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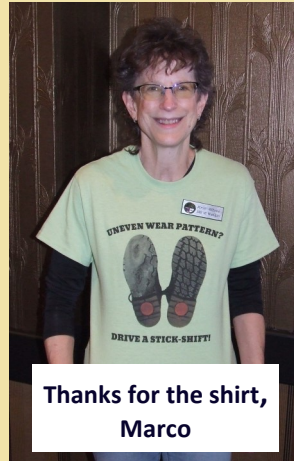
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Martin demonstrated his patented disco moves



Thanks for the shirt, Marco

Our first in person membership meeting since March, 2020, occurred at Brass Pointe on May 12. It felt good to restore a bit of normalcy, seeing each other in three dimensions again. The meeting featured an excellent presentation by J. Martin Rowell and Steve Rohde, titled "Jaguar E-Type Pedigree 1961-2021."

Steve was unable to attend, leaving the presentation duties in the capable hands of Martin, who was nattily attired in tweed and even an authentic ascot! The presentation started with the introduction of the XK120 in 1949 and followed Jaguar's sports and racing cars through the 1950's, showing the progression in both styling and underpinnings culminating in the iconic E-Types in 1961. Included were lots of photographs, diagrams and names and profiles of the people involved in developing the cars. Members chimed in with many questions, comments and anecdotes



along the way, and we all enjoyed it and learned a lot. The entire set of Powerpoint slides is available on the JAGM website at: <https://www.jagm.org/copy-of-history>.

Thanks to Martin and Steve for a fascinating and entertaining presentation! Wendy Mueller wrapped up the meeting with one of her famous JAGM raffles. Our June membership meeting will be via Zoom, on Wednesday, June 9; see page 12 for details.

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RE Olds Museum Sign

Steve Myerscough



the President's Purr...

Springtime excitement is in the air!

It's starting to get very close to the olden times. Times where happy smiles were seen, and happy hugs were felt. A lot of masking mandates have been lifted for fully vaccinated individuals, and I cannot be more excited! I miss those wonderful smiles from all our members and how those friendly hugs made me feel so warm and secure. I can't wait for our JAGM family to be all together again.

We continue to get more and more new members added to our roster, which is no doubt related to the enhancements to our website, the new on-line payment process, and even the setup for our Zoom meetings. Kudos to Phil, Tim, Pauline, Gary and Ellie, Jeff, Larry, Gary C, Tim, Mark, and Steve for all your

incredible contributions to the club, and dedication to make the website and The Indicator top notch!

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming JAGM 2021 Activities, so please remember to reserve your spot for them early and register online. We've got some doozies coming up!

(Hint, hint.....Jags on the Bay...August 7th.....! "bet" you'll want to take a "gamble" and be there. I see it in the "cards" for you! Wink, wink)

Until next we meet...

Teresa



Taste of the Track Day

When: Friday, June 18, 2021, 10:30 AM

Where: Waterford Hills Road Racing, 4770 Waterford Road, Clarkston, MI

Taste of the Track is part of a one-day high performance drivers school at Waterford Hills. The drivers school is an opportunity to put your car on the track.

Even if you're not participating in the driver's school, Waterford Hills is a scenic course with many good

viewing locations—might be a pleasant way to spend an afternoon cheering on those members who are driving their Jags.

There are still a limited number of spots available. To register, or for any questions, contact Randolph Perry at rperry53@comcast.net.



JAGM Concours and British Showcase - Sunday, September 5, 2021

Plans are underway for the upcoming Jaguar Concours and British Showcase that will be again be taking place on Labor Day Weekend at Olde World Canterbury Village in Lake Orion. The Concours has been posted on the JCNA Calendar. British Car Clubs have been contacted and invited. The host hotel and Saturday evening Welcoming Party are in the works. Start cleaning up your car to get ready for a great show.

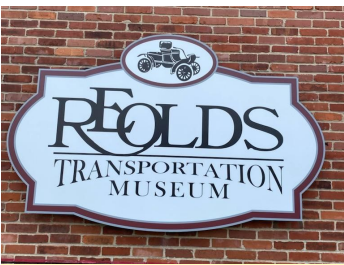
Bob Matejek

Welcome New Members

Member Name	Jaguars Owned
Joe Ross	2015 F-Type
Jim and Michelle Young	1968 XKE Roadster
Lance Riegle	1961 MKII Saloon
Martin and Christel Rowell	
Stephen and Karen Talbot	2021 F-Type R

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

RE Olds Transportation Museum



On Saturday, May 15th, sixteen JAGM members drove to Lansing and met at the R E Olds Transportation Museum. It was a partly cloudy morning with the afternoon temperature headed for 70 degrees. Mother nature was cooperating nicely.

In its early days, Lansing was the “Motor City” with its car production exceeding Detroit’s by a factor of more than three. This would change later, but Lansing’s history and that of Ransom Olds was unmistakably a major force in the early automotive industry.

The auto industry flourished in Michigan for a number of reasons, but one simple explanation is that key innovators lived here. Henry Ford was born on a farm in nearby Greenfield Township and Ransom Olds settled in Lansing. These two would go on to be two of the most important pioneers in the industry by the

turn of the 20th century. Olds invented the assembly line and Ford created the first conveyor belt-based assembly line. These inventions enabled mass production on a scale others could not match.

Ransom and his father originally produced stationary steam engines to power manufacturing processes. From that beginning they evolved into producing other transportation items. The REO company,



RE Olds Transportation Museum (cont'd)

Ransom's second car manufacturing company follow-



ing the Olds Motor Car Company, is the only car manufacturing company ever to produce vehicles powered by steam, electric and internal combustion engines.



The museum has more than sixty vehicles on display dating from 1897 through 2004. REO produced cars, trucks for commercial and military use,

products for aviation, bicycles, lawn mowers, pedal cars and tricycles and even an inboard motor kit for converting row boats into powered boats. Their inboard motor kit, unlike their other ventures, never caught on.



After our docent led tours, we drove to the nearby Lansing Brewing Company, where we spent a couple of hours enjoying good food, drink and conversation.

Phil Crutchfield

JAGM 2021 Activities Calendar

	June	July	August
Meeting Activity	JAGM Monthly Membership Zoom Meeting Wednesday, 9 th @ 7:00 PM	JAGM Monthly Membership Meeting at Brass Pointe Wednesday, 14 th @ 7:00 PM	JAGM Monthly Membership Zoom Meeting Wednesday, 11 th @ 7:00 PM
Outside Activity	British Car Corral at Baker's of Milford Milford, MI Sunday, June 13 th	Mad Dogs & Englishmen Hickory Corners, MI Saturday 10 th —Sunday, 11 th	Jags on the Bay Bay City, MI Saturday, August 7 th
	Taste of the Track Day Waterford Hills Road Racing Clarkston, MI Friday, June 18 th	British Car Corral at Baker's of Milford Milford, MI Sunday, July 18 th	British Car Corral at Baker's of Milford Milford, MI Sunday, August 15 th
	Motor Muster and Historic Base Ball Game Greenfield Village, Dearborn, MI Sunday, June 20 th	Concours of America Cars and Coffee Inn at St John's, Plymouth, MI Saturday, July 24 th	
	Summer Drive Hocking Hills & The Wilds Southern Ohio Friday, 25 th —Monday, 28 th	Concours of America JAGM Parking on the Field Plymouth, MI Sunday, July 25 th	

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

JAGS and Java Grand Rapids

JAGM's first-ever Jags and Java event at a Michigan Jaguar dealership took place Saturday, May 1st at Sharpe Jaguar Land Rover in Grand Rapids. About 25 Jaguars were on display, ranging in age from Series 1 E-Types to the latest F-Types. After enjoying the wonderful weather and exceptional hospitality of the dealership staff, most of the group moved down the road a couple miles to Dom Federico's Good Friends Auto collection.



appreciated the opportunity to see part of the history of Jaguar through the diverse assortment of cars present.

Kevin Butterfield brought the wild looking, racy Jaguar XK in the photo on page 7 with a unique story. See the sidebar with the picture for more on that, including a link to a

video that introduces Kevin's moving story behind the car.

Good Friends Auto was our next stop. Dom and Dee Federico opened their beautiful facility and wonderfully varied collec-



The festivities actually began for many of us on Friday evening as we were hosted by Reds at Thousand Oaks restaurant for a relaxing cocktail hour and a fine meal, with a panoramic view of the golf course.

Saturday morning was cool but clear and sunny – excellent conditions for viewing, discussing, and comparing all the fine Jags while enjoying coffee, bagels and pastries provided by Sharpe JLR. It was a great time to renew friendships with other JAGM members and also meet other Jag enthusiasts who aren't (yet) members of the club. General Manager George Sharpe greeted us personally and the staff



tion of cars for us to wander through. Highlights for me included a BMW Isetta, a Porsche 356 Spyder and of course Dom's gorgeous 1968 E-Type roadster, all looking brand new. Dom even cleaned the place up by himself (he claimed). Whoever did it had the place clean enough that we could have eaten off the floor, although in fact he had tables set up so we could sit

JAGS and Java Grand Rapids (cont'd)



amongst the collection and enjoy the lunch provided by Sharpe JLR.

Thanks to Larry Taunt and Gary Cunningham for organizing this event, to George Sharpe and the staff at Sharpe JLR, and to Dom Federico for inviting us into his "toy room"! What a great way to spend a spring Saturday.

Gary Hillebrand



Jag for a Cause

This racy looking and sounding Jaguar XK was a real attention grabber as Kevin Butterfield pulled in to the Jags and Java event. As it turns out, grabbing attention is a primary purpose of the car, as you'll see in the video located here:

https://m.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR3aD1R6TRrXR830-xONPsBsdjzMvRmOMmeq7YvBylk6AuOKSpfCEpu-kO6g&v=fiNCB_xopkA&feature=youtu.be



Take a look for an interesting and inspiring story.



JAGM Name Badges

Make it easier for other JAGM members to get to know you and recognize you. Get a name badge today! The cost to order a mailed name badge is \$12.00. Come to a meeting or event and pick it up, the cost is only \$10.00.

Make check payable to: JAGM

Send your check to: Tim Moore, 43480 Devin, Clinton Twp, MI 48038

Your name: On a separate page CLEARLY PRINT your name as you wish it to appear on the badge.

Delivery/pickup: Indicate if you want your badge mailed (provide shipping address) or if you will pick it up.



2021 JAGM Summer Drive June 25—June 28

Join JAGM for a four day, three night summer drive to south-central Ohio. We will experience:

- Friday:** Star-gazing at **John Glenn Astronomy Park**, weather permitting
- Saturday:** Drive the scenic roads around **Hocking Hills**, including the section where Car and Driver tests their cars. Enjoy an open-air safari tour at **The Wilds** (\$40 per person + \$6 parking fee), where we will view wild and endangered species from around the globe.
- Sunday:** Tour **The Shawshank Trail** movie sets (\$18 per person)
- Monday:** Drive to Toledo for lunch at **Tony Packo's**, made famous on "MASH". After lunch, drive home independently.

We will start our journey by meeting for breakfast Friday, June 25th at **8:30 AM** at the **IHOP Restaurant** at 1240 S Dixie Hwy, Monroe, MI.

IMPORTANT DATES

June 9th - last date to reserve your Safari Tour for The Wilds

June 15th - last date to reserve your Motel Rooms

Please RSVP for your Safari tickets by 6/09/2021 using the JAGM website event page. This is the last date that we can increase or decrease the 20 tickets we had to pre-purchase for the Safari. If you RSVP after the 9th, you may not be able to obtain a Safari ticket.

MOTEL RESERVATIONS

Please contact the Holiday Inn Express - Logan, 740-385-7700 by June 15, 2021, and mention Jaguar Club to book your room for Friday, June 25th. We have 7 king rooms and 3 double-queen rooms reserved at \$179.99 plus tax.

Please contact the Fairfield Inn & Suites - Cambridge, 740-435-8700, by June 15th, and mention Jaguar Club to book your discounted king room for \$125, plus taxes, for Saturday, June 26th.

Please contact the La Quinta Inn & Suites - Mansfield, 419-774-0005, by June 15th, and mention Jaguar Club to book your discounted king room for \$75, plus taxes, for Sunday, June 27th.



PLANNED MEALS

We will generally plan on a substantial breakfast and a dinner daily. Currently the plan is:

- Day 1:** Breakfast at **IHOP** (Monroe)/Dinner at **The Olde Dutch Restaurant** (Logan)
- Day 2:** Breakfast at **Holiday Inn** (Logan)/Dinner at **Cracker Barrel** (Cambridge)
- Day 3:** Breakfast at **Mr Lee's** (Cambridge)/Dinner at nearby restaurant (Mansfield)
- Day 4:** Light breakfast at **La Quinta** (Mansfield)/Lunch at **Tony Packo's** (Toledo)

Please be aware that with the current restrictions, most restaurants will not book group reservations. And six people to a table seems to be the standard. So while we intend to use the restaurants above, last minute substitutions may be necessary.

ONLINE PAYMENTS REQUIRED

After you reserve on our website, specifying how many people in your group, you will receive an invoice for the number of tickets you specified for the Safari and for the the Shawshank Trail tour. These costs have been prepaid by JAGM.

Organizer: Phil Crutchfield

2021 Mad Dogs and Englishmen—July 10 & 11

Join us for the **Mad Dogs & Englishmen British Auto Faire XXIX** at the Gilmore Museum in Hickory Corners, MI.

For those who wish to caravan on Saturday afternoon, we will meet at 1 PM at the **McDonald's Restaurant**, 11022 Whitmore

Lake Road, Whitmore lake, MI. We will stay at the **FireKeepers Casino Hotel**, 11177 E Michigan Avenue, Battle Creek, MI. Dinner will be at 6 PM at the **SMOKE'N'FIRE restaurant** also at FireKeepers.

Sunday morning we will drive the 25 miles of back roads to the **Gilmore Museum**. There we will go through registration, park at the assigned location and enjoy the car show.

You can register your car and pay by check at [http://www.maddogsandenglishmen.org/mde/images/Auto%20Faire Registration%20Forms.pdf](http://www.maddogsandenglishmen.org/mde/images/Auto%20Faire%20Registration%20Forms.pdf).



Or you can register and pay online at <http://www.maddogsandenglishmen.org/mde/registration.cfm>.

Or you can register Sunday morning as you enter the event, but at a higher cost.

Please RSVP on our website by June 25th. You can join the caravan, or join us at SMOKE'N'FIRE for dinner, or join us at the Gilmore Museum on Sunday. Just let us know you are planning to be there and we will look for you.

If you are staying at FireKeepers, please reserve your room no later than June 25th. The discounted rate is \$229 plus taxes. To make reservations you can call 877-352-8777 (mention the Jaguar Club), or go online to <http://www.firekeeperscasino.com/>. Once there,

click on the "book now" button on the top right side of the page and enter the "group attendee" code **7102021JAG**.

Join us for this annual fun event.

Organizer: Phil Crutchfield.

Motor Muster and Base Ball at Greenfield Village—June 20

The **Motor Muster car show** and **Historic Base Ball** are returning to Greenfield Village this summer. Celebrate Father's Day at the Village and enjoy both events. Sunday hours for the Motor Muster will be 9:30 am to 5 pm, and the Base Ball Match starts at 1:30 pm.



The Motor Muster features cars, trucks, motorcycles and bicycles from the 1930's through the 1970's. Bring lawn chairs for the base ball game since there are no bleachers at the ball field (or contact me and I can bring extras). After the match we'll visit the Frozen Custard stand



for a great cool-down.

This is a busy weekend at the Village, so it's recommended that you purchase tickets in advance (starting May 26) or make a reservation in advance if you have an annual membership. Motor Muster and the base ball match are free with membership or admission to the Village (\$28 for adults, \$25.25 for seniors 62 and up and \$21 for youth 3-11.

Children two and under are free). Discounted tickets can be purchased at participating Meijer locations. For more information, visit www.thehenryford.org.

Gary Hillebrand

Classified Ads

For Sale: 1996 Jaguar XJS Celebration Convertible. White with Tan Interior and Top. Purchased in 2015 (3rd Owner). Covered and garage stored whole life. Non-OEM spoke wheels but factory rim on full spare. Minor cosmetic issues. See jagm.org for more details, and additional pictures/video available upon request. 48,613 miles.

\$16,000 asking
Offers welcomed.



Please contact Matt @ 586.615.9580 or MattV@FeatPresAV.com

For Sale: 1986 Jaguar XJ6 Vanden Plas. Maroon with cream interior. Excellent body and paint. No rust. Automatic, A/C, Sunroof. Drives very well. Mechanically very good. Purchased in 2002 from Jag club member. Will require a little TLC. (see jagm.org for details). Original wheels included. Stored in heated garage. 84,340 miles. Perfect for someone who desires to bring it back to pristine.



Best Offer. Contact Paul at 734-646-5591 or at pault474@gmail.com.

For Sale: 2000 Jaguar VDP—Extremely well-preserved. Dark blue with a dove grey leather interior. 64K miles. Received a score of 9.992 and took first place in 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. Drives like a new car. See jagm.org for full text. **Make an offer. Call Gary @ 248-649-4959**



British Car Corral

Where: Baker's of Milford, 2025 S. Milford Road, Milford, Michigan
When: Select Sundays from 2 - 7 PM (DJ at 3 PM)
June 13th, July 18th, August 15th, and September 19th

All British marques are invited to park together on the dates above. Join us to celebrate the cars we love and meet other enthusiasts.

Baker's is America's largest weekly car cruise, with live outside entertainment, free raffle prizes, outside grill, hundreds of great cars, and restaurant dining discounts for all cruisers.



Concours d'Elegance of America—July 23—25, 2021

Save the Dates

**Concours d'Elegance of America
The Inn at St. John's Plymouth, Michigan
July 23 – 25, 2021**

It is that time of the year again, and as soon as we win the battle against the COVID-19 pandemic, the classic and collector car communities will be throwing the biggest party in the 42-year history of the COA (formerly known as Meadowbrook). And this year we will be showcasing a large group of E-Types near the entranceway to the car show to celebrate the 60th

anniversary of the most iconic of all the famous Jaguars. So save the dates now and book your reservations soon.¹

Two of the most exciting attractions for this year are (1) a special parking area for E-Types next to the entranceway to the field, and (2) a hospitality tent on the field for the exclusive use of JAGM members and their invited guests.

Here are some more highlights for this year's car show:

Friday – July 23 – The Motoring Tour sponsored by

Concours d'Elegance of America (cont'd)

Hagerty Insurance Company is scheduled from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. No specific announcements have been made yet as to the details for this event. However, we have already assembled a team of individuals to support the Motoring Tour.

Saturday – July 24 – The Cars and Coffee event is being sponsored by LBI Limited (Keith Koscak) again this year and all JAGM members are invited to attend free of charge. It is held in front of the Inn at St. John's from 7:30 to 11:30 am.

Sunday – July 25 – Although the official opening of the COA event is at 10:00 am, we need to be on the field not later than 8:00 am to make sure our tent has been properly assembled, the tables and chairs are in order, and our show cars are in proper form.²

For a complete description of the COA program, please go to this website: www.concoursusa.org. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact Gary Cunningham, the Concours Director for JAGM, at either ghcunningham@comcast.net or 248-649-4959.

¹For out-of-town participants, we have reserved a block of rooms less than a mile away from the COA event and will be sending out that information to all JAGM members who respond to this solicitation to participate.

²There will be a menu of charges to attend the several events scheduled during the three days of COA, but a pre-paid parking pass and two admission tickets will cost only \$75. Please compare this to either Amelia Island or Pebble Beach and you will readily admit that COA is a screaming bargain .

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2021 CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE OF AMERICA

Name: _____
Address: _____
JCNA No. _____
Phones: H: _____ C: _____
Email: _____

ORDER FORM:

Admission Tickets _____ @ \$25 each = _____
Parking Passes _____ @ \$25 each = _____
Saturday Dinner _____ @ \$50 each = _____
Total Registration Fees _____

Make your check payable to Jaguar Affiliates Group of Michigan and mail both this registration form and your check to Gary H. Cunningham, 3399 Roxbury Drive, Troy, Michigan 48084.

Hotel Reservations:



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Hotel: 734 969-8100
Rate: \$104/night
(2 night minimum)

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14600 N. Sheldon Road
Plymouth, MI 48170
Hotel: 734-354-0001
Rate: \$149/night
(2 night minimum)





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See You at the June 9th Zoom Membership Meeting!

Jaguar saloon owners—Don't miss this meeting!

Our guest, Peter Irwin, specializes in Jaguar saloons; in fact he edits the “Flagships” (saloons) section of the monthly magazine of the Jaguar Enthusiasts Club of Great Britain. Those of us who have been treated to some of his recent email communications with US saloon owners know Peter is quite a character. Just one example—he’s in his 70’s and still plays rugby! He has graciously agreed to join us at our regular meeting time, 7 pm EST, even though that means he’s starting the meeting at midnight in the Mother Country! Assuming we can keep Peter awake, expect a fun and informative time!



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