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WINNERS!

at the Marshall Fly In!

Paul Blunt

Dennis and Janet Weglarz

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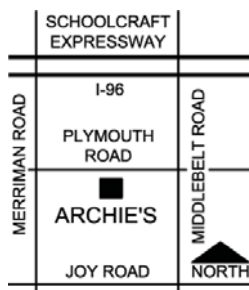
JAGM Meetings

Membership Meetings

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Fall Color Tour ~ 10.15.16

Our Fall Color Tour starts this year in Paw Paw MI on **Saturday, October 15th.**

Time: Meet @ 12:30pm at Walt & Marie's Country Cafe in Paw Paw. 44947 W. Red Arrow Hwy, Paw Paw MI 49079

Come earlier if you'd like lunch (cost \$6 - \$11.00)
The drive begins promptly at 12:45pm!

Other features of the drive: City of Buchanan's **Bear Cave Campground** with an underground cave we'll tour which was part of the Underground Railway during the Civil War (wear sturdy shoes). (Cost \$1.50 seniors or \$3.00)

Next we'll caravan to Dowagiac for an ice cream stop at **Caruso's** - opened in 1922, it features favorites from long ago soups, sandwiches, ice cream, shakes and malted milks. Also handmade chocolates! (Cost \$4.00 to \$10.00)

There are lots of hardwood trees, so the color should be good. Bring your camera! The route takes us through Berrien Springs and Eu Claire. Dowagiac is a quaint town and Paw Paw is home to the **oldest winery in Michigan - St. Juliann.**

Hope to see you there!

RSVP not required, but appreciated.

Gene or Karen Lapko @ 419-490-4719



October Mtg Speaker

Our speaker for the October meeting will be Attorney Jim Schuster.

The topic is Elder Law which covers much more than just positioning finances and care planning. It provides information that also helps you avoid pitfalls as you make and /or adjust your plans or plans for others, so make it a point to **BRING YOUR QUESTIONS.**



Attorney Schuster is **one of only 14 Certified Elder Law Attorneys in Michigan** and the only Michigan member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorney's Council of Advanced Practitioners. He has the credentials and the experience...and he's sharing his valuable knowledge with the Club... even though we are still rather young.

From the President

Here we are. October has arrived and the trees are starting to turn. Overall the weather has been good for driving this year and there is still the Fall Color Tour to come!

I wanted to mention a problem that is starting to affect many car clubs. Participation in events is down and fewer people are volunteering to help with organization. We are lucky that this has not yet impacted our Concours, in part because we also cater to modern cars. We have a great group of volunteers, although more are always welcome! But events like the Battle of the Brits are not faring so well. There is talk that the one just held could be the last one. The small group from Detroit Triumph Sportscar

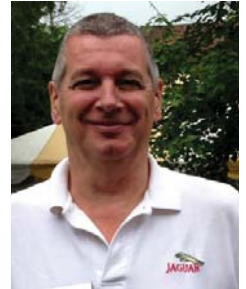
Club (DTSC) that has organized this for many years is growing weary. Attendance numbers are declining. I personally would like to keep this great event going and will be talking to the presidents of DTSC



and WDMGC about how we can spread the load and keep the event going. I would be very interested in your opinion. Please contact me and



let me know your views and if you would be willing to volunteer to help at this event. Perhaps it is a natural decline and we just have to accept it, but sales of collector cars still seems to be buoyant so how do we attract new people?



Meanwhile get out there and drive! I hope to see as many as possible on the West Side Color Tour on October 15th and please come along to the October meeting at Archie's October 12th. The speaker is Jim Schuster, an attorney specializing in Elder Law. Should be interesting! Also mark your calendars for the JAGM Holiday Party on December 3rd for some unique fun.

I hope to see you at an event soon!

Blunt, Paul Blunt

Dick Harms Dinner a la Jaguar

A little heads-up about a feature offered by our Jaguar F-Types (although it's not listed in the F-Type brochure/catalog).

Joey Wolf (owner/manager of Anchor Inn B & B) and I had lunch at the "Goat". I ordered my favorite walleye luncheon plate. It was such a generous portion I asked the waitress to put leftovers in aluminum foil.

No way to heat it up at the B & B, so it was placed in the engine compartment in a cavity between the right hand and left hand superchargers. About 60-90 minutes after I left Put-In-Bay, the car smelled like a Joe Muer seafood joint. So I stopped in Oregon, Ohio for lunch.



Bon appetite a la Jaguar!

Dick Harms

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JAGM and the Marshall Fly-In 2016



Saturday morning dawned warm and bright. No, wait that was another story. The Saturday of the Marshall Fly-In we were up before the dawn and it was also raining hard! We drove the hour to Marshall in the wet and dark but as we approached Marshall the rain did stop and the dawn had come. My thanks to the brave few who had faced down the weather to be there early in the morning.

A very short drive brought us to Brooks Field south of Marshall. While the rain had stopped it was still damp and gray. The cloud base was down at 200ft, and since the airport has a minimum ceiling of 400ft it was not possible to fly aircraft in. So the fly-in did not happen but the pancake breakfast certainly did. The weather

had kept many people away so there was plenty of food available. JAGM did its bit to help. Despite the weather and the lack of events the group from

JAGM managed to have a great time. The event organizers were welcoming and appreciated the support. As compensation they tried to get us permission to drive the cars in a spirited manner down the runway – but the lawyers quickly shut that down. There was a ballot for the cars. In the Pilots Choice awards Dennis Weglarz was first, Mike Lanzetta second and Tom Hudak third. In the People's Choice awards Tom Hudak was



first, Paul Blunt was second and Dennis Weglarz was third.

This event coincides

with a number of events in Marshall including the homes tour, a farmers market and a craft market as well as other events. Maybe we will try again next year and hope the weather is much more cooperative!

Paul Blunt



Check out a video of this event, created by Mike Lanzetta at <https://vimeo.com/182301070> or, go to the Jaguar Affiliates Group of Michigan facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/JaguarofMichigan/>



Mueller's Orchard - "Apple of Your Eye" Annual Charity Event

Mueller's Orchard was the place to be September 10th and 11th for the Annual "Showcase for Cystic Fibrosis". The Muellers host this annually to raise



awareness and funds for Cystic Fibrosis research for a cure.

Saturday's dampness limited the cars on the

green, but Sunday's sun brought them out for a fun filled day of displays, arts and crafts, plenty of good



food, and of course, fresh cider and donuts made fresh on the spot by Chef Chuck. Wife Wendy was kept busy organizing the affair and selling their always yummy and healthy apples.

Music from the DJ and the aroma from the BBQ completed the festive



atmosphere. As always, there was a wide variety of vehicles on the show field. It was a great day to pick up a gallon of cider and a bag of hot ones to carry the fun home.



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Dinner with the JAGM-North Group

We met with former JAGM members Denise & Gregg Kalwasinski recently, to purchase their 1996 XJ6 (that's another story). Those who remember them know that they raise Great Danes, but may not know that they also have three horses. An historic tavern in Metamora, The White Horse Inn, came up in the discussion and we decided to meet there for dinner on Tuesday, Sept. 13th.

The White Horse Inn opened in 1848 as a General Store. It converted to an Inn 2 years later, then in 1872 was licensed to feed and house overnight stage & train passengers. It was named the White Horse Inn in 1929, and was the oldest continuously operating restaurant in Michigan until it closed in 2012.

After renovations done to maintain its historical past and provide contemporary features, it reopened in 2014. During reconstruction, artisans from Europe joined local craftsmen to create an updated stagecoach roadhouse. Although it hasn't had overnight guests in many years, the restaurant has expanded. Guests can walk through the dining areas, cozy fireplace seating area, the upstairs 'meeting room', or sit at the bar to experience some of the history and the art. There is supposed to be a ghost

in residence, but we have not met him. Metamora horse enthusiasts still start their Fox Hunts from the WHI, and in the winter there are sleigh rides that start at the WHI.

Sue & Adam Guca live less than 5 miles from the Inn, and know it very well. In fact, they were married in the Inn! So of course, they were told about the dinner plans. Soon we had a 'Northern Contingent' gathering: Bob & Pat Matejek, Marco & Kelly Sperduti, and Judy & Tom Hudak. The early arrivers (Diamonds & Sperduti's) had drinks on the patio and watched the others arrive. Then the 12 of us sat at what is called "the common tables" for dinner: long tables in the bar area that seat about 30 people. The women decided to all sit at one end so we could chat amongst ourselves. After a leisurely, tasty meal, and short tour of the Inn, we parted company.

The Inn has sponsored local car cruises in the past. If any of you want to drive north, we recommend the White Horse Inn as a destination... www.thewhitehorseinn.com ... Metamora is about 6 miles south of I-69, and 2 miles east of M-24. Yes, there is life north of M-59...

Louise & Chuck Diamond



Battle of the Brits - 2016

The British Car Club faithful gathered once more at Camp Dearborn for the 34th Battle of the Brits. The main organizers are Detroit Triumph Sportscar Club and the Windsor Detroit MG Club but JAGM has a strong presence at the event. The weather was perfect and the cars beautiful. Growing up in Britain I am always amazed to see some of the cars that come to the show. Examples are the Austin Cambridge,



Darrell Robinson

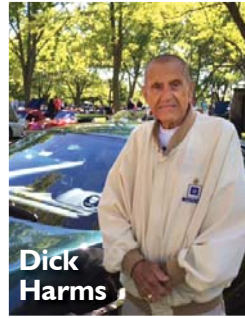
the Ford Anglia and a London black cab. I remember them growing up but who brought them to the US? Prizes are by popular vote and the JAGM award winners were:

Darrell Robinson – 1st Place Jaguar E-Type

Dennis Weglarz – 3rd Place Jaguar E-Type

Dick Harms – 1st Place Jaguar XKSS/XK8/XJS/ other sports with the F-Type

Paul Blunt – 2nd Place Jaguar XKSS/XK8/XJS/ other sports with the XJ-S



Dick Harms

Preservation class he just never seems to get older!

I also need to give a special mention to Mark and Kelly Sperduti who fed us all with some great Italian food including an apple dish for dessert. It was delicious!

Paul Blunt

Dick Harms also won an award in the Preservation Class for his XKSS. For those not aware at BoB if you win your class three years in a row you are moved into Preservation Class, presumably to give others a chance. I could not help feeling that Dick himself should be in



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given for the most "creative" holiday, fun, crazy
or British, sweater.** Don't be shy! The crazier the
better!

Just to change things up, this year there will be **NO
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Put-In-Bay 2016

August 29-31 marked the eighth gathering of the Put-In-Bay Road Races Reunion. This has been an annual event since 2009. Kris and I have managed to make six of them and it has been very interesting to see how the Reunion has grown and matured.

Our first visit was in 2010 and the only racing was a couple "civilian" drives of the old race course around the Island. In 2011, the organizers managed to secure some time on the airport runway to conduct a "demo" race where we were told not to "really" race, but just look like it so they could use the photos for promotion purposes. I recall waving several cars to pass me as the "demo" got faster and faster and I was concerned about wasting the car on the track and having nothing to

drive home! That year we drove our '62 Mini with a hot-rodded 1275 under the bonnet.

Actual racing on the airport started in 2012 and has been going on since.

Besides the racing, there are several gatherings for dining; one featuring a "valve cover" race and of course a car show. In addition, they have a Q/A rally that Kris and I enjoy and try to "place" in each year.



We caravanned again with Gene and Karen Lapko in their XK8 Coupe'. On the Island we met up with Dick Harms and Craig and Sharon Skupny. During the races fellow JAGM'ers Dominic and Janet Abbate arrived having traveled to the event by personal watercraft.

Perfect weather made the days a joy. To top off the visit, our '53 Jaguar XK-120 FHC took a second place in the Car Show Street Category, and Kris and I earned a first place in the Rally. Fun event; never enough Jag's.

Mike



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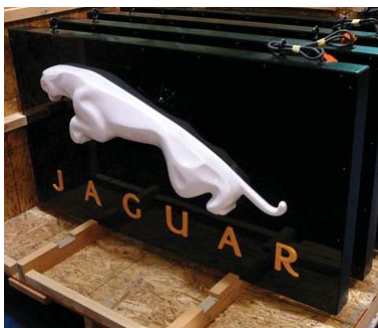
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Outside Activity	3rd Annual Fall Color Tour 15th 12:30PM - See Page 2	t.b.d.	Christmas Party / Lunch 3 rd 1:00PM Dearborn Golf Club, Milford	Awards Gathering



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