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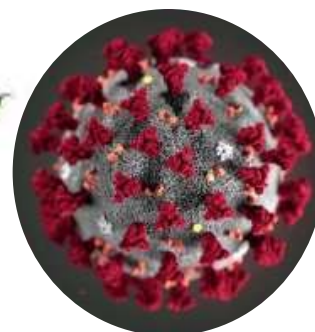
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# 2020



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## 2 About our Club

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### *The Jaguar Auto Group*

*“A Special Club For All Who Love And Enjoy Jaguars  
And Other Fine British Marques “*

#### *Club History*

Formed in 1982, the Jaguar Auto Group (or “JAG” for short) is a non-profit membership organization. Our mission is to promote the usage and enjoyment of Jaguars and other fine British marques of all kinds. Owning a Jaguar is not a requirement for membership.

Based in New Jersey, with members throughout the Tri-State Area, we are affiliated with Jaguar Clubs of North America (JCNA) which covers Jaguar clubs throughout North America.

We sponsor many exciting and enjoyable events throughout the year with the main emphasis on having fun and enjoying our wonderful cars. We value above all good company and friendship in a non-competitive environment. Many members have become long-term, close friends, drawn together by a common love for fine automobiles.

So, if you are looking for a club with members who will share your interests, please join our group!

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### **3 Messages**

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#### **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE.....**



**H**ello Jag Members  
I wish that I could say it's been a great year for our club, but current circumstances put a damper on our group activities. We did get to start the year with a wonderful turnout for our AGM and even managed a number of breakfast gatherings along with a couple of picnics at local State parks. Unfortunately it is not looking like we will hold an in person meeting this year but we will keep you all informed as to what will transpire. I hope the Spring of 2021 will see an improvement in conditions and let us take part in some club events even if they are outdoors. I hope that many of you will support us and rejoin the club again this coming year. To that end we are reducing the dues, requesting only the JCNA fee and a further \$5 for our club. In the meantime please let me know if there are events that you would like us to consider for the group in the upcoming year. I wish you all a Merry Christmas a Happy Hanukkah and a great New Year to come. Please keep you and your families safe.

Best wishes  
Jeremy Dale



## 4 Messages

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From your JAG MAG Editor.....

**2020** will forever be known as the year that wasn't. There weren't any car shows, picnics, club gatherings, Christmas brunch and only 2 monthly breakfasts. However, the silver lining for JAG is that our members have apparently survived everything that has been thrown at us and will be here to enjoy each others cars and company again when life returns to some type of normal, hopefully sometime next year.

As you will see in this issue, besides our AGM and the January and February breakfasts, our leader Jeremy, being his usual proactive self, managed to pull together a couple of fun drives to a couple of great spots with spectacular scenery. It presented welcomed opportunities to get some fresh air while using our cars and swapping Covid war stories with other members.

For this Cars & Coffee section, my recent rebuild of my Etype 4 speed transmission gave me the opportunity to provide you a glimpse into what happens when you row your way through the gears in your Jag.

At this point, plans for a 2021 AGM are up in the air as we see what transpires over the next months but as always, don't forget to get your dues into John Green soon.

With all the bad that we endured this year, Pat and I are ending the year on a high note with the wedding of our oldest Granddaughter in October and the birth of our youngest Granddaughter in November. I'm sure we can all find things to be grateful for as we look forward to a much better 2021

Best wishes for happy and safe holidays to all,

**Denis Donohue**  
**Newsletter Editor**



Ultimate social distancing at 3000 feet!!



## 5 Report on the AGM held on January 26, 2020

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**Mark Denesevich**  
**Secretary**



### **M**inutes of the Jaguar Auto Group AGM January 26, 2020

President Jeremy Dale called the meeting to order at 11:55 AM

#### **Minutes of the 2018 AGM**

The minutes having been published in the club newsletter were accepted by motion and seconded.

#### **The Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer, John Green reported that there is \$4,478 in the checking account as of this meeting. Membership dues totaled \$1,935 and the annual picnic had net proceeds of \$130, for total income of \$2,065. Expenses for 2019 totaled \$2,114. The club is in sound financial condition. The Treasurer's report was accepted by motion and seconded.

#### **Election of Officers**

Existing officers were reconfirmed with the exception of Membership Secretary.

Club Officers for 2020:

President: Jeremy Dale

Vice President: Ray Tahan

Treasurer: John Green

Secretary: Mark Denesevich

Newsletter Editor: Denis Donohue

Membership Secretary: Patricia Hric

Director of Communications: Al Reda



The slate of officers was nominated and confirmed by voice vote.

#### **Old Business**

JAG and JTC declined to provide sponsorship support for the 2019 AGM due to the financial liability inherent in the sponsorship structure imposed by JCNA.





## **6 Report on the AGM held on January 26, 2020 (continued)**

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### **New Business**

Membership: JAG gained seven new members in 2019: Bob Basso, Stuart Berson, Nicholas Bulzacchelli, Louis DiGeranimo, Marty and Etta Heagen and Frank Pozar.

Coventry Cup: This year the Coventry Cup is awarded to Mark Denesevich for his service as Secretary for several years and the 2019 Rallye which preceded the Annual Picnic.

JCNA AGM 2020: There are no delegates as yet from JAG. Gino Lolacono is a possible delegate from our club.

Newsletter: Denis Donohue agreed to continue his outstanding work on the JAG newsletter and asked that members give suggestions for future content.

Spring Dustoff and Annual Picnic: Proposed Dustoff date is April 27 with a tour through Passaic, Morris and Essex Counties, ending at the Bella Vista Restaurant in Oak Ridge, NJ. Approximate cost is \$25 per person. JAG has met at the Dawn Patrol Motorcycle Club for the past three years. Jeremy Dale is seeking suggestions for a new venue if the members are interested in a change.

Tours and Trips: Orange County NY including West Point (Autumn) and The Simione Museum in Philadelphia were suggested as tours. Jeremy Dale expressed an interest in some day tours that could conclude with a High Tea.

Monthly Breakfasts: The breakfast meetings are growing nicely in participation.

JTC and Other Events: Cats in the Garden at the Van Cleef House in Ho Ho Cus, NJ; Britfest in May 2020 in Sucasunna, NJ; The British are Coming Again in Lewes Delaware on May2; A Touch of England on June 13; Tinicum Polo Club Jaguar Festival on Polo Match weekend, the last Saturday in September.

Members were encouraged to visit the Jaguar Automobile Facebook page and with that the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 PM

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On July 15th, Jeremy, organized a fun drive to Stokes State Forest in Branchville, NJ. 6 cars joined us in exploring this state park which was created in 1907 and consists of 16,025 acres.

Our destination was the scenic overlook on the ridge at the top of Sunrise Mountain which had spectacular views.



The weather was perfect and the puffy cumulus clouds created a great backdrop.



Everyone brought their own picnic lunch which we were able to enjoy in the adjacent picnic area.



The overlook sits on the ridge at 1,625 ft of elevation and is part of The Appalachian Trail.

Ray Tahan brought his new to him, Triumph TR6. It was a great way to enjoy the day with our cars and fellow club members while properly social distancing.





*Give our seniors something to smile about!*

**Friday, August 21st**  
**Beginning at 10:45 am**

**THIS IS A PRIVATE EVENT FOR  
 CANAL WALK & SOMERSET  
 WOODS RESIDENTS ONLY!**

**SOMERSET WOODS**  
 Rehabilitation and Nursing Center  
 780 Old New Brunswick Road  
 Somerset, NJ 08873

**Car Parade Starts at Colonial Park Parking  
 Lot G off Mettlers Rd. at 10:45am. Please  
 be at the parking lot by 10:30am.**

TO RSVP or for more information, contact  
 Carrie at (732) 653-3000 ext. 107 or email  
[csantiago@somersetwoodsny.com](mailto:csantiago@somersetwoodsny.com)

**DETAILS: Vehicles should meet  
 at Colonial Park parking lot G  
 off Mettlers Rd. Somerset  
 Woods staff will lead the car  
 parade.**

**PARADE ROUTE**  
 STARTING AT COLONIAL PARK  
 PARKING LOT G:  
 • Right- Mettlers Road  
 • Left- Schoolhouse Road  
 • Left- Canal Walk Blvd  
 — Drive around Complex —  
 • Right- Schoolhouse Road  
 • Straight- New Brunswick Rd.  
 • Left- Old New Brunswick Rd.  
 • Right- 2nd Parking lot entrance at  
 Somerset Woods  
 — Drive Around Facility —  
 Parade ends after driving  
 around Somerset Woods

**Rain Date August 22nd**

In August, a number of our JAG members joined other classic car enthusiasts in a parade to raise the spirits of the nursing home residents at Somerset Woods.





**Our September drive took us to High Point State Park in Sussex County. At an elevation of 1,803 feet above sea level, it is the highest point in the state of New Jersey.**



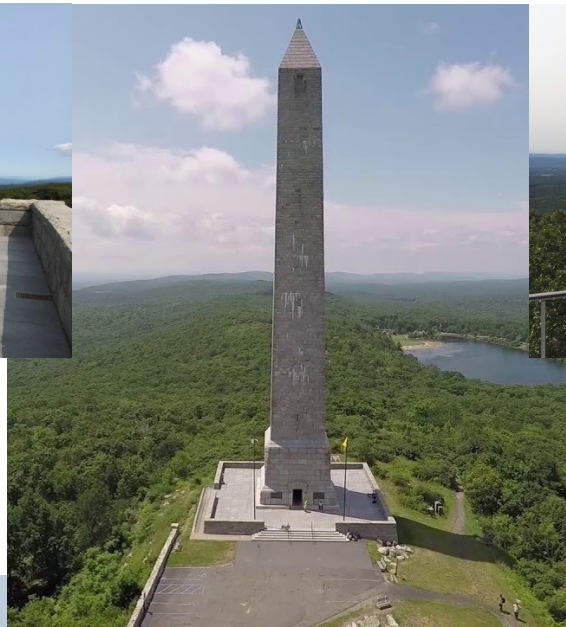
**We met on route 23 for the scenic drive north.**



**Ray Tahan again brought a Triumph.**



**The granite memorial at the top stands 220 feet tall.**



**It was built by the land donors to honor the war veterans.**



**We broke out our picnic lunches in the nice grassy picnic area with spectacular views.**



## 11 DRIVING TOURS

## HIGH POINT STATE PARK

The park provides a unique view to the north looking down on the Port Jervis NY area where the 3 states of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania meet at a point on the Delaware River. The great weather and clear day really provided for spectacular views in all directions.



Kudos go to our leader Jeremy for organizing these fun drives. A great way to safely enjoy our cars and fellow JAGers.







### DEMISTIFYING THE JAGUAR 4 SPEED ALL SYNCHROMESH GEARBOX



My rebuild starts with a thorough degreasing of the outside followed by a complete disassembly of all components. The oil pump is the round device sitting on the paper towel in the far right of this photo.

This gearbox gives years of reliable service without complaining as a result of it's robust design and it's longevity is further enhanced by the incorporation of an internal oil pump which supplies pressurized oil to the bearings on all the gears whenever the car is moving.



These are the organs of the gearbox. In the upper left of the photo is the reverse idler gear which slides on the shaft when you move the shift lever to reverse. To it's right is the cluster gear which is one piece and always turning whenever the clutch is released,. The bottom left is the input shaft and gear which is also one piece and has the clutch attached to it. To the right of that is the mainshaft which is the heart of the box.

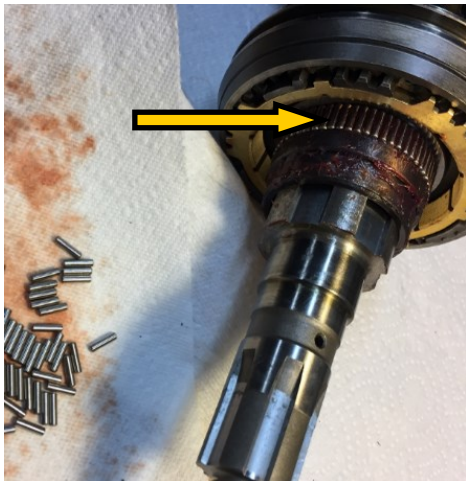


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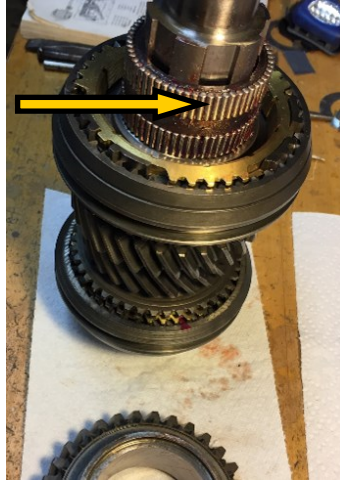


This is the mainshaft disassembled. The parts starting from the right side are: reverse gear, first gear, first/second gear syncro hub, 2nd gear, 3rd gear, 3rd/ 4th gear syncro hub, 4th gear syncro ring. Below them is the empty mainshaft which will have the driveshaft coupling attached at it's right side.

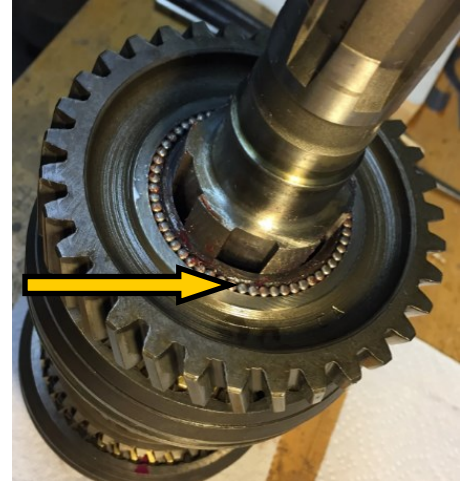
The gears on the mainshaft ride on a total of 332 individual needle bearings with 2 rows of them under each gear. During reassembly of the shaft, each needle has to be manually positioned on the shaft using grease as a adhesive to keep them in position. Once both rows are in position the gear can be carefully slid over them. In operation, pressurized oil from the internal pump is fed down the center of the shaft and out holes to the inside of each gear. I told you it is a robust design.



The first row of needles is in position for first gear, getting ready to position the second row. The exact quantity of needles required for each position must be carefully counted out before starting to install them.



The second row of needles have now been positioned and ready for the gear to be installed. This is a delicate operation as the clearances are very tight and it is easy to dislodge some of the needles during install as it is only the stickiness of the grease holding them to the shaft.

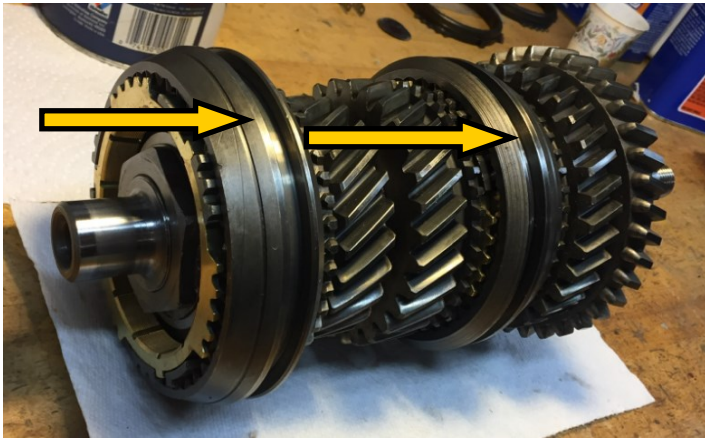


With first gear now installed, you can see the ends of the needles around the inside diameter of the gear and how exact the clearances are between the shaft, needles and gear.



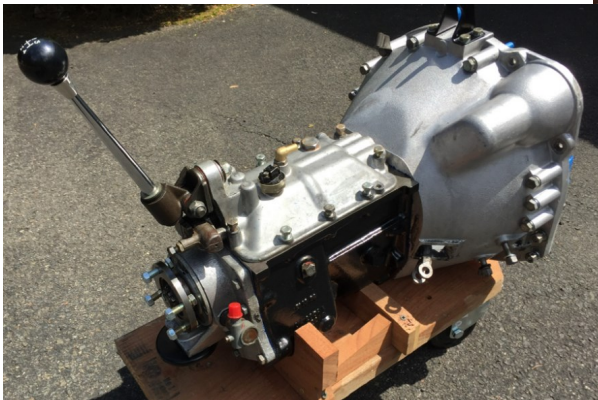
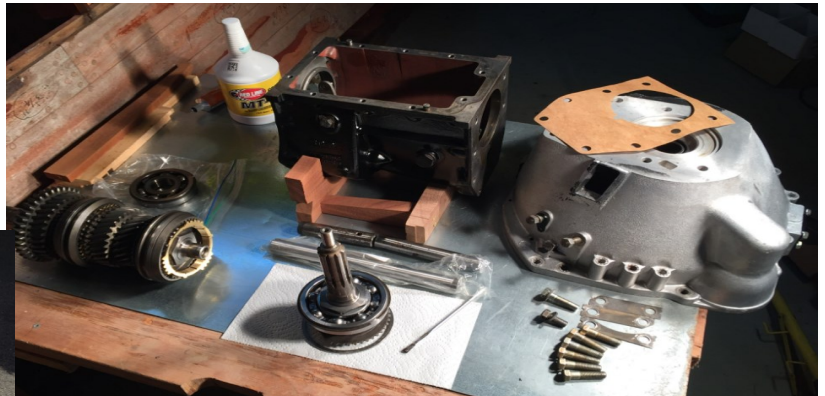
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The 2 synchro hub assemblies are what you are moving when you use the shift lever to change gears. Their function is to prevent grinding the gears by bringing the gear up to the same speed as the mainshaft before engaging it. One is for 1st 2nd gear and the other 3rd 4th gear which is why you have to move the gear lever sideways to go from 1-2 to 3-4. Incidentally, there is no actual 4th gear, it is simply a direct connection between the input and main/ output shaft so the power transfer is straight through.

The refurbished gearbox back together and ready for many more miles of fun Jag driving. Hopefully you now have some understanding of what happens when you move that shifter.



My Etype project car is just hanging around waiting for it's newly refurbished gearbox.....among a few other things!





## 15 2020 AGM

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**Our AGM was again held in January at Potbelly's Riverside Café with excellent attendance and the usual good food.**







**The Coventry Cup was awarded this year to Mark and Barbara Denesevich in recognition of their work as Club Secretary as well as their considerable effort in creating a great Rally tour for last year's Picnic.**



**Unfortunately, late word has it that Potbelly's has permanently closed as another victim of the Pandemic so whenever we can have the next AGM, it will have to be elsewhere.**



## 17 Monthly breakfasts

A major victim of the Pandemic was our monthly breakfasts which were dearly missed by everyone. We did however, manage to enjoy two of them before everything was shut down. Both events were very well attended with over 30 members at the March brunch.





## 18 Monthly breakfasts

Our March breakfast was held back at Taphouse 15 where we got to try out their new sunroom which was delightful and as usual the food was excellent. We had a nice size group with over 30 members attending.



We brought a sample of THE COMPLETE BOOK OF JAGUAR by NIGEL THORLEY which was passed around to everyone. As a result, Laura Lee organized a sizeable order for multiple copies which we were able to get at a heavily discounted rate.



Everyone had such a great time it was impossible to imagine the catastrophe that was right around the corner and would prevent us from holding another brunch until ?????



## 19 JAG South report

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For those of you that are not aware, over the past few years, 4 long time JAG families retired to the same Florida neighborhood in Tequesta FL. We now unofficially call them JAG South. Here is a current report from JAG South spokesman, Jim Louden. *ED*.

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**All is quiet down here. Nobody in Jag south has been infected and we are all just keeping ourselves healthy by not going very far. We look forward to getting the vaccine so we can again move beyond the grocery and hardware stores.**

**Best to all you guys.**



**Jim and Lynda Louden with Maggie, Steve and Alisa Weinstein, Paul and Marianne Delatush, Art and Geri Steinberg.**  
**P.S. Come on down... The golf is great.**





**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**TBD**



## JAGUAR AUTO GROUP

New Membership & Renewal Application  
Affiliated with Jaguar Clubs of North America JCNA

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

What activities would interest you most? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you hear about Jaguar Auto Group? \_\_\_\_\_

Jaguar's owned: \_\_\_\_\_

Other British Marques: \_\_\_\_\_

JCNA Membership Number Through JAG: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dues are \$35. (\$30. JCNA \$5. JAG) Includes Bi-Monthly Jaguar Journal Magazine and JCNA Membership. THERE IS NO PRO-RATING OF JCNA MEMBERSHIP.**

**Make check payable to JAGUAR AUTO GROUP and mail to:**

**John Green, 73 Inwood Avenue, Upper Montclair, N.J. 07043  
973-783-7499**

**If you are a current JCNA Member through another club YOUR JAG DUES ARE \$5. If so include your current JCNA Membership # \_\_\_\_\_.**

**New Members joining after July 1<sup>st</sup> pay \$35 (\$30 JCNA and \$5 JAG) for the remaining JCNA membership and Journal issues.**

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