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Welcome New Members

Member Name	Jaguars Owned	JAGM welcomes our newest members. Please help extend them a warm welcome.
Eric Wojciechowski	2020 XE P250	
Alan & Leslie Wagner	2003 S Type R 1962 Mark II	
David & Moira Horne		
Paul & Kathleen Graham	1990 XJS Convertible	Current JAGM Membership is 139

2025 Activities Calendar

	April	May	June
Activity	Stahl's Museum/Bad Brad's BBQ Chesterfield, MI Saturday 5 th	Studebaker Museum Cars & Coffee South Bend, IN Saturday 3 rd	The Brits Return to Fort Meigs Perrysburg, OH Sunday 1 st
	In-Person Membership Meeting Craft Breww City Farmington Hills, MI 9 th @ 5:30 PM	Touring Day on GingerMan Raceway South Haven, MI Saturday 3 rd -Sunday 4 th	In-Person Membership Meeting Craft Breww City Farmington Hills, MI 11 th @ 5:30 PM
		Zoom Membership Meeting 14 th @ 7:00 PM	Motor Muster/Historic Base Ball Greenfield Village Saturday 14 th
	Drive and Dine Clark Lake Golf Course Brooklyn, MI Saturday 26 th	British Car Corral/Baker's of Milford Milford, MI Sunday 18 th	Bay Harbor Vintage Car & Boat Festival Petoskey, MI Thursday 19 th -Sunday 22 nd
		Lap the Lake 1000 Mile Tour Around Lake Michigan Monday 19 th -Friday 23 rd	British Car Corral/Baker's of Milford Sunday 29 th

For the most up to date listing & schedule of events, go to: www.jagm.org/events



Others are newer ideas such as the Drive and Dine at the Clark Lake golf course in the Irish Hills area, and the weekend combo of the Studebaker Museum Cars and Coffee in South Bend with the Ginger-Man Raceway vintage racing in South Haven.

How about a new event offered up by our own Seb Coppola? On Saturday, August 9th we'll meet at Seb's garage in Rochester for a Cars & Coffee event and a chance to look over his collection; his E-Type and Mark IX, of course, but also others including some Italian cars (something starting with "F" maybe... I forget the name). Then we'll go to a restaurant nearby for lunch.

It's April - we're starting JAGM's prime season for events and drives. This edition of The Indicator is full of upcoming activities!



Some are in the "tried and true" category, like Stahl's car collection, the annual British car show at Fort Meigs in Perrysburg, Ohio, the fabulous Bay Harbor Classic Car and Boat show and of course the Mad Dogs and Englishmen weekend at the Gilmore Museum in July.

Informal get-togethers like this are a lot of fun, and a great opportunity to get acquainted, or better acquainted, with more club members. Thanks, Seb, for inviting us!

Let the spring/summer fun begin!

Gary Hillebrand

In-Person Membership Meeting – April 9th



When: Wednesday, April 9th, 5:30 pm if you want to eat first; the meeting starts at 7 pm.

Where: Craft Brew City, 27843 Orchard Lake Road (Orchard Lake & 12 Mile) Farmington Hills

Our April meeting features a presentation about the history of Ford racing. This will be a joint meeting with the Windsor Detroit MG Club.

The speaker is **Todd Bryan**, who is the president of the **Henry Ford Heritage Association**. HFHA's mission

is "Fostering interest in the life and accomplishments of Henry Ford, and to preserve and interpret the landmarks associated with his life and family."

Join us for a fun and educational evening—learning about some racing history and about this locally based historical society. Todd has offered to waive the HFHA's customary speaker fee for us, so we'll request a small donation to offset that for them.

Gary Hillebrand



Feather Bowling and a Visit to Motor City Metalcraft March 23rd

The Real March Madness!

For JAGM, March Madness means one thing: Feather Bowling! This year's event at the Bath City Bistro in Mt. Clemens continued the tradition, starting with an excellent



floor, so we didn't expend any precious energy climbing the stairs to the upper level as has happened before. I am convinced that this was a key factor contributing to the dazzling display of skill and tenacity from all the bowlers.

The traditional men vs. women clash ended in a draw this year, with the men coming from behind to secure a 10-4



brunch buffet to bolster the athletes for the "Belgian Battle" that would follow.

The eighteen of us then moved over to prestigious Lane

One for the competition. This was significant; Lane One is on the main



win in the first game, but the women responding with a 3-1 victory in the abridged second game. As always, the rivalry was fierce and the competitors "left it all on the lane." Still, at the end all the couples were able to set aside animosities and apparently reconcile enough to drive together, either home or to our next stop, Motor City Metalcraft.

Feather Bowling and a Visit to Motor City Metalcraft March 23rd (cont'd)

A Great Family Business; History, Stories and a Demonstration!

When you go somewhere for the first time, your expectations are sometimes met, but often you are surprised, either in a good way or not. I think I can safely speak for our whole group—we were totally blown away by Motor City Metalcraft.

We were hosted by Dan and Hilary Fournier, the owners of the company, and two of the three master craftsmen whose talents and dedication turn typical metal, plastic, glass and paint into automotive masterpieces. But it wasn't the cars themselves that made this visit memorable for me. It was Dan and Hilary themselves—and the stories and history behind their business. In a couple hours with



them, it became clear that these are people who have worked hard to become really good at what they do, and they absolutely love what they do.

First, a bit of the company's backstory. Dan's father, Ron Fournier, was a metalcrafting legend in the automotive racing field, including stints with Holman Moody, Kar Kraft (Ford's GT40 program skunk works), Penske Racing, and A.J. Foyt's Indy racing team. All this by the age of 30!

This was the atmosphere Dan was brought up in—watching, learning from and working under this pro-



lific craftsman. Dan shared several stories about that time. One example: he learned to weld at age 11 when his bicycle frame needed repair. Clearly Ron's passion for metalworking passed down to Dan.

The value of that apprenticeship was not lost on Dan. His work has always included teaching others; in fact, he met his wife Hilary when she was in one of the specialized training courses he taught. Now she is one of the three master craftsmen in the company, and each of the three has an apprentice working under them. It's obviously

Feather Bowling and a Visit to Motor City Metalcraft March 23rd (cont'd)

a very effective way to develop the talent the company needs.

A highlight of our visit was a demonstration of metal forming. I've seen many old pictures of workers in auto factories wielding hammers, forming sheet metal into shapes that would become fenders and such. I could never quite imagine how that worked. Nothing I ever hit with a hammer ever ended up looking like a nice, smooth fender!

Dan started with a small aluminum sheet, annealing (softening) it with a torch. After air-cooling it for 10-15 minutes he went to work on it with a couple hammers over a shot bag. The goal was to form the flat sheet into a gently rounded 3D hump—not unlike the center power dome on an E-Type bonnet. In 10 minutes he had roughly the shape he wanted, but the depressions from all the hammer blows were very apparent. With all the small depressions it looked like it might have been useful for storing eggs.

The next step was to use the English Wheel (that's the real name of the tool/machine, not just made up for our club's amusement) to smooth out the piece. Working the aluminum back and forth between the wheels, and adjusting the pressure applied, Dan had

transformed the piece from looking like the craters of the moon to a nice smooth dome shape that could have been painted and become a feature in the style of a car.



When I commented to Dan that the shape reminded me of the “helmet hump” in the roof of Dan Gurney's Ford GT in the Henry

Ford Museum, he replied “my Dad made that piece for that car”. It was one of Ron Fournier's contributions to the GT's when he was at Kar Kraft, along with the “bundle of snakes” exhaust headers.

There are so many interesting places and stories involving the car collector hobby. We sometimes wonder how long the magic will last, but when you see people like the Fourniers and businesses like theirs, it gives you a fresh injection of optimism! They talked to us about plans for some Car & Coffee style events at their shop—I hope we'll be able to join them again. Thanks to Tim Moore for organizing this.

<https://www.motorcitymetalcraft.com/>

Gary Hillebrand

Upcoming Events—April

Stahl's Automotive Collection and Lunch at Bad Brad's BBQ

When: Saturday, April 5, 11 AM—4 PM

Where: Stahl's; 56516 N Bay Dr, New Baltimore, MI
Bad Brad's BBQ; 6525 23 Mile Rd. Shelby, MI

It's been a few years since the club included this great museum on our schedule. Whether you've been there before or not, this collection of classic and special interest cars, along with the historic mechanical music machines always amazes and impresses vis-

itors. We'll meet at Stahl's at 11 AM, spend a couple hours at the museum, then enjoy a fun lunch nearby at Bad Brad's.

Please register on the JAGM Events page so we know how many to expect.

Organizer: Phil Crutchfield



Upcoming Events—April

Drive and Dine - Clark Lake Golf Course

When: Saturday, April 26th 10:30 AM - 4 PM

Where: Clark Lake Golf Course; 5535 Wesch Rd, Brooklyn, MI 49230

This is a pretty simple event. We drive, we dine, then we drive back. Depending on the weather, this might be a good first drive for a Jaguar that's been hibernating.

Clark Lake Golf course is in the Irish Hills area, near Brooklyn MI and Michigan International Speedway.

If it's convenient, meet those who want to caravan together at the McDonald's Restaurant at US-23 and 9 Mile Road (11033 Whitmore Lake Rd, Whitmore Lake, MI 48189) at 10:30 AM. From there it's about a

55 mile drive (a bit over an hour) on the backroads to get to Clark Lake. Or just meet us at the golf course restaurant at about noon.

Please register on the JAGM Events page so we know how many to expect.



Some Great May Events

Cars & Coffee at the Studebaker Museum, South Bend, IN Saturday, May 3rd

Join us at 10:00 AM at the Studebaker Museum for a Cars & Coffee event. The museum will have some of their cars in the parking lot along with our Jaguars. It will be quite a sight to say the least. After the Cars & Coffee, we will tour the museum and then have lunch at the historic Tippecanoe Place Restaurant.

You might want to arrive Friday evening and have dinner at the Bistro 933 located in The Hilton Garden Inn South Bend.

Some of us will be making a weekend of it, driving to South Haven for the GingerMan event below.

GingerMan Raceway Vintage Racing & Touring Laps, South Haven, May 4th

The Vintage Sports Car Driver Association (VSCDA) Spring Brake race weekend at GingerMan Raceway features many classes of vintage races, and the opportunity to drive our own cars on the track during the lunch break.

GingerMan is a road course, about 2 miles long, just East of South Haven. This year we'll watch the qualifying and races on Sunday. Racing begins at 8 am and finishes around 5 pm, with a break mid-day for what they call "Touring" laps. That's when we can, for \$35, drive our own cars on the track for around 45 minutes, which is quite a bargain. A nice



and easy way to enjoy your Jag on the track.

If you join us on Saturday at the Studebaker Museum, we will drive to South Haven Saturday afternoon.

Otherwise, just meet us in South Haven Saturday for dinner at 6 PM at Clementine's.

We plan to stay at the Holiday Inn Express South Haven on Saturday night.

Stay tuned and see the Events page at JAGM.org as more details evolve on

this fun weekend.

Organizers: Philip Wiltshire & Phil Crutchfield

More Great May Events

Classic Car Nights at Meadow Brook Theatre

Join us for a fun-filled Friday evening where you can show off your Jag (or other classic car), socialize with fellow car enthusiasts and enjoy some great live theatre!

Featured plays:

Friday, May 16, 2025 at 8pm, The Rat Pack Lounge

Frank, Dean, and Sammy are up in heaven, but God tells them they left some unfinished business back on Earth. It



seems Frank made an unfulfilled promise to Vic, the owner of the Rat Pack Lounge. Now he and the boys have one night to make things right. With hits like "My Way," "What Kind of Fool Am I?" and "Everybody Loves Somebody Sometime," this show will leave you singing and savoring the days of high-balls and high rollers.

Friday, May 30, 2025 at 8pm, Shear Madness

This unique comedy-whodunit takes place today in the "Shear Madness" hair salon and is chock full of up-to-the minute spontaneous humor. During the course of the action, a murder is committed and the audience



gets to spot the clues, question the suspects, and solve the funniest mystery in the annals of crime. The outcome is never the same, which is why many audience members return again and again to the scene of the mayhem.

Classic Car arrival: 6:30pm

Doors Open (for seating): 7:30pm

Performance: 8:00pm

Feel free to bring refreshments and have a picnic in the parking lot before the show! (No alcohol, please).

MBT attendants will keep an eye on the cars during the performance.

SPECIAL OFFER FOR PARTICIPANTS:

Theatre tickets only \$30 each & get one free ticket per classic car!

Please Register for these events on JAGM's website, then purchase your tickets by calling Lisa Marie in Group Sales at (248) 370-3316

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British Car Corral/Baker's of Milford—Sunday, May 18 (first of 5 monthly events)

Where: Baker's of Milford
When: Sundays—May 18th, June 29th, July 27th, August 31st, and September 28th
from 2 - 7 PM

Baker's is America's largest weekly car cruise, with live outside entertainment, free raffle prizes, outside grill, hundreds of



great cars, and restaurant dining discounts for all cruisers.

British cars will have their own defined parking area. Mark your calendar now.

Motor Muster and Historic Base Ball

Join with other JAGM members on **Saturday, June 14th** to enjoy the Motor Muster along with another favorite, an historic base ball match.

The Motor Muster features hundreds of cars, motorcycles and bicycles from the 1930's through the 1970's. The base ball match pits the home Greenfield Village base ball club—the Lah-de-Dahs vs. the Regular Base Ball Club of Mt. Clemens, playing with 1867 rules and equipment. No gloves, no sliding, no spitting; a gentlemen's game! This year there will be a second base ball match starting at 6:00 pm. I expect to be playing in the 1:30 pm match.

Saturday hours for the Motor Muster will be 9:30 am to 9 pm, and the Base Ball Match starts at 1:30 pm. The Motor Muster and the base ball match are free with membership or admission to the Village (\$39 for adults, \$35 for

seniors 62 and up and \$29.25 for youth 5-11. Children four and under are free).



For more information, visit www.thehenryford.org.

Gary Hillebrand

The British Return to Fort Meigs—June 1st

When: Sunday, June 1, 2025 10am—3pm

Where: Fort Meigs Historic Site, 29100 W River Rd, Perrysburg, OH 43551

The Lake Erie British Car Club (LEBCC) is holding its annual car show “The British Return to Fort Meigs” in Perrysburg, just south of Toledo, on June 1st.

The show is open to all British cars (and bikes). There are two classes for Jaguars: Jaguar Up To '84, and Jaguar '85 And Up. Preregistration online costs \$18 per car, or you can register at the event from 10am until noon the day of the show for \$25. For more information and for online registration, go to:

www.lebcc.org, and click the “2025 Car Show Registration” button near the top of the page.

This is a very enjoyable show—relaxed and informal, but with a great number (about 150) and variety of British cars. Perrysburg is an interesting and historic town, and not a very long drive for many of us. It's a good excuse to get the Jag out for a nice, sunny (hopefully) June drive.

Gary Hillebrand



Three Big Summer Events

It's early, but summer weekends fill up quickly, so you may want to get these three great annual events on your calendar.

Bay Harbor Classic Car & Boat Festival 2025 **June 19-22** **Petoskey/Harbor Springs area & Bay Harbor**

The Bay Harbor Classic Car & Boat Festival is a collection of the finest classic, future classic & rare cars and boats in the country.



JAGM has had a big part in this event for the past three years, with 20+ cars attending and a prominent display area for our cars on the grass in front of the bay. Our club activities start on Thursday evening with a JAGM reception. On Friday we join with the other exhibitors on a great drive event around the area with interesting stops and a nice lunch along the way. Friday evening is the very elegant Exhibitors' Dinner at the Bay Harbor Yacht Club, then Saturday is the Car and Boat Show. JAGM entrants finish the day Saturday evening with a nice dinner at Vernales Steak House in Harbor Springs.

Mad Dogs & Englishmen British Car Faire **Weekend July 11-13** **Kalamazoo Area and Gilmore Museum**

We always get a good representation of Jaguars at this popular annual show. The weekend includes a Saturday rally run by the Mad Dogs and Englishmen Car Club, and JAGM also traditionally does a Saturday

evening dinner and play at the Barn Theater in Augusta, MI. The British Car Faire is Sunday at the Gilmore Museum, and typically draws over 300 British cars. We usually arrange for a caravan of cars traveling from the Detroit metro area across to Kalamazoo on Friday, and also a caravan back on Sunday with a dinner stop at Schuler's Restaurant in Marshall.



JAGM 57th Annual Concours d'Elegance **Sunday, September 14** **Packard Proving Grounds, Shelby Township**



The big news this year is this location—the **Packard Proving Grounds (PPG)** historical site. PPG has invited JAGM to be the featured marque for their biggest

Three Big Summer Events (cont'd)

fundraising car show of the year, called **Cars 'R' the Stars**. This significant automotive history site has lots of grassy areas for us to run our Concours event, and several impressive Albert Kahn buildings from the 1920's when Packard Motor Company opened their proving grounds. The Cars 'R' the Stars show draws more than a hundred cars and a large number of spectators, so our big event will be highlighted within PPG's big fundraising show.



Bring your car(s), to be judged, or not; either way our Concours is a fun day and a good way to meet other members and share knowledge and stories.

See more details for these events as they develop in the Events page at JAGM.org. Also you can check out the stories of previous years' events in past Indicators.

Classified Ads

For Sale: Jaguar Hats with Correct Logo for 1945 to 1952. The hats are available in Black and are of the "Fitted" variety. They are available in Sizes—Small/ Medium and Large/X Large.

\$35 each.

Call Karl @ 248-766-9141



For Sale: 1999 Jaguar XJ8. 44291 miles. New tires. Garage kept.

\$4000

Contact K Heys for details.

616-560-6007



For Sale: 1995 XJS V12 Convertible in Sapphire Blue.

Excellent Condition. All original. One owner (provenance). No accidents. Clean title. Well maintained. California car 1st 20 years. Heated garage in MI. Includes original wheels. Dayton wire wheels. Car cover. 23712 miles.

\$25000 OBO.

Contact Donald Petersen

Bwanadon53@gmail.com or text: 248-563-8110



For Sale: Classic 1971 Jaguar E-Type 4.2 Convertible. Private owner - 30 years in storage. Original condition but in need of restoration.

Asking price is negotiable. Serious inquiries only. Reach out to schedule a viewing or request more details.

Contact Lisa @ 847-560-0218 or j.byrne@comcast.net



Wanted: JAGM Concours dash plaques from the past (pre-1999). Will pay any reasonable price.

Contact Tim Moore at 586-945-4509 tfm0719@live.com

For Sale: G.W. BARTLETT CO., original Jaguar interior for E-Type Series II, 2 + 2. Black in color. Current price new from OSJI (formerly G.W. Bartlett Co.) is \$4900.

Come and take a look as I will refuse no reasonable offer.

Call Rob at 734-564-0366



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See You at the April 9th Membership Meeting!



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