as well as showing us Coventry's latest and greatest. Thanks to Welsh Enterprises who again attended in support of the show. Thanks to all our sponsors, Jaguar of Troy, Jaguar of Novi, Jaguar of Lakeside, Apple Hydraulics, Coker Tire, Coventry West, Griots Garage, Hagerty Insurance, Kelley Blue Book,



Thanks to everyone who brought so many beautiful cars out to the show. They are the heart and the pride of the show and make all the efforts around it worthwhile. I am always especially happy to see visitors from outside

the state. Thanks to our friends from Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and Ontario for making the special effort to be at the show. Was it a great show? Only you can decide that and I would welcome your comments.



Let me finish with the comments of Sam Smith, President of the Jaguar Group of Indiana, "Thank you and JAGM for hosting a terrific Concours! It was great fun visiting with old friends and new ones alike. TriMas is a lovely venue for the event and

we enjoyed the awards banquet at the Somerset Hotel." This is why I do it! I look forward to seeing you all again next year at the 49th Concours d'Elegance. We will try somehow to make it even better.

Paul Blunt
2015 Concours Chair
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Greetings from the Bench



Greetings from the Bench

To paraphrase Concours Chairman Blunt, the swans were really swimming up the river at our 2015 Concours. I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge the Judging and scoring swans: Judging staff, Bob and Darlene Stevenson, Paul and Pauline Blunt, Mike Bailey, Bob Sawyer, Bob Klemmer, Adam Guca, Bob Matejek, Tom Shipley, Don Swanson, Pat Ruster, Rod Lindoo, Chuck Diamond, Tom Hudak, Mattie Majors, Wayne Schultz, John DeBano and Tim Moore; and the Scoring staff, Louise Diamond, Judy Hudak and Teresa Klotz.

As you may know, the refreshing process for the judges began back in January, followed by meetings held after the JCNA AGM to acquaint the judges with rule book changes and discuss various aspects of the judging process.

My thanks go out to them all for their accuracy.

Best Regards,
Tom Bailey
Chief Judge



Greetings from the Bench, *continued*



So Many Happy Concours Winners !



Chuck Diamond is greatly pleased to receive the "Most Improved" award, while our Canadian Friend ... is not so happy to be awarded the "Prince of Darkness" trophy.

The Concours... Just a GREAT time!



So many happy award winners! A great time was had by all at the Awards Dinner, held in the Troy Sommerset Inn, following the 48th *Jaguar Affiliates Group of Michigan Concours d'Elegance*.

Concours Chair Paul Blunt (at right) presided while Chief Judge Tom Bailey (upper corner, left page) called award winners forward to receive their trophies.



Below: Dick Harms, wearing his new custom suit, had quite a moment with the ladies.



2015 Concours d'Elegance Scores

	JCNA Number	JCNA Roster Name	JCNA_Class	Score	ModelYear	Model	Color	
CHAMPIONSHIP	37977	Julien & Pat Brosseau	C1/PRE	99.88	1950	Mark V	Suede Green	
	45257	Dennis & Janet Weglarz	C5/E1	99.95	1962	XKE	Red	
	52188	Chuck Riley	C5/E1	99.83	1967	XKE	Charcoal	
	25890	Robert & Kathleen Reid	C5/E1	99.00	1961	XKE	Green	
	51298	Matthew & Lisa Wigent	C5/E1	97.73	1967	XKE	Red	
	13175	Robert & Susan Klemmer	C5/E1	95.07	1964	XKE	Black	
	52188	Chuck Riley	C5/E1	0.00	1967	XKE	Blue	
	42505	Frank & Rhonda Ligon	C6/E2	99.34	1969	XKE	Red	
	27134	Chuck & Louise Diamond	C6/E2	99.33	1970	XKE	Red	
	42891	Thomas Inwood	C7/E3	99.96	1973	XKE	Azure Blue	
	40173	Patrick & Jane Ruster	C8/SLS	99.77	1963	MK2	Gunmetal Grey	
	6150	John & Bunni Boswell II	C9/XJ	96.19	1977	XJ6C	Yellow	
	42214J	Steve Sherriff	C11/J8	96.47	1998	XJR	Carnival Red	
	52187	James Kraft & Steven Graf	C12/JS	100.00	1990	XJ-S	Diamond Blue	
	34878	John & Achsah Stremsterfer	C14/K8	99.96	2001	XK8	Platinum	
	42070	Paul & Pauline Blunt	C14/K8	99.80	2002	XK8	British Racing Green	
	27612	Bob & Pat Matejek	C14/K8	99.58	2000	XKR	Topaz	
	55703	Rick & Lauren Ruitter	C15/XK	99.95	2008	XKR	Celestial Blue	
	46443J	Allan Lingelbach	C15/XK	99.95	2009	XKR	Red	
	None	Ruggero & Silvana D'Agostini	C15/XK	99.94	2011	XKR	Black	
	51042	Ross & Faye Hamilton	C16/SX	99.29	2001	S-Type	Topaz	
	48642	Samuel & Julie C. Smith	C17/PN	98.81	1965	XKE	Red	
	42097	Bob Robbins	C18/PN	99.53	1989	XJ-S	White	
	19808	Thomas & Judy Hudak	C19/FJ	99.98	2011	XF	Caviar	
	51298	Matthew & Lisa Wigent	C20/F	99.77	2016	F-Type	British Racing Green	
	36917	Dick Harms	C20/F	99.67	2015	F-Type	British Racing Green	
		JCNA #	JCNA Roster Name	JCNA_Class	Score	Year	Model	Color
	DRIVEN	36917	Dick Harms	S3/REP	9.970	1957	XKSS	British Racing Green
50728		Jack & Patricia Valentine	D1/PRE	9.998	1954	XK120SE	Black	
45623		Bruce & Laura Schofield	D1/PRE	9.994	1957	XK140MC	Med. Green	
27606		Thomas & Johnine Bailey	D2/E1	9.940	1965	XKE	Red	
48554		John & Kathy Schindler	D4/E3	9.999	1971	XKE	Regency Red	
51044		Gary Cunningham	D8/XJS	9.967	1990	XJ-S	Silver	
34104		Adam & Susan Guca	D9/XJS	9.980	1994	XJ-S	British Racing Green	
51746		Pat and Sue Geary	D10/K8	9.990	2006	XK8	Silver	
52276		Gene & Karen Lapko	D10/K8	9.987	2000	XK8	Silver	
42506		Anton & Shirley Pintar	D13/SX	9.973	2007	S-Type	Silver	





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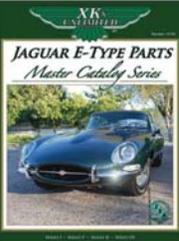
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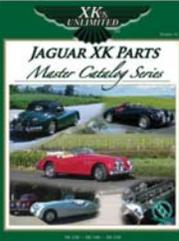
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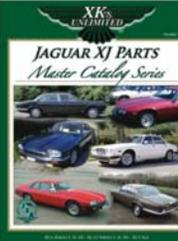
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