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Editors Corner



This month I thought I'd say this is the first month that I produced the entire newsletter,- almost. I still had a lot of help from Kurt and Sharon.

I want to say that anything emitted, or published in error in this issue is entirely my fault and I'll take the arrows.

Hope you find this to be interesting reading as we move into summer.

Harvey



**YOU WON'T
SEE ANOTHER
MACHINE
SHOP
LIKE THIS**

Saturday, June 7th, 11 am, with coffee and donuts

**Towaco Screw Machine Products Company,
34504 140th Street SE, Sultan**

Lunch at Ixtapa Family Mexican Restaurant, 31103 US-2, Sultan

Towaco Screw Machine Products Company has been in business since the 1950s. Its present owner, Duane Schosboek (*above*), has run the shop for over 40 years with machines built in the 40's and 50's.

Don't expect to see CNC machines making screws, these machines are manually programmed by changing different shaped discs and cams. The machines make small parts for other machines like espresso and exercise machines, moisture meters, pallet jacks, berry pickers and aerospace to mention a few.

Duane will run some of these machines (*below*), so we can see a 20' piece of steel stock go in one end and parts come out of the other. There are few of these types of machine shops left, so don't miss an opportunity to tour one.

Lunch following in a separate room at the Ixtapa Family Mexican Restaurant, 31103 US-2, Sultan. Contact: Ray Papineau 206 -383-6892 or papineaus@aol.com. Register: <https://www.seattlejagclub.org/events/tour-the-towaco-screw-machine-products-co>.





Concours d'Elegance

**Hello. You're Invited To Our Party.
Join Us As We Celebrate JOTI's 20th Anniversary.**

**Friday, July 18 – Sunday, July 20
Victoria, B.C.**

**Friday Evening Welcome Reception
Saturday Sanctioned JCNA Concours
Saturday Evening Awards Banquet
Sunday Driving Tour and Farewell Luncheon**

**A CELEBRATION OF ALL JAGUAR CARS AND THEIR OWNERS
WITH SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF THE ICONIC E-TYPE JAGUAR**

**Host Hotel: Victoria Delta Ocean Pointe
Concours Show Field: Windsor Park, Oak Bay**

REGISTRATION OPENS IN MARCH

www.jaguarclubvictoria.ca

For further information please contact:

2025 Concours Chair: Carole Borgens

Email: caroleborgens@shaw.ca

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The Seattle Jaguar Club presents:

**2025 Concours d'Elegance & Car Show
Swinomish Casino and Lodge - Anacortes, WA**

Jaguars On The Green Saturday August 2nd, 2025

Opening Happy Hour: Friday 8/1 6-8p

Car Show: Saturday 8/2 8-3p

Prowl/Lunch: Sunday 8/3 9:30-1p

Registration & more info at www.seattlejagclub.org/jotg



Join us for the “I Survived the 2025 Kitsap Autobahn” drive on Saturday, May 31st for a drive around the Kitsap Peninsula.

We will meet in **Silverdale** at

THE TRAILS at SILVERDALE Shopping Center
11199 Pacific Crest Pl,
Silverdale, 98383

We will gather in the open area in front of Sprouts grocery store. Coffee and restrooms are available at Sprouts and at Johnny Coffee. Driver’s meeting is at 9:45 am and we depart at 10:00 am. About 2.5 hours later, we will stop for lunch in Bremerton at

THE GARAGE BAR AND GRILL
6812 Kitsap Way, Bremerton, WA

Unfortunately, since this is a bar, all diners must be 21+.

Contact Bob Book at 253-709-2478 or
bbook939@gmail.com with any questions



2025 JCNA Annual General Meeting Report

The 2025 Jaguar Clubs of North America (JCNA) Annual General Meeting (AGM), hosted by the Delaware Valley Jaguar Club, was held April 24 – 27, 2025 in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. I attended this meeting as the NW Regional Director and Member of the JCNA Executive Board of Directors.

I won't go into delayed flights, lost baggage or closed car rental office. You've probably all been there, done that. When most participants enjoyed a 3 1/2 hour Covered Bridges Tour on Friday, the Board of Directors met to review JCNA business activities for 2024 and proposed operations for 2025. A Friday evening reception was held at the Simeone Museum where the focus is on **unrestored** classic race cars. Its one of the largest collections of its kind in the world. When so many of them are perfect restorations its nice to see them as they came off the track from the last race.

A Spectacular 100SS

Photo, Brian Case



Who among us doesn't know a D-Type and that the E-Type is based on it?

Photo, Brian Case



While most of what the board does is routine business administration there were some significant reports. After months of tedious efforts, J.J. Keig, 2024 President of JCNA, was able to present to membership a 2025 Budget in addition to the routine Profit and Loss Statement. This is a significant step forward in financial management for JCNA as it details expected income and expenditures for 2025 instead of just paying the bills as they come in. After substantial losses during the previous two years, we are forecasting a break even to small profit year for 2025. This is in part due to a reduction in the cost of publishing the Jaguar Journal.

Additional actions by the AGM included approving the planning for holding the 2026 AGM in Mexico City, Mexico on April 15th – 19th. Also approved is the conducting of the 2026 International Jaguar Festival in

Cambria, California in September/October 2026. In response to complaints about the JCNA Concours scoring software being difficult to use, several slight changes were made to improve the software. Additionally, two how-to videos have been added to the JCNA website to help the users.

The most interesting report for Seattle Jaguar Club (SJC) was the Membership report. A new Membership Rollup as of 1 April was presented. This report depicted membership annually from December 2008. This report shows that the Seattle Jaguar Club from Dec 31st 2020 to April 1 2025 has grown by 68%! While other clubs are stagnant or losing members, **Seattle Jaguar Club has become the 2nd largest club in JCNA** and less than ten members behind San Francisco, the largest club, and we are still growing.

The election of club officers was conducted on Saturday. Mark Mayuga was elected President for 2025 and Dean Cusano was elected Vice President. There will also be changes to some of the committees.

JCNA annually presents awards in various leadership and technical categories to members. Last year, members of our region, Victoria BC, Vancouver BC, Portland and Seattle, were presented with six of these awards. This year I brought home ten awards for members of our region (recipients listed elsewhere in JagMag). Other clubs remembered last year's haul and seeing the domination by northwest members this year are asking how we do it. My answer was always the same – we have great members.

The Awards Banquet had some fun moments and a lot of recognition for our club and region. After going back and forth to the podium three times to accept awards, I just stood to the side and collected seven more. Lots of comments from the peanut gallery: you again, who did you pay off, leave some for the rest of us. After the dinner, and on Sunday, the primary comments were: [congratulations](#), outstanding, what are you doing out there.

Sunday morning, our new President, Mark Mayuga, did a great job of laying out what needs to be done, including reestablishing the position of Business Manager to ensure better financial management of the club. JCNA will also resurrect a Marketing plan developed by Kurt Jacobson when he was Regional Director. Changes will be made to the Rally program to make it easier to run and to encourage more clubs to conduct one.

A little more recognition for the NW Region came at the Sunday morning meeting. Mark Mayuga asked me to give a presentation on our NW Presidents Meetings and another on why Seattle keeps growing while others are not.

After all the work was done, and most members had departed, Tim and Mandy Ashcroft, from Jaguar Owners Club of Oregon, and I visited the Valley Forge National Historic Park which was close to the hotel. We continued our wandering on Monday by touring Independence Hall in Philadelphia, one of the most important places in the history of the United States. We finished our day aboard the USS Becuna at the Independence Seaport Museum, then off to the airport.

Photos, Nicole Smart and Mandy Ashcroft

New Fearless Leader
Mark Mayuga



Outgoing President, in Suit & tie
JJ Keig



Photos Mandy Ashcroft:

Valley Forge Park
Great American History Site

Tim & Mandy Ashcroft, Brian Case on Right-



Vice President of JCNA
Dean Cusano



Membership Chair, selected as new JCNA Secretary

Nedra Rummel



Annual GM, Saturday



JCNA North American Awards

The highlight of the 2025 JCNA Annual General Membership Meeting held April 26th in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania was the Awards Banquet where awards for 2024 were presented in several categories. Overall, the Northwest Region, composed of the Seattle Jaguar Club, Canadian XK Jaguar Register, Jaguar Owners Club of Oregon and the Jaguar Car Club of Victoria performed exceedingly well, sweeping ten of the nineteen awards presented!

Of special note was the Andrew Whyte Service Award given to Carole Borgens of the Jaguar Car Club of Victoria. It is awarded for service well beyond the norm. It is given for local service and contributions to national service. It is a reward for hard work and dedication to JCNA. Carole is Vice President and Concours Chair for the Victoria club and is a Regional Director for the Northwest Region and participates on the JCNA Board. This is the highest level of recognition awarded to JCNA Members.

Congratulations to the following Seattle Jaguar Club members recognized for specific contributions to our club newsletter.

Photo: Michael Watts, September JagMag, "XK's in the Sunset"

Travel Article: Art Foley, August JagMag, "Foley's Folly"

Event Article: Kurt Jacobson, December JagMag, "Driving Rain"

Technical Article: Alan Fenstermaker, JagMag Parts 1 to 5, Past Perfect, The SS1"

Jaguar Life Article: Alan Donald, May JagMag, "Bringing Home My New Jaguar"

But that is not all! Five Seattle Jaguar Club Members earned North American Regional Awards for their hard work in preparing their Jaguars and participating in JCNA Sanctioned Concours Events.

JCNA North American Awards

Our congratulations to:

Class C9, Regional 1st Place, Danny Lisa

Class C15, Regional 2nd Place, Michael Watts

Class C20, Regional 3rd Place, George Lefler

Class D11, Regional 2nd Place, Alan Donald

Class DF14, Regional 1st Place, Bill Holmes.

New member Peter Reynen shares his journey to Jaguar ownership

Peter had this to say, "I have had a long love affair with British cars and motorcycles for as long as I can remember. I was a zealous reader of magazines that extolled the virtues of British performance cars and savored every detail.

My British car history really starts with an MGA I purchased for \$75 in high school in 1971. It had some mechanical issues so I stored it in my dad's garage until I could organize and save for what I thought would be an engine rebuild. My dad was less patient, he wanted his garage back. My dad found a motivated buyer - my cousin - who had the great sense to bring it to a mechanic who quickly deciphered the problem and installed a new rocker arm which resolved the loud tapping I thought would require a complete rebuild.

My high school history includes a ride in a 1962 Rolls Royce Silver Shadow followed by a ride in a Bentley in my twenties. Also in my twenties I had the fortune to be able to aggressively drive my brother's MGBGT and a friend's Triumph GT6+. When I was 21, I nibbled at a 1962 Jaguar MK2 but in the night sky I detected a big blue cloud after I accelerated so I opted out. I always wanted a second bite at the British motor car apple, but I never found the right car.

In 1973 I went to my best friend's brother in law's (Dewayne) house and in the garage he was rebuilding the engine of his 1957 XK140 OTS SE with 92K miles on it. Dewayne planned on rebuilding the motor but had some problems with the overhead cams and the rebuild failed. Unfortunately, from that moment forward it became a long-term bucket list for Dewayne but it remained in storage from 1973 forward.

However, once I saw the car in 1973, I fell in love with it. From that moment forward I was forever interested in this car. Every year I would ask my best friend, Steve, what's going on with the Jag. I got the same response - Dewayne is planning on restoring it but it never happened. Twelve years ago, I happened to see Dewayne and told him that if he ever wanted to sell the Jaguar I would love to be the buyer. I knew what I saw 40 years earlier but I didn't know what the Jag had become after seeing it twice in 1973.

Finally, twelve years later, in April 2023, he called me and asked me if I wanted to buy the car. I immediately said yes - sight unseen - price unknown. We then discussed a price, and I immediately sold my Z3 and waited for Dewayne to call me with the

expectation that we could transact the deal immediately. Unfortunately, it took another five months before Dewayne could untangle the Jag from other encumbrances. Each week that passed had me trembling with excitement and expectation.

I finally went to see the car in November of 2023. It was principally the same car that I remembered. I knew I would have to rebuild the motor, but the body was in pretty good shape and for the most part the particulars were all there. The original goal was to find someone that could help me get the car to roll, stop and steer for me to get it on a trailer so that we could ship it to the Northwest. I called ten places but then found Images European in Campbell, CA.

Following many calls, I decided that Images European was the right company to rebuild the driveline. David was very excited about the car and pointed out that this was a relatively rare rust-free California car. He showed me all the typical rust spots and demonstrated that the car had none of those problems. Typically, rust damages the frame and the battery box. He pointed out that the car had none of those typical problems and was relatively rust-free. He then pointed out that in addition to some rust prevention coatings under the car there was enough oil covering the bottom of the car to further expunge any rust. The car does have some surface rust on the panels, but it is a blemish and doesn't require wholesale bodywork. The car had been stored safely for the prior 50 years so all in all the car was in great shape - save the interior and paint, which obviously needs some help.

The list of things rebuilt is exhaustive. Radiator, water pump, oil pump, carburetors, entire engine (new bearings, new valves, new hemispherical pistons, wrist pins, balanced crankshaft, etc.) starter, clutch, front and rear oil pans, steering box, wheel bearings, hydraulic systems, front end steering systems, transmission, drive shaft, rear end, front disc brakes, new rebuild of rear brake system, exhaust system, new wire wheels. It drives like a new 50's car. It purrs like a Jaguar should.

I took final delivery of the Jag in Campbell, drove it to Santa Cruz and back to Campbell. It was subsequently shipped to Bellevue and is now safely in the NW. My immediate plans are to tweak a few things and get the speedometer, RPM gauge and gas gauge rebuilt over the next couple of months. I plan on bringing it to a few events and am excited to meet other club members.”

A Time to Reflect on My Jaguar Ownership...



In driving my XK140MC a month ago, I was attuned, to the (lack of a better word,) “essence” of every noise, shifting smoothly through the gears, while hearing the throaty dual exhaust, immensely appreciating the experience I have had in owning my car over the years. Selling it, I drove for the final time, reflecting on my most favorite treasured car that I have ever owned. I did of course, have the thought, what am I doing? But, as soon as I had that thought, I also remembered why. In talking with the new owners, I knew that they will be excellent owners, members, and participants of Seattle Jaguar Club functions. I had met the future new owners over a year ago through Mark Jones, owner of BritSports restoration shop in Seattle. While I was not selling my car at the time, Mark just thought it would be a good idea for the new owners to see my XK for referencing to others that were available. Recently, in speaking with Mark, he informed me that Jamie was still looking for her XK140 and had joined the Seattle Jaguar Club to learn more about the XK140 before purchasing. That got my attention, because 7 years prior, I made the mistake of buying a '62 Mercedes SL blindly, without joining a club and taking advantage of learning first from actual owner's knowledge and experience. Because of Jamie's fortitude and ambitious search for the right XK, I suggested that I could “re-quaint” both Jamie and her husband, Chris, to my XK for a possible sale. I had also thoughts of perhaps a new adventure and “moving on” because of personal reasons. We met at BritSport, they already knew about the extensive restoration, record sale at Bonham's in Pebble Beach and later Wayne Carini, and award history of the car.



I was genuinely impressed with Jamie's obvious passion for it. On our test drive, getting in, she put on her sports car hat and during the drive I learned of her growing up with her dad being a sports car enthusiast. That enthusiasm obviously wore off on Jamie, I learned she grew up learning to drive manuals, reminding me, that I taught my kids that as well. I was overcome with the realization of having found the right, next "caretaker" as they say, for my Jaguar. We came to an agreement for Jamie and Chris to continue the ownership of the 1955 XK140MC OTS. I hope to help the new owners get up to speed on the XK140, and hopefully help attending competitions. Look out!

The other thought of my selling, was my association with the Seattle Jaguar Club and its wonderful members. As well as remembering the camaraderie of making new friends with fellow JCNA Jaguar owners while attending distant concourses. I was lucky, to have joined the Seattle Jaguar Club, the best club around with often multiple events each month throughout the year. I've been a member of the local Porsche, Mercedes, Alfa Romeo, Classic Car, and Ferrari clubs, and without a doubt, the Seattle Jaguar Club is by far and away the best car club I've ever a member of. While I will not disappear, I do want to thank the members and club officers for their friendship, kindness, and hard work. I am especially thankful for Sharon and Brian for their selfless dedication to the club and all of the activities, Kurt and Cheryl for the same friendship and help and the best damn car club magazine, Kurt Miyatake for showing me how not to take pictures of my cars, William Humiston for friendship and advice, Ray Papineau for his generous encouragement to "carry on," during a difficult time, John Holmes for his wonderful always smiling friendliness towards me every time I saw him, and Ehab Sahawneh for helping me greatly with my XK's mechanicals. And finally, Mark Jones, who we all can be thankful for his expertise, help, and dedication to maintaining our Jaguars "up to snuff."

Best wishes to all and Au revoir,

Erik Schumy
JCNA #98 67140



MAY 2025

Sat May 3 9 am, As a group, watch Windermere Cup rowing races and boat/yacht parade (*photo left, courtesy of Seattle's Child*). Pay for parking at University of Washington Lot E12. Bring a picnic for lunch overlooking the Montlake Cut. Register at [Windemere Cup Races | Seattle Jaguar Club](#) Contact randypickett@hotmail.com 253.258.6418.



Wed May 7 6:30 pm Board meeting via video conference. All members welcome. Contact Chris Eseman.

Sat-Sun May 10-11 Spokane adventure. Details to come. Contact randypickett@hotmail.com 253-258-6418



Sat May 17 All British Field Meet, VanDusen Botanical Gardens, Vancouver BC. TBD.

Sun May 18 Roving dinner, 4 pm, Aversano's Italian Restaurant, 6015 Parker Rd E, Sumner WA. RSVP by Wednesday, May 14th: [Roving Dinner at Aversano's Italian Restaurant | Seattle Jaguar Club](#) Contact: Brian Case 253.329.9126, sbcase253@hotmail.com .



Thu May 29 7 pm. Judges training via videoconference. Contact Bill Holmes.

Sat May 31 "I Survived the Kitsap Autobahn" Drive makes a loop around the peninsula. Great views of the water and mountains. Lunch at The Garage & Bar Grill.

Contact Bob Book



JUNE 2025

Wed Jun 4 6:30 pm Board meeting via videoconferencing. All members welcome. Contact Secretary Chris Eseman.

Sat Jun 7 11 am tech session, Towaco Screw Machine Products Company 34504 140th Street SE, Sultan WA 98294. A unique machine shop making parts from parts ranging from espresso machines to aerospace. All on machines from the 40's and 50's, manually programmed by changing differently shaped discs and cams, which will be demonstrated. Coffee and donuts at the shop and lunch at Ixtapa Family Mexican Restaurant, 31103 US-2, Sultan. Register <https://www.seattlejagclub.org/events/tour-the-towaco-screw-machine-products-co> Contact Ray Papineau 206-383-6892, papineaus@aol.com



Sat Jun 14 Show & shine, location TBD. Contact Tamera & Michael Bramble.

Sat & Sun July 21 & 22 Head for the beach! Overnight trip to Ocean Shores for a garage tour and photoshoot at the beach. You can head home after dinner or spend the night and have breakfast in Seabrook followed by a leisurely, scenic drive home. Contact Mike Watts michaeljwatts@hotmail.com



July 2025

Wed Jul 2 6:30 pm Board meeting via video conferencing. All members welcome. Contact Secretary Chris Eseman.

Sat & Sun July 4 & 6 Head for the beach! Overnight trip to Ocean Shores for a garage tour and photoshoot at the beach. You can head home after dinner or spend the night and have breakfast in Seabrook followed by a leisurely, scenic drive home. Contact Mike Watts michaeljwatts@hotmail.com

Sat July 5 PNW Historics Vintage Races and Jaguar participation in Car Corral (*right*). Contact Sharon Case



Sat Jul 12 Western Washington All British Field Meet, St. Edward Park, Kenmore. Online registration opens May 1 at <https://wwabfm.com/> Volunteers needed



Fri-Sun Jul 18-20 Jaguars on the Island JCNA-sanctioned concours and related events, <https://jaguarclubvictoria.ca/> Windsor Park (*right and bottom left*), Oak Bay (Victoria). Host Hotel is Ocean Pointe Resort.

Sun Jul 20 □Hansville Car Show at Buck Lake in Hansville. Contact Bill Buegel wabuegel@me.com

Sun Jul 27 □Roving dinner, location TBD. Contact Sharon & Brian Case.

Fri-Sun Jul 18-20 Jaguars on the Island JCNA-sanctioned concours and related events, <https://jaguarclubvictoria.ca/> Windsor Park (*right and bottom left*), Oak Bay (Victoria). Host Hotel is Ocean Pointe Resort.

AUGUST 2025

Fri-Sun Aug 1-3 Seattle Jaguar Club Jaguars on the Green weekend and JCNA-sanctioned concours. Swinomish Casino & Lodge, Anacortes (*right*). <https://www.seattlejagclub.org/jotg> Details to come.

Registration is open as of May 1st. □<https://www.seattlejagclub.org/jotg>



Wed Aug 6 6:30 pm Board meeting via video conference. All members welcome. Contact Chris Eseman.

Sat Aug 9 All Roads Lead to the Northwest Carriage Museum in Raymond WA (*right*). New routes to and from this unexpected peek into the past of wheeled transportation. <http://nwcarriagemuseum.org>. This will be a shared experience with Jaguar Owners Club of Oregon. Details to come. Contact Kurt Jacobson.



Sat & Sun Aug 16 & 17 Gettin' Down in the Gorge. Treveri Cellars, St John the Fore-runner Monastery, Maryhill Museum, Goldendale Observatory, Western Antique Aero-plane & Automobile Museum, lunch at Columbia Gorge Hotel, Ape Caves. Contact Bob Willits bob.willits@comcast.net 206.619.2045

Aug 16 Skyfest—meet outside, enter as a group

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Fri-Sun Aug 22-24 □ Heritage Classic □ <https://jaguarmg.com/2025-heritage-classic-moreinfo/> □ JCNA Concours, Langley BC.

September 2025

Wed Sep 3 □ 6:30 pm Board meeting via video conference. All members welcome. Contact Chris Eseman.

Fri-Sat Sep 5-7, Jaguar Owners Club of Oregon Concours in conjunction with the All British Field Meet, Portland International Raceway. Saturday is the concours. More details to come.



Sun Sep 7 □ Edmonds Classic Car Show, Seattle Jaguar Club group. TBD. Contact Brian Case

Sat Sep 13 Tech session, location TBD. Contact Randy Pickett.

Sat Sep 20 Exotics@RedmondTownCenter, British Car Day. Contact Brian Case

Sun Sep 21 ☐ Roving dinner. Location TBD. Contact Sharon & Brian Case.

Fri-Mon Sep 26-29 ☐ International Jaguar Festival, Savoy Automobile Museum ☐ (right), Cartersville GA. IJF Concours, rally, slalom, receptions. Special Jaguar Racecar exhibit. Contact Brian Case



Sat Sep 27 ☐ Drive. Location TBD. Contact Danny Lisa.

October 2025

Wed Oct 1 6:30 pm Board meeting via video conference. All members welcome. Contact Chris Eseman.

Fri-Sun Oct 3-5 Winery Tour. Contact Kent Wiken.

Sat Oct 18 Fall Colors Tour. Contact Wendy & Craig Duckering.

Sat Oct 25 Tech session. Location TBD. Contact Randy Pickett

November 2025

Sun Nov 2 Roving Dinner. Contact Sharon & Brian Case.

Wed Nov 5 6:30 pm Board meeting via video conference. All members welcome. Contact Chris Eseman.

Sat Nov 8 Tech session. Location TBD. Contact Randy Pickett

Sat Nov 15 Drive. Contact Tim Weber.

December 2025

Wed Dec 3 6:30 pm Board meeting via video conference. All members welcome. Contact Chris Eseman.

Sun Dec 14 Holiday Party at the Seattle Yacht Club, Fireside Lounge

Visit to a Shop with Unique Talents

Article by Harvey Sherman

On the cusp of nice weather, SJC members begin to bring out their cars when we have a nice day on a weekend.

Such was the plan when we put a visit to *Girodano's Vintage Motors* on the event schedule.

This is a place where they will take seemingly any project in house, no matter how eclectic or how extreme the work is as long as the car owner can afford it. They have some rare car building skills that are hard to find and projects in house that are interesting and highly unusual. The most of these I think of interest to SJC members is the creation of the world beating Group 44 XJS-V12 race car run by Bob Tullius that was so successful in '78 in TransAm racing. It kept the Jaguar racing heritage alive for the time.



[This Is The 1978 Jaguar XJS Group 44 Trans-Am Championship Winner](#)

Against formidable competition that year including Porsche GT-6, 280Z, Camaro and in the car's category 1, a number of competitive Corvettes, Tullius rolled his 12-cylinder E-type race car into the XJS-V12 and won.

I was lucky to see this car race and win at Road Atlanta in period when I lived there at the time. An awesome sight to see and hear with the V12 engine screaming around the track and a real crowd pleaser. I'd love to see more racing from Jaguar. F-Type GT4, anybody? In Group 44 livery with Tullius' blessing? Maybe he would be willing to be the team visionary.

Generally expecting to see the car sell at the Amelia Island Auction in March I don't know if it changed hands, and if it did what the current or new owner plans for it. I'd love to see it in Vintage racing. Ditto, the replica since they are accepted to fill the grids now that many of the little British sports cars have left—their owners aged out of racing.

It disappointed me to see the replica built with a V8 Chevy but I can understand how the owner would want cheap and reliable power to take it to the track. If it were built as a show car replica I'd guess it would be more likely to have a proper Jaguar V12. Not my money to insist on a Jaguar motor for vintage racing. It would be nice to hear a V12 Group 44 Jaguar screaming around Pacific Raceways but any Group 44 Jaguar replica would be welcome. I can daydream.

The replica they are finishing up at Giordano's has an impressive hand built tube frame. It looks GREAT with gigantic fenders and huge tires! It's a mean looking machine. I'll take what I can get. A Chevy motor in a Jaguar is better than no Jaguar, IMO..



We viewed some odd-ball but interesting creations in the shop. A wild race car Toyota with a monster motor. A TVR/Ford V8 with a custom interior that's pretty cool.



A replica Porsche race car in Martini livery.



After the shop visit we wandered over to the Carnation Café for brunch.



The Café is now my favorite place for corned beef hash. I think everyone enjoyed the restaurant. We had decent weather. If a last winter event or an early spring event I'm not sure. I know I enjoyed getting out with the club after a long winter.



SJC's WHIDBEY ISLAND POKER RUN (WIPR)



La Conner from the Bridge

Spring Break, Article By Doug Jackson.

For those of you who took part in the WIPR that was held on Saturday, April 5th, you already know what fun it was, but for those of you who didn't or couldn't attend the activity, I'll try to give you a sense of what it was like. First of all, the people who turned out for the activity were blessed with warm and sunny weather throughout the day. We met for the start at an interesting restaurant located in the southern part of Whidbey Island.

The food and coffee were good at Coffee at Dawn, but maybe the most unusual feature of the restaurant, was that there was the active private air-strip right next to it... a group of six or seven guys came into the restaurant

into the restaurant while we were there, after having landed their plane (s) just outside. Huh, how about that?!???T here was a nice collection of mostly Jaguars, plus; one Aston Martin, a Mazda Miata, a very handsome Cadillac and a Honda motorcycle(!) in the parking lot... all of which took part in the Poker Run. And, there were about 30 people who took part in the day's activities.



After breakfast, Zane Ware held a brief Drivers Meeting and passed out a couple pages of Route & Destination Instructions in the parking lot of the restaurant. This was in addition to the very thorough information that Sharon Case had already sent out about the activity, as an email on April 2nd. After the Drivers Meeting, we all got in our cars (and onto our motorcycle!) and wiggled our way north to the first destination



The Best Garage in Town



Gene Kahn and Lisa Messerole's house was the first place we stopped, and they have a wonderful car collection. Gene owns several beautiful Jaguars, including; a gorgeous E-Type, a Mark I (or was it a Mark II?), etc., which he was happy to talk about. He also owns a cool looking 1963 Chevrolet Corvette (and its divided rear window, was a one-year-only feature, making it pretty rare). All of Gene's vehicles are on Battery Tenders and a nearby neighbor helps him exercise his cars once in a while, so they don't deteriorate from lack of use... cars don't like to sit! Gene also had an interesting collection of Jaguar-focused parts to sell, which was fun for some of our group.



Our next stop further north up the island, was at Vickie Kollmar & Zane Ware's house and estate. Of course, one of the things that many of the SJC members were interested in was, what sort of progress has Zane been making on the automotive restoration projects that he always seems to be working on. I'm here to tell you that he is definitely making progress on the mid-50s Jaguar XK DHC (or convertible) he's been working on for a while. The two-door XJC coupe he has was looking as nice as it always does. One of the interesting features of this stop along the way, was they had arranged to have an amateur jazz band play in the small stage/backdrop structure they built several years ago. Plus, they had yummy snacks!







Then there was more enjoyable (mostly curvy road), north-bound driving to get to the last Whidbey Island stop at SJC-member Rudy Parhaniemi's residence in the small town of Coupeville, where he shared his historic older home with us, and also really seemed to enjoy friendly conversation about his beautiful 1960 Sherwood Green Jaguar XK150, that was parked in his driveway, and a very nice looking Mercedes Benz parked in his garage.







Rudy has a 1960 xk 150 fhc, which he won trophies with. It has never had a ground up restoration, however it is a very good driver that presents well. A series one 1971 Jaguar xj6 won most of the trophies, when entered in many concours. Over the years; Portland Oregon many times, Bend Oregon. St .Michelle winery numerous events, Vancouver Canada Sun valley Idaho, the car has since been sold, Rudy was kind enough to donate his trophies to SJC for safekeeping and legacy.



And of course, there were a few winners of the card-collecting "Poker Run" aspect of the activity.

All in all, the day and the drive were both very enjoyable and I'm pretty sure that everybody had a good time... so thanks again to Vickie & Zane for organizing it!



As a person who has been going to Whidbey Island since I was about twelve years old (when my parents bought their first two small pieces of property on which to build small "Weekend Cabins", and on through the years up to about 1990, during which they bought, sold and built several houses, until they retired to a rundown Apple Orchard with a historic old house built in 1898, in Coupeville), I thought I knew the island pretty well... but no! First of all, I had no idea there is a private airstrip in the southern part of the island, and we traveled on many curvy and beautiful roads that I'd never seen before, which made it a lot of fun. All in all, the day and the drive were both very enjoyable and I'm pretty sure that everybody had a good time... so thanks again to Vickie & Zane for organizing it!

This was such an exciting event, even the old goats attended.....



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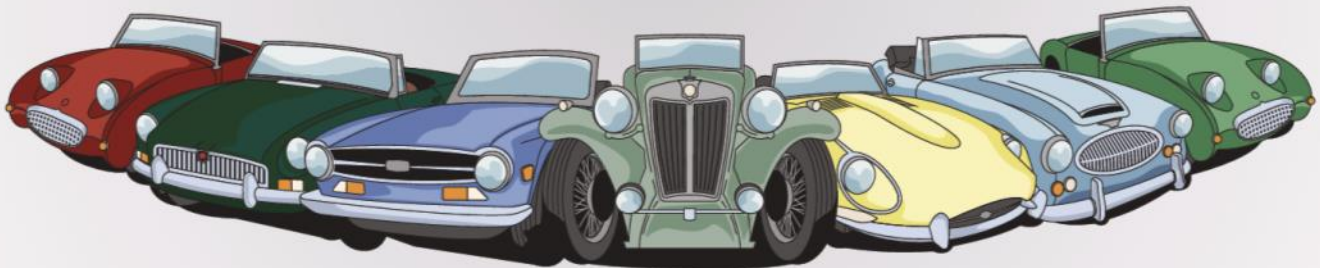


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In short, there is a place for your Jaguar no matter what condition it’s in and we want to see all of them. The true spirit of this event is not to pass judgement on cars but to celebrate all things Jaguar. We hope to see you there!

Cheers,

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