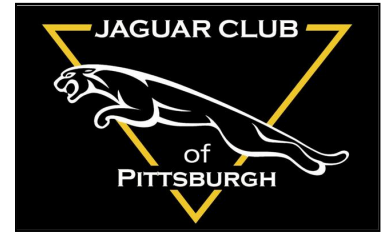


# Jaguar Jargon

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## CURLING



The Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh will be on the ice on **Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:20 PM**. Our group will be part of the Pittsburgh Curling Club's "Learn to Curl" session at their new dedicated facility. If you missed the deadline to register for this event, here's the good news:

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE!**

We can accommodate you as a participant (\$50/person) or welcome you as a spectator (FREE!). Refreshments are available or feel free to bring your own. We're also planning a meal afterwards at the Hotel and Rosa's Cantina in Sewickley. Come on out and curl, watch or just eat.

Pittsburgh Curling Club  
491 McCoy Road  
McKees Rocks, PA 15316

The Hotel and Rosa's Cantina  
509 Beaver Street  
Sewickley, PA 15143

Please just let me know if you are attending either event.

Dave Gamret  
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## Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh 2023 Events Calendar



<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>
Saturday, Feb. 4 1:00-3:20 p.m.	“Learn to Curl” new event Pittsburgh Curling Club, McKees Rocks	Dave and Karen Gamret 734-645-5864
Sunday, May 21	JCOP Picnic North Park Roosevelt Shelter	Stu Benson 412-491-1586
Saturday, Aug. 12	Sewickley Show	Chuck Pipich 412-373-7090

## Jaguar Clubs of North America (JCNA) Upcoming Events



March 10-12, 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM), San Francisco, hosted by Jaguar Associate Group ([jags.org](http://jags.org))

May 27, 2023 Susquehanna Valley Jaguar Club’s 16th annual Concours d’Elegance, at Sunset Lane Park, York, PA. Contact Dave Hershey, 717-846-0642, email [ivestrainboy@aol.com](mailto:ivestrainboy@aol.com).

October 22-25, 2023 — 2023 JCNA International Jaguar Festival, Santa Barbara, California

### JCOP Launches New Facebook Page

JCOP member Ken Como invites fellow club members to join the Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh Facebook page. The page is designed for members to post favorite photos of their cars and provide information of upcoming events and club news. Join by searching for “Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh” on Facebook or by clicking on the QR Code at right. Thanks to Ken for creating the page and for maintaining it for our members. Check it out!



You're invited to the  
**JCNA Annual General Meeting**  
March 10th ~ 12th, 2023  
**San Francisco, California**

Event schedule:

**Friday**

- ~ Sailing tour of the SF Bay
- ~ Mozart Foundation  
Auto Museum visit
- ~ Welcome reception and dinner

**Saturday**

- ~ AGM meeting
- ~ "Jaguars by The Bay" Car Show
- ~ Awards Banquet with speaker  
Mr Boris Gruzman  
*"Completing the 2019  
Peking to Paris Rally  
in an E-Type"*



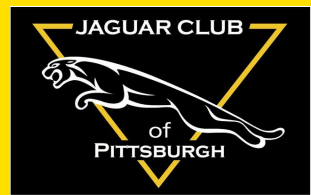
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more information and registration here:  
[www.JAGS.org](http://www.JAGS.org)



## ***Shifting Gears:*** **President's Perspective** **Stu Benson**



So the Holidays are in our rear view mirror and the Starting Flag has dropped for 2023 on our JCOP activities. We had our first Board of Directors meeting on January 22 and every Director and Officer is excited about what 2023 holds in the way of events. While efforts are undergoing to firm up dates and reservations, we depend on some third parties that just are not ready to have issued their schedules but JCOP nevertheless is still proceeding to schedule activities even if some are “in pencil” right now.

We are hopeful that Dave Gamret will get enough RSVPs to pull off our getting to learn how to “curl” on the ice at the Pittsburgh Curling Club on February 4. We will then want to follow up afterwards and travel to the Sewickley Hotel for some eating and libations (the Sewickley Hotel is not only a really tasty place to eat but they were a sponsor for our 2022 JCOP Sewickley Car Show).

JCOP intends to have a “Tech Session” in the spring that hopefully will be as educational, and enjoyable, as the one Dan Fowler provided us last year at FAST Company in Glenshaw, PA. We likely will be hosted this spring by Gary Kincel at his garage in White Oak, PA. Details are being worked out to do this in March or April.

With Ken Como’s XK120 coming along in restoration at Hahn Auto Restoration in Harmony, PA, the idea has been floated of having Rich Aronson bring his XJ120 there and comparing the cars since Ken shares that his XK seems to not have standard measurements. This might be an enjoyable Saturday morning followed by lunch at the Harmony Inn.

Mike Zappa is awaiting the Gateway Clipper Fleet announcing when they will hold “Prom Night” this year. For a small charge like \$15 per person one dresses up in their finery and comes and takes a cruise. For an additional charge you get a professional photograph taken of you in a lovely spot. While gourmet food is not available on board the boat and it is more like one can purchase ballpark food on board, arrangements might be made to meet for dinner at the Grand Concourse or somewhere else at Station Square before taking the cruise.

The JCOP picnic at North Park will be on Sunday, May 21, 2023 at the Roosevelt Shelter where it was held last year. By popular demand, the same arrangements will be made for food and drink that everyone said they enjoyed in 2022. Mark your calendars. Mike & Beth Zappa and Stu & Ruth Benson will again be the hosts and making all arrangements. We have assigned “Mr. Weather” – Dave Gamret – to arrange good weather for enjoyment by all.

June promises to hold at least two sanctioned JCOP events. The Veterans’ Car Show at the Southwestern Veterans Center is being moved – at the request of the Veterans Center – to June and Tom and Lynne Nuhfer are going to again chair this event. The veterans want to see a wider range of vehicles than just Jaguars so efforts will be made to recruit other car clubs as well as our members

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bringing some other cars of interest they might own. Amanda Lawson is going to reprise the Mountain Playhouse Theater event with the cruise, lunch, and then seeing a play. She intends to arrange this in June (with some other car clubs being invited but JCOP getting top billing like Scott Drab always did) and she thinks she may also do one of these events in August as well if the demand is there and everyone cannot come in June. Tom Nuhfer and Amanda Lawson are in the process of working together to coordinate dates in June so each event is sufficiently apart in time from the other. Amanda shares that the Mountain Playhouse Theater has not yet scheduled their plays for the summer so they need to await such being announced.

JCOP wants to offer as many “driving events” as possible whether it be a cruise to nowhere, to a destination, having a meal involved in the cruise or whatever. John Putzier has arranged very enjoyable day trips the last couple years and likely will do so this year as well. We solicit the willingness of JCOP members to plan and schedule such a drive. If interested, please talk to me and Rich Aronson (Rich is in charge of the Activities schedule). But this year we are looking forward to partnering with other car clubs and car events so we can enjoy such driving even if arranged by – for example – the Steel Town Corvette Club or the MG or Triumph Clubs or one of the clubs Chris Davis heads up (Rolls-Royce/Bentley and Cadillac/LaSalle clubs) or the West Penn Miata Club or the Western PA Chapter of the Ferrari Club of America (headed up by Marc Buzzelli) or even some entity having a charitable fundraiser where driving on a tour is involved. If you are a member of any such other club and see they are having an event that looks like fun, ask them about allowing JCOP to piggyback on their event and we can then reciprocate. The more, the merrier, as they say. And your Directors and Officers have so said!

JCOP members always turn out en masse for the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix events in the multi-week period in July where they are held leading up to the Schenley Park PVGP this year on Saturday/Sunday July 22 & 23 where the British cars all park together on the golf course if one signs up ahead of time and purchases the weekend parking admission pass.

The Sewickley Car Show is going to reprise on August 12, 2023 on Broad Street in Sewickley, PA and again will be open not only to JCOP vehicles but other marques of quality and interest. We intend to fill up all the spaces on Broad Street this year that we can safely utilize with Show Chair Chuck Pipich running the event and determining what vehicles are “admissible” per the standards of the show. And on August 26, 2023 the ever-popular Jaguars at Jacksons dinner – following an hour of socializing in the parking lot with everyone’s cars – is on the books.

Bryan Williams, the JCOP Chief Judge for our annual Concours, will be firming up a date in September in the near future for this always-enjoyable morning at the Fox Chapel Yacht Club with a luncheon to follow at the restaurant literally at the edge of the Allegheny River.

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A plan is in place to try to again hold British Cars at Hartwood by the Mansion at Hartwood Acres in later September or early October once we know when our JCOP Concours will be held. Mike Zappa and I are following up with efforts to obtain permission from the County of Allegheny. If this is successful, Jack Terrick will chair the event as he has done spectacularly for many years where funds were raised for the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank.

The Fall Leaf Tour is always a big hit as arranged and conducted by Pete Galinowski in October. And our Holiday Party is always a most enjoyable success. The Board of Directors is going to invite the major sponsors of JCOP to attend the Holiday party gratis as well as sharing invitations for them to participate in our other events.

Dolly Taskey, with the full support of the Board of Directors, is starting a "JCOP Lunchbox" event where, once each month, a member will be tasked with arranging reservations for our members and friends to just come and have lunch together in a purely social setting. No agenda, just food and fun. Dolly intends to try to get folks to do these each month, most likely during the work week but perhaps occasionally on a weekend, and rotate the location each month so at least one or two times those members of ours that live far and wide away from Pittsburgh can have the ability to enjoy lunch without having to drive too far.

Mike Zappa is considering arranging a JCOP Rally to Lake Chautauqua, NY where we would tour back roads up to Bemis Point and then have a picnic at his lake house. This would be a nice, scenic drive that is not too far such that one could easily enough come back home afterwards if they did not want to stay over for the night at one of the many lodging locations by the lake. Pending the scheduling of other events, this event is "to be determined".

Every year a group of JCOP members goes up to Watkins Glen for the racing. While not a formal JCOP event, they all drive their Jaguars including a number of E-Types. Jack Terrick has agreed to be a coordinator of information if anyone else is interested in going there. Mike Zappa races there each year. This year he is building a 1966 TVR race car and while not finished, it is a work of art so far (just like all the race cars are that both he and his son, Chris, build).

Our sponsors from Jaguar of Monroeville and Bobby Rahal Jaguar might have events at their locations where our participation is desired. Or we might enlist them to have events where they can educate our members on the current state and planned future of Jaguar North America vehicles so we can better understand what Jaguar means by saying they are committed to electrification. Just electric vehicles? Or hybrids? Any internal combustion engines at all ?? Time line for transition? Many JCOP members and friends have modern Jaguars of very recent vintage so this information is timely and needed.

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While there are many more things to report to you from our January Board of Directors meeting, we will hold off until the next Jaguar Jargon for March to share them. Suffice it to say your Directors and Officers agreed with the need to meet more often, especially in the beginning of the year, in order to get so many activities and events firmed up. All members are invited to attend Board of Directors meetings; indeed, your presence is more than welcome and desired. We will be meeting on Mondays, February 27, March 27, and May 15 at Rock Bottom Restaurant and Brewery located at The Waterfront complex in Homestead. Meetings start at 6:00 PM in a back room and you can arrive at 5:30 PM and order really tasty food and libations off the menu. There is plenty of room and seating. But a disclosure is warranted: you will most likely find the topics and meeting and people there most interesting such that you will want to participate in more events and maybe even come back for the next Board of Directors meeting!

So mark your calendars for the dates that are certain and await further information on the other events being firmed up. Please give consideration to attending as many of the events as you can; you will not regret doing so for sure. We are avoiding focus on our rear view mirrors as much as we can; instead we are looking over the bonnet down the road ahead through the windshield (er, "windscreen" in British parlance) with the intent to hit the gas and "shift gears" as soon as we can. Let's have a lot of us have fun doing it together!

## Coventry Corner

**Ken Como**

*"It's a new dawn, it's a new day, it's a new life for" .... Jaguar.*



I will be taking responsibility of this corner of the “Jargon”, formerly authored by our new Club President Stu Benson. I hope to bring new thoughts, new events and new information to our readers each month via, this small piece of literary real estate we call “Coventry Corner”.

We can talk about cars both old and new, trends in Jaguars’ line up, specific items that may cross your mind, in order to make my monthly rant

interesting. Please feel free to reach out with ideas or questions about articles or information you would like to hear about!

Jaguar is embarking on a new dawn for its brand, and it has been written by 2025 the lineup will most likely be EV or hybrid. With learning of the news my thoughts turn a bit sad for the next generation of drivers, who may never experience the roar of the F type as you sit and press the launch button and that cat just comes alive. They may never experience that smile ..when you drive the F-type and hear the roar of acceleration or the “crackle” when you take your foot of the gas going downhill, but alas these may just be my personal “first world” issues, and maybe I am reluctant for change.. Maybe.

None the less, change is upon us as 2024 will be the last production year for my beloved F-type. Jaguar has already staked the claim to the registration name of the “J-Type”! Will it be the supercar we have been waiting for??

Many changes are coming from JLR, as both Jaguar and Land Rover will transition into the world of EV. Changes in leadership, model line up and design will be on the forefront for years to come.

As I sit in my home office this morning writing, I can look out the window and see the white snow on the trees and covering the grass and only hope spring comes quickly, as we all have cars to drive and fun to have in our 4 wheeled “pride and joys”.

Please excuse me for now, as I am headed to my garage to gaze at my “shadow of cats” on battery life support, I will be looking forward to a “New Season” to drive and see you all at the great events to come...

(Inspiration credits go to Michael Bubl  for words and photo)



## JCOP Member Profile

**Mike Zappa**

*This Month's Featured Member: Bill Cooper*



This will be a first of a series of member profiles I plan on doing. I believe I selected a perfect candidate that is well known in the JCOP circle and several others. His name is Bill Cooper. He has been club president twice for the JCOP and has very diverse background and a wonderful family to support him.

Bill is a graduate of VMI in 1972 majoring in Civil Engineering. Married to his wonderful wife Brenda for nearly 50 years who has supported him in his passion....Jaguars and TVR's!

He entered the employment arena working for Bethlehem Steel, a job at the time he really wanted. His initial position was in Management Training where he learned about fabrication, estimating, management and field work. Bill wanted to be a field engineer but Bethlehem Steel wanted him in Management. So after two years Bill left Bethlehem Steel and went to work for Interstate in the material handling division.

He got a chance to work on people conveying systems like you can experience at the Pittsburgh International Airport. He also worked on material handling systems that would remove waste material from mines similar to a conveyor system.

Bill decided to work on his Professional Engineering License after he was married. What he didn't know was that with the birth of daughter in Magee Hospital, Bill had to take the exam the next day. Imagine the excitement in having your first child and the pressure from taking the 8 hour exam the next day. I think Bill earned a well deserved cocktail after those two major events! Brenda and Bill also had a son Ken, who followed Bill's footsteps and went to VMI!!

Bill's three year stint at Interstate came to an end and Bill went to work for Fort Pitt Bridge, a subsidiary of Spang Company out of Butler. He finally has his position of Field Engineer, something he has longed for quite some time. He worked as a field engineer and an erection engineer (things were looking up no pun intended!) His field responsibility was to have the steel erected in accordance with the drawings and specifications. He has also worked on exciting projects like Bruce Mansfield Power station.

Things began to wind down for Fort Pitt Bridge and an opportunity knocked on Bills door to work at Westinghouse. Once again Bill found himself in the transportation division working on rail and transit car components. About this time Westinghouse was purchased by AEG corporation and Bill started to work on satellite systems. This required Bill to travel Internationally and work in Germany, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. While working in Switzerland he worked with the Swiss engineers on a monorail system which Porsche designed the suspension system for the Monorail. No wonder why he likes cars!!

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**Mike Zappa**

*This Month's Featured Member: Bill Cooper*



Bill retired in 2015 from Westinghouse and now does his favorite thing...work on cars!! He currently is putting a V8 in a TVR 3000S. Like his business profession Bill is a perfectionist. He feels he will complete the TVR by spring which will then permit him to work on his second love (Brenda is first) the E-Type. Bill has in his stable three TVR's, 3 Jaguars, a Land Rover and a Corvette (how did that get in there!!!) Bill is multi- talented, making his own molds to cast his fiberglass pieces, rebuilding his engine. Converting RHD cars to LHD, and painting. (I need him in my shop!!!)

Joining the JCOP in 1973 and serving as the JCOP president twice, this person has tremendous dedication and love of the cars and the camaraderie it offers.

I asked Bill what his favorite car was and of course he said his E-Type. For Bill the best car he owned, now or in the past, was his Jaguar XJ6C.

Bill is anxious to put the E-Type back on the road. Based on what I've seen thus far, the restoration of the E-Type will be 'Top Notch' just like the man he is.



Bill and Brenda Cooper



Bill's "workshop" and some of his cars

# Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh Membership Matters



## Welcome New Members

The Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh welcomes the following new members and encourages them to join us at our upcoming events:

Jay and Kristine Sabo, Export, PA  
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1964 XKE Convertible



# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

In celebration of the New Year, we would like to offer **10% OFF** labor to our friends at the Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh during your next service visit! Present this coupon to your service advisor by March 31, 2023 to redeem this exclusive offer.

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**2023 Membership Application / Renewal**

Annual dues include membership in the Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh as well as in Jaguar Clubs of North America, the national organization. Membership is based on a calendar year.

- The JCOP newsletter, *Jaguar Jargon*, is emailed to members each month.
- The JCNA magazine, *Jaguar Journal*, is mailed to members bi-monthly.

New Membership Application

Current Membership Renewal – JCNA # \_\_\_\_ \_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please list Jaguars owned (not required for membership)

Year	Model	Body Style (OTS, FHC, DHC, Saloon, Coupe, Convertible)

2023 JCOP / JCNA dues – \$50.00

Make check payable to **Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh** & mail with application to:

Cecile Canales, Treasurer  
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*Next Event:*

**Feb. 4 - “Learn to Curl” with the Pittsburgh Curling Club**



## **Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Rebrands, Reveals New Logo**

The Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix is rebranding itself for 2023. PGVP Executive Director Daniel DelBianco announced, “The new logo features an open-wheel grand prix racer speeding over a red, white and blue flag. The car number is 83 – representing our founding in 1983. We are now the longest-running vintage race in the country.”

Dan Holmes, PVGP creative director, designed the logo. “Dan has been the driving force behind our graphics and marketing materials, including event logos and posters, for nearly two decades. This new design adds a sense of exhilaration to the logo and rebrands us as the motorsport festival that we have become known for,” said DelBianco. PVGP has grown into a national event with a 10-day motorsport festival and two race weekends (with events scheduled from July 9-23, 2023).

The PVGP started as a single day race in 1983. **The event was born in Alan Patterson’s Shadyside garage, and his red 1948 MG-TC appeared at the center of the logo and remained for 40 years. (The late Alan Patterson was a JCOP member.)** Merchandise with the new logo will be available at the Pittsburgh International Auto Show to be held Feb. 17-20 at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, downtown Pittsburgh.