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# Le Mans Classic

Add to Your Bucket List?

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Hello from Philip Wiltshire; a JAGM board member for a year now. I have the opportunity here to say hello and talk a little about European classic car events.

Being a British ex-pat, I enjoy the benefit of having spent time at events all over Europe, Canada and the US. My passport has changed from British, to European and back again and BREXIT has pushed Europe a bit further away, but not far enough to blunt the lure of visiting Europe for classic motoring journeys and events.

There are several significant European centennial celebrations in 2023; the beginnings of MG and Triumph cars (although Triumph was around years before) and then the big one. A bucket-list must!

#### The 24 Hours of Le Mans.

For me, I cannot escape the mystique and grandeur of attending the Le Mans Classic, which is normally run every 2 years, and is a vintage version of the original 24 hour race.

2023 is the centenary of the 24 Hours of Le Mans! Originally known as Grand Prix de Vitesse et d'Endurance, there are so many stories of heroes winning and losing (their lives) that I am drawn to the place just to imbibe the racing atmosphere and be part of the daredevil thrills and spills as a spectator, along with thousands of other enthusiasts.

The Le Mans Classic, for me, is a much better spectator event than the annual 24 Heures du Mans. If I can tempt you to go racing in France, then this is the one

for you. It is not a corporate event as the 24 hour race and is a little more grass roots. For example, spectators are allowed in the paddocks, and you can chat with the racers and mechanics while they work on some impressive classic machinery.

I have participated in the Le Mans 24 Classic many times since its inception in 2002. It's basically a retrospective of the 24 Hours of Le Mans, by running for 24 hours from 4pm Saturday, until 4pm Sunday, with cars that previously ran at Le Mans 24 hours, broken into 6 eras (2 hour heats) with the cars' ages ranging from 1923 to 1979.

The attraction is made complete using the full 13.65 km, 24 hour circuit, involving the conversion of country public roads for the event. Only the classic and modern Le Mans 24 hour events use this full circuit.

Now to the secondary attraction of the event. The spectators' vehicles and club displays are amazing. All kinds of cars are driven to Le Mans from across Europe and Scandinavia. You can see exotic and valuable vehicles parked in the spectator lots as regular cars. Quite a moving museum collection. Bentley was the featured marque at one of the events; there were rows of Bentley Blowers, not just one or two. If you had put a deposit down on a new Bentley Continental GT, the dealer would let you take his ex Le Mans 1930 Bentley 4.5L Blower around the track!

My connecting Jaguar thread is that over the years, I have had the opportunity to visit and run the "practice" laps at Le Mans in classic British cars. My cousin and I normally meet in England and run to Le Mans with his friends in a variety of right-hand drive performance cars. I have ridden alongside AC Cobras, Lotus, Jaguars, MG's and Triumphs in our group. Not to mention Porsches, Mercedes and some big bikes.

My personal steeds have included Jaguars and Sunbeam (Tiger). For the last visit I made, just before COVID hit, I borrowed a 1996 XJS V12 convertible and had a blast driving top down across France from Cherbourg to Le Mans and then running the pre-race practice laps (definitely NOT a parade!). I kept up with many cars on the 6 km legendary Mulsanne Straight

as us Brit's call it. Not bad for a 20-year-old boulevardier Jag that seems more appropriate for classic touring. I think I looked cool with my crash helmet on.

Just to get things started before heading to France, and after I picked up the XJS in England, I visited the British Heritage Motor Museum at Gaydon in the Midlands. In my day we put a lot of cars around the place when it was a proving ground, but now it has been saved as the museum. Another bucket list visit if you are an Anglophile motor-head. I include pictures of the first hand made E Type convertible "77RW" that Jaguar test driver Norman Dewis drove in 11 hours from Coventry to also be on the stand at the 1961 Geneva Auto Show alongside "9600HP, another handmade E Type, but a

FHC. To wrap it up, a picture of the last E Type, a 1975 V12, "HDU 555N".



And then some pictures of my borrowed XJS convertible and the guys I travelled with.

Please get your Jaguar out this year and drive it! Our



club has some good things planned. I look forward to seeing you at an event.

Phil Wiltshire

## Activities Calendar

	May	June	July
<b>Activity</b>	Vintage Racing GingerMan Raceway South Haven, MI Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Meadowbrook Classic Car Night Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mad Dogs & Englishmen Hickory Corners, MI Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> thru Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>
	Lap the Lake Lake Michigan Shoreline Mon—Fri, 15 <sup>th</sup> –19 <sup>th</sup>	Brits Return to Fort Meigs Perrysburg, Ohio Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Sandhill Soaring Club/ Membership Meeting/Picnic Gregory, MI Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>
	Meadowbrook Classic Car Night Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	ECC Cars and Coffee Northville, MI Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	British Car Corral/Baker's of Milford Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>
	British Car Corral Baker's of Milford Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Zoom Membership Meeting Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM	The Lost Railway Museum Grass Lake, MI Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>
	Steak Fry/Membership Meeting Mueller's Orchard, Linden, MI Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Motor Muster/Historic Base Ball Game Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Cars & Kettles Car Show Port Huron, MI Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>
		British Car Corral/ Baker's of Milford Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	
	Bay Harbor Classic Car & Boat Festival Petoskey, MI Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> thru Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>		

For the most up to date listing & schedule of events, go to: [www.jagm.org/events](http://www.jagm.org/events)

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## Welcome New Members

Member Name	Jaguars Owned	JAGM welcomes our newest members. Please help us extend them a warm welcome.
John & Monique Magee	1999 XJ Vanden Plas Supercharged	
George Thornton & Angel Gippert	1953 XK 120 OTS	

Current JAGM membership is 154

## Photo Credits

**Front Cover**  
and  
**From the Navigator's Seat**  
Phil Wiltshire

**Northville Cars & Coffee**  
Jeff Kosko

## April and May JAGM Membership Meetings

Our April 12<sup>th</sup> Membership meeting was held via Zoom. The major topics of conversation were the Northville Cars & Coffee event on April 8<sup>th</sup> and a run through the extensive list of events coming up this spring and summer.

Members who brought their cars to the Northville Cars & Coffee encouraged others to check out the upcoming instances of this big, informal show. See page 5 for more coverage and pictures – it certainly exceeded expectations. Also, starting in May the event is being “rebranded” as the ECC Cars & Coffee. ECC (Exotic Car Connections) is the major sponsor.

This issue is full of preview information for upcoming events, so be sure to check them out. There’s something for everyone, we hope! We spent most time in the meeting discussing the Bay Harbor Classic Car and Boat Festival (see page 10) and our own JAGM 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Concours d’Elegance (see page 11).

The May Membership meeting will be held at the annual Steak Fry at Mueller’s Orchard in Linden, MI (see page 7). Hope you can join us at this wonderful get-together, which has been a JAGM tradition for many years.

Gary Hillebrand

# Northville Cars and Coffee—April 8<sup>th</sup>

The first Northville Cars and Coffee was a big hit – in fact, much bigger than we at JAGM or the organizers in Northville expected. The weather was clear and sunny (if a bit cold early!) and the great variety of cars and trucks made for excellent and interesting viewing.

Our club had reserved a space for 10 cars, and we ended up with a total of 13. We had a great spot – right up front near the entrance – and were able to park almost all of our cars together. The event was expected to draw about 400 cars total; it appeared that the actual number was at least 750! The displayed cars spilled over into at least one other nearby lot. Fresh Thyme Market in Farmington provided coffee and pastries. The huge attendance made it difficult for them to keep up with demand, but they made a gallant attempt, sending out for reinforcements more than once! They dispensed about 1000 cups of coffee and 500 excellent pastries.

We'll keep this monthly event on our calendar and continue with the reserved space for JAGM cars. As the weather gets warmer it's likely to get even bigger and better. To view a great set of pictures of the entire display, go to: <https://www.jagm.org/post/northville-cars-coffee-04-08-2023>.

- Notes:** 1) This event is being renamed "ECC Cars & Coffee."  
2) The May show is scheduled the same day as Mueller's Steak Fry, so JAGM will not be reserving parking at the ECC Cars & Coffee again until the June 10<sup>th</sup> event.

Gary Hillebrand



# Happy 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, XK120!

The XK120, one of the most important cars in the history of Jaguar, was introduced at the London Auto Show in October 1948.

To commemorate this significant anniversary, I have a request of all of you who own XK120s. If you would please send me a favorite photo of your car, I'll include them in a feature photo layout in The Indica-

tor later this year. I know there are some beautiful 120s out there, as well as some projects (also beautiful in their own way) – I'd like to include all of them!

Please send pictures to [editor@jagm.org](mailto:editor@jagm.org) (or contact me at that address if you have any questions or difficulties).

Gary Hillebrand

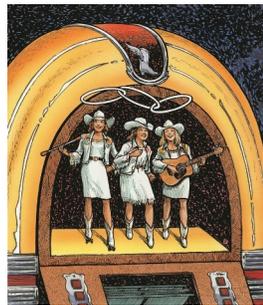
## Classic Car Nights at Meadowbrook Theater

Join us at **Meadow Brook Theatre** for a fun-filled Friday evening where you can show off your Jag (or other classic), socialize with fellow car enthusiasts and enjoy some great live theatre!

**Two Friday night Classic Car Nights are available this spring – May 19<sup>th</sup> and June 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

### May 19<sup>th</sup> - "Honky Tonk Angels"

*When three gutsy gals from different backgrounds take charge of their lives, they decide to follow their honky tonk dreams to the city of Nashville. Combining 30 classic country tunes, including "Stand By Your Man," "9 to 5," "Harper Valley PTA", and more, The Honky Tonk Angels is a hilarious, foot-stomping good time from the creator of Always...Patsy Cline.*



### June 2<sup>nd</sup> – "Noises Off"

*This play-within-a-play captures a touring theatre troupe's production of Nothing On in three stages: dress rehearsal, the opening performance, and a performance towards the end of a debilitating run. Progressing from flubbed lines and missed cues in the dress rehearsal to mounting friction between cast members, slamming doors, falling trousers, and flying sardines in their final performances, audiences are treated to a hilarious behind-*



*the-scenes peek that truly challenges the age-old saying "The show must go on."*

**Classic Car arrival: 6:30pm**

**Doors Open (for seating): 7:30pm**

**Performance: 8:00pm**

Feel free to bring refreshments and have a picnic in the parking lot before the show! (No alcohol, please).

Meadow Brook Theatre is on the Oakland University campus **RM 207 Wilson Hall - 378 Meadow Brook Road - Rochester, MI**

**MBT attendants will keep an eye on the cars during the performance.**

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**SPECIAL OFFER FOR PARTICIPANTS:**

**Theatre tickets only \$28 each and get one free ticket per classic car! (Standard tickets are \$37-\$43 each)**

**Please make reservations in advance and identify yourself as a JAGM member.**

**For tickets, contact Lisa Marie in Group Sales: 248-370-3316**

**JAGM Organizer—Gary Hillebrand 313-278-4206**

## Vintage Car Racing Event - May 6—GingerMan Raceway, South Haven

The Vintage Sports Car Driver Association (VSCDA) is holding its Spring Brake race weekend at **GingerMan Raceway**, near South Haven, the weekend of **May 6-7**. Phil Wiltshire brought this to our attention, and we thought it might be interesting to some of our members. We could meet at GingerMan for the racing event on Saturday, and anyone interested in driving their own car on the track can participate in what they call "Touring" the track during the mid-day break in the racing.



and racing finishes around 5 pm on Saturday (racing continues on Sunday as well, in case you want to stay to see more).

For more information on the event, go to: <https://vscda.org/events/gingerman-spring-brake-drivers-school-races/>. The site includes a detailed schedule of the entire weekend event.

Admission to the track is \$10/person, and the cost to participate in the "Touring" run at noon is

\$35. **Register for the event at [JAGM.org/Events/Upcoming](http://JAGM.org/Events/Upcoming)**. You'll also find a registration form for the Touring event there. Depending on the number of interested members we may coordinate the drive to the track, restaurants, and hotels for those who might want to make a weekend of it.

**Organizers:** The two Phil's (Wiltshire and Crutchfield)

GingerMan is a road course, about 2 miles long, and the weekend event features multiple classes of cars, each running in a qualifying race, then a 20 minute Sprint race. Practice sessions start at 8:30 am

## Mueller's Steak Fry/May Membership Meeting

The Mueller's would like to welcome JAGM members to the annual Steak Fry. A brief membership meeting will start at 1 PM. Please bring your favorite dish to pass and picnicware. We will supply the meat.

Please call **810-618-3026** or email [mueller1939@gmail.com](mailto:mueller1939@gmail.com) by **Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>** and let us know you are coming and how many people are in your group.

Also, let us know what side dish you will be bringing.

We've nice



put in our order for weather so that we can enjoy spring time in the orchard. The trillium should be in bloom. We have lots of room and hope to see all of you.

Chuck & Wendy Mueller



# The British Return to Fort Meigs—June 4<sup>th</sup>

**When: Sunday, June 4, 2022 10am—3pm**  
**Where: Fort Meigs Historic Site, 29100 W River Rd, Perrysburg, OH 43551**

The Lake Erie British Car Club (LEBCC) is holding its annual car show “The British Return to Fort Meigs” in Perrysburg, just south of Toledo, on June 4th.

The show is open to all British cars (and bikes). There are two classes for Jaguars: Jaguar Up To ‘84, and Jaguar ‘85 And Up. **Preregistration online costs \$12 per car, or you can register at the event from 10am until noon the day of the show for \$20.** For more information and for online registration, go to:

<https://www.lebcc.org/>, and click the “Car Show” button at the top of the page.

A group of us from JAGM made the short drive down last year for this event, and we found it to be a very enjoyable show—relaxed and informal, but with a great

number (about 150) and variety of British cars. Perrysburg is an interesting and historic town, and not a very long drive for many of us. It’s a good excuse to get the Jag out for a nice, sunny (hopefully) June drive.

Gary Hillebrand



## Classified Ads

**For Sale:** 1995 Jaguar XJS, 3.6 litre convertible, Sapphire Blue with oatmeal interior, 75000 miles. Two owners, current owner since 1997. Garaged locally entire time. Good interior and exterior, runs very well, has optional front and rear spoiler, custom wheels, cruise, seat heater, power seats, rear seats, cassette player, original radio. AC/Heater works well. All mechanicals work well. Beautiful color, many complimentary notes previously left on windshield.



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**Wanted: JAGM Concours dash plaques from the past (pre-1999).** Will pay any reasonable price.

**Contact Tim Moore at 586-945-4509/[tfm0719@live.com](mailto:tfm0719@live.com)**

**For Sale:** G.W. BARTLETT CO., original Jaguar interior for E-Type Series II, 2 + 2. Black in color. Current price new from OSJI (formally G.W. Bartlett Co.) is \$4900.

Come and take a look as I will refuse no reasonable offer.  
**Call Rob at 734-564-0366**

**For Sale:** New Pilkington windscreen for Series 1 E-Type roadster. Has a tiny chip at the top which would be covered by the chrome strip when installed. Damaged by an installer.

**\$200. Offered by Al Jacobson - 248-622-3300**

# Motor Muster and Historic Base Ball at Greenfield Village

Father Day's weekend at **Greenfield Village in Dearborn** always features one of the Village's two big car shows, the Motor Muster. Join with other JAGM members on **Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>** to enjoy the Motor Muster along with another favorite, an historic base ball match.

**Saturday hours for the Motor Muster will be 9:30 am to 9 pm, and the Base Ball Match starts at 1:30 pm.** The Motor Muster features hundreds of cars,



motorcycles and bicycles from the 1930's through the 1970's. The base ball match pits the two home Greenfield Village base ball clubs—the Lah-de-Dahs vs. the Eclipse Base Ball Club of Northville, playing with 1867 rules and equipment. No gloves, no sliding, no



spitting; a gentlemen's game!

The Motor Muster and the base ball match are free with membership or admission to the Village (\$33 for

adults, \$29.75 for seniors 62 and up and \$24.75 for youth 5 -11. Children four and under are free). For more information, visit [www.thehenryford.org](http://www.thehenryford.org).

Gary Hillebrand

## British Car Corral

**Where:** Baker's of Milford  
**When:** Select Sundays from 2 - 7 PM



**May 21<sup>th</sup> June 18<sup>th</sup>, July 16<sup>th</sup>, August 20<sup>th</sup>, and September 17<sup>th</sup>**

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.

British cars will have their own defined parking area. Mark your calendar now.

**Baker's of Milford**  
**2025 S. Milford Road,**  
**Milford, Michigan**

## Canceled: June 16th Taste of the Track

The Motor City BMW club will not be hosting this event at Waterford Hills this year. A number of us in JAGM have enjoyed participating the last couple years, thanks to Randy Perry, who belongs to both clubs. Hopefully it will return to the calendar in 2024!

# Bay Harbor Classic Car and Boat Festival

The **2023 Bay Harbor Classic Car & Boat Festival** is coming up on **Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>**. Those of us who participated last year had a fantastic weekend, and this year's show promises to be even better.

The Classic Car and Boat Show on Saturday is of course the headline for the weekend, but we can also enjoy all the other activities, starting with our own JAGM reception Thursday evening – here's the lineup for the weekend:

- **Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5:00-7:00 pm** – JAGM members get together for hors d'oeuvres and cocktails on the deck of our host hotel, the Apple Tree Inn in Petoskey. Dinner following at a restaurant of your choice.
- **Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8:30 am–4:00pm** – All Festival participants meet to participate in a scenic drive through the Petoskey/Harbor Springs area. The drive includes visits to three unique attractions. The first stop will be at a large **Private Car Collection in Bay Harbor** featuring several winning entries from the Pebble Beach Concours. The next stop is the **private garage of Mike Stowe, AKA Great Lakes Motor Works, in Boyne City**. The last stop will be **The Stone House in Torch Lake** for a tour and lunch (taco bar). The cost is \$37.50 per person.
- **Friday, 6:30-11 pm** - Exhibitor's Dinner Party at the **Bay Harbor Yacht Club**. Join other car and boat enthusiasts, exhibitors & donors at this exclusive event held at the Bay Harbor Yacht Club. Meet great people and exchange stories during a fantastic dinner followed by live music and dancing. A cash bar will be available. The cost is \$77.50 per person.
- **Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am-4:00 pm** – **Bay Harbor Classic Car & Boat Festival at Bay Harbor Village**. JAGM will have an exclusive display area at this great car show, which this year is also expecting multiple classic Duesenbergs and Auburn Speedsters along with beautiful wood boats. A featured classic wood boat this year will be JAGM member Henry Mistele's famous Miss America X, a record-setting Gar Wood racing boat powered

by four(!) Packard V-12 engines!

- **Saturday, 7-9 pm** - JAGM Dinner at **Vernales Restaurant**, a well-known steakhouse in Harbor Springs.

Sign up for all or some of these events at [JAGM.org](https://www.bayharborcarandboatfestival.com/event-details-registration/car-boat-show-exhibitor). Also make sure to register and pay for the Bay Harbor events at: <https://www.bayharborcarandboatfestival.com/event-details-registration/car-boat-show-exhibitor>. Check out this brief video of last year's show, just to whet your appetite: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iXiCcEb8Zw8>.

JAGM has a block of rooms reserved at the **Apple Tree Inn in Petoskey**. The reduced rates are: \$129 for Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup>, and \$244 for each of Friday and Saturday nights. **These rooms and rates are only held until May 8<sup>th</sup>, so if you haven't already secured lodging in the area, don't delay!** Finally, here's some contact information for the weekend's venues:

**Apple Tree Inn:** 915 Spring Street, Petoskey, MI (231)348-2900

**Bay Harbor Yacht Club:** 4300 Vista Drive, Bay Harbor, MI, (231) 439-2100 [bhyc@bayharboryc.com](mailto:bhyc@bayharboryc.com)

**Vernales Restaurant:** 3018 M-119, Harbor Springs, MI (231) 242-4777

**JAGM Organizers:** Dom Federico and Gary Cunningham

Gary Hillebrand



# Mad Dogs & Englishman British Car Faire, Gilmore Museum, Hickory Corners Sunday, July 9, 2023

The annual Mad Dogs & Englishmen car show at the famed Gilmore Museum is the largest all-British car show in Michigan. If you haven't made it before, think about entering your Jaguar and spending the day.

If 350 British cars and motorcycles isn't enough to keep your interest, there's also the incredible barns full of classic cars on display at the Gilmore. JAGM members have typically made up around half of the 20-30 Jaguars that attend each year.



The featured marque this year is the MG Midget and Austin Healey Sprite and the Rare Gem is the Rootes Group cars.

**Saturday, July 8** - Those who want to travel on Saturday can meet at 5:30 pm for dinner at Player's Grill in Augusta, MI, then drive a short distance to the Barn Theater for a play at 8:00 pm. We've seen a number of plays at this theater over the years and it's always a great evening.

JAGM has a reserved block of 10 rooms at the Fairfield by Marriot in Kalamazoo for Saturday night. The discounted rate is \$139 plus taxes. You can make your reservation before June 24th using this link: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1668706867917&key=GRP&app=resvlink>.

**Sunday, July 9** - We will be at the Mad Dogs & Eng-

lishmen car show at the Gilmore Museum. Register your car with the Mad Dogs & Englishmen car show at <https://maddogsandenglishmen.org/mde/registration.cfm>. For more information on the Gilmore Museum go to [www.gilmorecarmuseum.org](http://www.gilmorecarmuseum.org).

Look for more details in the Upcoming Events page at [JAGM.org](http://JAGM.org), and in the next couple Indicators.

Gary Hillebrand

## JAGM's 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Concours d'Elegance - Sunday, September 3

This summer JAGM returns to a familiar venue and weekend for its annual Concours d'Elegance.

**Date:** Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> (Sunday of Labor Day weekend)  
**Location:** Canterbury Village, Lake Orion

As in previous years, we'll invite the other British car clubs to display their cars in a British Car Showcase, and we'll host out-of-town guests at a reception on Saturday evening.

Details and opportunities to help out will be coming in the next few Indicators. Mark the date on your calendar and get ready for another great Concours!





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