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# Jags on the Bay & Sunday Drive

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# Activities Calendar

Jaguar Affiliates Group of Michigan: 2020 Activities Calendar

	September	October
<b>Meeting Activity</b>	No Meeting	No Meeting
<b>Outside Activity</b>	Concours d'Elegance Olde World Canterbury Village Lake Orion, MI Saturday, September 5 <sup>th</sup>	Stahl's Automotive Collection New Baltimore, MI <b>Tentatively</b> Saturday, October 3 <sup>rd</sup> See page 9
	Battle of the Brits Camp Dearborn, Milford Sunday, September 13 <sup>th</sup>	
	Apple of Your Eye for Cystic Fibrosis Linden MI September 12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup>	
	Northwood University International Auto Show Midland, MI September 25 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> <b>Cancelled</b>	
	November	December
<b>Meeting Activity</b>	Meeting/Auction TBD See Note Below	No Meeting
<b>Outside Activity</b>	London to Brighton Car Run <b>Tentatively</b> November 1 <sup>st</sup> See page 11	Holiday Party TBD See Note Below

For the most up to date listing and schedule of events, go to:  
[www.jagm.org/events](http://www.jagm.org/events)

## Charity Auction and Holiday Party

With all the rules, revisions and uncertainty, trying to plan our traditional events has been a struggle. Currently the board and members are trying to set up the Annual Charity Auction in November and the Christmas party in December. We're working on a few different possible venues, but it's too early to say with any confidence what we'll be able to set up.

As plans come together (or not) you'll hear through email 'shout-outs', the JAGM website and The Indicator.

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## *the President's Purr...*

Hope everyone is well and getting through these unusual times okay.

Can you believe August is already passed! And now, we're heading into Fall, which is one of my favorite times of the year.

August was a very entertaining month! Lots of trips and activities. We all had fun digging for treasures at the Jags on the Bay. It was exciting to catch up and spend the day together – and boy what a day! Just perfect. Thank you to everyone who was able to make it. You all made the day wonderful. And I didn't even mind talking shop afterwards. We really covered a lot!

So very much looking forward to the Concours, and how exciting it's going to be with other British car clubs joining us. Cheers to everyone involved who have helped to make it another fabulous and memorable event.

Hope to see every one soon. Take care and stay healthy!

Until next we meet...

Teresa



## Upcoming Events

### **Apple of Your Eye for Cystic Fibrosis**

6036 Lobdell Rd, Linden, MI  
September 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>

Have fun with your car, and let others enjoy it as well!

- No entry fee
- No Classes—No Judging
- Awards for Participation
- All Makes and Models of cars and motorcycles
- Food concessions by Kiwanis
- Music: Throttle Up—DJ services by Todd Payne

- Youth Activities—FREE
- Moonwalk—Arts and crafts
- Raffles
- Orchard apples, cider and donuts
- Proceeds are donated to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

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### **Battle of the Brits**

Camp Dearborn,  
1700 General Motors Drive  
Milford, MI  
Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>

Join the Detroit Triumph Sportscar Club for a day of fun, food, family and friends with British car enthusiasts!

NO registration, NO assigned parking, NO voting, NO awards! Just a nice relaxing day to enjoy the British Car Hobby with other like-minded people.

Park entry fee is \$8, payable at the gate. The park opens at 9 AM; you can reserve a spot then or come anytime.



# JAGM is hosting the 52<sup>nd</sup> Concours on Saturday, September 5

By the time you receive your September Indicator, there will only be a few days before JAGM's most prestigious event of the year, our Concours d'Elegance. We are repeating the location from 2018 and will be inside Olde World Canterbury Village in Lake Orion. The Jaguar cars get top billing and placement right in



the center of the village. Almost every car will be displayed in the shade and on grass. It is a beautiful setting. There are quite a few small and large shops to stroll through where you can find things not available other places.

We are trying something different this year. We are inviting every British Car Club and car owner to join us for a British Showcase and have them display their cars also inside Canterbury Village. I have gotten some very favorable responses from some of the Clubs. There are a lot of people frustrated with the lack of activities and Car Shows this year. The Rolls Royce Club may bring 20 of their cars to our show. Then, there are several MG Clubs, Triumph, Austin Healey, DeLorean, Classic Mini Cooper and a few other Clubs that I haven't been able to find or invite yet. I wouldn't be too surprised to have around 75 cars at our Show on Saturday. Word is spreading. I am having some British Car owners call me for details.

If you haven't registered your car yet for the Show, you can still show up for day of entry in the Display Class. All you have to do is run the car through a car wash and maybe vacuum out the interior to make the car presentable for the Show. You don't need any elaborate, expensive and time-



consuming detailing. All Jaguar cars are beautiful and should be shown in a nice environment. We are your friends with similar cars and similar interests, so come and join us.

There will be a Welcoming Party at our host hotel, Springhill Suites, near the intersection of Lapeer and Dutton Roads starting at 6:00 pm on Friday evening. With so few Jaguar Concours this year, we will be having cars joining us from several other states while they pursue their Concours placements. Come and join us in welcoming them to our event. Pizza and salad will be provided by JAGM. We ask JAGM members to bring a dish of some type to share with everyone. We will be located in the large conference rooms at the hotel with plenty of room to spread out. The pizza will be set out on individual small plates to keep everything clean.

Please bring an easy to serve or pick-up goodie to share. The lobby bar will be about 75 feet away for cocktails.



Saturday, the entry gates will open at 9:00 am, Judging at 12:00, Cars released by 3:00 and a group Early Dinner and Award Ceremony outside the Pub at 4:00 pm. Come and enjoy all the British Cars,

comradery, a few meals, awards and recognition before leaving. We will have a Hospitality Tent in the middle of everything where you can sit down and rest among new friends from all the British Marques.

In this very unusual year, we are asking everyone to act responsibly. Wear a face mask or face shield,



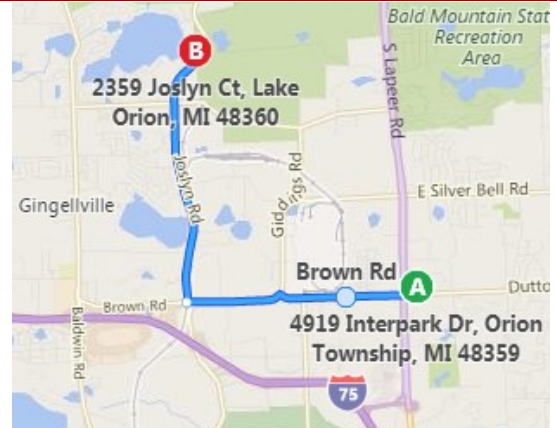
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even when outside. We will all be among other people, who likewise should also be acting responsibly at the show and beforehand. There will be hand sanitizer available and masks should you forget yours at that time.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.



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## 2020 Fall Drive to Auburn IN

Join us on **Saturday morning, October 24th**, for a two day fall drive to Auburn, IN. You can join our caravan for breakfast at 9:00 AM at **Cracker Barrel**, located at 45525 N Interstate 94 Service Drive, Belleville, MI. Or if you don't want breakfast, meet us in the Cracker Barrel's parking lot at 10:45 AM. Or, you can meet us at 12:30 PM at our rest stop at the **Sunoco Station**, located at 4938 S. Meridian Rd., Hudson, MI. Or you can join us at 2:30 PM at the **Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum**, 1600 Wayne St., Auburn, IN. Our



docent-led tour begins at 3:00 PM.

We will stay at the newest hotel in Auburn, the **Tru by Hilton**, 303 Peckhart Ct. We have a block of King Rooms held under the name Jaguar Affiliate Group of Michigan. The room rate is \$112.00 plus taxes of \$13.44, for a total of \$125.44. Please call 260-333-

7700, then dial "0", and inform the Front Desk that you have group rooms reserved and that you would like to add your name and credit card information to confirm your booking. Please **reserve your room by September 24, 2020.**

We will have dinner at about 6:30 PM at the upscale **Auburn City Steakhouse**, 203 N Main St., Auburn.

Sunday we will have breakfast at 9:00 AM at **Garrett House of Pancakes**, 114 S Randolph St., Garrett, IN. Then we will drive to the **National Auto and Truck**

**Museum**, 1000 Gordon M Buehrig Place, Auburn, IN, for a docent-led tour beginning at 11:00 AM.



Following the tour, we will de-

part for home with a stop for lunch at about 2:00 PM at **Rumors**, 212 W Main St., Hudson, MI. From Rumors, we will continue home independently.

Over the two days, we will drive about 6 hours total and cover about 267 miles. In addition to the car museums, we hope to also observe some fall color change on the drive. Mark your calendars now, and make your reservations so that you will not miss this fun, and likely, our last driving event this year.

# 2020 Fall Drive to Auburn IN (cont'd)

## Cost Estimates

**Tru by Hilton** Hotel, including taxes, \$125.44

**Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum and National Auto & Truck Museum** Campus Pass, covers both museums, \$15.50 paid individually at the time of admission, plus \$1 or \$2 per person reimbursement for the cost of docents

**Auburn City Steakhouse**, pre-set menu of three entrees with salad and accompaniment, \$21 - \$29; plus beverage (wine \$8 to \$10 a glass); plus 7% state sales tax and gratuity

**Garrett House of Pancakes, Cracker Barrel, and Rumors**—moderately priced

## Meals

**Saturday** - breakfast, and dinner only

**Sunday** - breakfast, and lunch only

Please plan accordingly.

## Docent Fees

The museum's docents compensation is not covered by the Campus Pass. The fees are \$20 per docent at both museums. I will pay each docent and request that you have exact cash on hand to reimburse me for this expense. All other costs are paid directly by each participant.

## COVID19

Every venue requires the wearing of face covers and maintaining social distancing. In the restaurants, you will need a face covering to enter and leave or walk around the facility. Face covering can be removed once seated. The museums expect visitors to wear face-coverings while in the museum. The museums are large so social distancing should not be an issue. Please plan accordingly.

While the information included here is current, it is not possible to ensure that something won't change. If it becomes necessary to make a change, you will be notified by email as long as you have registered and we know you are joining this event.

## RSVP Information

**Please reserve your spot for this fun event by September 24, 2020, either by using the [www.jagm.org](http://www.jagm.org) event web page, or emailing [webmaster@jagm.org](mailto:webmaster@jagm.org), or texting 734-347-8747.** Please include the number in your party, your cell phone number and where you will be meeting up with the group.

## Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum

The Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automotive Museum first opened its doors to the public on July 6, 1974, celebrating an era of exciting automotive history.



Never before had there been proposed an auto-mobile museum inhabiting the auto builder's original factory show-room building.

The museum is now listed in the National Register of Historic

Places. Today the museum has grown to be the leading auto repository of its kind, with 140 vintage, antique, classic, and special interest cars. Thousands of visitors come to Auburn each year to learn the museum's story. By 1990, more than one million tourists had passed through.

## National Automotive & Truck Museum

Learn about the industrious blue-collar worker with authentic artifacts from "small town" Auburn, USA. Video and informational signs enhance a historical journey through time. See advertising panels, neon signs, and billboards from past prominent local



businesses. Gas and oil pumps from all eras, including many produced locally in Fort Wayne, are on display.

The National Automotive and Truck Museum each welcomes thousands of visitors from all parts of the world. "Post-war" cars and all vintages of trucks are proudly displayed and may even bring back memories of a car or truck you used to own.

# Jags on the Bay and the Sunday Drive to St. Clair

Saturday, August 8 was a beautiful Michigan summer day – great weather for the annual Jags on the Bay get-together in Bay City! 15 JAGM members (actually 17, including the 4-legged variety) enjoyed great food, low-80's sunny weather and plenty of fun and conversation on the Saginaw Bay beach.

A highlight this year was the hunt for buried treasure on the beach. Who knew that pirates had been so active in this area? Everyone enjoyed the thrill of the hunt, and some of us even came away with gold and considerable riches.

An unexpected late afternoon rain shower sent all the convertible owners scrambling to the parking area across the street, but the tradition of nice weather for Jags on the Bay was

mostly continued. Thanks again, Teresa for this wonderful event!

Seven of us stayed overnight in Bay City and we met bright and early Sunday morning with Teresa at Bob Evans for breakfast. Once again the weather looked perfect, so when we headed south from Bay City into



# Jags on the Bay and the Sunday Drive to St. Clair (cont'd)

the Thumb, all the convertibles had the tops down. Mother Nature, being the way she is, decided to have some fun with us. Out of the blue (sky) suddenly appeared a rain squall, giving us more practice on our emergency top-up drill. Between Bay City and our



planned stop in Lexington, the weather shifted back and forth between sunshine and dark clouds, so we all stayed “under the hoods” and enjoyed air conditioning for the rest of the trip.

Patrick Tierney Park, on Lake Huron in Lexington was a pleasant stopping point – we took a little time to walk out on the pier next to the harbor and got some nice breeze and pictures. As we proceeded south to St. Clair, the temperature gradually climbed up to the low 90's.

In St. Clair we met Bob Matejek for lunch (he, of course, was on time; not us...) at the Voyageur restaurant, right on the shore of the St. Clair River. We enjoyed great food and service and a fine view of all the boat traffic on the river.



The next stop was the Wills Sainte Claire Car Museum in Marysville. The museum houses the largest collection of Wills Sainte Claire automobiles in the world (only about 100 survive worldwide) in a range of condition from fully restored examples (in the front



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room) to rusted, partly-there, as-found specimens (in the back room). We also viewed an informative video about the history of the company and its founder, C. Harold Wills.

With the outside temperature above 90 and the inside temperature not much better, we didn't stay as long as we might have. As often happens to JAGM members, the call of ice cream seemed to draw us back to our cars and we closed the trip at London's

Ice Cream shop in St. Clair, followed by a short walk to the beautiful city park along the river. Another nice weekend trip for JAGM.

Gary Hillebrand



## Stahl's Automotive Collection—Tentatively Scheduled for October 3, 2020

The Museum is currently closed for Renovations—Hopefully it Will Reopen in Time for this Event—Watch for Emails or Go to JAGM.org for the Latest Details

Join JAGM and WDMGC at the **Stahl's Automotive Collection at 56516 N Bay Dr, New Baltimore at 11AM on Saturday, October 3rd**. A visit to Stahls will take you back to a time in history when cars were more than just a way to take us from point A to point B. Gain a better understanding of how the automobile developed from a novelty to a main form of transportation. In addition to the beautiful cars, enjoy the collection of gas pumps, road signs, oil cans, and other car-related accessories from the Depression-era.

**Cost: Donation (please consider a donation of \$10 or more per person)**

Following a self-guided tour of Stahl's, we will drive five miles to Bad Brad's BBQ, 35611 Green St, New Baltimore voted the best barbecue by Hour Magazine 5 years in a row.



**Please RSVP by September 24th, 2020**, by registering at:

- JAGM - <https://www.jagm.org/events/stahls-automotive-collection>,
- emailing [webmaster@jagm.org](mailto:webmaster@jagm.org),
- or by calling or texting 734-347-8747.

Register now and don't miss out on this fun event. Please remember to include the number of people attending.

Phil Crutchfield & Vicki Blade



# A Beautiful Cat Finds a New Home

I'd been casually looking for a Mark IX for a few years. Finally, I decided to have Hemmings notify me from their "for sale" link. I first saw their listing on Oct 9, 2019. The car however had first appeared in their May issue!

I soon sort of forgot about it. I returned to the listing on the internet in December. I initially gave the seller, Orlando Classic Cars, a call on December 11 and they confirmed that the car was still available. They also mentioned that if there were no serious offers, it would be going to the Mecum Kissimmee Auction the following month. Their deadline was Xmas day.

I'd been looking at other examples and whenever I saw pictures of the engine I was not impressed. I requested a shot and was rewarded with at least four or five. Seeing those, I immediately called and told them I wanted to buy.

I made the financial arrangements and completed the agreement on Xmas eve day!

The car was shipped to Michigan on February 3. I had it tuned up, two fuel pumps replaced (SNG-B) and hand controls installed. I was on the road in early April.

## An Interesting History

It was after my first phone call to the previous owner that I realized just how amazing this car turned out to be.

It was ordered new and delivered through an imported car dealer in Bryn Mawr, Pa in 1960 to one William Walter. He enjoyed the car for 30 years, never driving

it in winter. He was concerned with some gravel damage, chips, etc. on the front end and decided to repaint. Midway he became dissatisfied and decided to garage it. This was in 1990. William kept the IX in

that garage for 10 years. He then died. The car remained in the garage for another 10 years! Finally, his son listed the car through a broker who placed an ad in the JCNA newsletter.

Enter the second owner who then bought the car and had it shipped to Florida. This guy was a Jag collector extraordinaire and spared no expense in getting it running after 20 years storage. But amazingly, the car remains essentially unrestored and original.

He and his wife enjoyed the car for seven or eight years, touring with his club up in Sarasota. I asked him why

he wanted to sell. He replied they'd been on tour and it was in July, 95 degrees and he was in line watching his pal in an XKE enjoying the parade in his car, which was air conditioned. He and his wife decided to sell.

So I think I must have been destined to become the third caretaker; it had remained unsold for nearly 8 months. It is one of the few unrestored original from the factory Mark IXs that exist.

Pretty neat eh?

George "Sandy" Duffy



## Classified Ads

**FOR SALE: 2000 Jaguar VDP**—This extremely well-preserved sedan in dark blue with a dove grey leather interior has only 64K on the odometer. It received a score of 9.992 and took first place in the driven division the last time it was judged at a JCNA event. The interior wood trim in this car is the finest of any of the 20 English luxury sedans I have owned over the years, including my 1978 R-R Silver Shadow and my 1989 Bentley Turbo R. And she drives as good as she looks – Marianne and her girlfriends took a road trip to Asheville, NC two years ago in this car and said it drove like a new car.

**Make an offer.**

**Call Gary @  
248-649-4959**



**2006 Jaguar XJ8** – Although this used to be my daily driver, she has not been used much the past several years, and as a result, only has 74K on the odometer. Of the dozen XJ sedans I have owned over the years, this has been my favorite. I hate to part with her, but Marianne and I are moving into a condo and I simply must reduce my Jaguar inventory.

**Make an offer.**

**Call Gary @  
248-649-4959**



**For Sale: 2004 Jaguar XJR**—Super charged. British racing green with sand interior. Only 53600 miles. Mint condition: no accidents, no major repairs, new tires. Never driven in snow or salt.



**Accepting offers over reserve of \$10,000.**

**Call Jay Gilroy @ 517-285-0621  
or email [jungabeane@aol.com](mailto:jungabeane@aol.com)**

**FOR SALE: 1973 Jaguar E-Series convertible** – Silver with hard and soft tops. One owner car - fresh out of a 30 year storage. Less than 8000 original miles. Long list of new parts and service performed (fuel, brake, clutch, cooling, suspension systems, tires, battery, etc.). See details in JAGM website ad, along with additional pictures.



**Asking  
\$125,000**

**Call (313)908-7909 and ask for Bob**

## JAGM London to Brighton Car Run — 11/1/2020

Want to be part of the longest running motoring event in the world? Here's your chance—and maybe an opportunity for another late-autumn color drive in Michigan. The original London to Brighton Car Run started in the U.K. in 1896. The run takes place on the first Sunday in November, which this year, would be **November 1**. The JAGM version will recreate the '17 (that's 2017) route from **London township in Monroe**



**County to Brighton, MI.** About 60 miles with a stop for lunch in Hell (I don't think the U.K. version had that feature). Check out the event page at [JAGM.org](http://JAGM.org) for more history and details.

The drive is unconfirmed so far, but if at least a few people register online, we'll make it happen!



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