

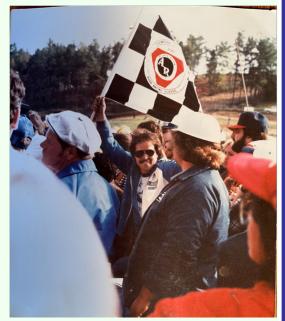
CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF THE E-TYPE

Editor's Note: This month's E-Type article is written by Mike Meyer, who serves as a Regional Director for JCNA's North Central Region, which includes the Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh and 10 other clubs.

By Mike Meyer North Central Regional Director

I bought a Jaguar E-Type after I graduated from college in 1977. Little did I know that by 1980 I would be in victory lane at Road Atlanta as crew chief of Gran Turismo Jaguar's SCCA C Production Championship winning E-Type.

My first E-Type was a 1963 3.8 OTS. The car needed a lot of work and my hunt for parts led me to a small Jaguar dealer in Eastlake, Ohio. The shop had a good parts department and I soon became a regular customer. One day I noticed a race-prepared E-Type in the showroom. I asked one of the owners about the Jag and mentioned that if he ever needed a hand with the race car to let me know. Without skipping a beat, he replied "When can you start?" That chance meeting led to a long friendship with Lou Fidanza that continues to this day.



Mike Meyer in Victory Lane at the Road Atlanta 1980 Championship

I could write a book about the long hours, late nights and last-minute scrambles to prepare the Jag for each race. We traveled numerous times to Nelson Ledges, Mid-Ohio, Indianapolis Raceway Park, Watkins Glen and Road Atlanta among others. Each race was an adventure and I learned a lot about cars, racing, people and life in general.

We participated in the SCCA C Production class. Among the competitors were the factory backed Datsun "Z" cars of Paul Newman, Bob Leitzinger, Logan Blackburn and Jim Fitzgerald. There was also Ken Slagle in his British Leyland backed Triumph TR8 as well assorted Corvettes and Camaros. Our 1980 Championship win is a classic David versus Goliath story and was widely reported in many of the automobile magazines of the day. *Continued on Page 2*



Pre-Race Gran Turismo Jaguar Team photo. L-R: Kay Kennedy, Steve Tanski, Lou Fidanza and Mike Meyer. In race car, Fred Baker

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By Mike Meyer

I went on to own a total of three E-Types over the years. The last being a 1973 Series III V-12 2+2 (my favorite). In 2005 I decided it was time for a more modern Jaguar and bought an XK8 Coupe, which in my mind has a lot of E-Type DNA in its design. After 12 years of ownership, I sold the XK8 to a fellow Jaguar Club of Ohio club member. Currently I own a "practical" Jaguar, a 2019 F-Pace S.



Mike's 1973 Series III E-Type V-12 2+2



Above: His 2001 XK8

At right: Mike Meyer in his 2019 F-Pace S, shown in the photo above running a JCNA Slalom

Photos courtesy of Mike Meyer



Mike's 1963 E-Type OTS (also his 1972 Datsun Z in the background)



Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh 2021 Events Calendar



Date	Event	Sponsor
August 21	Jaguars at Jacksons Dinner Event	Dave Gamret 734-645-5864
September 11	JCOP Concours d'Elegance Fox Chapel Yacht Club	Bryan Williams 412-751-2355
September 26	British Cars at Hartwood	Jack Terrick 724-837-7497

The Board encourages members to attend and sponsor club events that would be interesting to club members, especially as health and safety protocols and conditions permit. If you have a suggestion or idea, please contact Rich Aronson who is keeping the calendar (412-551-8319) or another Board member to discuss your ideas. In the meantime, please stay safe and healthy through the season!

NON-JCOP Events for 2021:

April 30-May 2	Greenbrier Concours d'Elegance		
May 29	Susquehanna Valley Concours d'Elegance	Dave Hershe	y 717-846-0642
June 5	Delaware Valley Jaguar Club Concours	Jim Sjoreen	610-989-3860
June 24-26	Arthritis Foundation Auto Show, Dublin, Oh	io	
July 11-25	Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix		
August 7	Jaguar Club of Ohio Concours		
August 26-28	JCNA Annual General Meeting (AGM), Col	umbia, SC	
September 10	Watkins Glen Grand Prix Festival		
September 18	2nd Annual Road Rally, Sewickley, PA		



Pour yourself the beverage of your choice, sit down in a comfortable chair and relax. I will try to be brief but there is exciting news and a lot to cover in this edition.

March was a momentous month for the JCOP. The Board met on Zoom and unanimously approved a restatement of the club By-Laws. The last revision of this document took place in 2009 so it was probably time to review how our club operates. The new By-Laws will be effective on June 1 of this year and here's a summary of the major revisions approved:

- **Non-discrimination Policy:** While being a member has never required ownership of a Jaguar, the wording of this policy has been updated to reflect society in the 21st century. It now specifically prohibits discrimination of any kind that would prevent membership. Since many venues now mandate this clause for holding events on their property, we have eliminated any potential issues for locating club activities going forward.
- **Board Actions Without a Meeting:** A process was enacted to allow the Board of Directors to vote on urgent club matters without the need for a formal meeting.
- **Immediate Past-President:** The previous club President will now be invited to participate on the Board of Directors as an Associate Director. The experience and insight of this former officer will be welcome in guiding the Board on decisions regarding the operation of the club.
- **Nominating Committee:** The committee responsible for compiling a slate of candidates for the following year's Board of Directors will be appointed in time for their names to be published in the July newsletter. This will enable members seeking to serve the club in one of the Board positions to know who to contact to express their interest and have ample opportunity to discuss the respective positions with the committee members.
- **Board of Directors Election:** The designated Annual Meeting in November to elect the Board of Directors will be replaced by an online election coordinated through the club's new website (more on this significant development in upcoming issues of the Jargon). This will enable the full membership of the JCOP to review the complete ballot of candidates prior to the election and directly participate in their selection without having to attend a specific meeting.
- <u>Club Policies:</u> Specific operating principles and procedures of the club will be executed per written policies approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. This change will provide clarity and flexibility for the JCOP to conduct business. Policies will be available for reference on the new website to club members only.

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President's Perspective By Dave Gamret



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Additional minor changes were made in wording, grammar and organization to provide comprehensive flexibility and clarity to some operating processes. I want to especially thank the By-Laws Subcommittee chaired by Don Johnson and including Bill Cooper and Stu Benson for guiding us through this tedious process utilizing Zoom and email to arrive at a viable document for consideration. Sincere gratitude must also be expressed to the entire Board for participating in a special meeting by Zoom, proposing and approving a number of amendments during the meeting, and ultimately approving the final version. This dedicated effort by all those involved will enable our club to move forward with more inclusive, transparent and efficient operating procedures.

There is one more request that needs to be reiterated. In the February issue I thanked Fred Segal for leading the charge to create a special event to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the JCOP. With new By-Laws in place and a new website under construction this will indeed be a monumental year for our club. We asked for volunteers to aid Fred on this committee to bring a truly memorable evening to fruition. We clearly hope this will be a possibility later in the year but we need to start planning and making arrangements now. We have so many members in the club with great ideas and organizational talents that can contribute. Fred is an energetic guy, but he can't do it alone. PLEASE contact Fred at his phone or email which is listed here in the Jargon and volunteer your services.

OK. Stand up, stretch, replenish that beverage and hope we can all get together again soon.

Dave

Coventry Corner



By Stu Benson, JCOP Liaison to the Coventry Foundation

As many members of JCOP are now well aware, the Coventry Foundation was formed some years ago to be the primary source for information and materials related to the heritage of Jaguar Cars in North America. It has been approved by the Internal Revenue Service as an approved Charitable Organization pursuant to Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. However, there is a part of the Coventry Foundation of which some of our members may not be aware.

The British Sports Car Hall of Fame is part of the Coventry Foundation. The mission of the Hall is to preserve and perpetuate the legacy and impact of these legendary vehicles and to honor the

men and women responsible for their success. Located in Petersburg, VA, this museum has British cars (including race cars) and memorabilia to view. Induction into the Hall of Fame is reserved for those who have made a significant and lasting impact on the British sports car industry and hobby, making it a singular honor for a lifetime of achievement. By celebrating the memory of the dedicated individuals that played key roles, the Hall serves as a touchstone for British sports car enthusiasts of all ages and interests, furthered by its various preservation and education initiatives to preserve and protect the history and cultural impact of British sports cars in America.



So how did the Coventry Foundation – which was formed to preserve the heritage of the Jaguar marque – come to be the "proprietor" of the British Sports Car Hall of Fame? While our fellow JCOP member and Chairman of the Coventry Foundation - Gary Kincel – can best tell the story (and perhaps he will do so at one of our future JCOP get-togethers), after the British Sports Car Hall of Fame started in 2016, it started running out of momentum such that by 2019 it best needed an entity like a foundation invested in British cars and racing history to come to the rescue.



With the Board of Directors of the Coventry Foundation having a love of all British marques (and owning some beyond Jaguars), and believing if they did not undertake this investment, the museum was at risk of being closed and its contents auctioned off. The Coventry Foundation Directors jumped into the pool and in 2019 assumed control and all rights of the British Sports Car Hall of Fame. And surprise, surprise: The Chairman of Board of Directors of the British Sports Car Hall of Fame is drum roll, please Gary Kincel! He never ceases to amaze with all the volunteer obligations he has undertaken to preserve British, and especially Jaguar, marque history. *Continued on Page 7*

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While a future article can share information about the luminaries that have been inducted into the British Car Hall of Fame since 2017 and those that are on the Board of Directors, with the location of this Hall of Fame museum being at Moss Motors in Petersburg, VA this may well be a destination for a JCOP travel escapade especially since in 2023 they will be inducting a new class of Honorees, the location will be celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Moss Motors, and there will be a Motor Fest Event there with hundreds of cars on display with many of them undoubtedly being Jaguars. Chairman Kincel undoubtedly can help us plan such a tour as well as perhaps arrange some special behind-the-scenes access for us. Certainly, it is something about which to give thought that is merely two years away. If you are in the Richmond/Petersburg, VA area before then, check it out and let us know.

If anyone has any ideas or questions, do not hesitate to contact Stu Benson @ 412-491-1486 or stubenson3@gmail.com .

Contact information: www.coventryfoundation.org and www.britishsportscarhalloffame.org .



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Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE: Series 1 E-type roadster quarter panels (left and right uppers from door jamb to bumper). Never on car ... still as new. Prefer to sell as a pair. \$1250 OBO for the pair . Buyer pays packing and shipping.

Other items for sale: Used heater box with core, good shape Headlight covers with trim rings Bonnet hinge repair panel New vacuum tank Original jack in bag

Email the club member for a complete list of items for sale at **satchman2013@yahoo.com**

The photo at right shows the Series 1 E-type roadster quarter panels ... still in original primer and never used.



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NOTE: The JCOP newsletter, Jaguar Jargon, is sent to members via email in PDF format.

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Rules require only that your entry is a Jaguar, or Jaguar replica, with a Jaguar engine. Entries may cross over between Divisions, but points awarded in one division become invalid when crossing over to another division.

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JCOP is Celebrating our 50th Anniversary! 1971 - 2021



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LOOKING BACK ...

The photo at right shows JCOP members in a parade lap of the race course when Jaguar was PVGP Marque of the Year in 2016.

LOOKING AHEAD ...

Jaguar will once again be Marque of the Year at the 2026 Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix!!



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