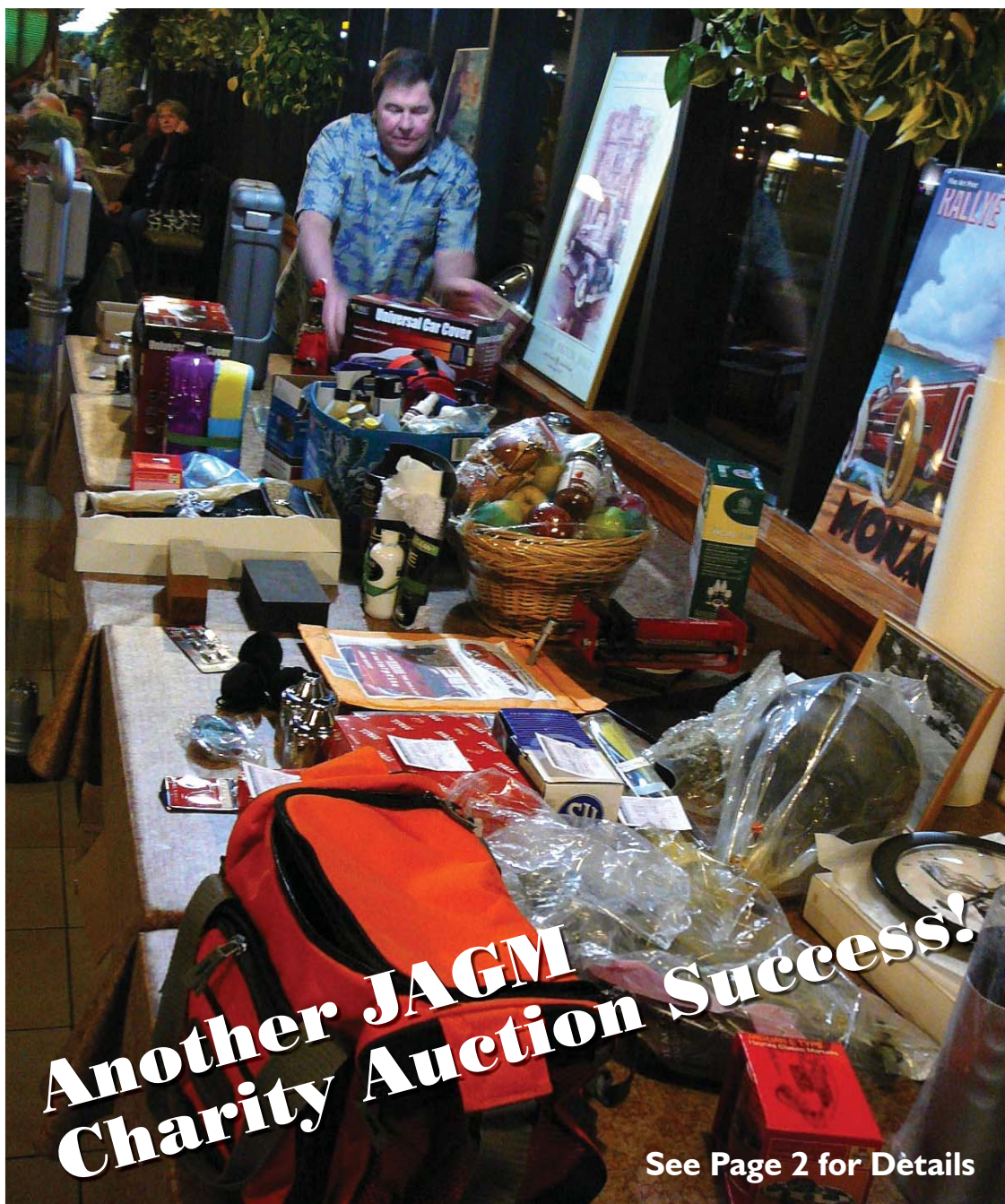


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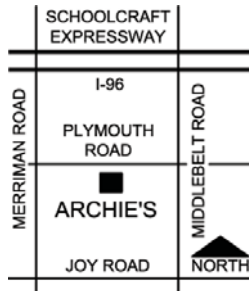
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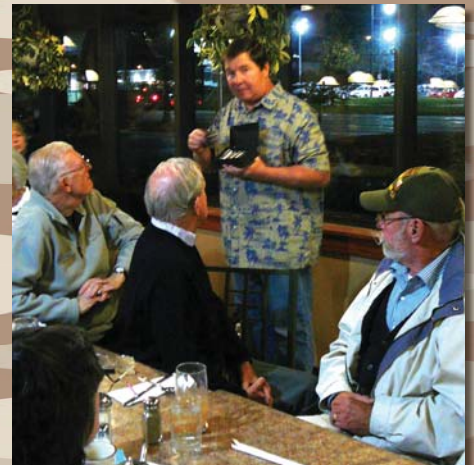
Wednesday November 11, a hearty group of JAGM members filled the meeting area of Archie's Restaurant for the Annual Charity Auction.

Master Auctioneer Jason Mattison once again led the proceedings and successfully

auctioned off the numerous items donated by club members.

This year's event collected \$1,045.00 from 18 of our generous members. These funds will be donated to "Homes for Our Troops" a local organization which helps our veterans find homes.

A hearty Thank You to all who donated, purchased, or both!



...From Behind the Wheel



The scenery never stopped impressing

....last leg home.

Five days remaining on our schedule and we need to decide what route we'll take back to finish the trip. A determining factor, as always, was "what can we see."

Santa Fe looked interesting and that would take us south where we could pick up I-40. That route home would re-trace the original drive from El Paso seven years ago. Well, we thought, "been there; done that" what else can we see?

Ooohhh; if we head straight east, we can pass through Dodge City! Festus; Miss Kitty; Sheriff Matt Dillon! I know the Long Branch will be open; I used to see it almost every day!

It was Tuesday, 55F, light showers. Departed Gunnison, CO at 8:15 AM. Dodge City was almost 500 miles east and we still had to finish the thrill



Too slow for Rain-X; Thrill drive on US-50

drive along US-50. The scenery here never stops impressing. Around the next bend; over the next rise; it just keeps coming.

Driving the Jag is really entertaining and makes the hours behind the wheel pass quickly.

The terrain changes as we pass through Pueblo, CO and becomes more open plains. This and the generous speed limits allow us to eat up the miles. Arrived in Dodge City at 6:00PM; now it's 95F!



A driver and his trusty steed...



Dodge City and Boot Hill

I never knew it, but Dodge City is one of the windiest places in the USA. Never did figure out why, but it made the fact well known during our visit.



Anybody seen Miss Kitty?

No whiskey before noon at the Long Branch, but we did the tour of old Dodge City and Boot Hill anyway. Most of the old town burned down and was replaced

with more fire resistant brick structures. A section of the old Town was re-created next to Boot Hill and

From Behind the Wheel, *continued*

is now a popular attraction. I did get to see pictures of Festus, Miss Kitty, and Sheriff Dillon; the old Town seemed bigger on TV.



Un-ruly tourist

Driving, and more driving was to be the main activity for the next couple days as we made our way past Wichita, Kansas City, and Des Moines. Our target destination was, again, Rock Island, IL where we overnighted on the way west. This time, a trip to the Rock Island Arsenal Museum was planned. The Arsenal was established by Congress in 1862 and was first used as a military prison during the Civil War and as a repository for munitions following that conflict. After 1865, the Arsenal began the production of a



Rock Island Arsenal buildings



Every rifle on display



Every pistol on display

wide variety of military equipment including field carriages, limbers, horse and man related cavalry equipment, canteens, mess kits, and on and on. During the era of WWI, a version of the 1903 Springfield Rifle was manufactured

there. Today, the museum houses one of the largest collections of US Military small arms primarily used for study and reference.

Friday, we departed Moline, IL for the last leg of our Journey. The weather had been overcast and cooler the last couple days and that would follow us home. The drive around Chicago, cutting a corner of Indiana, and finally crossing into Michigan was uneventful but inspiring as we had completed our goal and done so in a forty five year old Jag. I must say I was very proud of our steed (okay, cat). This was the e-Bay car in which Kris and I had tossed caution to the wind, and drove home 1,878 miles from El Paso, TX that December in 2007. Yes, the Jag was

From Behind the Wheel, *continued*

overhauled and treated to a few upgrades, but as anyone familiar with old cars will tell you; "you never know!"

The total miles on the trip were 6,627. The Jag consumed 309 gallons of fuel for an overall rate of 21.48 MPG. Amazingly, we only put in two quarts of oil!

We stayed-over twenty nights in eighteen different locations. I ended up doing all the driving; not for any reason other than it suited us best. Kris did all the navigating and took an amazing 1,100+ photos.

So did the Jag perform that well? In a word.....yes. Did we have any problems.....a few, but nothing too alarming.



Badges of courage ...



Home at Last-Selfie!



Not much room for souvenirs

The horn on the Series 2 E-Type is activated by pushing in the turn signal stalk. Somewhere, our Jag has a poor connection in this circuit that must induce a bit too much resistance. Also, the horn will only work reliably when being tested; all other times, it's maybe, maybe not. While passing time on some of the longer, empty stretches, I would first warn my navigator, then push the stalk to see if anything happened; maybe; maybe not. Anyway, the fuse got tired of this and fried on the way to the Bonneville Salt Flats. The fuse is crucial as it also carries current to the stop lights. A shady rest stop proved to be a good place for this fix and all was good (and no more testing).

Driving through the mountains, I was always trying to be aware of the Jag and how it sounded and felt. At one point, I seemed to detect a faint, bearing-sounding noise on fast, downhill, sweeping curves. The front wheel bearings had been replaced with the brake job, and well greased before the trip.... could one have come loose??? This ended up being a parking lot job on the jack in Moab, UT. The right side had a minute amount of play. I think the securing nut might have moved one flat; anyway nothing changed and I finally decided it was tire noise; the bearings were fine.

From Behind the Wheel, *continued*



Re-fusing at the Salt Flats

The last five days of the trip were punctuated with periods of rain; some of this heavy and some through the last days in the mountains. I had good blades; the motor had been re-built after it died on the maiden voyage from El Paso, and worked excellent. What could go wrong? "You never know!" Well, one of the grooved drive spindles under the wiper arm decided to strip. This is a non-serviceable part and one that is completely inaccessible to replace on the road (even if you could find one). Now, the E-Type cleverly has three wiper blades, so which one do you think would fail? No, not the center one.....no, not the passenger side; that wouldn't be much of an issue either. But if the driver's side quits, that's a pain. So, yes the left side wiper had to be removed, and Rain-X relied on when speeds were sufficient to make it work. Going through the mountains in the rain (not fast enough for the Rain-X) I told Kris to watch the left side of the road and I would watch the right. We made a good driving pair and kept the Jag on the pavement. I was able to fix this once home, but it's not something easily remedied on the road.

Other than these, the Jag ran flawlessly. I have to admit, there were times pushing up long mountain grades in the western heat; the AC pumping away keeping us cool, and trying to maintain some impressive speed limits, I wondered just how much moxy the old Jag had. It showed us it had plenty.



Parking lot mechanic

Since this trip in 2014, the car has not sat idle. It's a regular on the Michigan roads and just completed a thousand mile trek to Bourbon Country in Kentucky. This past July, it was displayed with mementoes of the western drive and received a Special Recognition Award at a major, all British Car Show.



Two out of three will have to do!

I hope you have enjoyed reading about our Jaguar Adventure. It was a very special trip for Kris and me. Writing about the drive was most enjoyable as I was able to re-visit our travels while viewing all the photos.

I hope all Jag owners have an opportunity to experience at least one, memorable, major drive adventure in their car.

Mike

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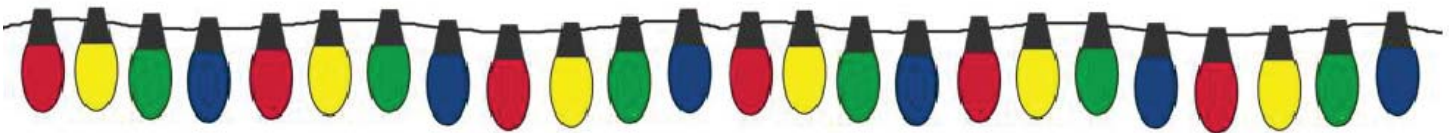
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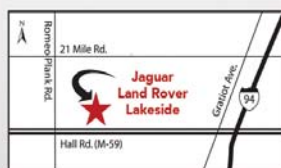
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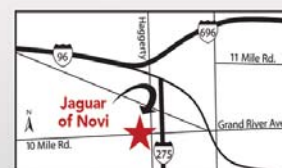
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This is always a fun evening and the start to our 2016 Jagging Adventures. Watch your email and the January Indicator for more details.



Activities Calendar

	December	January	February	March
Meeting Activity	Holiday Extravaganza 4 th 6:00PM	No Meeting	Membership Meeting 10 th 7:00PM Archie's, Livonia	Membership Meeting 9 th 7:00PM Archie's, Livonia
Outside Activity	t.b.d.	Awards Gathering Friday, January 29 th	Tipping Pointe Theater Date t.b.d.	t.b.d.
	April	May	June	July
Meeting Activity	Membership Meeting 13 th 7:00PM Archie's, Livonia	Membership Meeting 11 th 7:00PM Archie's, Livonia	Membership Meeting 8 th 7:00PM Archie's, Livonia	Membership Meeting 13 th 7:00PM Archie's, Livonia
Outside Activity	t.b.d.	t.b.d.	t.b.d.	t.b.d.



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