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Are they keeping up honey?

Nope, you lost them.

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Roaming Reporters Great Job

You will notice in this issue a few people have taken up my call and wrote articles about our events. Thanks a bunch to Debi & Terry Quinn for the Spring drive article, Dora and Hildo Hoogearspel for the Kansas City trip, Ken Katch for the Champagne Auto Fest and Cathy Kakuska for the Fall Drive info. Keep it coming.

Cover Photo

Daria & Tom Durham, on a scouting drive to French Lick this Spring.

Last Call

The Concours is approaching in July, I hope you have signed up. If not it’s time to take care of it. I hear the hotels are selling out.

The fall drive only has 13 spots left and after this week we allow other clubs to sign up.

So don’t wait!

Missing your E-Mail

If you are not receiving this newsletter by e-mail, you must be one of the few people that don’t have email or forgot to give it to us.

You should go to www.ijc.clubexpress.com and update your profile there. All communications with members go thru that site now.

You might get your newsletter and event notices a few weeks earlier too!
The Official 2014 Club Calendar

Watch the Jag Rag & your emails for updated information on these coming events.

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| May 30th - June 1st: | Champagne British Car Festival | Bloomington, Illinois  
  www.cbcf-bloomington.com  
  Ken Katch  309-370-3368 |
| June 7 - 8th: | Spring Drive | Auburn, Indiana  
  Mike & Diane Smith 630-240-2303 |
| June 21st: | Scottish Highland Games & British Car Show | Itasca, Illinois |
| July 26th: | Concours d'Elegance | Naperville Country Club, Naperville, Illinois  
  Michael Belica  630-204-6322 |
| August 23 - 24th: | Wisconsin Concours  
  Milwaukee Masterpiece | Milwaukee Lake Front  
  John Boswell  414-764-9391 |
| September: 7th: | British Car Festival | Harper College, Palatine  
  www.britishcarunion.com |
| September 20 - 22nd: | Fall Drive | French Lick, Indiana  
  Daria Durham  847-730-3440 |

Other Coming Events this year.

See www.ijc.clubexpress.com for details

August 2nd:  Heartland British Auto Fest., Laclaire, Ia
August 17th: Polo Match with the Mercedes Club.
August 24th: Geneva Concours Info  www.genevaconcours.net
Debi and I awoke at the crack of dawn, uncovered our “Metal Kitten” 1995 XJS as it gleamed in the early morning light from a meticulous wash and wax the night before.

Our first Jaguar road trip awaited and although our Jag had seen some rough patches as a summer driver, we anxiously wondered what collection awaited us in Joliet to start the journey to Auburn, Indiana. First stop was disappointing as we pulled into the Joliet Jr College to find an empty lot. Who knew Joliet Jr College had a North Campus? We quickly headed further south to the correct location and behold, a fine gathering of Jaguar advocates like ourselves. A beautiful mixture of old and new; sedans, coupes and convertibles: and a beautiful array of colors; British Racing Green, elegant Gold & Silver, and Rich Reds. At first, our ’95 was the oldest vehicle but we were soon joined by two XKE types, a favorite of all. I commented to Debi that we quickly went from oldest to cheapest in a matter of moments.

The day was perfect for a sunny drive to Auburn. We were warmly greeted from the veteran drivers and handed our trusty Union Jack box of goodies for the drive. Mike Smith led the way with his Gold XJ8 and a dozen more enthusiasts followed.

What a treat to align ourselves in the middle of this Jaguar pack cruising along Route 30 east to Indiana. David and Kathy were troopers with their Mustang convertible in the middle of the pack since their Jag was in the shop but they wouldn’t miss the drive. Debi would raise the camera up and snap photos with extended arms trying to catch the pack in alignment. Heads would turn as Jaguar models rolled by one after another to their surprise and glee. As we approached Indiana the rode left its urban setting and began a winding journey on country roads with farms and fields on either side. Suddenly, the road ended and we were “trapped”. A cluster of panting Jaguars with no road ahead but alas, Allan & Carla’s Golden 1965 XKE wound past the detour sign and the journey began anew with a tight grouping to follow our “oldest” Jag on the road. We arrived at our luncheon destination, the Amish Inn at Nappanee, IN.

A beautiful farm with buildings from the mid 1800’s and a parking lot lined with about a dozen Jaguars. After a light 4000 – 5000 calorie lunch (fried chicken, pot roast, mashed potatoes, stuffing, green beans, and of course pie) and lively conversation, we toured the farm with a local Amish woman who provided its history and insight into the Amish way of life. Much to be said about slowing down and living off the land….but no Jaguars? We collectively drove on.

We arrived in Auburn around 3PM at began the museum tour. What a collection of Auburns, Duesenberg’s, and Cords. Wow, perhaps the most beautiful collection of automotive history in one location. These autos frankly put today’s designers to shame. These big, beautiful curves of steel with rich leather upholstery beckoned our cameras and lust. The color palette
was unlike anything today and chrome was king. We retired to our hotels to freshen up prior to dinner. The hotel lobby was turned into our Jaguar Pub with wine and cheese passed amongst us all and stories of the day. Dinner nearby provided a private room for us to continue chatting and exchanging life’s stories, the day behind us and previous Jaguar road trip adventures. We matched owners with Jags and acquisition tales (Charles & Marilyn original owners of ’74 XKE V12). Day One: Outstanding!

Day Two began with light rain so tops up. First stop was back to the Auburn museum area for a wonderful collection of antique cars and trucks. The collection was eclectic with some of our favorites such as ’57 Chevy, Checker Cabs, and 40’s & 50’s pickup trucks. Nice memorabilia collection of model cars & trucks, some larger toys, which I must confess I pedaled in my past, and signage for the office/garage. Upon our exit, the sun broke out and tops went down again for the drive to South Bend and the Studebaker mansion for lunch with museum to follow. This leg of the journey let “the cats out to play” on the road with speeds closer to triple digit than mid two digits. We found ourselves looking at the XK8’s rather attractive behinds (Ken & Kris, Phil & Kathy, Ken, Alan & Halina, John & Lisa, Phil & Kathy). Our brief gas stop was highlighted by Cynthia’s homemade cookies. Apparently, her cookies are a yummy “Jaguar drive” tradition that hopefully continues for years to come. No Jaguar drive is complete without some breakup of the pack and lost directions. As we lost the group in downtown South Bend, we approached an intersection to find our group coming from ALL directions. Yes, imagine a stop light with all four directions occupied by Jaguars in opposing directions. We gracefully re convened and found the Studebaker Mansion for brunch. Mansion is the appropriate description and it must have been nice to grow up rich in South Bend. Amazing carved oak staircases winding up 4 stories to the ballroom created images of some great parties in time. Brunch was an elegant 3000 calorie affair filled with Mimosa’s and Bloody Mary’s to start. Then, on to the Museum with its rich history from frontier wagons, civil war wagons thru Avanti’s. Must confess the Super Hawk remains a favorite. Cameras went wild again and I shared great historical stories with Lisa & Duane’s New Zealand guests (Shane & Anne) as our Civil War and New Zealand’s beginnings basically overlapped.

Finally, the drive back to reality and home thru Chicago traffic and downtown. Tired and slightly stiff from hours of open air driving in ‘old’ sport seats, we reflected on a wonderful journey and new found friends. The fall drive is now a given but we might change to the XJ8 Sedan….then again an open road and sporting it has its advantages. Please join us for the French Lick drive and cheers to all our new found friends. Thanks for making us so welcome and encouraged. God Bless.
Auburn / Spring Drive Photos
Hearth of America Concours

Kansas City, MO., May 16 & 17

Dora an I joined HOAJC at their annual Concours. It was a delightful spring weekend that started with an unforgettable Hospitality Party, an evening in a private residence on the elegant South Side of Kansas City, MO.

Many dozens of beautiful British cars of all participants were guided by valets to parking locations on the large lawn, around tall oak trees. (Not sure how a stray Maserati crashed the party.) At the entrance of the elegant residence, Mark Short, Rick VanTuyl and Jon Mensie were the welcoming committee.

Delicate hors d'oeuvres were served on the beautiful veranda overlooking the pool garden. A margarita station was set up outside and at the inside bar the finest wines and mixed drinks were served, while musicians were making good music. When the delicious dinner was served, dozens of individual tables had been placed outside.

The spectacular garden was laid out around the sculpted garden-pool and patio, a variety of blooming plants, geraniums, climbing roses and strategically placed palm trees, all under the canopy of mature tall trees, a fish pond with bronze sculptures, that was a wonderful setting for dining under the stars with good friends.

There is a lot of history on display in this very attractive large home, including the early years of Walt Disney, who started in KC.

On the large wooded acreage, there were many pony's in a stable, dressed up for the occasion, the girls with pink capes and the boys in pony tuxes. Super elegant and lots of fun!

A professional magician was entertaining us with the very best magic tricks, Tom Burgoon went from table to table, he made us smile so much. He entertains groups, conferences and corporate events all over the country, but resides in KC.

Kansas City is second only to Rome, Italy for its number of fountains, they are sprinkled throughout the city, KC is called the City of Fountains.

The British Car Celebration - HOAJC Concours was around a cluster of fountains on The Square at Crown Center, a stunning location to display the Rolls Royces, Austin-Healeys, MGA's and Triumphs. Those cars joined the Jaguar Concours d' Elegance.

Such a spectacular occasion to see all these splendid automobiles on this wonderful sunny spring day!

After the awards ceremony it was soon time to enjoy the famous KC BBQ restaurants, a great ending to a well organized weekend, it was a pleasure for us to participate and be the guests of HOAJC and we express our gratitude to the hosts and it is on our calendar to return next year.

From: Dora and Hildo Hoogcarpel
Champagne British Car Festival

The Champagne British Car Festival was held June 14 on the grounds of the David Davis Mansion in Bloomington, Illinois. This festival is one of the longest continuously running British Car events in the country. The IJC once again was well represented with Larry Philyaw's Mark 2, Dave Johnson's XJS, Don Gurik's XK and new members John and Susan Lewellen's X-type. My Mark 2 was in the Premier class started this year for the past year's winners.

Most unusually there were two XK120's entered and both had steel wheels and spats. The gorgeous pastel green metallic OTS recently completed by Dan Cusick won best in the Jaguar class as well as people's choice.

With over 100 British Cars on the grounds and a Saturday drive to a secret auto enthusiasts "car cave" this was once again a very successful event. Put it on your calendar for next year!
To those of you who participated in the Spring Drive in June, we hope that whet your appetite for further driving in Indiana! Daria and Tom and Jim and I just completed a “dry run” for our Fall Tour and are really excited about it!

If you who don’t remember, the Tour is set for September 20th through the 23rd. We can promise winding roads through the southern Indiana national forests, covered bridges to traverse, architectural highlights, and the ambiance of days gone by at the West Baden Hotel and Spa.

The tour will officially begin at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, the 20th, when all cars are assembled at the Southern Dunes Golf Course, for a kick-off luncheon.

For those that feel adventurous and are planning on finding their way to meet us at the venue, we highly recommend a stop at the Dallara Factory in Speedway, IN to get your adrenaline “racing fix”. Let’s see, one of our “team” was disqualified for reckless driving and one managed to flip the simulator car. We won’t name names….. Also not far is the Indianapolis Motorway Hall of Fame Museum.

For those that prefer more company for the trip down, we will be meeting at a location TBD around Lowell, IN to make our way south sans expressway traffic.

After lunch we will wind our way through Morgan Monroe state forest and visit a covered bridge as an optional side trip and then finish our drive in Columbus, IN. Columbus is ranked 6th in the nation for architectural innovation and design. During our stay we will enjoy the downtown nightlife of Columbus, learn more about the unique architecture of the city, and visit a Victorian ice cream parlor that has been serving the community for 100 years.

After our lunch at Zaharakos, and of course, our ice cream sundaes, we will be driving to West Baden, IN. The West Baden Springs Hotel opened in 1902 as the largest domed structure in the world. In 2007 renovations were completed to bring back the hotel to its original splendor. We recommend everyone consider taking an extra day to enjoy the feel of the resort and take the time to explore other areas of southern Indiana. We will have some optional side routes available for those who may be interested.

Don’t delay! Information is available at www.ijc.clubexpress.com regarding sign-ups and hotel information.

Click on the Event Calendar and look at the Month of September.
Next Month / Concours d’Elegance

Saturday July 26th.

Join us at our new Location in the heart of Naperville, just east of downtown, lies one of the most beautiful pieces of property in all of the western suburbs. Since 1921, Naperville Country Club has called this lush green and wooded refuge home. This year it will be home to the Illinois Jaguar Clubs Concours d’Elegance. If you love Jaguars, golf, and beautiful country club settings you should put this on the to do list.

Registration at www.ijc.clubexpress.com
Vintage Gas Stations

FROM YESTERYEAR. NOTE SOME OF THE PRICES FOR A GALLON OF GAS. MANY SERVED AS HANG Outs FOR THE "COOL GUYS" THAT HAD BRAGGING RIGHTS WITH 3 DEUCES, BLUE DOT TAIL LITES, GLASS PACK MUFFLERS, "TEAR DROP" OR "JIMMY JONES FENDER SKIRTS, "SHACKLED' REAR LEAF SPRINGS, APPETON SPOT LIGHTS, ROYAL LANCER WHEEL COVERS. AND IF YA WORKED AT A SHELL, TEXACO OR SPEEDWAY 79 GAS STATION, YOU WORE YOUR UNIFORM LIKE A BADGE OF HONOR. GREASE UNDER THE FINGER NAILS MEANT YOU TWISTED WRENCHES AND YA NEVER CLEANED THEM. ANOTHER BADGE OF HONOR.

LIKE THE DRIVE IN RESTAURANTS, THE COOL GAS STATIONS HAVE VANISHED TOO. NOW THE GAS PUMPS LOOK LIKE ROBOTS AND YA GOTTA PUMP YOUR OWN GAS AND GET NO GOLD BELL GIFT STAMPS FOR BUYING THE GAS!!
Albert Lowe

Albert Stafford Lowe III (88) of Lake Forest, IL passed away unexpectedly on Friday morning, April 25, 2014, while staying at his winter home away from home, The Chesterfield Hotel in Palm Beach, FL. Albert was born in St. Louis, MO on March 25, 1926 to parents Albert and Irmgard Zetlmeisl Lowe of Springfield, IL.

As long-time members of our club, Al and Jean Lowe were a couple that epitomized the Jaguar image that drew many of us to this marque: jaunty, stylish, sporty, open and friendly. It turns out that this was pretty much the way folks at his memorial service recalled Al as well.

I remember well the warm hospitality they extended to the club by hosting the after-drive party in the Spring of 2003 at their home on Moffett Road in Lake Bluff. This was probably one of the most stylish parties the Club has ever had: beautiful gardens surrounding a pool; lovely home (actually the former orangery of a larger estate). (The picture of the white XK-140 on our website is a picture of my car as seen through the flowery portal of their home.) And through it, all the shining smile of shy but beautiful Jean Lowe. This attribute has not changed even amid Jean’s obvious sorrow of losing her husband of 60 years.

It seemed that when we had a Jaguar drive we were never certain the Lowes would attend, but if they did they would typically arrive somewhat unexpectedly, dressed in very sporting clothes, with their little white dog. It was like seeing a Hollywood couple from the ’30s, a midwestern apparition of a Cary Grant movie.

I learned from the memorial service that he was an Army Air Corp vet from WW2 who enlisted right after high school and that he was a congenial fellow with a wide circle of friends. He had a male dining group that met regularly in which each pal would take turns as the host, inevitably leading to the challenge of always finding the cheapest restaurant around. He was a long-time member of the Onwenstia Country Club in Lake Forest and was described by all who spoke at his memorial as having a “graciousness, wit and signature fashion style”. He seemed to be a fellow who knew how to enjoy the best life had to offer.

Since he and Jean were planning a big bash to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary, Jean decided to throw a party to honor him on the day of their anniversary following a memorial service. As Martinis were his favorite cocktail, Carla and I raided ours and made a toast to his portrait over the mantel in the Onwentsia’s reception hall.
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