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## A JAG TALE OF TWO COUNTRIES



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## 2 About our Club

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### *The Jaguar Auto Group*

*“A Special Club For All Who Love And Enjoy Jaguars  
And Other Fine British Marques “*

#### *Club History*

Formed in 1982, the Jaguar Auto Group (or “JAG” for short) is a non-profit membership organization. Our mission is to promote the usage and enjoyment of Jaguars and other fine British marques of all kinds. Owning a Jaguar is not a requirement for membership.

Based in New Jersey, with members throughout the Tri-State Area, we are affiliated with Jaguar Clubs of North America (JCNA) which covers Jaguar clubs throughout North America.

We sponsor many exciting and enjoyable events throughout the year with the main emphasis on having fun and enjoying our wonderful cars. We value above all good company and friendship in a non-competitive environment. Many members have become long-term, close friends, drawn together by a common love for fine automobiles.

So, if you are looking for a club with members who will share your interests, please join our group!

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### 3 Messages

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#### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE.....



Hello fellow members.

As the year draws to a close I would like to thank everyone in JAG for making it an enjoyable time, it is always great to be in the company of people who not only love the marque but also the camaraderie of our fellow members.

In the coming month we are scheduling our annual meeting and I hope many will attend. I wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday and I look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Cheers

Jeremy Dale



## 4 Messages

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**From your JAG MAG Editor.....**

**They say time flies when you're having fun so I guess that explains how this year went by so fast based on all the fun events we had. You can witness all the merrymaking in the coverage of our events in this issue thanks to the many photos Jeremy took during the year.**

**I hope you enjoy the interesting cover story by Dennis Mamchur this issue and I am hoping to get him to provide a follow up story about how his relationship with Ian and his family has developed over the years since his European tour. As a clue, many of you have actually met Ian at a couple of our breakfasts over the past few years when he was visiting the US.**

**Sadly, Bob Beshar recently advised us of the passing of Charlie and Barbara Remschel who were very early members of JAG. Here is Bob's notice:**

*We are sad to report that an original member of JAG passed away recently of natural causes. Charles Remschel and his wife Barbara passed within a couple of days of each other. He was a Jaguar enthusiast all his life and owned a magnificent 1952 XK 120 OTS. He was a member of E-Jag Organization in the Boston area and participated in the first road rally in 1978. He was then a part of the start up of JAG in 1980 and was an active member until he moved to S. Carolina. May they RIP.*



Photo courtesy Legacy.com

**For those of you that haven't sent in your renewal dues yet there is a form at the end of this newsletter. Please renew ASAP as John has to get the info into JCNA. Also, planning is underway for our 2023 AGM in January with details to be announced, Pat & I hope to see you all there.**

**Best wishes for happy and safe holidays to all,**

**Denis Donohue  
Newsletter Editor**



Ultimate social distancing at 3000 feet!!



## 5 Report on the AGM held on March 6, 2022

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**Mark Denesevich**  
**Secretary**



### **J**AG Annual General Meeting March 6, 2022 **Minutes of the 2021 AGM**

President Jeremy Dale called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM

There are no minutes as the 2021 AGM was suspended due to the pandemic

#### **The Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer, John Green reported that there is \$3,771 in the checking account as of this meeting. Membership dues totaled \$2,550 and the member contributions to the lunch at Verde Restaurant were \$1,227 for total income of \$3,777. Expenses for 2021 totaled \$4,353. The club is in sound financial condition. The Treasurer's report was accepted by motion and seconded. All voted in favor of accepting the report as submitted.

#### **Election of Officers**

Existing officers were reconfirmed with the exception of Membership Secretary. Lou DiGeronimo was nominated and seconded for Membership Secretary

Club Officers for 2022:

President: Jeremy Dale

Vice President: Ray Tahan

Treasurer: John Green

Secretary: Mark Denesevich

Newsletter Editor: Denis Donohue

Membership Secretary: Lou DiGeronimo

Director of Communications: Al Reda

The slate of officers was confirmed by voice vote.

#### **Old Business**

JCNA membership will increase from \$30 to \$40 annually.

Ray Tahan mentioned that Jaguar Cars will enforce the legal protections on the use of its trademarks.



## 6 Report on the AGM held on March 6, 2022

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**Mark Denesevich**  
**Secretary**



### **New Business**

None

### **Coventry Cup**

This year the Coventry Cup is awarded to Denis Donohue for his service editing and producing the JAG Newsletter.

### **JCNA AGM 2022**

Bill Beible will serve as the delegate from JAG.

### **Activities**

Spring Dustoff: No location has been determined yet, but should be set by the end of March. Please send suggestions to Ray or Jeremy.

Tours: Jeremy indicated that tours on weekdays were a good option due to reduced traffic and crowds at restaurants, wineries, etc.

Monthly Breakfasts: The breakfast meetings are well attended and will continue. No buffets have reopened since closure for the pandemic. The Windlass Restaurant and Boat on Lake Hopatcong was suggested as possible brunch venue. Jeremy solicited further suggestions from the membership.

Local British Car Events: Cats in the Garden at the Van Vleck House and Gardens in June in Montclair, NJ; Britfest in May in Succasunna, NJ , and the Red Mill British car show in Clinton, NJ also in June.

Picnic: There are some discussions about moving the picnic from the Dawn Patrol in Bradley Gardens to another venue, possibly returning to Schooley's Mountain Park. No decision has been made.

Membership Dues: John Green informed the members that membership dues should be paid by January 15. Timely payment ensures uninterrupted delivery of the Jag Journal.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM



## 7 A JAG TALE OF TWO COUNTRIES

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The 2+2 at Mont Blanc

**M**y wife is a retired French teacher and a lot more cultured than her “car guy” husband. She would rather spend time in museums and art galleries than sit at a car show and as she says, listen to guys talk about car parts. A number of years ago, 2011, the Jaguar XKE celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It was introduced to the press in Geneva in 1961. A 2 week tour was being organized to replicate the dash rom Coventry to Geneva. Since most of that trek took you across France, I wanted to surprise my wife with this tour. The only hitch was how to get an E Type for this event. I didn't want to ship my car via container to Europe, not only because of the cost but also concerns of caring for it on this 2 way transatlantic

journey. Another option was to rent an E Type for 2 weeks, which turned out to be just as expensive. I took a chance and made contact with the person running the tour and asked if she could find someone who would loan me their Jag and I would reciprocate the following year when the company was running a tour through New England in the Fall. Pretty nervy, asking someone you don't know to borrow their E Type.

### ROADSIDE ADJUSTMENTS ON THE JAG



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IAN WITH THE FAMOUS  
9600HP ETYPE

Lo and behold I received an E mail back that a Brit who lived in Poland would loan me their 2+2. For those who don't know, the 2+2 is a fabulous touring car. It has much more driver and passenger room as well as a larger luggage area, perfect for traveling with a wife who has to have a change of cloths for each of the 14 days. As time got closer to the trip, I became a little nervous. Suppose this guy didn't show up with the car, what do I do then? It turns out that I worried unnecessarily. Ian, the owner of the car, shipped it to Leeds, a city just north of London, to his father who is an auto mechanic, to go over the car. He then climbed into his Land Rover with his wife and 3 kids, all under the age of 10, and drove from Warsaw to Heathrow Airport where we met for the first time. After a nice lunch he handed me the car keys and said "I'll see you in 2 weeks".

Amazing! Since then we have become good friends. He has visited and stayed with us 4 times since and has become part of our family. The trip itself was fabulous, led by the actual E Type that was introduced in Geneva back in 1961. We stayed at wonderful castles and chateaus every night, eating French food and drinking French wine. And the scenery! I especially enjoyed driving through the French and Italian Alps when we did the "Italian Job" section of the tour.

DENNIS WITH THE ETYPE AT MONT  
BLANC





## 9 AGM

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Despite the continuing problems with Covid, we managed to conduct an AGM this year by pushing it back to March allowing us to enjoy some sense of normalcy.



We held it at our usual location which used to be called Potbelly's and is now Riverside Shoppe.

With excellent attendance, we were happy to get together again to discuss plans for the coming year.



The Coventry Cup has been falling apart for a few years now so the club needed somebody to make it whole again which is why it was presented to Yours Truly.



## 10 Monthly brunches

Our February brunch was held at the Taphouse 15 after a short drive by a group of us. As usual, the food was excellent.



Everyone was excited to return to Pavincis Italian grille in April as they have one of the best buffets we have been to and are located on picturesque Lake Hopatcong.



No one left hungry especially after the great dessert selections.



## 11 Monthly brunches

For May, we were back to Lake Hopatcong for The Windlass which provides for great views of the lake.



A bright blue June morning found us meeting up on Rt 23 for a leisurely drive to our brunch.

The above photo contains an Etype and one example of each of Jaguar's successors to it up to modern day: XJS, XK8 and Ftype.



## 12 Monthly brunches



Our June destination was again a lake but for a change of pace it was The Breezy on Greenwood Lake this time

We had a nice group of cars for our scenic drive to our brunch spot in July



We started out with an impromptu meeting in the parking lot where we were joined by Lynda & Jim Louden from JAG south in Florida.



## 13 Monthly brunches



Our destination was again Pavinci's Italian grille on Lake Hopatcong



We had a great turnout and picture perfect weather!



Our August brunch was held at a new to us restaurant in Glenwood, NJ with a fun drive from our meeting spot on route 23.



Rain was threatened but held off for our drive. The Glenwood is a fun place with a very rustic décor and good food.



## 14 Monthly brunches



For September, we chose the Chester Diner.



Ray Tahan believes this was the location of our first ever JAG monthly breakfast.



We visited a quaint pub on Lake Lenape in October. Called McQs.



Anne Wheeler was up from Delaware and came with her daughter Emma.



## 15 Monthly brunches

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We took over The Randolph Diner for November.



We had 2 fun events in October.  
JTC was invited by a new senior development in Montvale called Thrive, to hold a Jaguar car show at their facility and we had a great turn out of cars.

On the 19th, we had a very picturesque 1 1/2 hour drive to Gardiner NY where we again had a great German lunch at the Mountain Brauhaus.



## 16 Christmas party



On Dec 11, we had our Christmas Party again this year at Verde Restaurant where we enjoyed a 3 course meal.



Jeremy brought plenty of wine and cake for dessert supplied by JAG.

**A MERRY TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!!**





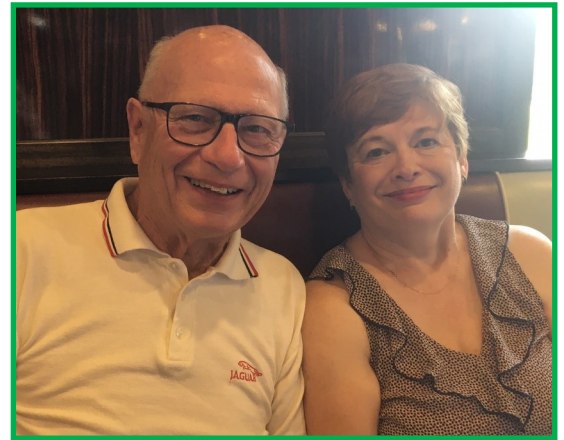
## 17 JAG South report

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For those of you that are not aware, a number of years ago 4 long time JAG families retired to the same Florida neighborhood in Tequesta FL. We now unofficially call them JAG South. Here is a current report from JAG South spokesman, Jim Louden. *ED.*

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For our July brunch, Jim & Lynda were in NJ again this year visiting family so they joined us for the drive and the brunch. It was great seeing them again.



Jim & Lynda

**Jim and Lynda Louden with Maggie, Steve and Alisa Weinstein, Paul and Marianne Delatush, Art and Geri Steinberg.  
P.S. Come on down... The golf is great.**





# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

# TBA



# JAGUAR AUTO GROUP

New Membership & Renewal Application  
Affiliated with Jaguar Clubs of North America JCNA

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

What activities would interest you most? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you hear about Jaguar Auto Group? \_\_\_\_\_

Jaguar's owned: \_\_\_\_\_

Other British Marques: \_\_\_\_\_

JCNA Membership Number Through JAG: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dues are \$60. (\$40. JCNA \$20. JAG) Includes Bi-Monthly Jaguar Journal Magazine and JCNA Membership. THERE IS NO PRO-RATING OF JCNA MEMBERSHIP.**

**Make check payable to JAGUAR AUTO GROUP and mail to:**

Treasurer, 73 Inwood Avenue, Upper Montclair, N.J. 07043  
973-783-7499

**If you are a current JCNA Member through another club YOUR JAG DUES ARE \$20. If so include your current JCNA Membership # \_\_\_\_\_.**

**New Members joining after July 1<sup>st</sup> pay \$50 (\$40 JCNA and \$10 JAG) for the remaining JCNA membership and Journal issues.**

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