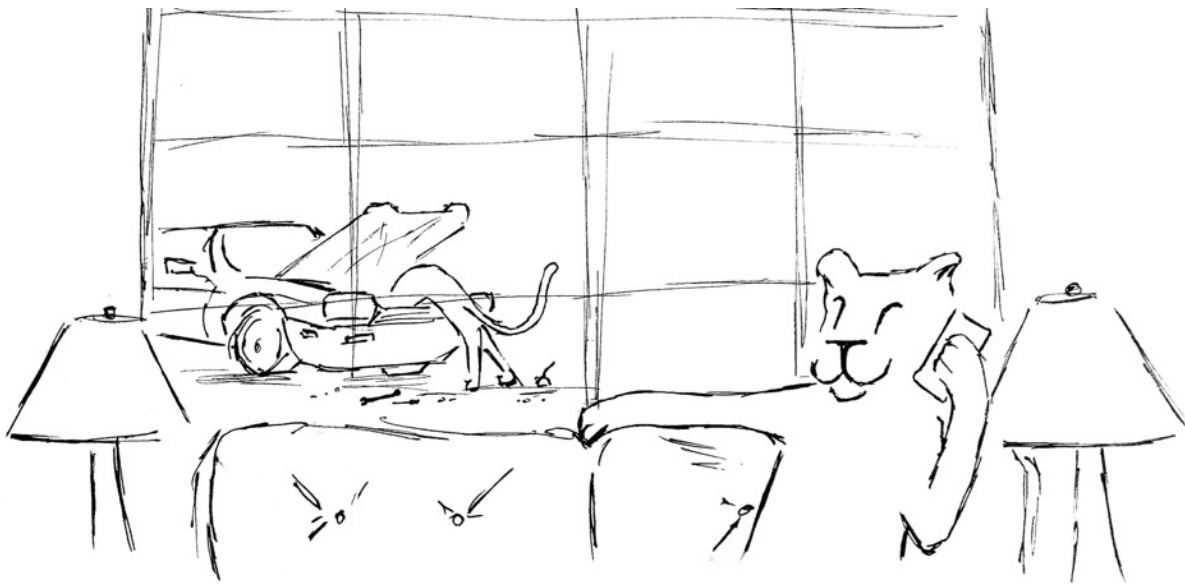




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Every Friday evening I loosen a nut or unhook a hose... keeps him busy all weekend!

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2020 Event Calendar

- Off-Season Events will be placed on hold till New Years. Hopefully we can resume in 2021.

For the complete 2020 calendar click [HERE](#)

2021 is on its way!

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Trends in Motoring

A message from the president

As you all know, the year 2020 will go down in history as being most unusual, most frustrating, a little stressful, and full of surprises. Many of our activities scheduled for the year had to be canceled from the onset because of the national healthcare crisis but we did manage to slip in a few events as New York began giving approval for small gatherings and those events that we held were well attended and most appreciated.

Having turned 65 years old this year, I began once again to work away at my "bucket list". One item was to fly into Miami, rent a car and drive the Florida Keys which we did 7 years ago. Another item was to fly into LA, rent a car, and spend 2 weeks driving the coast highway which we did 5 years ago.

Fast forward to 2020. I have always wanted to visit the site of the 1969 Woodstock arts & music festival. I was 14 years old in 1969 but remember the news stories about the thousands of young people who made the pilgrimage that weekend. On a return trip from the Hudson Valley in July I took a detour and drove the 10 miles south of Liberty, NY to Bethel and spent 30 minutes experiencing the hillside that was for three days covered with over 400 thousand hippies (I don't know why but my heart was racing and the adrenaline was flowing).

There has been another item on the back burner for many years now, my desire to own a Triumph TR6 sports car. In 1973 I spent more than a few high

school study halls in the library reading reviews on the TR6 which presented it as a MANS sports car. With its heavy steering, hard clutch and precise 4 speed stick, women were steered toward the easier to shift, steer and drive Triumph Spitfire while the male readers were pointed to the TR6. From that moment it's been in my head that owning this car would be a huge boost to my masculinity. My wife has always known of this desire but life caused us to pass up a few possibilities over the years. Building our home, raising three children and starting our own business all screamed priority! In



August of this year my wife & daughter were in Cananadagua, NY and noticed a bright yellow TR6 for sale at a small auto repair shop...

Long story short, after 6 weeks of consideration, research and a sizable reduction in price (and my nagging daughter), the TR found its way to my barn.

So, the year hasn't been a total bust but one providing new stories to tell.

I can only hope you all have had some "ups" during this year filled with disappointments.

I'm optimistic that the year 2021 we will see a return to normalcy before our first slalom and we can again enjoy activities without the grey cloud of extreme caution dictating our every move. 🙏

-Paul H. Chappell

Editor's Letter

In the last issue John Duncan had mentioned that a part of his MGA was interchangeable with a Midget, this idea of car parts being interchangeable became a topic at the lunch table during the wine tour. So much so that I decided to see how many parts were interchangeable on my car, a newer model from 2017.

Just perusing through cars at a dealership you will notice many interior features that are the same. On one trip to the dealership I noticed many window switches gear changers and so on from the Land Rover collection to be the same as that on Jaguars. It is truly a common practice, mostly because if it isn't broken don't fix it, but also it keeps manufacturing cost down and if you really think about it, it's a big bonus for us. Whether it's a classic model or new model, if the part is used on many different vehicles/models then it will be

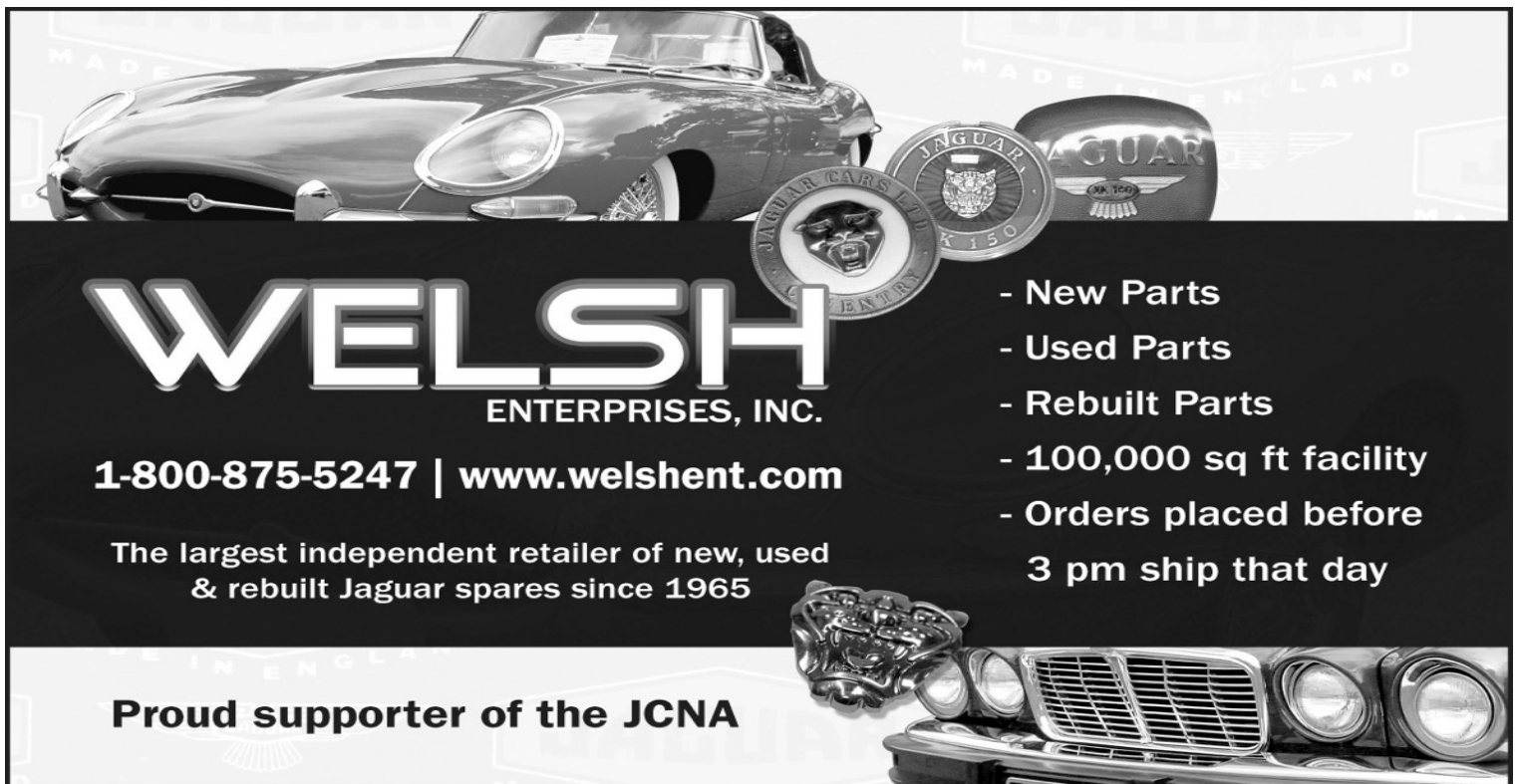
more readily available when we need it. I don't know about you, but waiting a whole month for a single part is just the worst.

As I was combing my car over I couldn't help but notice how well branded it is. Every piece of glass on the car had a Jaguar logo, seat belts, light panels, hoses, etc. If you could squeeze a Jaguar logo on it then they put one there. The most humorous one is when I open the trunk, looking at the interfacing side of the light, there's a gray panel covering the edge (it's only about half an inch big), you guessed it, there is a leaper on it. Most of the exterior and interior parts are manufactured for Jaguar, but once the hood was open I found out where the true interchangeable parts all lived. Almost every hose, cap and fitting was branded Jaguar and Land Rover. I have a sneaking suspicion that most parts,

unless you have a special high-performance engine, are interchangeable. Of course I was keeping track as I was seeing all the labeling, when I reached 100 logos or brand identity marks I stopped counting...

As we close out our somewhat uneventful year, I would like to thank everybody who contributed to the 2020 Kitty Letter. Our activities for the year may have been somewhat reduced but the KL was far from limited. We had some really great articles and some wonderful member participation. I am truly honored to have such a great group of people willing to share their opinions and stories. Keep them coming, 2021 will need all we can get! 🍷

-Ellie Chappell Hall



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2020 JACNY Wine Tour

By Ellie Chappell Hall

When a non-wine drinker plans a wine tour you get what you get, however, I like to think I did pretty good. With over 200 wineries to choose from I was thinking maybe we should just gather at the north end of Seneca Lake and draw vineyard names from a bingo cage. Instead, I formed a plan with beautiful drive (that way if the wineries were less than desirable, we would still have a nice drive). It is pretty hard to have a drive in the Fingerlakes that isn't beautiful.

GATHER... Our gathering location at the Fingerlakes Welcome Center on Seneca Lake was the perfect spot to sit and watch the cars arrive. One by one members rolled in including members of the Euro Car Club. Yes, we had wine and made new friends. John and Carolyn Vanwie motored along in the little BMW as they had already stored their Triumph TR3 for the winter. FIRST STOP... Keuka Spring Vineyard, to my delight, there was a handful of



Two photos from our first stop, Keuka Spring Vineyards.

Not only was the view of Keuka lake spectacular from up on this hilltop winery but the wine was apparently just as good. Room tasting has changed somewhat... (we were set up in the back storage room) still, we all enjoyed our first relaxing tasting.



The beginning line up starting at 9 am. Yes, that second car is non-Jaguar... a German! We were so delighted to be joined by members from the Euro Car Club.

2020 JACNY Fall Dinner

By Deb Chappell

Our final event each year is our Fall Dinner Meeting. During this gathering we wrap up old business, elect officers for the year to come and fellowship over a good meal. Thirteen of us gathered at "Kindred Fare" in Geneva NY on Saturday, October 24th to accomplish the tasks at hand.

Even though our cash flow was minimal this year, we did want to make a charitable contribution to Meals on Wheels. The amount of the \$250 was set with a plea to the membership to donate funds to bump up the amount. I am pleased to announce that \$400 was added to the treasury and a check for \$650 was



presented to Meals on Wheels representative "Melissa" who gave us a brief overview of the program. After the meal we approved the election of officers, and as provided by the nominating committee, there was

short discussion on membership recruitment. Concerns were voiced over getting back on track in 2021 with our slalom events. Our off season luncheons will not be scheduled before January as we are hoping a semblance of normalcy will return by then and we will have more peace about these type of gatherings.

Our time together at Kindred Fare was like a breath of fresh air as many in attendance have been yearning for this type of social outlet. Though this past year had its ups and downs, we are all persevering and looking forward to better times in 2021! 🍷

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