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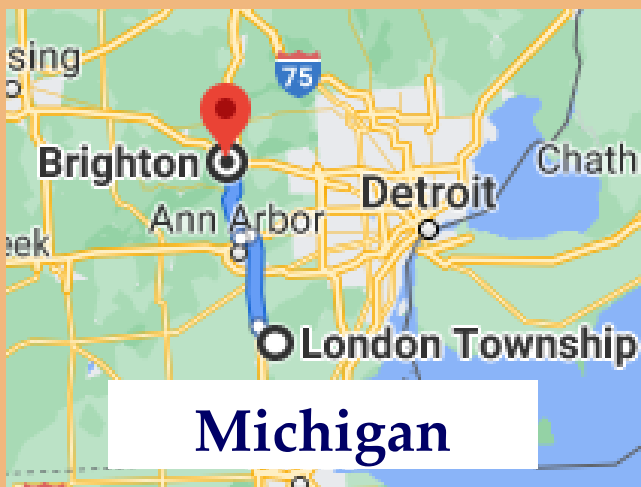
The Official Newsletter of the Jaguar Affiliates Group of Michigan

Special International Issue:

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The Indicator Covers the
London to Brighton Car Run
–Around the World!



Classified Ads

FOR SALE: 1964 Jaguar MK 2 3.8 litre (9:1) manual with overdrive. Original San Francisco owner until 2011. Second owner in Michigan through 2017 who passed suddenly. I purchased the car from his estate. Believed to be accurate mileage (54,000). Original colors of Opalescent Grey with Dark Blue interior. One repaint many years ago in original color, presents very well. Interior redone in original materials and exceptionally done. Optional reclining seats. Wood is beautiful, head-liner is original and in very good condition. Car has never been apart and is as solid as I have seen. Runs and drives well with excellent oil pressure and proper temperature. Not a 100 point show car but a very nice driver that could be taken to the next level.

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Welcome New Members

<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Jaguars Owned</u>
Walt Wick	2009 XKR
Henry Mistele	1994 XJS 2012 XJ

**JAGM welcomes our newest members. Please help us
 extend them a warm welcome.**

Want to Renew Your Membership Online this year?

JAGM is starting a trial of electronic/credit card payments using PayPal. **This year you have the option of paying the \$65 annual membership online with PayPal**, or doing it the old-fashioned way with a check mailed to Pauline. Since this changes responsibilities for Membership (Pauline), Treasurer (Tim) and Webmaster (Phil), we decided to try it out for the **2021 membership renewal cycle only**, in order to understand any advantages and disadvantages to the club before making it available for additional transactions. Look for an email announcement with instructions around **December 21**.

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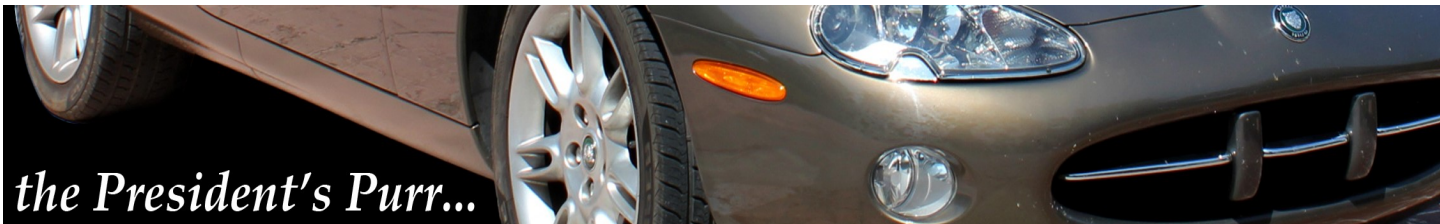
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the President's Purr...

Blessings to all!

As we approach the end of what most certainly has been a trying year, I cannot help but look ahead to the new year in hopes of a better outlook for the entire world. It is also a time to seek out and embrace those special memories when life was a lot different. And, as I try to imagine what the next year will bring, we can only wish and pray for some resemblance of normalcy to return.

Hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving, as different or strange as it may have been. For me and my family, we decided to not spend the holidays together, and it was tough. But the consequences of a loved one getting sick would have been almost unbearable.

I, along with many others, was extremely disappointed when we had to cancel some of our favorite JAGM events like the Auction and the Holiday Party. It was always a great time and I looked forward to them very much. I miss my JAGM family more than I ever

imagined but am holding onto the day when we can reunite unmasked and be able to share those prized hugs and greetings.

Thank you to all the JAGM family for your efforts, inputs and opinions as we continue to find our way through this pandemic. Here's hoping it won't last too much longer.

Wishing you all a safe, warm, and heartfelt holiday season!

Until next we meet...

Teresa



Membership RENEWALS

2021 JAGM Membership Form

Membership Application **DEADLINE** December 31st, 2020

Please PRINT Legibly

Name(s) _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

1st Email _____ 2nd Email _____

Jaguar(s) Owned (please PRINT legibly additional cars on back of this form or add another page—if no changes please write 'same')

Year

Model

Body Style

Color

I hereby make application to renew my membership, in the Jaguar Affiliates Group of Michigan, a non-profit Corporation. With this renewal, I agree to abide by the bylaws of the corporation. Attached I am enclosing my check in the amount of **\$65.00, payable to JAGM**. (\$65.00 amount includes \$30.00 for JCNA membership dues)

Signature _____ Date _____

Send your application and check to: Pauline Blunt, Membership Director, 4715 Bell Oak Road, Williamston, MI 48895

London to Brighton Car Run



Michigan

JAGM members are a hearty lot. Amid cloudy skies, with hints of rain and snow seemingly in the air over southeast Michigan, eight cars gathered at the London Township Hall for our homage to the world's oldest car run. With temps pushing on 37 degrees and winds gusting up to 22 mph, but no rain or snow hitting our windscreens, we set out on our journey.

Our first destination was the Zukey Lake Tavern in the village of Pinckney. The journey took a little over an hour, but it did not go without issues. The route was quite scenic until an unexpected route closure and too much trust in Google Maps interjected a sequence of unpaved roads. But we all managed to make it to the tavern with a smile on our faces.

Our second stop was at Ritter's Frozen Custard in Brighton. Did I mention that we are a hearty lot? With cloudy, windy skies and temps around 37 de-



grees, we upheld the JAGM tradition of stopping for ice cream.

This was our second homage London to Brighton car run. Given that both were under a bit less than perfect weather, perhaps we need to consider moving the event into October should we do it again.



Phil



Canada

It was mid-October when I first read

me to forward the event email to my wife with this preface, "Aww, man. This sounds so great!"

Nov 1, 2020, 7:35 AM-12:17 PM

	Travel distance	344 km
	Total travel time	4:42 h
	Driving time	3:47 h
	Average speed	73 km/h
	Maximum speed	km/h

Thinking that was the end of it, but knowing London (ON) was only a couple hours away from our home in Windsor, I couldn't help but wonder if there might be a Brighton (ON). Long story short, we set out a couple hours before sunrise on the first Sunday in November in an attempt to complete our version of JAGM's version of the car run.

Around sunrise, we were at Old Hyde Park Road in London and departed for what would end up being non-stop rainfall en route to Brighton. Having just watched the movie, Genevieve, we knew that troubles and adventure may lie ahead but so far, except for busy windshield wipers, the drive was smooth. We did momentarily fear for our lives when, driving

about JAGM hosting their version of the historic London to Brighton Veteran Car Run that would travel from London (Township, MI) to Brighton (MI) with a stop in Hell (MI) along the way. Around the same time, rumors were circling that the Windsor/Detroit border closure would likely be extended prompting

London to Brighton Car Run (cont'd)

through one small town between Port Britain and Brighton, the car was hit with a bright light, vibration, and loud buzzing sound. I thought we had been struck by lightning. Pulling onto a side street to catch my breath and inspect the damage (none!) we heard the sound a couple more times.

Linh took the calm and interesting position that we had merely been zapped by something set up to warn and punish speeders. In the end, we agreed it was a damaged power line that got us. Thankful that the car, its electronics, and its occupants had survived, we continued on along the coast of Lake Ontario.

This was a beautiful part of the province we had never seen and we took full advantage of being off the highway by stopping for baked goods, photo ops, and water views whenever possible.

Finally, after some 344 km (214 miles), we had made it! We celebrated with lunch at a waterfront restaurant. Chilly and still rainy, we stepped out of our comfort zone and dined in. This marked the first and



only time we had eaten in a restaurant since March.

After a nice lunch, the rain was letting up and we psyched ourselves up for the drive home. With over 500 km (300 miles) ahead of us, we took one last look around Brighton and then hit the road. Satisfied we had achieved our version of the club's version of the run, deep down we knew there was something we had missed: Hell.

The closest we could find was a production company called Hell Creek in Toronto. We detoured to their address on our way home but there was

no sign of the company. Things were, however, freezing over and the four hour drive that remained was dark and mostly snowy.

In the end, we had enjoyed a fun day trip. With the land border closed for

so long, we were glad to have been able to participate in a club event...even if we had to do so at a distance!

Randy Drexler



England

The annual reenactment of the Run in Britain was cancelled this year (guess why!). In its place, the organizers encouraged people who would have participated to send photos of them driving their vintage autos on November 1, 2020; exactly 124 years after the original event.

As you can see from this selection of photos, the weather on November 1st in Britain was very similar to that in the U.S. and Canada. The participants in the mother country enjoyed considerably less creature comforts than their North American counterparts, since only autos from 1905 or

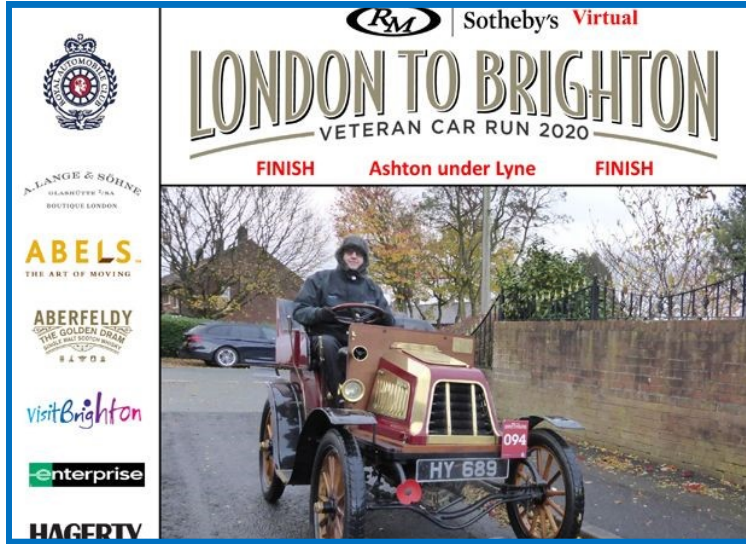


London to Brighton Car Run (cont'd)

earlier could participate!

The British run didn't include a stop in Hell; perhaps driving an open motor carriage on a cold, wet blustery day fulfilled that requirement for them.

Gary Hillebrand



2020 Fall Drive to Auburn IN

On Saturday, October 24th, 2020 people headed towards Auburn IN on our fall drive. The morning was cool but sunny and the afternoon temperature rose into the upper 50s, making for a nice fall day. Most started the journey with breakfast at the Cracker Barrel in Belleville. Some joined the caravan midway in Hudson, and a couple joined us at the first museum. While we were likely a week behind the peak color change, we did see nice yellow, orange, and red foliage remaining on the trees along the 130-mile journey.

At the Auburn Cord Duesenberg (ACD) Museum, a National Historic Landmark, we were guided by the husband and wife team of Bill and Donna. They made the perfect docents for our group, as they own an XK-120 and an XK-140. The 120 has been restored, and they continue to work on the 140. Our tour coincided with a roaring 20's wed-



ding, replete with the period attire. We observed the staging of photos with the historic and period cars. We felt a bit like time travelers with a glimpse into the past.

The ACD Museum, where America's landmark automobiles were created, has two full floors of beautiful cars. We were given the history of the Auburn, Cord, and Duesenberg manufacturers. Then we were told the specific history of many of the



2020 Fall Drive to Auburn IN (cont'd)



2020 Fall Drive to Auburn IN (cont'd)



ing the Maroon E-Type owned by our own Matthew Nold, that is on loan to the museum.

After checking in to the new “European themed” Tru by Hilton, we had a nice, leisurely dinner at

examples in the museum. We toured the design studio and the clay model studio. We also spent some time view-



The restaurant manager, Neele, and staff gave us some “over-the-top” service. The menu was extensive and the portions were more than generous, with five-egg omelets being the norm. Check out the picture of the Hawaiian Omelet that Jackie Forkner found so unusual that she just had to try it. Much jubilation, triggered in part by the lively restaurant staff, filled the room at least until the food arrived. No one walked away hungry.



Our next stop was The National Truck and Car Museum, which is a next-door neighbor to the ACD Museum. It is a diamond in



the upscale Auburn City Steakhouse. During the evening lots of catching up with old friends took place, and with a few new faces in the group, the making of new ones.

On Sunday morning we drove a couple of miles to nearby Garrett, a small railroad-themed midwest town with their building murals and even a buffalo statue overlooking Main Street. We had breakfast at the Garrett House of Pancakes. They met us at the door as they noticed us driving past their storefront.

the rough, but not too rough. Our docent was Don. Don is a bona fide car guy, who knows the history of each of the more than 150 vehicles in the museum. He led us briefly through the “diecast” room for those interested in model cars. They have 3,200 diecast cars on display, without duplicate cars being displayed. And they have about 4,500 diecast cars yet to be curated and put on display.

Don then took us around the main level and provided details and history about most of the vehicles on display.

2020 Fall Drive to Auburn IN (cont'd)

play including one of the old School "Hacks" (what they called school buses back in the day), that he restored himself. And he shared a story of an 80-year old female

visitor who shared her personal remembrance of riding to school in one with him.

Don took us to the basement, where we viewed the cars they are not able to display



2020 Fall Drive to Auburn IN (cont'd)

on the first floor and the ones that are awaiting restoration. He took us through their restoration area, where we saw many project cars and cars still needing just a bit of work to be running dependably.



One interesting program they have is the use of youth volunteers. The students are from 13 to 18 years old, but they can remain a part of the program longer if they wish. They must put in a few hours



each Wednesday unless it conflicts with school, church or family commitments. The students do actual hands-on work with adult guidance. The process

helps them build confidence in themselves and teaches them how cars work and the process of car repair and restoration. The students even get to drive many of the vehicles they work on during the parades and car events the museum supports in the local area.

On our journey back we stopped in Hudson, MI at the Rumors Restaurant. There we had a late lunch (or early dinner) before we started for home individually.

Cars, scenic backroads, good food, and great conversations. Sprinkle in a bit of fall color and who could ask for more?

Phil

History Challenge on a 1950 XK120

JAGM was contacted by George Sammis via email with this request. Let's grab our sleuth hats and magnifying glasses and go to work.

George recently purchased a 1950 XK 120 (engine number W19768) and would like to fill in the car's history. The car has this plaque on the door panel, stating that the history of the car is recorded with the

JAGM XK and Classic Era Register.

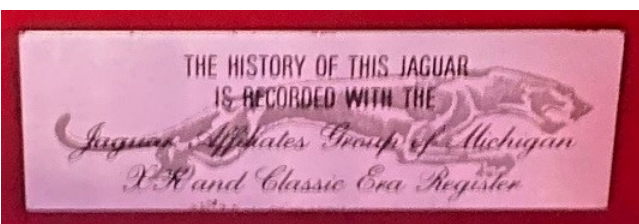
George purchased the car from Ed Slane, in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, who had bought it from a broker "Hyman Ltd" in Missouri at an auction. Previous to that the car was owned by James Weddle, of Webster Groves, MO (around 1997). The earliest

owners George (around 1997). The earliest owners George



has been able to identify were Jay Kaufman and Bill Nesbit, who was from East Detroit (the JAGM connec-

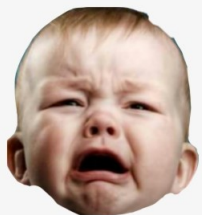
tion?). He believes the car was restored in the mid to late 1970's. Here is a picture of the car as it looks today. If you can help George with any information about the car, contact him at: gsmamis@rudin.com.



2021 JAGM Proposed Event Calendar

Month	Date	Event
January	13th	Video Membership Meeting
February	14th 10th	Tipping Pointe Theater & Dinner (Tom & Johnine) Video Membership Meeting
March	10th 21st (?)	Awards Banquet at Lakeside Jaguar Feather Bowling and Dinner (Tom & Johnine)
April	3rd 14th 24th	Stahl's Automotive Collection, with WDMGC Video Membership Meeting Sharpe Jaguar / Private Car Museum / Jimmy John box lunch, or
May	1st 12th Sat? 29th	Sharpe Jaguar / Private Car Museum / Jimmy John box lunch Video/Physical Membership Meeting / Speaker or Presentation R. E. Olds Museum, Lansing / Bowdies Chophouse Mueller's Steak Fry (Chuck & Wendy)
June	5th 9th 19th 25th -28th	Jaguar Troy / LaFontaine Classic Cars / Bakers of Milford Video Membership Meeting Motor Muster and Historic Base Ball Match, Greenfield Village Summer Drive - Hocking Hills & The Wilds, with RR Club?
July	9th - 11th 14th 24th 25th	DeNooyer Jaguar / Mad Dogs & Englishmen Car Show Video/Physical Membership Meeting (Speaker or Presentation) Concours of America / Cars & Coffee at St. John's Inn Concours of America - Club Parking on the Field (?)
August	7th 11th 28th?	Jags on the Bay (Teresa) Video Membership Meeting JAGM 53rd Concours d'Elegance & 2nd British Car Showcase
September	8th 11th - 12th 12th	Video/Physical Membership Meeting (Speaker or Presentation) The Apple of Your Eye Car Show (Wendy & Chuck) Battle of the Brits
October	2nd 13th 17th	Farmington Hills Jaguar / Lingenfelter Collection / South Lyon Hotel Video Membership Meeting Fall Color Drive (Flint to Port Huron for lunch and back)
November	10th ?	Charity Auction Brighton to London Vintage Car (Homage) Run
December	5th	Holiday Party

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



Town Crier: Hear Ye, Hear Ye, The JAGM Holiday Party is **Cancelled!**

Yet another victim of COVID in 2020, the annual JAGM Holiday Party at the Whitehorse Inn in Metamora, scheduled for December 5th, is cancelled. We hope your Holidays are happy and safe, and let's all hope for a better 2021!



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