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# THE JAG RAG

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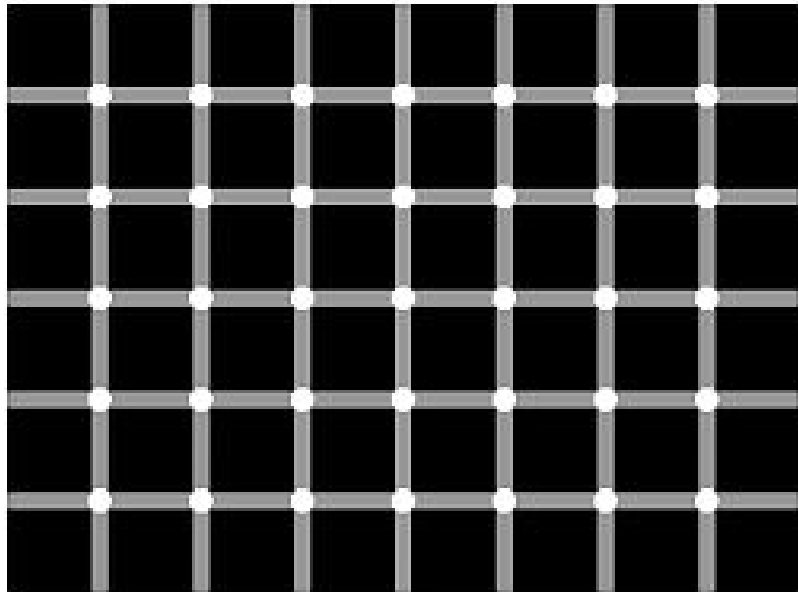
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Yes, we have a Facebook page. Look up Illinois Jaguar Club on Facebook and join the group. If you have trouble finding it thru Facebook, you can also get to it by going to our [www.ijc.clubexpress.com](http://www.ijc.clubexpress.com) site and clicking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

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

## **Cover Photo**

The Round Barn Inn, the hotel site for our October overnight Fall Drive. Be sure to sign up, Wisconsin is always a nice place to go in October.



**Count the black dots!**

## *The Official 2025 Club Calendar*

Sign up at [www.ijc.clubexpress.com](http://www.ijc.clubexpress.com) and find more information on these coming events.

Month / Date / Time	Event	Location / Contact
April 27th: 10 am	Illinois Railway Museum & Lunch	Union, Illinois Glenn Barickmann 630-364-8568
May 17th: 8:30 am	I&M Canal Boat Trip	LaSalle, Illinois Glenn Barickmann 630-364-8568
May 30– June 1st	Champagne British Car Festival	Champagne, Illinois <a href="http://www.iflbcc.club">www.iflbcc.club</a>
June 14th 9 am	Rally to Yerkes Observatory.	Lake Geneva, Wisconsin Greg Korak 847-909-3875
July 26th	Annual Concours d'Elegance	St James Farm, Winfield Illinois Rick Gunther
August 24th	Geneva Concours	Geneva, Illinois
September 7th	British Car Festival <a href="http://www.britishcarunion.com">www.britishcarunion.com</a>	Harper College, Palatine
September 27th	WW2 Re-Enactment	Rockford, Illinois Glenn Barichmann 630-364-8568
October 11-12th	Fall Drive	Wisconsin Glenn Barichmann 630-364-8568
November		
December 13th	Holiday Party	TBA

**Other Events You Might Be Interested In: See [www.ijc@clubexpress](mailto:www.ijc@clubexpress) for more info.**

Michigan Concours at the Packard Proving Grounds September 14th

International Jaguar Festival, Sept 25-28 Cartersville Georgia, see page 16.

### Concours Photos from 20 years ago. 2005



# *The Out of this World Rally*

By: Gray Korak

Despite dodgy weather predictions, the weather was near perfect. It was a little chilly with hoods up on the way to the starting point in Crystal Lake, but it was open air, partly sunny 70's the rest of the day. All 11 cars were on-time for the 9:00 instructions and the 23 participants were off by 9:15. The "gimmick" element of the rally consisted of 36 clues. Teams were to identify signs and objects (e.g. structures, buildings...) and record them on their answer sheets. Half the clues related to astronomy, science and technology with the remaining pertinent to cars and miscellaneous topics. Clues were spread out throughout the drive, but 25 miles of the total 70-mile rally that were designated as "clue-free zones". These were the most picturesque stretches of curving, undulating, Wisconsin-designated "Rustic Roads" so the drivers and navigators could take a break from clue-finding and just enjoy the scenic drive.

The tour of Yerkes was, well, "out of this world". Our energetic docent, Jana, told us many interesting stories about the observatory including the humorous architectural elements of the magnificent façade a casual observer would never identify. The many carved images of convicted fel-

on and financial contributor Charles Yerkes show him with devil's horns as he was known at that time as the "most hated man in Chicago". The images of John D. Rockefeller, primary benefactor of the University of Chicago, originally show him with a bee on his exaggerated large nose since he was always getting "stung" for more donations every time he visited the U of C. When Rockefeller decided to attend the observatory dedication, the bees had to be quickly chipped away.

The observatory has already invested \$30 million in restoration work with another \$45m to be raised. Jana showed us:

- The ornate rotunda of the main reception hall.
- Historically important glass photographic plates from the world's largest collection of 180,000.
- The largest refractory telescope in the world and the massive viewing elevator in operation.
- A look into the basement of the main dome and the still-functioning century-old mechanicals.
- The small, third-floor library stacks and a research book

"checked out" by Carl Sagan.

- The main research library and adjacent rooms with information displays.

The 90-minute tour ended with a visit to the gift shop and a group photo at the main entrance.

Lunch at Pier 290 had the club in a group of outdoor, covered tables; the lunch and service were excellent. The view of Williams Bay was lovely as it's the only restaurant on the shores of Lake Geneva. The tables for six offered cozy settings to share impressions on the drive and observatory and for members to get to know each other better, especially the newer members.

Jaguar owners are sharp and observant. Many of the questions were abstract and challenging, and some of the signs and objects difficult to catch. I didn't expect any team to get more than 2/3 of the answers, however the average score was 65%. In First Place were Ingrid and Alex Crepas with a convincing victory answering 89% of the questions correctly. That won them a certificate, a Yerkes Observatory sticker and a bottle of wine. John Worland and Melinda Herlihey scored 83% for Second Place good for



a couple beers and a sticker. Third Place finishers James Ackleson and Karen Larson got a sticker for scoring 78%. Well done and congratulations to the podium teams; they should all be on your short list if you're looking for trivia team members. Thanks to all for a safe and fun adventure.





# Champagne British Car Festival

From: Ken Katch

The Champagne British Car Festival was held on the clover lawn of the David Davis Mansion in Bloomington, IL.

Jaguar was the featured Mark and the turnout of Jaguars, especially moderns, was significant.

It was a beautiful day and with music, mansion tours, historic gardens, and ice cream it was a special event for participants and spectators alike.

Several club members received trophies and took home firsts in three of the five classes.

This is an event that needs to be on your calendar for 2026.

Not only the Sunday show but also the Saturday gimmick rally which always includes great driving roads and collections that are not normally open to the public.



## *British Car Festival Sept 7th. Register Now!*

To sign up, go to  
[www.britishcarunion.com](http://www.britishcarunion.com)

The best place in the Chicagoland area to see British Cars! There will be hundreds of British cars on display.

Time is running out for early registration, if you are going, go online and sign up today. Or just wait and pay a little more the day of the event.

Early registration (before or on August 24, 2025) is just \$30.00 for the first vehicle and \$15.00 per additional vehicle!

Late Registration (including day of the event) is \$35.00 and \$15.00 per additional vehicle.

Date September 7th, 9am to 5pm

Harper College  
1200 West Algonquin Road  
Palatine, IL 60067





## *Klaimont Kollection Auction, Sept 19-21*



From: Rod Lindoo

I was surprised to see a post on Facebook about a Chicago Auto Museum collection up for auction. I was more surprised to see it was the Klaimont Kollection that we visited a couple times.

What a nice variety of 300 cars this place has, along with a lot of other road art items. I loved this place, how many collectors can have the huge old Playboy magazine printing workshop for his garage?

I don't know what happened, I suppose housing a large number of autos in your warehouse museum is really cool but can you get enough visitors to cover the cost? And then the owner, Larry Klaimont dies and that brings in whole other can of worms.

So, now is a great time if you're in the market for another old car. They've got everything, Four Jaguars, muscle cars, concept cars, ice cream trucks, police stuff and Microcars. I've been holding off on a new purchase since I always wanted a Batmobile, well, Son of a Bitch, they have two!

But I'm kind of partial to microcars and they have quite a few. I highly recommend the BMW's, (I have two) parts are more readily available then your current Ford, Chevy or Tesla. And the best part is you can fit three Isettas in one garage stall.

Don't let it slip by. **WWW.Mecum.com**



1950 Jaguar MK5



1966 Batmobile



1957 BMW Isetta



1959 BMW 600 Limousine



## *WW2 Military Re-enactment Saturday Sept 27*

We will meet at Buttermilk Cafe 7 W State St, Geneva, IL 60134 at 8:30 AM. We will drive some back roads to the Midway Village Museum with lunch to follow.

Visitors to World War II Days engage in elaborate 1940s displays in historical buildings on the museum's 148-acre campus, which becomes the back drop of a European village during World War II. This military re-enactment is known to be the largest in the Midwest and draws thousands of visitors yearly to the Rockford region and the museum grounds.

Festivities include encampments of Allied and Axis troops in the Midway Village woods. World War II Days includes elaborate and realistic battles complete with tanks, artillery, armored vehicles, and exciting pyrotechnic displays.

Uniformed re-enactors representing soldiers from the United States, Great Britain, France, Poland, Ukraine, Russia, Japan, Italy, and Germany along with vintage tanks, half-tracks and other 1940s military vehicles make this a not-to-miss special event.

World War II military re-enactment at Midway Village Museum

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## July Concours Results and Photos

Video at

<https://youtu.be/REoHNPx4iks>

Class	Entrant Name	Car Description	Score
C5/E1: E-Types, (1961-67)	Thomas F Biermann	1967 XKE OTS Series I - Sand	100.000
C5/E1: E-Types, (1961-67)	Greg Korak	1966 XKE OTS Series I - White	99.720
C14/K8: XK8 Coupe and Conv. (1996-2006),	Andrew Flor	2002 XK8 Convertible - BRG	99.980
C15/XK: XK and XKR (2007-On)	James Ackleson	2007 XKR Convertible - Gray	99.970
C15/XK: XK and XKR (2007-On)	Glenn Barickman	2011 XKR Convertible Gray	99.950
C20/F: F-TYPE (2013-On)	Douglas Powers	2019 FTYPE Type R - Gray	99.470
D1/PRE: All Classics XK 120, XK 140, XK 150	Peter and Noreen Conway	1955 XK140 OTS - BRG	9.998
D2/E1: E-Types (1961-67)	Kenneth Pollock	1966 XKE OTS Series I - Dark Blue	9.934
D3/E2: E-Types (1968) and E-Types (1968-71)	Shelley Yoelin	1969 XKE FHC Series II - Red	10.000
D5/SLS: Early Large Saloons:	Wayne Mory	1968 MKII 340 - White	9.969
D9/XJS: XJS (1991 - 1996 Facelift) Coupe,	John and Susan Roberts	1993 XJS FHC - Light Blue	9.980
D10/K8: XK8 (1996-2006), XKR (1999-	Richard Gunther	2001 XJR Convertible - Red	9.986
D11/XK: New XK and XKR (2007-On)	Glynn Amburgey	2008 XK Convertible - Red	9.982
D12/J8: XJ8/R Sedans (X308) (1998-2003),	Marv and Fey Ruback	2007 XJ8L Sedan - Gray	9.965
S2/MOD: Modified	William and Joann Jakubowski	1963 XKE FHC Series I - BRG	9.975















## *Fall Drive October 11th & 12th*

There is no better way to celebrate the crisp, golden promise of autumn than with a road trip winding through the heart of the Midwest.

For lovers of architecture, history, and the gentle thrill of discovery, the 2025 Fall Trip to Taliesin is a journey not to be missed. This thoughtfully planned weekend—from October 11th to 12th—will carry us from the rolling farmlands of Illinois to the storied landscapes of southwestern Wisconsin, blending iconic design, local flavors, and the nostalgic beauty of classic cars beneath a canopy of fall color.

Saturday, October 11th: Departure from Hampshire, Illinois; brunch in Paoli; tour of Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin; overnight at the Round Barn Lodge; dinner at a classic Wisconsin supper club.

Sunday, October 12th: Visit to the Midwest Micro Car & Cycle Museum; lunch and farewell at Bailey's Run Vineyard & Winery.

Our meeting point is the McDonald's at 19 N 649 US-20, Hampshire, IL 60140—strategically located near the intersection of routes 90 and 20. At about 9:00 AM, our engines will rumble to life, and our caravan will set forth. The first leg is a two-hour, 95-mile journey northward, an easy pace that allows us to relax and soak in the transformation of the landscape. October in the Midwest brings a painter's palette to the trees—maples flare red and gold, oaks smolder bronze, and the fields await the quiet of winter.

By 11:30 AM, we will roll into the charming village of Paoli, Wisconsin. Our destination: the Seven Acre Dairy Company, a historic creamery that has been lovingly revived as a destination for food lovers and explorers alike. Here we'll enjoy a leisurely brunch.

Whether you opt for warm pastries, farm-fresh eggs, a hamburger, or a strong cup of locally roasted coffee, there's something for every palate. There is time also, to explore the grounds—wander the riverside path, browse artisan wares, or simply enjoy the scent of autumn leaves. At 1:00 PM, we will regroup, ready for the next chapter.

The road to Taliesin is a scenic, hour-long drive of 50 miles. As the hills grow more pronounced and stone bluffs punctuate the horizon, anticipation mounts. Taliesin itself sits just outside Spring Green, perched above the Wisconsin River with views of meadows and forest that inspired Frank Lloyd Wright throughout his extraordinary career. Our guided tour is scheduled for 2:45 PM. This is more than a house; Taliesin is a living testament to Wright's vision—his “autobiography in wood and stone.” The tour takes us through the main residence, drafting studio, and gardens, with knowledgeable guides illuminating tales of innovation, tragedy, and triumph.

As the sun dips toward the horizon, we make our way to the Round Barn Lodge. This welcoming inn, with its rustic charm and echoes of rural Wisconsin, is the perfect place to unwind. The Illinois Jaguar Club has a room block for Saturday night. Rate is \$145 and reservations must be made over the phone, (608) 588-2568, mention the Illinois Jaguar Club. Reservations must be made by September 11<sup>th</sup>. Please make reservations early, as rooms are limited.

No visit to Wisconsin is complete without experiencing the Arthur's supper club tradition: hearty fare, convivial atmosphere, and



perhaps a classic brandy Old Fashioned to toast new memories. The menu is sure to please, whether you crave prime rib, fresh-caught fish, or the comfort of a well-prepared supper in the company of friends.

At 9:30 we will drive a short 15 miles (about 30 minutes) to the Midwest Micro-Car & Cycle Museum. Even if you haven't yet fallen for the quirky charms of these tiny autos, you'll find yourself captivated by their ingenuity and character.

The museum is a treasure trove of automotive history. Here, every car has a story: from postwar European microcars to rare cycles that once zipped along narrow city streets. The collection offers a glimpse into a world where efficiency, creativity, and whimsy went hand in hand. For enthusiasts and the merely curious alike, it's a delightful stop.

Our final destination is Bailey's Run Vineyard & Winery, a picturesque spot 40 miles (about an hour) from the museum. By midday, we'll arrive amidst rows of grapevines and rolling hills. Lunch here is a relaxed affair—savor local wines, sample artisanal cheeses, Neapolitan brick oven pizza, small plates, and bask in the honeyed sunlight of an autumn afternoon. It's a fitting close: nourishment for body and spirit, and a



chance to raise a glass to the journey we've shared.

**Practical Tips:**

- Pack for the Weather: October in the Midwest can be unpredictable—layers, a rain jacket, and sturdy walking shoes are recommended.
- Take pictures: Whether capturing the architectural lines of Taliesin or the flame-red maples of Wisconsin, you'll want to remember these sights.
- The best journeys are those where you allow yourself to be surprised. Embrace new experiences, new friends, and the quiet magic of the season.

As we return from the fields and forests of Wisconsin, we will carry home more than souvenirs. This trip is an invitation—to see anew, to connect, and to celebrate the enduring legacies of art, ingenuity, and community. Here's to the 2025 Fall Trip to Taliesin: a weekend to remember, and a story to tell for seasons to come.

\$60 Payment includes admission to Taliesin and the Midwest MicroCar Museum. Meals and lodging are not included.

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# *International Jaguar Festival Sept 25-28th*

The International Jaguar Festival is hosting and celebrating the largest display of Jaguar cars for 2025 in North America. You're invited to be part of this grand collection of Classic British car Marque Excellence.

Where: The beautiful Savoy Automobile Museum, Cartersville, Georgia.

When: September 25th – 28th, 2025

Activities: Roar of the Jaguar Jaguar race cars will be on display at the Savoy during this event.

For information on the Savoy venue, please visit their website: [savoymuseum.org](http://savoymuseum.org). Information on the numerous local attractions is available at [cartersvillega.gov](http://cartersvillega.gov).

## EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

### THURSDAY, Sept 25:

Registration opens at 2:00pm at the Marriott Courtyard (Host Hotel) "Meet and Greet" 4:00pm to 8:00pm. (heavy hors d'oeuvres, Cash Bar at nearby location).

### FRIDAY, Sept 26:

Registration from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Savoy automobile Museum Pavilion. Besides getting your Jaguar ready for the Saturday Concours or Display, spend part of the afternoon at the Five Star Booth Western Art Museum, the Tellus

Science Museum, or visit the boutique shops in downtown Cartersville.

### FRIDAY, Sept 26:

Slalom: Date, time, location, and entry cost to be determined on finding a suitable location to hold the event.

### FRIDAY NIGHT, Sept 26:

FRIDAY NIGHT, "TIRESIDE CHAT" the Savoy Automobile Museum is bringing five or six Jaguar race cars to the museum as part of their Fall and Winter museum exhibits. This event starts after the museum closes and is only open to ticket holders. Savoy Restaurant open until 7:00 PM. Ken Gross and Wayne Carini (who is sending his Jaguar SS as part of the display) and others will host a discussion of Jaguar race cars followed by an audience question and answer session from 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

### SATURDAY, Sept 27:

Registration packets will be available from 8:00am to 10:00 am for Concours Judged entrants and from 10:00am to noon for Display Only entrants at the Savoy Pavilion.

### SATURDAY, Sept 27:

CONCOURS and DISPLAY JAGUARS: Held on the spacious lawns of the Savoy Automobile Museum, adjacent to the outdoor covered Pa-



vilion. starting at 1:00pm. The Pavilion seats over one hundred and has multiple tables. Water and a Box Lunch will be provided for those who have ordered one. The Savoy Museum Café is also available for lunch but does not include admission to the collection.

### SATURDAY NIGHT, Sept 27:

Banquet and Awards Ceremony from 6:00pm until 9:00pm. Advance reservations only include afterhours admission to the museum, banquet, and awards ceremony.

### SUNDAY MORNING, Sept 28:

1. National Points Rally. Requires six teams to receive national points. First three teams receive IJF trophies. Register if interested and we will notify you in September if a significant number of teams have registered. The rally starts and ends at the Savoy Museum. Gather at the Savoy



at 8:30am with first car out at 9:00am. Rally ends in time for lunch at the Savoy Café.

2. One Stoplight Monte Carlo Fun Rally with Prizes. Open to all entrants. No rally experience necessary as complete instructions and directions will be provided. Gather at the Savoy at 8:30am with the first car out at 9:00am. The rally starts and ends at the Savoy in time for lunch in the Savoy Café.

3. Scenic Drive: Will run simultane-

ously and in the opposite direction to the Monte Carlo Fun Rally so participants can all the incredible Jaguars on the prowl! Gather at 8:30am for a 9:00am start. The scenic drive starts and ends at the Savoy in time for lunch in the Savoy Café.

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