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Ken Katch's photo from the Historic Auto Attractions.

Who is old enough to remember when...





The Official 2023 Club Calendar

Watch the Jag Rag & your emails for updated information on these coming events.

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Photos from 20 years ago. "Old Barn & Wine Tour" Drive 2003



From: Ken Katch

Photos: Cathy Kakuska

Mini Golf! - Jan

Our first event of 2023 was mini golf at the PuttShack in Oakbrook.

There were 24 members participating in food, drinks, and socializing.And then there was mini golf!

It was a unique competitive experience with I understand some foot wedges and other shenanigans.

Ultimately Mark Havemann was the winner and took home a prize of a practice putting system.

Seems like that should have gone to the worst score!













May 2023

Medieval Times– March 17th

From: Ron St. John

On Saturday, February 25tha small but hardy lot of IJC members gathered at Medieval Times in Schaumburg, Illinois.

The evening started by everyone being entertained by some beautiful horses doing a number of different dressage performances. After a lot of banter between the Queen and some nobleman, the show got down to business by the Queen offering a toast to a safe and exciting performance. This definitely pleased our members in attendance

Once the battles started, the drama was almost as intense as professional wrestling match. Michael (who I was sitting next to) and I both agreed that all the knights needed was managers talking smack and they would give the WWE a run for their money. Only problem for our revelers was that we were seated in the blue section. That means we had to cheer on the Blue Knight.

Well, rooting for the Blue Knight didn't work out so well. He was the first one to get injured and taken off the battlefield during the preliminary fighting. Then, the Queen decreed that all the battles would be to their death that night. We anticipated great things! Think of the rags to riches come from behind story this would be.

But the crummy Blue Knight blew a head gasket and was the first to go down during the ensuing battles to the death also. Very disappointing, but somehow we managed and all in all, it was a pretty entertaining evening.







St Patricks Day at the Gunthers.

From: Ken Katch Photos: Rick Gunther

Mark Havemann received the individual grand prize for telling the best St Patrick's Day joke delivered in an Irish brogue, and then taking the top number of points in the friendly "Jaguar Family Feud" game ..489 pts.! Top prize was a gold Bitcoin!

The "Green Team" won the team title, winning 4 out of 5 rousing rounds of St Paddy's Day Family Feud.



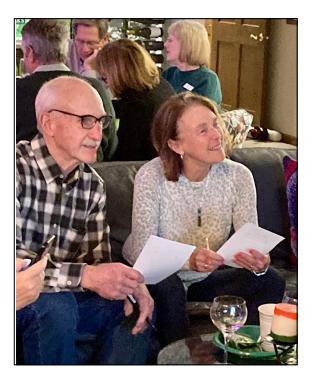
The Green Team: Susan and Louis Sinclair, Sheila Plemich, Carol and Greg Korak, Jan and Glenn Barickman and Mike Smith.





Colleen (McLaughlin) Gunther's homemade Guinness Stout Chocolate cake won top honors for best dessert!





Jim & Cathy Kakuska think it over.

Historic Auto Attraction/ April 1st

Photos from: Ken Katch and Mark Havemann



On April 1, with the weather playing a cold, rainy, windy joke, a group of mostly Jaguars left Geneva for a backroad drive to Roscoe, IL and the Historic Auto Attraction.

This recently enlarged 90,00 square foot facility houses a history of transport going back to covered wagons. There are gangster cars, a large Kennedy collection including the Secret Service car from Dallas, race cars, superhero and TV cars.

After a very educational couple of hours we headed to the Thunder Bay Grill for a warming lunch and a little natter n' noggin.

Thank you Mike and Dennis Smith for planning a great event.

Champagne British Car Show June 2-4

Celebrate 100 Years of MG with John Twist. The Champagne British Car Festival (CBCF) is just around the corner, June 2-4, 2023 in Bloomington, Illinois. This is the 32nd anniversary of the Festival and you can expect an amazing weekend of British car activities.

The David Davis Mansion provides a historic backdrop to display over 125 classic British cars during the Champagne British Car Festival - Bloomington Music, food and beverage vendors will enhance your experience keeping with the show's recognition of 100 Years of MG, CBCF is hosting John Twist as Saturday's banquet speaker and for "Rolling Tech Sessions" during Sunday's car show. John Twist, the nationally renowned MG mechanic and expert, has been performing his famous Rolling Tech Sessions at MG-related events throughout the country for decades. While John is an MG expert, this event is open to and appropriate for the owner of any British car as the mechanical systems are generally identical.

What's happening at the Champagne British Car Festival THIS YEAR? The Illinois Flat Land British Car Club has begun planning our premier event of 2023, the 3-day Cham-

pagne British Car Festival.

- Registered entrants "Start Your Engines" and your Festival weekend by joining us Friday evening, June 2nd for a Welcome Reception, sponsored by the Illinois Flat Land British Car Club
- The fun continues Saturday morning, June 3, with a selfguided rally to Historic Pontiac, IL where the city parking lot will be reserved for our use. City staff will welcome us with information packets and souvenir Route 66 pins. Arrangements have been made with the city to provide us with special access to the Route 66 Hall of Fame exhibits & Museum and Pontiac-Oakland Automobile Museum.
- The CBCF sit-down banquet will be held in the newly renovated Chateau Hotel and Conference Center's ball-room.
- We're delighted to announce that John Twist will be speaking at the Saturday banquet and hosting his popular "Rolling Tech Session" during the Sunday car show at David Davis Mansion. To register ONLINE www.iflbcc.club/cbcf-pre-registration







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2023 Illínois Jaguar Club Concours d'Elegance

Saturday, July 29, 2023 8:30 am to 3:00 pm Assembly & Detailing – 8:30 to 11:00 am Judging - 11:00 am BBQ Lunch

St James Farm Pavilion & Adjacent Fenced Grass Paddock (Use the Hoy Avenue - East Entrance) 2S451 Winfield Rd Warrenville, IL 60555

The Illinois Jaguar Club is pleased to host our 2023 Concours <u>d'Elegance</u> at this historic Nature Preserve in Warrenville, IL. We are excited to celebrate the Marque of Jaguar and the enduring enthusiasm of our members in our 54th year.

Evening Reception w/Guest Speaker Burt Levy

Adelle's Fine American Faire 535 W. Liberty Drive Wheaton, IL 60187 5:30 PM

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June 10th Drive to Farnsworth House

The Edith Farnsworth House ticket office has given IJC a unique link for tickets for the Noon tour on June 10; this day and time is NOT available to the public on their website.

Tours have a capacity of about 20 people and while IJC has first choice, if less than 20 IJC members buy tickets, Farnsworth House cannot be expected let open tickets go unsold. Therefore, Farnsworth



House will give us exclusive rights the Noon, 6/10 tour until Friday, 6/2, at which time they will open the Noon tour to the public.

This is peak tour season for the Farnsworth House. If you wait to buy tickets until 6/3 or later, the tour will likely be sold out. To guarantee your access to the tour at Noon, 6/10, please purchase your ticket by <u>6/3</u> Online at www.ijc.clubexpress.com:

Tickets are \$30 with a \$1.50 fee with the online system. It appears IJC members have bought 7 tickets as of 5/26. The normal tour capacity is 20, however if demand exceeds 20, we can contact EFH to try to accommodate more IJC visitors.

To recap, the Summer Drive is a 90-mile, 2-hour drive starting in Geneva at 9:00 to Plano for a 90-minute tour. The Edith Farnsworth House is a historical house designed and constructed by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe from 1945 to 1951. It was commissioned by Dr. Edith Farnsworth, a prominent Chicago nephrologist, musician, and poet as a weekend retreat to relax, entertain, and enjoy nature. The house is recognized as an iconic masterpiece of the International Style of architecture and has National Historic Landmark status.

Learn about the architectural design principles, construction process, and contentious relationship between the architect and owner.

A lunch at the Fireside Grille in Sugar Grove (15 miles) will follow (optional). See the "Event Calendar" on the IJC Main Menu for more information and registration. Please contact Greg Korak at <u>greg.korak@gmail.com</u> if you have any questions.

Walter and Jane Myers. Urbana, IL

After a lifetime of owning and working on more than a few Porsches, an Alfa Romeo Giulia, and a few years of looking, Walter finally found his first Jag about a year ago, a low milage 2000 Jaguar XK8 convertible.

Walter was a Chair at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine at Springfield, Illinois before his retirement. So we know he is good at planning and executing and has a knowledge of East Central Illinois. Maybe we can look forward to a nice drive south in the future? Welcome, looking forward to meeting you and that pretty Jag soon

Doug and Bev Powers. Arlington Heights, IL.

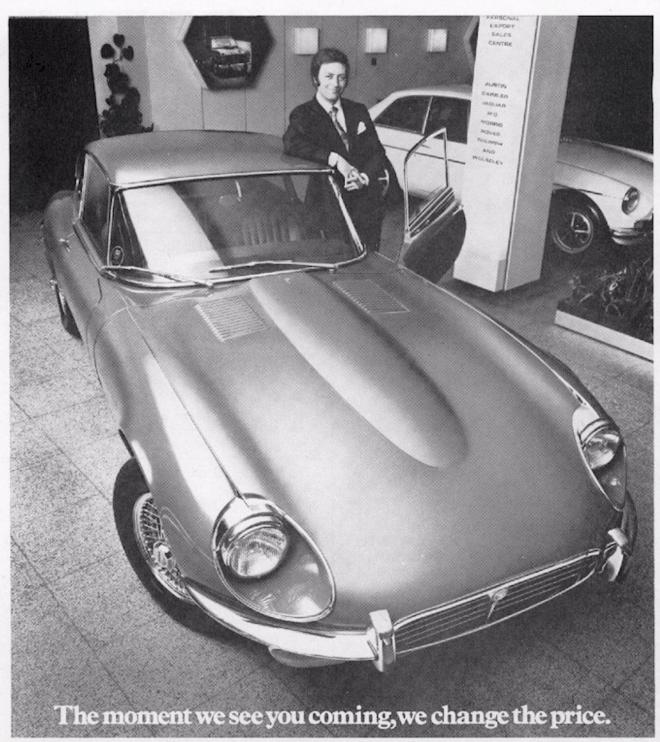
Doug has a long history with Jaguars going back to a 67 E type he bought in 1970.He then experienced the joys of daily driving an E type including driving in the rain at night and having the lights go out along with a damp seat from a footwell filling with water on the way to a job interview!'

Doug remained undeterred as he owned several more Jags before moving from a 2001 XKR to his current 2019 F type R. He and Bev have a history of motorcycle touring and plan to fit right in to our Jaguar touring style.

Some of you have already met Doug as his first event was our Medieval Times evening. Welcome

Welcome new member Sharon Lentz Buell. Iowa City, IA

Let's welcome Sharon Lentz Buell to the club.Sharon and Kevin are from Iowa City making them our most westerly members. Sharon has a 97 XJ8 VDP that her husband found for her 8 years ago. Ask her about the back story of purchasing it from a friends son who was leaving the county. It's a third owner car and I hope we see it at an event soon.



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