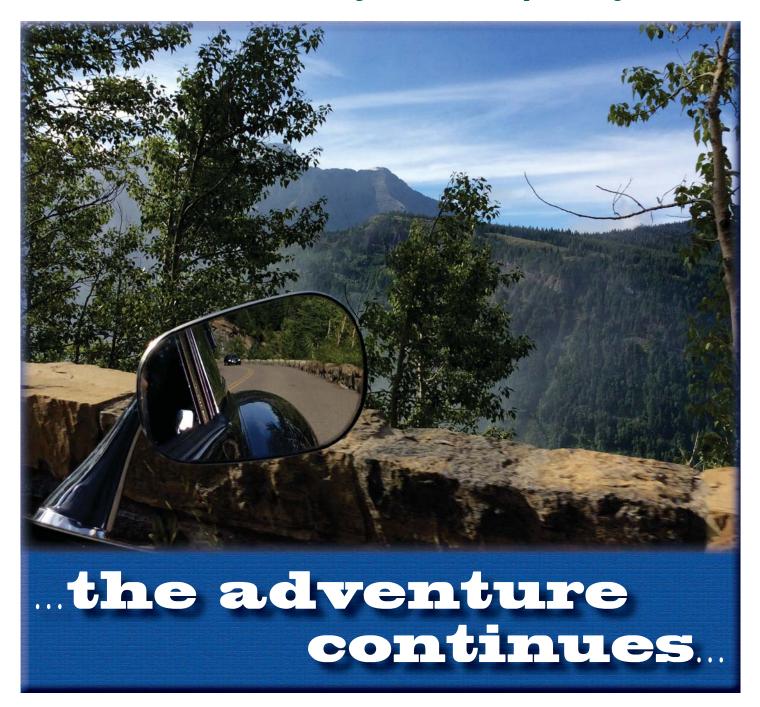


The Official Newsletter of the Jaguar Affiliates Group of Michigan



October 14th - JAGM Meeting

October meeting speaker: Steven Willett will give a brief presentation covering his experiences at Jaguar as a Student Apprentice for work on the XJS

JAGM West/Central 2015 Color Tour - October 24th

Join us for an exciting color caravan thru wooded and rolling south central Michigan.

The caravan kicks off Saturday, October 24th at 11:30AM at **CLARAS on the RIVER** in beautiful downtown Battle Creek. CLARAS is a restored train station with a complete menu and quaint ambience. There is plenty of parking and views of the river and downtown are inspiring. **Event Start is Lunch is at 11:30AM** *come earlier (opens at 11:00AM) if you wish to browse the station...*

After lunch (approx. 12:45PM) we will depart for Colon, Michigan for a visit to the **ABBOTT MAGIC MANUFACTURING COMPANY** - the worlds largest purveyor of magical prestidigitation. A special magical presentation is scheduled for JAGM (approx. 2:00PM, cost \$5/pp). Colon is quite the town andthose that care to may walk the town and the local shops rather than attend the magic show. The town has an interesting cemetery where several of the worlds best magicians lie in residence (hey, it's almost Halloween!).



We will leave Colon at approx. 2:30/2:45PM and drive east thru the Irish Hills to **HIDDEN LAKE GARDENS** (cost \$3/pp), a botanical and geological gem under the tutelage of Michigan State University. Hidden Lake is the scene for many weddings and gatherings due to its beauty and serenity. The grounds, features, and colors promise to be outstanding. An eclectic visitors center is also on site and worth a visit.

We will conclude our Jaguar jaunt by travelling north to Chelsea, Michigan, where a stop at town center **ZOU ZOU'S CAFE** will offer *ice cream*, crepes, pastries, soups, sandwiches and other lite-fare.

LOGISTICS

Approx drive times: A. Claras to Colon - 45 minutes (approx.) B. Colon to Hidden Lake - I hour and 30 minutes (approx.) C. Hidden Lake to Chelsea - 30 minutes (approx.)

Total Drive Time: 2 hour and 45 minutes / 3 hours. All roads paved. All roads secondary (2 laners - no highways). **Start point: Battle Creek. End point: Chelsea.**

COSTS

Abbott Magic Company - No charge Magic Show - \$5/pp Hidden Lake Garden - \$3/pp

Join us in enjoying a days drive in our Jaguars in our gorgeous state! *Itineraries will be available*

Please RSVP No Later Than Thursday October 22nd to:

Karen Lapko @ 810. 334. 4421 or Gene Lapko @ 419. 490. 4719 or eklapko@hotmail.com nd to:



...From Behind the Wheel

.....and the travels continue:

Ten years ago, Kris and I did a five day, oar-boat trip down the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon. It was (and still is) one of those "once-in-a-life-time" adventures you never forget. Thoughts of drifting down the river and hustling through white-water rapids; camping along the banks; and experiencing absolute, night time darkness still instigates tingles up my neck. The most impressive observation, however, was how insignificant we were amongst the towering cliffs of rock and seemingly endless vistas of the Canyon. Little did we know a drive in a Jag could be almost as impressive.

Day seven was a drive through Glacier National Park. Nice sunny day; started at 50F and hit 80F later in the

afternoon.
We
did the
tourists
research
and
looked
through
the travel
books.
Someone
had
mentioned



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a road there that was a nice drive. We had all day to take in what we could and decided the fifty mile, scenic route called "Going-To-The-Sun-Road" sounded promising. I should have gotten a clue from the "NOTE" that warned; "Vehicles longer than 2 I feet and wider than 8 feet prohibited." My thought at the time was the Jag is not that long and certainly not very wide; so what-me-worry? Later I was to find out this is one of the ten best Scenic Roads in the world; having driven the Road; I cannot dispute this fact.

An unfortunate reality of this Park, just like the Grand Canyon, is that it is impossible to capture it in a million photographs much less the few I have space for in the article. Most of the trip pictures we took were here; most of the dazzling images we captured were here. I think we could have spent a couple days positioning the Jag for cool car shots, and we got a lot of them!

Driving the Going-To-The-Sun-Road is a challenge in itself. The pavement is narrow and always winding;



round and round; and up and down. In many places, the only safety barriers are large (and not so large) pieces of quarried rock that separate you from plunging off into bottomless appearing canyons. When you are fortunate enough to be opposite the

cliff side, the road puts you up against sheer rock walls that you expect to be scraping off the door handles. Worst of all for the driver is the lure of the views and the demands of the driving. This was the first spot the driving gloves were mandatory.



I'm not sure they helped, but the gloves made me feel more confident

My analogy with the Grand Canyon is that Glacier National Park is the Canyon inverted; instead of



It's amazing what was accomplished just building this road

being at bottom looking up, you are at the top of the world looking down. The Road takes travelers along mountain sides and over and through passes where the scenery gets more impressive and seemingly never ending.....one perfect road for a |ag!

I hope our photos here can give a tempting glimpse of what we viewed. Nothing will replace a visit to the Park and a drive on the "Road".



Onward. Time for our journey to reconnect with the "Adventure Route" we left behind a few days ago. Now heading southeast, we followed some more remote two lanes capturing new scenery and picked up I-90 again, back-tracking to our next destination, Cody, WY. This was Labor Day weekend and we knew accommodations in Cody would scarce; the drive all the way there was pushing

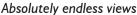
The reason everyone comes here... the Glacier!

more than 500 miles. The weather had turned brisk at 55F, and it was cloudy with spurts of rain now and then. Taking the back roads didn't help our schedule

so we cut the drive short after 470 miles and found a place to overnight in Red Lodge, MT. The town was nice; not a lot of vacancies so we had our first (and only) not-so-hot motel experience. Kris was not impressed when the owner exclaimed "had we been there next week, the room would only cost half as much."



The locals call this a "Big Lake".
I responded,
"we're from Michigan...nice pond!"





Jaguar in the wild



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Up early Sunday and off to Cody. It was another rainy day, but Cody had a number of attractions indoors so we were not deterred. We arrived just before lunch, and wanting to sample the local cuisine; our first stop was at the Irma Hotel. This establishment was started by a bunch of local people including one guy named William F. Cody. He had a lot of local notoriety, and they even named a nice museum after him! Yes, we did the Museum. I have had an interest in firearms

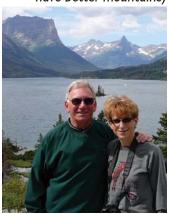
since being a kid, and the Buffalo Bill Museum has one of the largest (if not the largest) collection/ displays on the planet. The Museum is actually a series of dedicated displays and should be on anyone's list of places to visit. Also, there are some very appreciative people here and we were surprised by a note left on the Jag's windshield.

The afternoon's weather improved and we found an unusual "ghost town" appearing attraction down the road. It was a collection

of old, original, mostly log constructed buildings right out of the Old West. They had even moved the cabin used by the Butch Cassidy/Sundance Kid Gang from the Hole-In-The-Wall hideout. The buildings were arranged on what appeared to be an old Western Town Street complete with old wagons, tumble weed and cattle skulls. Not something you will find back home and well worth the price of admission.



Another pond with Michigan visitors (they do have better mountains)



The morning service always attracted helpers. The question was always "is that a V-12?"



There were always places along the two-lanes

to stop and enjoy the scenery

On the way to Cody, even the dampness added to the amazing views

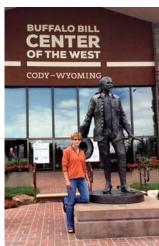


After an overnight in Cody, we hit the road for Yellow Stone National Park. Cody is just east of the Park, so it was an easy drive and gave us the day to explore. It was Labor Day, and as expected, there were many Park visitors. The weather had improved to "sunny", but still brisk in the morning at 50F. This Park is very structured. Many points of interest. Very "family friendly". We hit the Tower Falls, Mammoth Springs, and of course, Old Faithful. With all the unique wonders the Park offers, it's

understandable why it's so popular. For a driving adventure like we were on, our scenic hangover from Glacier left us willing to take in a few sights then leave the crowds behind.



Great place for breakfast and maybe a little fast-draw before lunch



Kris and Bill



imbressive. It would never fit in my basement

> (Note left under windshield wiper)

AMAZING JAGI Thanks for driving it to Cody. Have not seen one, How cool is that! Makes me

Something for Everyone!



We have Greenfield Village... Cody has the Wild West!



I guess train robbing doesn't guarantee good accommodations



appreciate how lucky we are.



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Although it was staged here, it

of an old western town



Photobombing hot springs!

What everybody came here for... Old Faithful

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Bears, now Buffalo! Not safe from anything out here!



Yellowstone employs the local Elk for lawn maintenance

Jackson (Hole?), WY was our next stop. Kris and I have both skied, even doing a Lake Tahoe trip a few years ago. Driving through Jackson

must be a different experience. The town is very nice and quaint. Lots of interesting shops and restaurant. Didn't see too many ski lodges; must be out-of-town somewhere. Had a nice dinner and overnight.

Had a lazy start on Tuesday, September 2nd. Finally got on the road at 10:20 AM. Sunny all day; 60F to 85F; had the AC blowing most of the way. Followed US-89 south briefly passing through Idaho then arriving in Salt Lake City, UT for the evening. Our visit in Salt Lake City was calculated and necessary. By this time, the Jag had gone 3,715 miles from its last oil change. Knowing we were going to need a "service"

somewhere along the journey, I had contacted the President of the Jaguar Club here and asked where he might seek an oil change in my situation. I was given a good reference, made a contact before we left, and an appointment while in route. So it was the Jag's day to receive some attention. I was anxious to do some observations myself to confirm nothing was coming amiss. All went without a hitch and the Jag passed inspection.



Will owned an E-Type at one time and was well versed on maintenance needs



Besides a bit of road rash and grime, the Jag was doing wonderfully. To top off the service, we even treated the Jag to a good washing.

Now with a fresh belly of oil, it was time to get it circulating. We did a visit to the Great Salt Lake, but I had another place that was calling me; the Bonneville Salt Flats. I couldn't be this close and

not go there. After all the years of hearing and reading about this speed Mecca, a visit couldn't be missed. Even the drive there was exciting; I-80; straight as an arrow; flat as the proverbial pancake. Half way out, just after passing over a brief rise, the whole landscape turns white; the only contrasting colors were the asphalt and the sky. Looks like snow to me! It's salt, idiot! And the speed limit; 80MPH! Yes, we went

that fast... and I won't admit to anything more. This was where the 5-speed in the Jag was truly appreciated. Less than 2,700 revs were needed to achieve this pace, and the Jag never seemed stressed the whole time even with the AC keeping the near 90F outside temp at bay.

The Salt Flats had experienced shallow flooding that delayed the speed trials. Some racers were there to practice, but there was a mile or better of slushy salt to traverse before arriving at the course, so we viewed from a distance

and chummed with other spectators at the staging area. I wasn't expecting to see any speed trials, but that would have been exciting. Just a visit to the Flats was an experience. The whole "salty" environment is something unique only to this area.

There was still over a week remaining to our adventure and many Parks and places on the agenda to visit. We took the I-80 route back to Salt Lake City then turned south; destination Provo, UT for the evening and a place for the Jag to cool its wheels.

....to be continued.

Mike



Just the drive to the Salt Flats makes you want to go fast

Always plan a trip with a wonderful partner

Bonneville Salt Flats International Speedway



Here I thought we were doing good; this fellow actually drove his Model A Rat-Rod here from Oneonta Alabama!

Salt shadows

> Looks like snow... tastes like salt!



Way off, you can see the racers. The salt was too wet and soft; I didn't think AAA would do a tow if we got the lag stuck.

...after a long day on the road, time to relax and see what's happening

> in cyber space





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Battle of the Brits, Wrap-Up

The BATTLE OF THE BRITS all English car and motorcycle show has returned to its past status as one of Michigan's biggest British vehicle events.

It has taken a few years at its new venue, Camp Dearborn in Milford, but the change has been well received and the location is one of the best.

JAGM was represented by a number of old and new

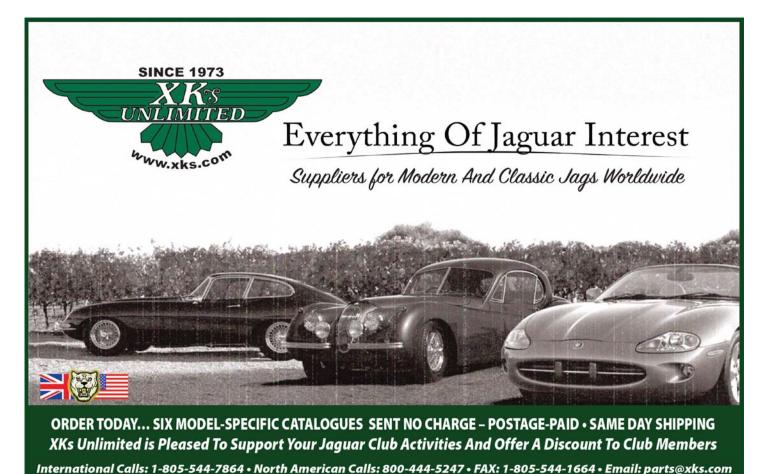


Jaguars. Sue Gucfa provided some delicious snacks and deserts. Matt Nold brought the XJ-13 to the delight of the crowd. Perfect weather made for a perfect afternoon.









Battle of the Brits ~ Results

Jaguar E-Type Coupe / Convertible

Winners

Gary Kotchi

Carlos Washington

John Nikolas

Darrell Robinson

Jaguar Sports - XK120 / 140 / 150

Winners

Mike Bailey

Fred Watson

Adam Gucfa

Jaguar - XKSS / XK8 / XJS / other sports

Winners

Don Neff

Matthew Nold

Dick Harms

Paul Blunt

Nigel Booth

Jaguar - Sedan / Saloon

Winners

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Dick Harms

People's Choice - Jaguars

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Championship Challenge

I am pleased to report that the small contingent of JAGM members who participated in the JCNA Challenge



Championship in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin this past weekend had a fantastic time. The six members and their guests were treated to the following:

- A slalom event (won by Bob Matejek in a Corvette). CONGRATULATIONS BOB!!!
- 2. A JCNA concours with about 75 beautiful Jaguars in attendance.
- 3. An awards banquet at the Osthoff Resort, with a keynote speech by Bob Tullius.
- 4. Hot laps around the Road America race course (Matt Nold drove the XJI3 and I got my XJS up to I20 mph).
- 5. We participated in a re-enactment of the original road race through the public streets of Elkhart Lake.
- 6. There was a huge gathering of classic cars on the lawn of the resort, including the largest contingent

of Allards I have ever seen!

Sincerely,

Gary Cunningham



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Wishing you happy holidays and special cheer Again we hope you join us this year!

JAGM Holiday Extravaganza!

DECEMBER 4, 2015

Mystic Creek Golf Course

One Champions Circle, Milford, MI 48380 (Located inside Camp Dearborn)

ENTERTAINMENT: Jerry Connelly - Tribute Artist

Jerry has toured with the Marcels, The Edsels, Chris Montez, Johnny Tillotson, Highway 101 and the Shangri-Las. He'll be singing the hits of the "Rock 'N Roll" era, songs by Buddy Holly, Bobby Vinton, Johnnie Ray, Rick Nelson, Bobby Darin and many more.

TIME: 6:00 PM

DINNER menu is being finalized.

Member Price: \$30.00/person

Non-Member Price: \$35.00/person

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

Comfort Suites 28049 South Wixom Road, Wixom, MI 48393 (ask for JAGM rate of \$95 for King or Queen room)

Reservation forms will be in the November Indicator, or you can call:

Adam or Sue Gucfa @ 810.441.9096 or 810.938.7429

Reserve your place today! RSVP Deadline 11.25.15

Gift Exchange Game:

- ♦ Only ONE gift per couple
- ♦ Only one steal allowed
- ♦ Gift to be in \$15-\$20 range



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Elections!

We will be taking nominations for the 2016 JAGM President and Board at the November Meeting.

We have a number of new members and I would encourage any of them to run for the Board. It's a great way to influence what goes on in the Club and a chance to interact with the Membership. Some of the incumbents will likely return, but new faces are always needed and welcomed.

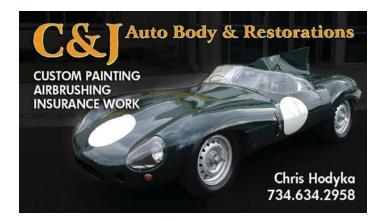
I will also mention this is not a gender-limited organization; if the `old man` doesn't want to, we would be more than glad to have some of the gals take seats on the Board.

As you know, I will not be seeking re-election as

your President for 2016, but plan to remain active with JAGM. Please consider this opportunity. JAGM is a great organization because it has a great membership and people willing to get involved.



Mike Bailey



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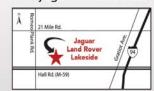
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Calendar CORRECTION

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Activities Calendar

	October	November	December	January
Meeting Activity	Membership Meeting Speaker Steven Willett 14 th 7:00PM Archie's, Livonia	Charity Auction IIth 7:00PM Archie's, Livonia	No Meeting	No Meeting
Outside Activity	Fall Color Tour 24th, I I:30AM Start Battle Creek End Chelsea	t.b.d.	Holiday PARTY Friday , December 4 th 6:00PM	Awards Gathering Friday, January 29 th





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