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Nominating Committee Selects 2026 Slate of Officers & Directors Candidates

By Rich Aronson
JCOP President

JCOP's Nominating Committee has chosen its slate of officers and directors that will lead our club into a new year of events and activities. The new slate for 2026, which was approved by the club's Board of Directors, includes:

President	Rich Aronson
First Vice President	Craig Gestler
Second Vice President	Ken Como
Treasurer	Stu Benson
Secretary	Chuck Pipich
Directors (voting):	
Bill Cooper	
Dawn DePasquale	
Dave Gamret	
Shadrach Jones	
Scott O'Mara	
Bryan Williams	

Associate Directors:
Frank Bailey
Tony Bardelli
Tom Nuhfer

Thanks to Nominating Committee members Bill Cooper, Bryan Williams and Scott O'Mara for their good work to identify members who wish to fill open Board positions.

This year's election will run from November 11 at 8:00 AM through November 24 at 8:00 PM.
Voter notification emails will be sent at 8:00 AM on the 11th.

*Celebrate the Season at the JCOP
Annual Holiday Party December 21
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*JCOP Concours Celebrates
50th anniversary of Jaguar XJS
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*Club Members and Friends Celebrate
Autumn with Two Fall Leaf Tours
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Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh 2025 Events Calendar

December 21 JCOP Annual Holiday Party, noon to 4 p.m., Edgeworth Country Club
(Ken and Linda Como)

(Coming soon: Details on upcoming 2026 JCOP events, including the Sewickley Show, the Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh Concours d'Elegance, JCOP Picnic at North Park and more.)

Jaguar Clubs of North America Upcoming Events

2026 Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Mexico City April 14-19

JCNA's 2026 Annual General Meeting will be hosted by Jaguar Club Mexico in Mexico City, April 14–19, 2026. Mid-week AGM sessions and social activities culminate with the Gran Concorso Internacional de la Elegancia in Huixquilucan, Mexico's premier concours showcasing 450–500 classic and modern vehicles. For registration info, excursion pricing and additional information, visit www.jcna.com and scroll down to JCNA News and Features, 2026 AGM in Mexico City box.

CLASSIFIED ADS



FOR SALE: 1973 XJ12 Survivor-Very original car having just re-commissioned all systems after 28 year slumber. New tires, battery, brakes, SS exhaust, cooling system, etc. 37,800 original miles and no rust ever. Regency Red over super nice original black interior, original spare and tools, Heritage Certificate. Looking for \$10,000. Contact Bill Cooper at 412-496-2595 or XJ61975@aol.com.



“Double Clutching and Rev Matching” **President’s Perspective** **Rich Aronson**



JCOP Election Time

November means JCOP election time is upon us.

As you can see on Page 1 of this issue, our Nomination Committee of the Board of Directors has worked effectively to place a recommendation in front of the Board to fill our 2026 slate of talented candidates for each officer and director position. That slate was approved at our last meeting on October 13.

Since the voting process has been electronic for members for some time now, the process is quick and easy. There are 15 days in November when you may vote and submit your ballot. You’ll receive an e-mail soon allowing you to vote (one vote for membership) then submit.

Please take advantage of the simple process to weigh in. We’d appreciate your input and acknowledgment.

There are no contested positions this year. Please consider joining leadership if you’ve never done so in future years. We encourage members to consider “moving on up” to director or officer positions as we current Board members all have done in the past.

Packard Museum Visit **A Reunion with a Favorite Childhood Car**

I and other members of our club and some from the Mercedes Club Pittsburgh chapter were thrilled to be on the Packard Museum Fall Leaf Tour enjoying the sun-specked road route of course but culminating in a wonderful tour of the Warren Ohio National Packard Museum “treasure trove” display of unique Packard history and its fine cars! There is a Jargon article with pictures by event leader and organizer Shadrach Jones in this issue.

Thank-you for a job well done, Shadrach!

Take it from me – the tour and museum visit were spectacular and enjoyed by all. Particularly, I was excited to see the 1956 Patrician finished in Mohave Tan (copper) and Dover White in the museum shown here. Hint: We go back a long way!



As a six-year-old car crazy kid, my grandfather Sam took me along to take delivery of that very model finished in a dignified charcoal “Maltese Gray Iridescent” with light silver-gray tapestry and leather interior – I was always in love with that car and from the very beginning. The dealer was the tiny Chas. G. Becker Motors near Magee Hospital on the Blvd. of the Allies which was also a Mercedes franchise (who also sold us the 68 280 SEL (928 built) 12 years later from showroom inventory that’s still in my garage today)! Check out the picture below of an actual dealership Mercedes key case which is quite rare too.





“Double Clutching and Rev Matching” **President’s Perspective** **Rich Aronson**



I still can’t believe that tiny, cramped showroom that held about three cars making a likely tough choice for management for display vehicles between legendary MB and Packard marques!

The amazing ’56 Packard Patrician was their top of the line sedan that featured innovative, expensive tech and standard equipment such as twin torsion bar suspension boosted by hydraulic rear load leveling, unique electric relay push button transmission selection, innovative side marker lights flush-mounted beautifully in the rear door trim, variable electric wipers including long and short sweep arcs and full power such as seats, antennae and windows throughout. I can still remember my grandfather telling me that he knew Packard was “in trouble” at the time but that he felt as an engineer and executive that the car felt better, drove better and delivered higher quality/innovation than its competition (Lincoln and Cadillac). A side story was that he taught me the difference between “left” and “right” directions up in Erie as I sat in the passenger seat of that silent car in front of all that gorgeous, anodized gold textured grilling of the dash enhanced by the lovely Packard crest. For many years, I saw that dash every time I thought of either left or right road turns so the lesson stuck immediately.

The car was resourcefully and handsomely styled by legendary (young) Dick Teague who did a masterful job updating the old 1951 body shell given Packard’s financial challenges which would make the ’55-’56 cars the last “real” Packards before Studebaker Hawk platform sharing for ’57 and ’58. The beautiful body character of the ’55-’56 cars however, including the stainless steel “Saran Wrap” full length body cladding and the famous “Cathedral taillights just above each side’s bumper-exit dual exhaust ports were masterpieces. The cars were elegant and classy. Remember, Teague was designer of the AMC AMX, Javelin, Tarpon and even the unusual Pacer



among other distinctive cars. The picture above of a die cast model in 1/43 scale (remarkably done in Maltese Gray) has been in my collection for years. Extremely impressive ride and high performance to boot provided by Packard’s “death bed”- developed 374 cu OHV V8. There were only 3,774 Patricians built in 1956. Talk about ending on a high note!!

And yes, Sam did keep the car in beautiful condition while singing its praises for the rest of his life, passing away in the sixties. I asked my grandmother for the car but unfortunately with a smile, it went to one of her cousins in Tampa instead...





“Double Clutching and Rev Matching”

President’s Perspective

Rich Aronson



A Thanksgiving Wish

As we approach the holidays, I and the Board of Directors of JCOP wish you a safe, healthy and joyful Thanksgiving holiday. Here’s hoping that your family enjoys time together and relish how fortunate we are overall but specifically to belong to such a friendly and fun-loving car club to celebrate our love for Jaguars and special friendship for each other throughout the year

Personally, I’m thankful to you, our members, for your lovely cars and enthusiasm at and for our events when we meet throughout the year at social gatherings, drives, shows and other locations which include us and at times, other clubs as well.

To our officers and directors, you have worked so hard to support and lead our events throughout the year and we look forward to 2026 – where in fact, several wonderful events such as our spring picnic and Hartwood Acres are already on the calendar – which you will catch in this and future issues of *The Jargon*! Thanks to you for your guidance, leadership and contributions in every way possible during my first year as your president.

I appreciate several of you who have served as past JCOP presidents for your counsel, availability and kindness throughout the year both when I’ve requested assistance and when you’ve initiated ideas and tips about the many plans we’ve designed and executed.

I should mention that our Greater Pittsburgh Jaguar Land Rover (“JLR”) Dealers have been crucial friends and support for which we’re all thankful. Jaguar Land Rover Monroeville has sponsored our JCNA-sanctioned Concours for decades and Germain Cars stepped in after purchasing Bobby Rahal Jaguar Land Rover this year without losing a step to support our Sewickley Show.

Thanks to all of you out there and ***Happy Thanksgiving!***

Finally, our wonderful Holiday Party sponsored by Ken and Linda Como is scheduled on Sunday, December 21 from Noon until 4 pm to celebrate the festivity of the season at the Edgeworth Country Club in Sewickley to continue a lovely, elegant JCOP tradition.

**Don’t miss it if you can make it.
Information for sign-up is provided in
this issue on pages 6 and 7.**

Save the date!

JCOP Holiday Party 2025

Celebrate with friends, great food, gift exchange
and music!

Sunday December 21st from Noon to 4pm.

Edgeworth Club
511 East Drive, Sewickley, PA 15143

JCOP Holiday Party 2025

It's Almost Time To Celebrate!

When: Saturday 12/21/2025 12 pm - 4 pm

Where: The Edgeworth Club Ballroom

511 East Drive, Sewickley 15143

It's almost time for Our Annual Holiday Party Celebration!
Come join us for our premier event of the Holiday season!

12-1:00 pm: Jingle & Mingle... music, hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

1:00 pm: Welcome & Invocation

1:05 pm: Holiday Dinner is served:

Main Course is your choice of:

Chicken Piccata w/Wine Lemon Caper Sauce

Baked Salmon Fillet w/ Bourbon Brown Sugar Glaze

Prime Rib – English Style Cut

2:00 pm: Club Announcements and Holiday Gift Exchange

2:45- 4 pm: More Jingle & Mingle with Music

All entrees will be served with dauphinoise potatoes, broccoli-cauliflower medley, Edgeworth Club salad, rolls and coffee or tea.

For dessert, Holiday Jaguar Cake, created by Lincoln Bakery, of Bellevue.

Back by popular demand: David Crisci, pianist & vocalist, performing holiday classics, jazz and contemporary music.

<https://talentnetworkinc.com/artists/pianist-david-crisci/>

Get ready for "Our Annual Holiday Gift Exchange". Anyone who wishes to participate, please bring a wrapped gift of approximately \$25.00 value.

Once again, our 50/50 drawing will be just in time to take home some holiday cash!

The Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh is subsidizing our event, capping the cost at \$70.00 per person. Thank-You JCOP!

Free parking at the Club entrance, as well as on street parking directly outside.

Please complete the Reservation Form on the next page and send to:

Ken Como/ cell 412-849-0719

2438 Rochester Road

Sewickley, PA 15143

Payment **MUST** be received by Monday, December 8th, 2025.

JCOP 2025 Holiday Party
Saturday, December 21st, from 12 pm to 4 pm
RESERVATION FORM

Member's Name _____ Phone _____

Partner's/Guest's Name _____

Email (optional) _____

Please Indicate Your Choice(s) of Entrée @ \$70 each

	Number	Total \$'s
Chicken Piccata (w/Wine Lemon Caper Sauce)	_____	_____
Baked Salmon Filet (w/Bourbon Brown Sugar Glaze)	_____	_____
Prime Rib (English Style Cut)	_____	_____

For any special dietary requests, please contact Cassidy Bernardi, Director of Sales and Events, Edgeworth Club at 412-741-8500 Ext.19.

Please return this completed form with your check payable to JCOP by
Monday, December 8th to:

Ken and Linda Como
 2438 Rochester Rd.
 Sewickley, PA 15143

Any questions, call Ken at 412-849-0719. (kjcomo17@gmail.com)

A great time to mingle with your Jaguar friends during this Holiday Season!
We are looking forward to seeing you all!



Photo by Ken Como

JCOP Concours Celebrates 50th anniversary of Jaguar XJS

By Bryan Williams

This year's JCOP Concours d'Elegance was held at the Fox Chapel Yacht Club on Sept. 20, 2025. This year marks the 50th anniversary of Jaguar's XJS. A convertible model is etched onto the custom-made trophies that were presented to all class winners.

Many members are eligible for the North Central Region award, competing in at least 2 concours in the region, or the JCNA North American award, competing in at least 3 concours in any region. **JCOP's Shadrach Jones** showed in the Jaguar Club of Ohio, (JCO), and as such he is in the running for a regional award with his 1991 XJ6 VDP, Saloon, in Regency Red. **Tony Bardelli** showed in the same two shows and the Susquehanna Valley Jaguar Club making him eligible for a North American award. He showed his 2018 XF Sport Brake S in Silicon Silver. **Terry Smith** (JCOP) showed his 1967 E-Type, Open Two Seater, OTS, in Dark Blue. Terry will probably win a North American trophy.

JCOP's Cecile and Carl Canales received a "Best of Class" award for their very well prepared 2007 XK, White convertible in the Champion Division. **Ken Como (JCOP)** showed his 2024 F-Type 75 and his wife **Linda**, not to be outdone, received a first-place trophy for her 1992 XJS Black convertible. The only tie in the show was when JCOP member **Tom Nuhfer's** 2007 XKR British Racing Green convertible scored the same as **Dave Morgan**, Jaguar Association of Central Ohio with his 2009 XKR Portfolio convertible in Shadow Grey.

Ron Gaertner from the Virginia Jaguar Club entered 2 early Jaguars, a 1953 XK-120, Fixed Head Coupe, in Green and an XK-150 Drop Head Coupe in Red. He received perfect scores for both Jaguars. **Robert Seyler**, a member of JCOP and JCO, showed his 100-point XK-140 in Black.

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JCOP Concours (continued)

JCOP's **Dave Gamret** completed the Series 1 E-Type Champion class with his 1967 Fixed Head Coupe in Black with stunning Red interior. **Don and Beth Kirman** of Susquehanna Valley Jaguar Club showed their very rare – only 175 examples were imported to North America – XKR 175. Produced in any color you want, as long as you wanted a Black coupe (as Henry Ford said.) JCOP president **Rich Aronson** showed his 2024 XF R Dynamic in Carpathian Grey. Besides competing with his Jaguar, Rich found time to judge and announce all of the class winners.

Mike Meyer, chief judge of the Jaguar Club of Ohio, competed with his 2019 F-Pace S, SUV in Black. I judged **Dominic**, JCO's Concours Chairman, and **Irene Perri's** well prepared 2006 XJ8 VDP, Saloon in Slate Grey. Due to the generous financial support of our exclusive sponsor, Jaguar Monroeville, we were able to produce custom-made trophies celebrating the 50th anniversary of the XJS. A hearty "Thank You" to all the Jaguar Monroeville people who are ready to serve all your new and used Jaguar needs and your parts and service needs. Thank you also to MAX-Motive for the use of the show site, tent, tables and chairs. I sincerely thank all the judges, scorekeepers, runners and other helpers for their time and talents. We hope everyone had an enjoyable day and will plan on attending our 2026 Pittsburgh Concours d'Elegance.

New this year, we had the services of professional photographer John Paganini of Autovision, (440) 749-5588. Here are directions to John's website and how to view/download photos from the Concours.

How to Download Your Complimentary Photos

Go to www.autovisionstudios.com

Click View Gallery

Click Car Clubs

Click Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh

Click Concours d'Elegance 2025

Find Your Car

Browse through the thumbnails

Click to Open

Select the photo to view it

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Look for the ↓ **Download** button on left side of the screen



Above: A crowd favorite was JCOP member Paul Read's 1960 MK 2, Saloon in Gray. (Check out the badges on the front of his car.)

Below: Pat Hergenroeder of JCO showed the oldest Jaguar in the show, a 1949 XK120 OTS. *Photos by John Paganini*



JCOP Concours (continued)



Richard Galinowski and Irene Perri were excellent and much-appreciated scorekeepers.
Photo by Candy Williams



JCOP's Bob Grove earned a "Best of Class" award for his 1953 XK120 Fixed Head Coupe in Green. *Photo by John Paganini*



Above: The Series 1 E-Type Champion class was completed by Dave Gamret of the JCOP with his 1967 Fixed Head Coupe in Black with stunning Red interior, (in above photo) and Al Jacobson of the Michigan club, with his 1964 OTS in Red
Photo by John Paganini



JCOP's Cecile and Carl Canales earned a "Best of Class" award for their 2007 XK, white convertible in the Champion Division.
Photo by John Paganini

At Right: JCOP President Rich Aronson presented JCOP's Chuck Pipich with his "Best of Class" award in the Champion Division for his 1999 XK8 convertible in silver metallic.

Photo by John Paganini



JCOP Concours (continued)

After the awards ceremony at the Concours, it was time to relax with good friends and enjoy lunch at the Fox Chapel Yacht Club's Baja Bar & Grill overlooking the Allegheny River.



JCOP Concours (continued)



Photos by Candy Williams

JCOP Fall Leaf Tour 2025 Visits National Packard Museum, More

By Shadrach Jones

On a beautiful morning on Saturday, October 18, 2025, 15 members of JCOP and the Mercedes-Benz Club of Pittsburgh met in the North Hills and began a journey to the National Packard Museum in Warren, Ohio.

After a trip through northwest Allegheny County and Beaver County we arrived at a perennial favorite, Anderson's Candies in Baden, PA. Coolers were quickly filled with chocolates and other treats and the tour continued along the industrial Ohio River Valley before venturing off into forested areas of Beaver County. The fall colors may not yet have been quite at their peak, but the bright sunshine and warm temperatures certainly made for a beautiful drive, especially for those who were able to lower their convertible tops. The eight cars on the tour hung together exceptionally well (not my typical experience on driving tours!) and about an hour later we arrived at Das Dutch Haus Shops in Columbiana, OH.



Das Dutch Haus may be a familiar destination for JCOP members, as past fall leaf tours had ended there for lunch. This year, the destination was for a break, stretching, and SHOPPING. The Dutch Cupboard supplied more items for coolers, and the primitive style furnishings in Shakers Cottage proved irresistible to many of our members. Somehow, we managed to re-form our groups of cars and continue north to Warren through some of the prettiest scenery of the trip.



Lunch was at The Grand Resort in Warren. This was a great time to get to know some new members as well as re-connect with old friends. Happily, at least one couple decided to join JCOP based on the great time that they had on the tour and the many other wonderful activities that we have throughout the year.

We arrived at the National Packard Museum in mid-afternoon and were treated to a docent-led tour that provided a highly detailed history of the Packard family, their businesses, and the early years of the Packard automobile. The museum contains several early Packards assembled in Warren as well as a large, rotating collection of later Packards 1903-1956 made in Detroit, MI. Several of the group stayed nearly until closing time, finding the collection of cars and associated information fascinating. The drive home on the Ohio and Pennsylvania Turnpikes again showcased some wonderful fall color.



Many thanks to all who joined the tour and made it such a fine success! We live in a truly beautiful region with many wonderful destinations. The Fall Leaf Tour was a great conclusion to a driving season filled with many fantastic JCOP events. Prep your cars over the winter: driving season 2026 is not that far away!

Photos by Shadrach Jones



2025 Fall Leaf Brunch Tour to Tara, a Gastronomic Enjoyment

By Stu Benson

On the lovely Sunday Fall morning of October 5, 2025, a group of more than 20 of us, in many Jaguars, convened at the starting point in Harmony, PA for the 2025 edition of the Fall Leaf Brunch Tour to Tara. This “Tara” is, of course, the Country Inn that is located up north from Pittsburgh in beautiful Mercer County. While we all had to individually travel to the “meet up point”, the group then enjoyed a drive to Tara of about one and a half hours.

We thought we had planned things very well since this Sunday was a Steelers “Bye Week” with no game and we got sunshine for our drive. However, due to a multitude of factors including a four-to-five week drought in August/September and the weather being warm with no frost as of yet, the foliage was far from being in prime splendor. We still saw *some* color and those of us with sun roofs certainly opened the inside covers wide so anyone, including some in rear seats, could see the trees not only out the windows but also by looking upwards. It has turned out that whatever leaves stayed on the trees and did not turn brown and fall during the drought are only turning color around the time of this edition of Jaguar Jargon being published. A late season of prime Fall Foliage colors for 2025, indeed.

The trip encompassed our having eight cars and with John and Loriann Putzier – who coordinated the brunch arrangements and driving route – in the lead F-Type and with Stu Benson bringing up the rear in



his XJL and both John and Stu communicating via walkie-talkie when other cars found their way into our driving line, the drive was enjoyed by all.

While the Sunday Brunch Buffet at Tara – A Country Inn seemed to have presented selections that were consistent with our having made this brunch tour in previous years, the selection of food truly had something for everyone and “something” is an understatement since it was “a lot” of things. And on top of a sumptuous choice of food from the multiple buffet stations, anyone could order (included in the fixed price) a choice of eggs (and omelets with choices of up to seven different fillings) and Waffles and Crepes (with choices of six different fillings/toppings). No one went away hungry or disappointed; the quality of the servings was first class. If anything, the food even exceeded our high previous experiences there. The prime rib (with horseradish sauce to accompany it if desired) was as tasty as any your author had ever eaten. Others raved over the turkey and stuffing and all “fixins”, others enjoyed the lox and bagels, or the ham, or the pork and sauerkraut &/or the salad table and there were multiple other food stations with many other choices that were enjoyed by all, including a wonderful dessert table.

This tour was the first time that President Rich Aronson (and Roberta) had been to Tara and they enjoyed the entire day immensely. After brunch they enjoyed touring the upstairs area which - in addition to the rooms for overnight accommodations - also is a museum in many different regards for this mansion built in 1854. Some of us who had previously toured the upstairs area instead walked the grounds outside after brunch and enjoyed the statuary and other outdoors art and plantings that were beautiful along with the swimming pool.

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2025 Fall Leaf Brunch Tour to Tara, a Gastronomic Enjoyment

By Stu Benson

The trip for everyone back home was on their own schedule and route but it was such a beautiful day and with full tummies all around, everyone enjoyed their trips back home. Your author took a leisurely drive back in reverse to the route we had taken to get to Tara with scenic rolling Pennsylvania countryside all around wherever one drove.

Thank you, again, John & Loriann Putzier, for organizing this superb event for the third year. It has become a “regular stop” on the JCOP calendar of events for sure by popular demand.



*Photos
from
Stu
Benson*

BOOK REVIEW

“THE 100 GREATEST RACES”

FORMULA 1
ALL THE RACES
An Unofficial Compilation

By Roger Smith and Kevin Turner

By Bryan Williams

Instead of just listing the 100 greatest F1 races, this book categorizes the races into 10 chapters, such as Chapter 1 Thrillers “Late Drama, Tight Finishes”, Chapter 2 Duels “First Among Equals” and Chapter 3 Comebacks “Through the Field”. Each chapter gives a brief explanation of the content followed by a count down of the 10 races that make up the chapter. Each race has very interesting facts such as a summary, results, top 6 or so drivers and their constructors, period photograph date and location of race etc.

The book’s forward by Karun Chandhok, former F1 driver and current F1 TV commentator, provides an excellent summary of the book’s content. The introduction talks about the 75 years of F1 racing starting with the first race held at Silverstone in 1950 up to and including the 1,120 Grand Prix races, the May 4th 2025 Miami race.

The book is great for the F1 fan/historian and just the thing to help you get through the months between the end of the 2025 and beginning of the 2026 F1 seasons.

Vital Stats: Brand: Veloce

Publication Date: October 14, 2025

Binding: Hardback

Format: 270 x 210 mm (approx.. 8 ½ by 11 inches)

Extent: 160 (pages)

The book is available on Amazon for about \$30.

One final note, the book comes with a red ribbon bookmark to hold your place.

(Probably only important to me.)



1966 Jaguar Mk2 Restoration – Part 18

By Craig Gestler

I'm living my own less-maddening form of the infamous Chinese Water Torture. My torture is just like its more famous big brother but involves various automotive fluids in place of water and my garage floor in place of my forehead. I don't physically feel it, but I can sense that drops of oil, water, coolant, brake and power steering fluid are drip, drip, dripping on the floor, despite my best efforts.

I detected a small puddle of brake fluid behind the left and right front wheels and found that my new Wilwood calipers have the tiniest leak. The bleeders and associated fitting were snugged up and will be monitored. Likewise, there was damp spot on the cardboard under the car that looked suspiciously like Evens Waterless Coolant. I have previously tracked and corrected leaks, but this one was particularly difficult. Turns out that the thermostat housing gasket was leaking, allowing a small, drip by maddening drip, trail of coolant down to the front suspension sub frame. The lowest spot in the subframe is the center so the coolant would pool in the subframe and finally drip from the center where there is no reasonable explanation. The thermostat housing nuts have been tightened (more) and I am cautiously optimistic.

But let's talk about happier things..... like the interior! Ron the windshield guy stopped over with his helper several week ago and got the windshield installed. He did not insert the exterior chrome trim, a very fiddly process whereby the chrome fits in two slots in the windshield rubber but said he would be back soon. Fortunately, I don't need to wait for "soon" to continue with the interior. Once the windshield was in place I was free to complete the front wood trim around the headliner and down the sides of the windshield. (See photo at right)



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1966 Jaguar Mk2 Restoration – Part 18 (*continued*)

By Craig Gestler

The carpeting is also all but complete. As with the carpet underlayment, the carpet kit that came with the car was very complete and only required some trimming here and there. All the carpeting over the transmission tunnel, insider rockers, rear toe kick and seat mounts is glued in place and extends onto the floor. Four precisely cut and bound carpet pieces (left and right, front and rear), overlap the glued-in pieces and create a nice, neat finish. I do need to cut a hole for the floor mounted headlight high beam switch but otherwise it is complete, and I am pleased with the results. I'm leaving the floor pieces out for now to avoid any damage from continuing internal work.

Carpeting details in photo at right.

The center consol base is also in place but the insert does not have the necessary holes for the shifter or the ash tray.

That can wait.

The rear bench seat and the two front seats are now in the care of John Carey, an auto upholsterer recommended by club members. He works out of his home but happened to be in the neighborhood and offered to pick them up along with the foams and seat coverings from my Bartlett kit. I generally like to do things myself, but this is one area where a mistake can ruin a very expensive chunk of leather, and I don't think my work would have shown the same quality. Sometimes its best to leave things to the pros.

I never thought the day would come but I think it is time to think about registering the car. I'm planning on registering it as an Antique under PennDOT rules. It is a one-time registration fee, no annual inspections and allows you to bring your own period-correct license plate as long as the alphanumeric sequence is not already in use. Once I have a seat, it will be time for a drive.



Photos by Craig Gestler

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ALL-ELECTRIC JAGUAR I-PACE

WHAT WE LEARN ON THE TRACK, WE BRING TO THE ROAD



JAGUAR MONROEVILLE-SINCE 1970



Please contact us for J C O P Specials - Sales / Parts / Service

The first generation of electric road vehicles from Jaguar drew inspiration from our racing team activities. Taking what we learn on the track and adapting those technologies to deliver electrifying performance on the road has been our promise from the start. With our entry into the ABB FIA Formula E Championship—and now with the Jaguar I-PACE eTROPHY Championship—we're bringing that promise to life.



Up To 234 miles¹
Estimated range

EV Navigation
Shows range on map and makes finding charging points easy.²



40 Minutes Rapid Charging
Time taken to charge from 0-80% (100kW DC)

4G WI-FI Hotspot
For up to eight devices



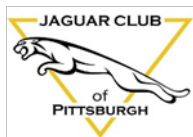
Smart Charging
Pre-set home charging times to match the best rates for electricity

0-60 mph In 4.5 seconds³

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Please list Jaguars owned* (not required for membership)		
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*Include additional Jaguars on a separate sheet.

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