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January 2022

Christmas Lunch at Spring House



Members and guests of the Delaware Valley Jaguar Club gathered on Saturday, December 18th at the Spring House Tavern to enjoy some time together before the Christmas Holiday. While the weather was less than ideal with a bit of drizzle, many of the members arrived in their Jaguar. Alex Cole attracted attention in his 1938 SS100 DHC. 42 people attended along with 12 Jaguars. Our next gathering is the Annual Holiday Party on January 22, 2022 at the William Penn Inn. This is always a great event and an opportunity to spend time with other DVJC members. See pages 8 & 9 for more information. **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



You Can Always Renew Your Membership!

You can always renew your membership in DVJC. Payment can be paid by credit card, debit card, or PayPal by using the DVJC Web site at <https://delvaljaguarclub.com/>. Members are encouraged to use the Web site for membership renewal. DVJC members using the Web site for the first time should click on the BECOME A MEMBER tab. Detailed instructions about signing up for Web site access is shown here. DVJC members with current access should log in to the site as normal. On the Welcome screen scroll down to "Renew Subscription." Alternately you can click on the MEMBERS tab, select "My Membership Profile", and scroll down to "Renew Subscription." Detailed instructions will then be displayed. Members who opt for paying by check can submit payment directly to Jim Sjoreen or use the membership form [by clicking here](#) or referring to pages 29 & 30 to update information.

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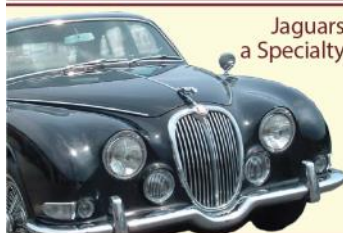
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Upcoming DVJC Events

**January 22, 2022
11:30 a.m.**

RSVP Required

**DVJC Annual Holiday and Awards Celebration (see p. 7-8)
William Penn Inn
1017 DeKalb Pike, Ambler, PA 19002**

Contact: [Click Here](#) for more information and to register.

**February 20, 2022
11:30 a.m.—1:15p.m.**

RSVP Required

**Lunch at Spring House Tavern
1032 N. Bethlehem Pike, Ambler, PA**

Contact: [Click Here](#) for more information and to register

Note: AACA Presideent Jim Elliott wil be a guest speaker.

**May 21, 2022
12:00 noon**

Save the Date

**Spring Fling
Ringing Hill Fire Company, Pottstown, PA**

Contact: [Click Here](#) for more information.

**June 4, 2022
8:00 a.m.**

Save the Date

**DVJC Concours d'Elegance
Historic Hope Lodge
553 S. Bethlehem Pike, Fort Washington, PA**

Contact: [Click here](#) for more information.

**June 26, 2022
2:30 p.m.**

Save the Date

**Star Wars Scenic Tour, Dinner and Symphony
Unionville High School (see p. 19)
750 Unionville Road, Kennet Square, PA**

Contact: [Click here](#) for more information.

**September 15—18, 2022
2:30 p.m.**

Save the Date

**Jaguars on the Chesapeake
Rock Hall, Maryland (see p. 17)**

Contact: [Click here](#) for more information.



Your Monthly Bill *January 2022*

I hope you took a good, long nap over the holidays because DVJC is geared up for another active, fun year in 2022 beginning with our Holiday Party at the William Penn Inn on Saturday January 22.

We are looking forward to returning to their beautiful venue to enjoy good food and fun after the "pause" in 2021. Noe LaFramboise has a wealth of items for the Silent Auction – probably the largest in recent memory. Registration closes January 17, but WHY WAIT? Sign up now to reserve your spots.



While you're on the website, if you have not yet renewed your membership for 2022, this is a good time to do that so you can continue receiving the Jaguar Journal and maintain access to the benefits provided by JCNA including group liability insurance coverage, access to the Tool Loan Program, Technical Help Line and many others. One hundred twenty-five of our fellow members have already completed their renewals.

The 2022 schedule is shaping up to be another *eventful* year for the men and women of DVJC. The Spring Fling and Golf Outing both return for the second year and plans are taking shape to reprise the very successful "overnight" event, this time as "Jaguars on the Chesapeake." Regular breakfast and lunch events will take place most months. As we had hoped, many of our members from Delaware and the Maryland Eastern Shore took part in the event at the Brandywine Brewing Company in Greenville, Delaware. We intend to schedule events convenient to members in other areas such as Allentown/Bethlehem/Easton and New Jersey. Watch the website calendar. Events are added to the schedule throughout the year.

100 Years!



2022 is the 100th anniversary year for Jaguar. The predecessor company, Swallow Sidecar, founded by Sir William Lyons and William Walmsley in 1922, originally manufactured sidecars for motorcycles. Production of the first car in 1927 was followed by the incorporation of

S.S. Cars, Ltd. in 1933. Finally, for obvious reasons, the company name was changed to the one we know today, Jaguar. We are the beneficiaries of one hundred years of engineering and styling innovation by the talented people of Jaguar.

JCNA welcomes the Canadian Prairies Jaguar Club, effective January 1, 2022. The club is headquartered in Calgary, Alberta. Most of its twenty-eight initial members reside in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

As I was watching football (or napping) on New Year's Day, like many of you, I replayed the good, the bad and the ugly of 2021 in my mind. The "good" most certainly outweighed the "bad and the ugly." Thanks to the efforts and creativity of DVJC directors and club volunteers, we



enjoyed sixteen events throughout the year. Flash drives continued early in the year when good weather and dry road conditions combined to make them practical. Through May, all our events were held outdoors and then we returned to Spring House Tavern four times for lunch. We also enjoyed a day with Jaguars on the Lawn at Ed and Carol Petrows' home, Jaguars at the Jersey Shore, an evening of music at Duffer's, an Old Fashion Christmas Get Together hosted by Robert and Melene Nahodil in the Poconos and the Concours/Cars and Motorcycles of England show.

2021 was also the inaugural year for the DVJC club calendar featuring member vehicles. We have followed that great idea with the 2022 calendar that you should all have received by now. It is another impressive product that I hope you will enjoy throughout the year.

I am also pleased to report that our membership increased from 133 on 12/31/2020 to its current level of 166, a 25% increase over the course of the year. Among other reasons, this is attributable to the genuine warm welcome that DVJC members extend to visitors and guests.

Thank you for being an important part of our club!

**Happy New Year
to each of you and your families.**

Bill

DVJC Annual Dues Information

By: Bill Beible

To all members of the Delaware Valley Jaguar Club,

DVJC annual dues have been established at \$75 effective with your renewal for 2022. There are two components of our membership cost, namely the portion that funds the operation and events of DVJC and the share that supports the operations and activities of Jaguar Clubs of North America. The higher amount directly reflects a \$10 increase in the JCNA portion of your dues payment, the first such increase in ten years.

Local clubs like ours derive important benefits from our affiliation with JCNA and its other member clubs. Those benefits include such things as:

- Comprehensive liability insurance coverage for club members and the club as a legal entity,
- Easy access to a network of Jaguar enthusiasts across the U.S., Mexico and Canada,
- Jaguar forums, classified ads and judging guides,
- Six annual issues of the Jaguar Journal,
- Exclusive access to the JCNA Tool Loan Program and Technical Help Line,
- Regional and North American competition events – Concours d'Elegance, Slalom and Rally,
- Classic car insurance discounts through Hagerty,
- New car purchase discount program (subject to availability from Jaguar Land Rover).

DVJC is a vibrant, active and growing club and your executive committee works hard to offer a range of activities and information that appeal to the varied interests of our members. I am happy to answer any questions you may have and, most of all, look forward to your renewal and continued enjoyment of the people and activities of DVJC.

Additional information is available under the “Members” tab on the [DVJC website](#).

Bill Beible
October 22, 2021

Renew Your Membership Now

Now is the time to renew your membership in the Delaware Valley Jaguar Club. The easiest way to renew is through the DVJC web site. Follow these easy steps:

- Go to <https://delvaljaguarclub.com/> and click on “Login.”
- Enter your Username and Password and click on the black “LOG IN” button.
- Go to the “Members” tab and click on “My Membership Profile.”
- Scroll down and click on “Renew Subscription.” (You will see your current member expiration date here.)
- You will see the current subscription rate of \$75/1 year. Click on the “CLICK TO PAY WITH PAYPAL OR CREDIT CARD.” button.
- Complete the transaction.

We recommend you update your profile and renew on the web site. If you are paying by check you can mail the \$75 membership fee to DVJC Treasurer Jim Sjoreen, 920 Ivycroft Road, Wayne, PA 19087. If you have information to update please use the form on pages 29—30.

If you have a problem please contact Brian Craig at bhc166@aol.com.



Delaware Valley Jaguar Club

*Please join your Jaguar Friends for our Annual
Holiday Party and Awards Celebration.*

Saturday January 22, 2022

11:30 am to 2:30 pm

*William Penn Inn
1017 DeKalb Pike
Ambler, PA 19002 (GPS address)
At the corner of Rt. 202 and Sumneytown Pike*

11:30 a.m. Cocktail Hour – Cash Bar with Snacks

***A Free Drink ticket will be provided to members whose 2022
DVJC Dues are paid in full***

12:30 p.m. Buffet Brunch

Buffet Brunch includes:
Hot and Cold Selections including:
Scrambled Eggs
Belgian Waffles
Parmesan Crusted Sole
Filet Mignon Tips
Smoked Salmon
Salads
Delicious Deserts
and much more.

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If you wish to contribute to the Silent Auction please contact:

Jaguar Automobilia:

Jim Sjoreen at jsoreen3860@ Comcast.com

Noe LaFramboise at jagnoe@att.net

Gift Baskets:

Irena Merluzzi at lbmerluzzi@aol.com

\$37.50 per person

Please register for this event **Prior to January 17, 2022** on the DVJC web site at

<https://delvaljaguarclub.com/events/holiday-party/>

Alternately, please send a note indicating the number of people attending with a check payable to Delaware Valley Jaguar Club by **January 13, 2022** to:

Paul Trout

210 Warwick Furnace Rd

Elverson, PA 19520

610-286-5701 or pgtgt@aol.com



Membership Musings

January 2022

By: Tony Tinari

A wise man (or woman perhaps) once said “No one ever regarded the New Year with indifference.” Who knows? That may even have been Sir William Lyons. Or Enzo Ferrari, for that matter. In any event, here we are, pandemic déjà vu notwithstanding, boldly beginning another orbit around the sun. DVJC hopes your 2022 is off to a flying start, about which more in a moment.

Thanks primarily to the efforts of our colleague Brian Craig, our membership renewal efforts have been going well, albeit not yet completed as of this writing. We have received completed renewals from 125 of our 2021 Members as of publication time. While some attrition is to be expected from relocation, sale of vehicles, etc., nevertheless we anticipate a high level of returning Jaguar enthusiasts due primarily to the full schedule of events and club activities offered by DVJC. I strongly encourage any Member who has not yet completed their 2022 renewal by now to do so as soon as possible to assure uninterrupted receipt of the JCNA *Jaguar Journal* and our other membership benefits.

I’m happy to report that our first, and hopefully annual, membership survey was successfully closed on December 5. The final participation figures are 81 members responding (out of a possible 161), accordingly a response rate of 50.31%. (Yes, we barely cleared the 50% bar, which I am told is unheard of for these types of exercises!) Of those 81 respondents, 40 provided written comments in addition to their survey responses. Huge thanks to all who took the time to answer and comment. Your DVJC executive committee will meet on January 10 to review the results of the survey and determine how most efficiently to communicate the information to the membership at large.

And finally, I trust you have each received your copy of the 2022 DVJC Calendar by now and hung it in a prominent place. Mine is proudly displayed in the garage which I completed, finally, in 2021. (Checked that one off the home improvement list . . .)

Okay, now back to that flying start which I mentioned at the outset. As we all know, the learnings from aeronautical engineering account for some of the classic Jaguar model features. However, last month I came upon two examples which take that concept to an unprecedented level. Here they are:



First, a “Leaper-powered” sleigh with a jolly old Jaguar enthusiast. I’m hoping this guy generously visited all of you last month and left under your tree all of the spare parts, accessories, and/or automobilia on your list.



Next, a somewhat more modern rendering. It appears that Ryan Air, the European “no frills” carrier, has adopted the Jaguar trade dress on at least one of the airplanes of its fleet—in a British Racing Green and Silver livery, no less. Oh boy, I’d love a ride on this one, any destination would be fine.

Whatever your flying start looks like, may your flight through 2022 be smooth and exhilarating!

Happy Motoring (or Flying, as the case may be)!

Member Anniversaries

Member Name		Co-Member Name		Join_Date	Years
Stephen	Kress	Betty	Kress	01-Jan-90	32
Devon	Siesholtz			01-Jan-91	31
Stephen	Wouch	Marcy	Wouch	24-Jan-96	26
Alan	Anspaugh	Robin	Haynes	01-Jan-06	16
John M	Bowen	Becky	Bowen	12-Jan-06	16
Stephen	Cutcliffe	Barbara	Love	30-Jan-09	13
Alan	Brown	Margaret	Brown	01-Jan-14	8
Bill	Beible	Nancy	Beible	01-Jan-14	8
Dennis M.	Spaulding			01-Jan-14	8
Wicker	Francis	Sally	Francis	01-Jan-14	8
Dennis	Levitt	Sharyn	Levitt	15-Jan-15	7
Frederick	Simeone			01-Jan-15	7
Chris	Prior	Garance	Prior	13-Jan-16	6
Richard	Kunin	Jacqueline	Kunin	01-Jan-18	5
Gary L.	Marsiglia	Jean	Marsiglia	01-Jan-18	4
Michael	Eck	Becca	Payonk	01-Jan-18	4
Gregory	Cain	Sandy	Cain	11-Jan-20	2
Ken	Beck	Cindy	Beck	03-Jan-20	2
Roger	Stevens			25-Jan-20	2
Gregory	Landrey	Lynne	Landrey	08-Jan-21	1
Jeffrey	Miller	Theresa	Villante	04-Jan-21	1
John	Larson			27-Jan-21	1
Joseph	Zeidler	Cindy	Zeidler	25-Jan-21	1

We thank you for your support and membership!

Editor's Note: This is a new feature in The Jaguar's Purr and will be featured every month. The anniversary dates are the best data we currently have available. If you believe your anniversary date is in error please let me know and it will be corrected.

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Speaking of Things Jaguar - January 2022

By Paul Trout

The Rearview Mirror and the Windscreen

By the time you read this, 2021 will be history in its entirety and 2022 will be a shiny new year without any scratches or dents yet....I hope. This time of year tends to find me dawdling more on the rearview mirror than the windscreen. Perhaps it's because memories seem to fade faster than new images develop. At this time last year there seemed faint hope of a return to normalcy, but as the year slowly progressed we seemed to get pretty close. The appearance of multiple variants of the original COVID 19 virus reminded us that old 19 wasn't quite through messing with our lives yet. The year started with the cancellation of the annual Holiday Party and the Concours as a doubtful starter. However, with the safety of the membership at the forefront of all planning, the Executive Committee, Event Directors and the membership in general did a first class job of making 2021 one of the most event filled and enjoyable years to be a member of the Delaware Valley Jaguar Club. An adversity like COVID 19 is just an opportunity to demonstrate what a great club we are. Well Done to All!

In Jaguar terms, 2021 was a year of anniversaries. At the forefront, of course, was the 60th anniversary of the iconic E-Type. That offered an opportunity to recount the stories of the amazing overnight drives of Bob Berry and Norman Dewis getting 9600 HP and 77 RW to Geneva in time for the E-Type debut. It was a great time to remind ourselves that the car Enzo Ferrari called "The most beautiful car in the world" was an E-Type Jaguar. Last year was also the 50th anniversary of the mighty V-12 engine that powered the last of the E-Types, the first of the XJ-S Jaguars and Jaguar's last two Le Mans victories. The XK8 turned 25 last year and the X-Type turned 20.



The anniversaries of the E-Type and the XK8 were apt-

ly celebrated at our first annual Spring Fling. The carefully staged presentation of both models on the lawn of the venue was a magnificent sight. While the celebration was for the cars, it was also for the opportunity to get together in a setting close to normal and spend time with fellow members, reminding us that DVJC is as much about its members as the Jaguars.



Later in May DVJC held its first, and I believe it will be annual, Golf outing which drew a fine collection of duffers.



In July DVJC returned to Garnet Valley High School, home of the Jaguars, to resurrect the DVJC slalom. Motorsports are alive again in DVJC.



With the uncertainty of COVID safety regulations hanging like the sword of Damocles over their heads, the Concours Team kept calm and carried on, shifted the

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June date to August and produced one of the best and most well attended DVJC Concours ever. It was a beautiful day with a grand field of gleaming Jaguars. It was indeed "A Jaguar Kind of Day!"



Later that month Ed and Carol Petrow hosted "Jaguars on the Lawn" at their lovely Chester County home. With a stunning collection of member Jaguars lined up on the lawn and good food, drink and friends, it too was "A Jaguar Kind of Day!"



While still unable to have our traditional monthly Breakfast Socials, Tom Shaner was able to coordinate some outdoor breakfast socials at Fort Washington State Park and luncheons at the Springhouse Tavern starting in September.

Also in September Bill and Nancy Beible organized our three day "Jaguars at the Jersey Shore" event which kicked off with a wonderful luncheon at Alex and Teri Giacobettis' marvelous beach house. It was an extended "Jaguar Kind of Day."



November opened up with a wonderful Jaguar Brunch

sponsored by Union Park Jaguar and coordinated by Jay Greene. There were well over thirty Jaguars ranging from a replica of a 1953 C-Type to a brand new F-Type R SVO. I'm thinking Jay had an "in" with the weather gods, because they gave us a beautiful "Jaguar Kind of Day" in Greenville, Delaware. It was a great reminder that Delaware is an important part of the Delaware Valley Jaguar Club.



November closed out with DVJC members rocking the night away to the sounds of "Just Add Water" at Duffer's Tavern. "Just Add Water" is a local rock band with our own DVJC rock star, Max Sandler on the keyboard.



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December started with “An Old Fashion Christmas Get Together” at Robert and Melene Nahodils’ lovely Pocono home. We rounded out the year with a Christmas luncheon social at the Springhouse Tavern that was very well attended. Despite the dreary damp day, the parking lot was full of Jaguars including a 1938 Jaguar SS and an XF Shooting Brake. All of whom silently shamed me for deciding the weather wasn’t suitable for driving my XKR. The warmth of the Jaguar friends in the dining room and the beauty of the Jaguars on the lot made for one more “Jaguar Kind of Day” for us all.



This rambling on about anniversaries and Jaguar Kind of Days is a bit of an anniversary in itself as five years ago this month my first “Speaking of Things Jaguar...” appeared in the January 2017 edition of “The Purr”. Its title was “A Jaguar Kind of Day?” The term was actually not mine, but poached from our then president, Paul Merluzzi’s closing of his “President’s Mewsings” each month; “Be Happy. Drive Safely. It’s a Jaguar kind of day.” At a “passing of the torch” lunch with our long time Roving Reporter, Mike Tate, we had a delightful discussion, over a couple of pints, about what a “Jaguar Kind of Day” might be. I tried to capture the essence of those wonderful moments in an attempt to answer that question in my first column. The January 2017 edition of the Purr is archived on the DVJC web site if you are

interested. There have been so many “Jaguar Kind of Days” in these past five years; from simply taking a moment to admire the XKR while walking through the garage or spotting a Jaguar on the road, to spending several days in Watkins Glen or at the Jersey shore with Jaguars and Jaguar friends. If looking at 2021 in your rearview mirror, you didn’t have a Jaguar Kind of Day; it is, by no means, the fault of the Delaware Valley Jaguar Club. They were there for you. It was a truly Jaguar Kind of Year!

As I shift my focus to the windscreen and the road ahead with that shiny New Year of 2022 on it, I have no doubt DVJC will make it another Jaguar Kind of Year for us. While there aren’t as many milestone anniversaries in 2022, there is one quite big one. In September of 2022 Jaguar turns 100. Let that sink in for a minute. This year marks the 100th anniversary of William Lyons (the Sir would come a bit later), with his friend William Walmsley, founding the Swallow Sidecar Company, which, after ten decades, is now known as Jaguar Land Rover Ltd. Many of the events this year will have a focus on the Jaguar centennial celebration. The first of which will be the annual DVJC Holiday Party on Saturday January 22 at the William Penn Inn. If you haven’t signed up for this on line or via a check mailed to me; what are you waiting for? You don’t want to miss it and there are no “walk- ons”; you must sign up ahead of time. Let’s kick the Jaguar centennial year off with a record attendance! It’ll be a guaranteed “Jaguar Kind of Day” for all.

To continue the centennial celebration through the rest of the year, “Speaking of Things Jaguar...” will feature a decade by decade look at Jaguar’s 100 years of automotive excellence.

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The Delaware Valley Jaguar Club is offering club members, including spouse/co-members, a second chance to order new name badges. Just send your name as you would like it to appear on the badge to Noe LaFramboise at jagnoe@att.net. The new badges will be distributed at the 1/22/22 holiday party. There is no charge for the first badge.



CALL FOR SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS

Donations are now being accepted for the Mike Tate Silent Auction which will be held on 1/22/22 at the annual DVJC Annual Holiday Party. If you would like to donate any items (Jaguar apparel, car parts, manuals, books, brochures, models, posters, and automobilia) please bring them to the next scheduled club event and give them to Noe LaFramboise or Jim Sjoreen. If you can't make a club event, contact Noe at 609-658-0363 to arrange for a meet up.

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Jaguars on the Chesapeake



Get your hotel reservation now for a fun weekend in [Rock Hall](#) on the Maryland Eastern Shore.

Preliminary Schedule – Many More Details to Come!

Thursday September 15: Arrival and activities of your choosing.

Friday September 16: Morning Scenic Drive, afternoon Sailing with DVJC member Captain Mark Einstein on [Blue Crab Chesapeake Charters](#), Group dinner.

Saturday September 17:

- Car Show on grounds of [Rock Hall Yacht Club](#); special section for Jaguars.
- Crab Feast at [Waterman's Crab House](#) with live music to follow.

Sunday September 18: Group Breakfast. Enjoy the day!

Accommodations: There are no large hotels in Rock Hall so no “headquarters” location has been chosen. Rooms are currently available at a wide variety of lodging choices and price points in and around Rock Hall recommended by our local members, Mark Einstein and Gary DiVito. Also check [bed & breakfast inns](#).

- [Mariners Motel](#) – 410-639-2291. Bay Views, five minute walk to Waterman's Crab House. 12 rooms. Block of rooms reserved under Delaware Valley Jaguar Club. New owner remodeling this winter.
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- [Red Roof Inn & Suites - Chestertown](#) – 410-810-0555, about twenty minutes to Rock Hall and Yacht Club.
- [Comfort Inn & Suites - Chestertown](#) – 410-778-0778, about twenty minutes from Rock Hall & Yacht Club.

Please [email](#) to indicate your interest. Website will open for registration as more details become available.

Calendar Jaguar of the Month January 2022

By: Chuck Kitson

First of all let it be known to all DVJC members I'm not a motor head, or gearhead nor an aficionado of classic cars, however, I'm exceptionally proud that my 1988 XJ-SC -V12(C for Cabriolet) is the featured Jaguar for the Month of January in our DVJC 2022 calendar. This cat was manufactured by Jaguar in December 1987, purchased by my wife, Charline in May 16, 1988 from Cherry Hill Classic Cars and proud to claim I'm still the original driver.

Originally, the XJ-S was available as closed coupe body but in response to the demand for a soft-top the Cabriolet (*"this old-fashion coach name was revived, perhaps to justify the rare design"* as stated by John Dugdale an automobile journalist and author of Jaguar in America) was introduced in 1983 with AJ6 3.6-litre six-cylinder engine. The 5.3-litre V12 Cabriolet followed in 1985. Total production run of 5,013 cars of which 1,150 were six cylinders and 3,863 V12s. A total of 2005 Cabriolets were exported to USA the first arriving in April 1986 the majority being V12s. With the introduction of the Convertible model in the spring of 1988 the last Cabriolet model manufactured by Jaguar was in February 1988. It is fitted with the 5.3-litre V-12 engine and turned over to the Jaguar Heritage Trust for preservation for the future.⁽¹⁾

Designed and manufactured with immense care, the XJ-SC had failed to be widely appealing, due to its complex removable roof panels and cross-bar. The roof configuration has two Targa panels

at the front and the back portion with a soft-top that can be exchanged for a hard-top. Although changing the configuration was described as a little "fiddly", it was pointed out that two people could do the job in no more than 30 seconds.⁽²⁾ From my experiences over the past 33 years I can remove and install the Targa panels quite readily, however, it takes a lot of "fiddly" and time to exchange the soft and hard tops. Over the years my upper body strength has lessened, along with a weaker back and arthritis in the hands I now need the owner's (the wife) assistance.

This is not the first time the XJ-SC model has been in the limelight in addition to the 2022 DVJC Calendar the XJ-SC was selected as one of 50 (rated 48th to be exact) of unsavory cars in the book titled CRAPCARS published in 2005 with the author commenting on the conversion of the XJS sports coupe to a convertible..."Except it wasn't job well done at all because it turned the once sleek XJS into a total disaster with all the visual appeal of a baboon in a party dress" My response..."beauty is in the eyes of the beholder"

As I stated in an earlier article in The Purr... I appreciate my wife's XJSC-V12 challenges, I enjoy the pleasures it gives me to drive and the good feelings I have when it turns heads.

Footnotes:

- (1) Jaguar Daimler Heritage Trust
- (2) Classic Cars- September 1990



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Charline and Chuck Kitson with their "cat."

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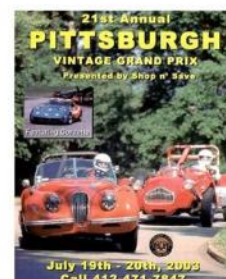
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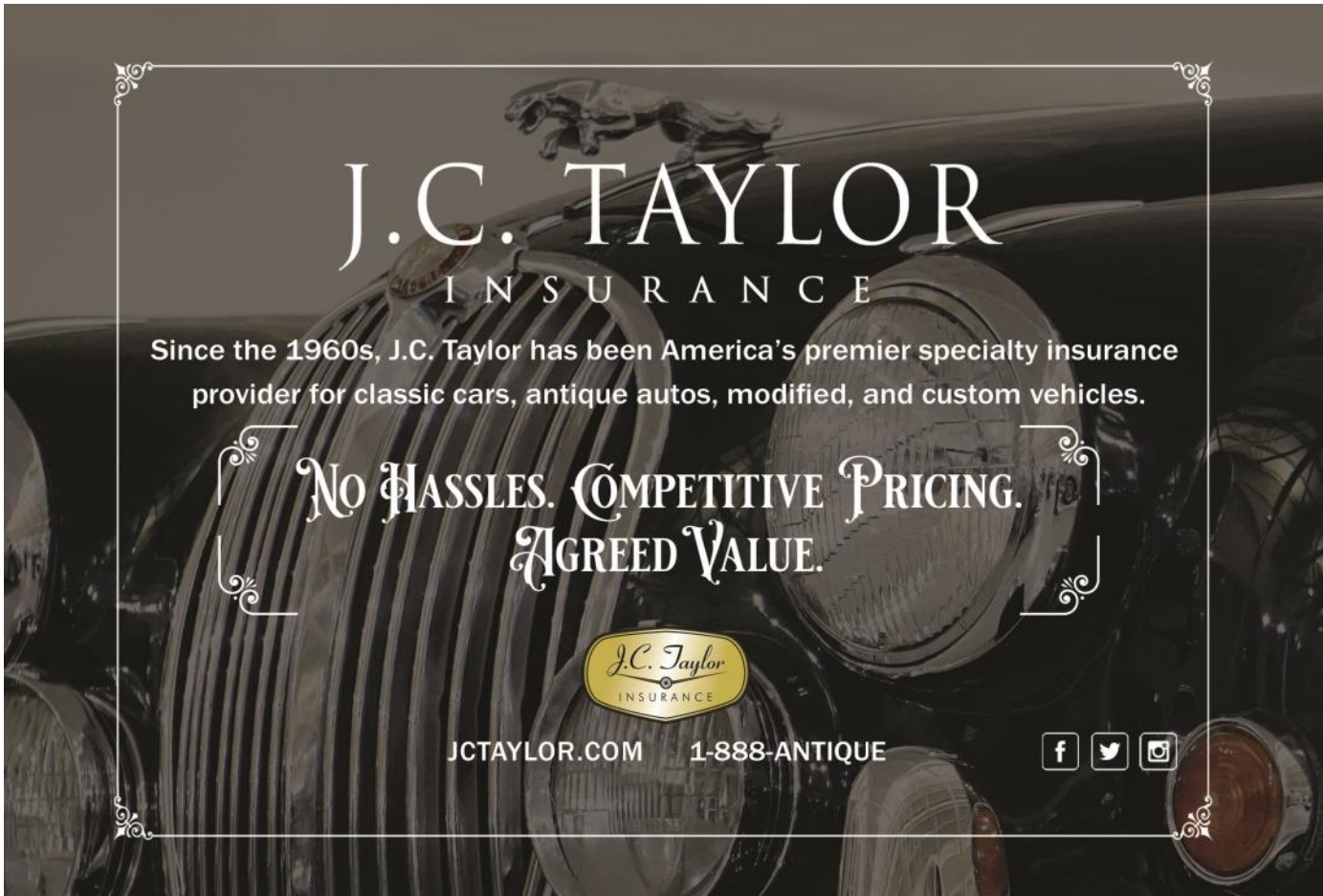


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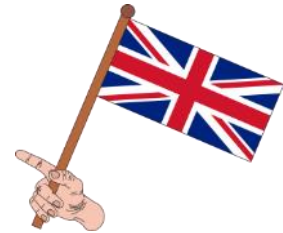
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To kick things off, here are some ideas based on past articles:

Your car's appearance on the DVJC calendar
Jaguar owned by a notable person.
Holiday or special occasions involving your Jaguar.
Restoration efforts, successes, challenges.
Maintenance tips or experiences.
Equipment mishaps and repair efforts at an event.
Your biography to introduce yourself to the club.
Attendance at or participation in a special event.
Just about any interesting anecdote you think would interest readers.

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