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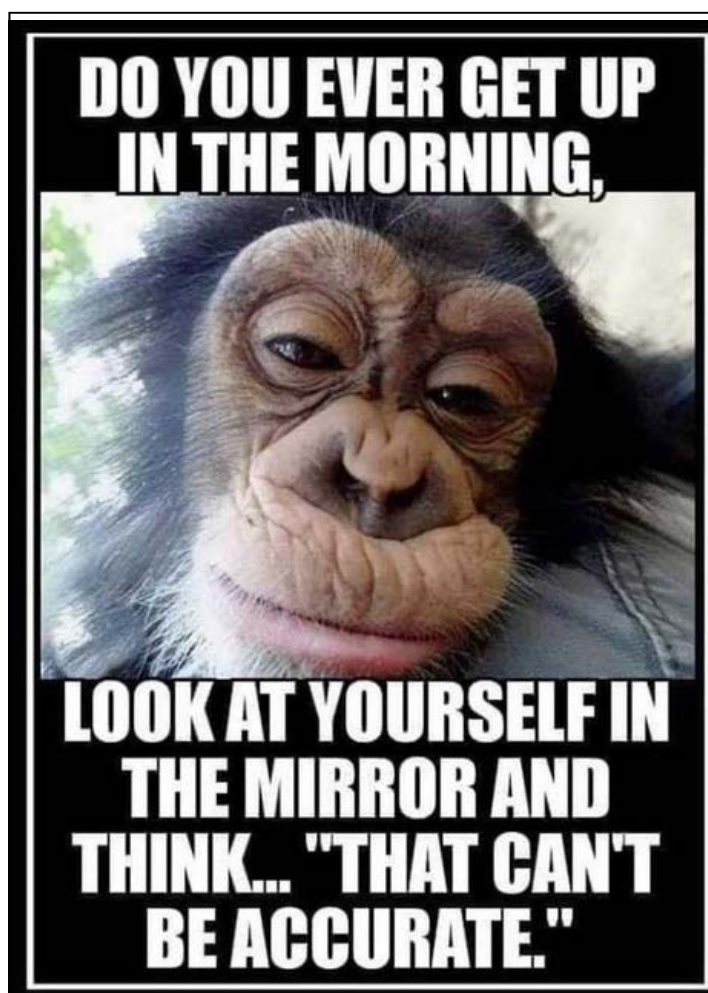
Facebook Page

Yes, we now have a Facebook page. Look up Illinois Jaguar Club on Facebook and join the group. If you have trouble finding it thru Facebook, you can also get to it by going to our www.ijc.clubexpress.com site and clicking the link there.

Done something interesting with your Jag or taking a drive, post it on Facebook.

Cover Photo

Franks Etype: picture at his facility taken by Rod Lindoo



The Official 2024 Club Calendar

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

Month / Date / Time	Event	Location / Contact
January 13th 10 am	North Shore Classic Cars and Wood Fire Tavern	North Shore Classic Cars in Mundelein, IL Michael Smith 630-837-6346
February 17th:	Chicago Auto Show	Michael D Smith 630-837-6346
April 6th	The Grove, River Trail Nature Center and Bob Chin Crab House	Glenview & Northbrook, IL
May 4th	Russell Military Museum and lunch at the Shanty	Zion, IL
May 31st - June 2nd	British Car Festival	Champagne, Illinois www.iflbcc.club
July	TBA	
August 10th	Annual Concours d'Elegance	St James Farm, Winfield Illinois
September	British Car Festival www.britishcarunion.com	Harper College, Palatine Mark Havemann 847-888-3924
October	TBA	
November	TBA	

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



Announcement

It certainly has been a fun event season for the club. We had 10 IJC events with 46 members and 29 guests participating in at least one. That is a wonderful turnout but it means we had 70 members that we did not get to spend time with this year.

We are welcoming our newest member John Saraceno from Westchester and his 2012 XK.

Ken Katch



IJC Holiday Party

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On Sunday December 3rd, the club had a Scottish Experience for our Holiday dinner. No haggis was on the menu, but we did have a traditional Sunday Roast complete with Yorkshire pudding.

The evening began with a bagpiper greeting everyone as they arrived. It was good to see everyone before the Holiday crush begins.

Several new members attended and we

hope to see them again at future events.

Speaking of events, we do have a full calendar planned for 2024 so don't forget to check the event schedule on the website and I am sure Ken will include in his monthly "Update".

Happy Holidays to everyone!



From: Cathy Kakuska

Photos from: Glenn Barickman



New Member Profile

From: Rick Gunther



Frank Karabestos

Frank Karabestos joined the Illinois Jaguar Club in 2022, at the urging of a club member. Currently, he owns a beautiful Jaguar XK120 and a '61-'62 flat floor E-Type, both for sale!

Frank, his wife Pat and two daughters and son-in-law all love classic cars and work in Frank's classic car business in Sugar Grove, Frank's Classic Cars (www.franksclassiccars.com).



Frank and his E-Type

Frank got started in the business of buying and selling classic cars about 25 years ago. Beginning as a hobby, his first classic was a '56 Chevy in Powder Blue. Then he bought a second vehicle, and the business was off and running in the 90's. His first Jaguar classic was a '61 flat floor E-Type, and he has owned and sold many XKE's over the years.



Frank and his XK

Frank buys 10-20 vehicles a year and reconditions those that pique his interest in his shop on the premises. Currently, he owns a beautiful Jaguar XK120 and a '61-'62 flat floor E-Type.

Frank likes to say he acquires mostly unique, one-of-a-kind classic automobiles, and muscle cars with 4-speeds from the 50's through the 70's, and acquires autos via network referrals, web searches, and travels around the country. He also has a large collection of classic and unusual convertibles from the era. The classics are topped off by a group of speed cars, like Ferraris and Corvettes in the current generation.

In September, Frank graciously allowed our members to tour his main HQ building prior to our drive to the Sycamore Speedway and view some of his favorite cars. To say it's an outstanding collection is an understatement!



A few of Franks other cars.



From: Rod Lindoo

Photos: Rick Gunther



I used to make it to the races a couple times a year, it's a blast. I haven't been for a few years since I moved to Michigan but now that the club was going and it's my weekend to be in Illinois, I jumped at the chance.



I prefer Friday night racing since they have a variety of races. The usual oval track races, powder puff races, one on one spectator drag races, figure 8 races and even a watered down version of demolition derby. (yeah they put the cars inside a small cement ring so they cant get much speed up. I bet its an insurance thing). But Saturday will be a new thing for us. Saturday nights are just the oval track with late model cars. Faster and noisier cars.

This was the last and final night of racing. Racers have been collecting points all year and this finishes things up to see who came in first for the year.

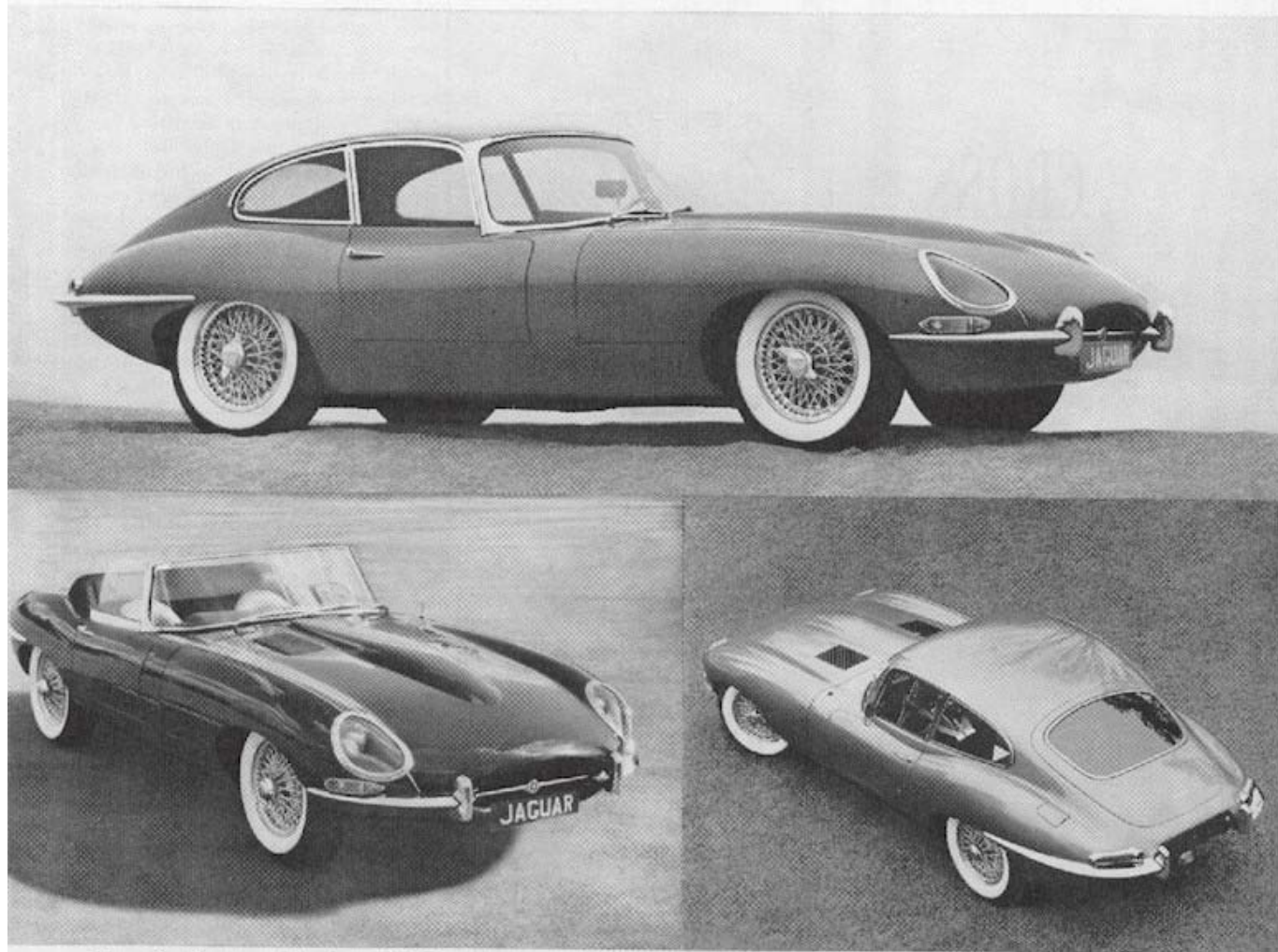


There was plenty of seating around at first, it started filling up later. Watch out for the corners, you might get hit by flying clay as the cars go around.

It was a lot of fun spending the day with the club members touring Franks Cars, Dinner and the track. Can't wait till next summer, maybe we can do it again.

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