

# Jaguar Jargon



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## Announcement: Notice of Annual JCOP Meeting – October 13, 2025

### JCOP Board of Directors Progresses with Nominations for 2026 Open Positions

By Rich Aronson, JCOP President

Last month, we published the status of our Nomination Committee's progress, which has been substantial, since then to plan for our open Board positions for next year.

There is still time through October 13 to give them a buzz if you're interested in becoming an Associate Director before close of process. That position is a great way to get started with our Board to generate ideas, plan events and keep our club "purring along". You may reach out to anyone on the nominating committee to discuss further:

**Bill Cooper**, 412-496-2595 ([xj61975@aol.com](mailto:xj61975@aol.com))

**Bryan Williams**, 412-996-2416 ([dsw222h@aol.com](mailto:dsw222h@aol.com))

**Scott O'Mara**, 412-491-3726 ([sgomara@verizon.net](mailto:sgomara@verizon.net))

The Nominating Committee will report their recommended slate to the Board of Directors for their review on October 13, 2025. ***This review and acceptance of the 2026 director and officer slate will take place at the Board of Director Meeting which will also be part of the Annual JCOP Meeting on that date. You may attend as a member along with the Board. If you wish to do so, please call me at (412) 551-8319 (e-mail is [aronsonrichard@yahoo.com](mailto:aronsonrichard@yahoo.com)) - we'd love to have you with us. The meeting begins at 6 pm at the Panera Bread location in Oakland – 3401 Boulevard of the Allies, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. Please arrive by 5:30 if you'd like to grab a meal prior to the meeting time.***

In the next (November) issue of the Jargon, the 2026 slate of officers and directors will be announced and the November voting process and schedule for members will be explained.

We look forward to working with you and thank you for considering joining our leadership team!



## JCOP Fall Leaf Tour to the National Packard Museum, October 18, 2025

### Time to Register!

By Shadrach Jones

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**For details, see Page 3.**

### JCOP Calendar Celebrates E-Type's 65th Anniversary

To help celebrate the historic milestone, JCOP's Board of Directors has authorized the creation of a 2026 calendar featuring cars of JCOP members. Send us a photo of your E-Type to be one of the 12 Jaguars selected for the calendar. **DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 10.** **See Page 4 for details.**



## Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh 2025 Events Calendar

- October 13      JCOP Board Q4 Meeting, Panera Bread, 3401 Boulevard of the Allies, Oakland, Pittsburgh 15213 from 6 to 8 p.m. Board members can arrive early at 5 p.m. to buy food before the meeting. All JCOP members are welcome to attend the meeting.
- October 18      JCOP Fall Leaf Tour to the National Packard Museum in Warren, Ohio (Shadrach Jones) Please register by October 11.
- December 21    JCOP Annual Holiday Party, noon to 4 p.m., Edgeworth Country Club (Ken and Linda Como)

## Jaguar Clubs of North America Upcoming Events

### 2026 Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Mexico City April 14-19

JCNA's 2026 Annual General Meeting will be hosted by Jaguar Club Mexico in Mexico City, April 14–19, 2026. Mid-week AGM sessions and social activities culminate with the Gran Concorso Internacional de la Elegancia in Huixquilucan, Mexico's premier concours showcasing 450–500 classic and modern vehicles. For registration info, excursion pricing and additional information, visit [www.jcna.com](http://www.jcna.com) and scroll down to JCNA News and Features, 2026 AGM in Mexico City box.

## CLASSIFIED ADS



**FOR SALE: 1973 XJ12 Survivor-Very original car having just re-commissioned all systems after 28 year slumber. New tires, battery, brakes, SS exhaust, cooling system, etc. 37,800 original miles and no rust ever. Regency Red over super nice original black interior, original spare and tools, Heritage Certificate. Looking for \$10,000. Contact Bill Cooper at 412-496-2595 or [XJ61975@aol.com](mailto:XJ61975@aol.com).**

# JCOP Fall Leaf Tour to the National Packard Museum

## October 18, 2025, Time to Register!



### By Shadrach Jones

The last planned [JCOP](#) driving tour of 2025 is nearly here! Kathy and I have been roving the rural byways of Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio to find the best route for the Fall Leaf Tour. The Jaguar Club will be joined by our friends in the Mercedes-Benz Club of Pittsburgh, and we will meet at 9 AM on Saturday, October 18, at **Sheetz #617, 2615 Nicholson Road, Sewickley, PA 15143**, which is just west of I-79 Exit 73 (Wexford) at the intersection of Nicholson Road and Wexford Bayne Rd. Please be sure to fill your gas tank before we depart as we expect to cover at least 80 miles on our way to the museum. This Sheetz location does not have ethanol free gas available (The nearby Sheetz locations in Baden and Cranberry do have 90 octane E-free gas if you like this blend for your older car). If you prefer Top Tier gas for your Jaguar, T-Bones BP on the east side of Exit 73 is Top Tier certified. With the large number of vehicles that we anticipate, carpooling is encouraged.

I suggest that you bring the following items for the trip: your **EZ Pass** transponder, as a short segment of the tour will be on Toll I-376 and the return trip may be most easily accomplished on the Ohio and Pennsylvania Turnpikes for many, a **cooler** for chocolate and other foods available for purchase on the tour, and a **walkie-talkie**.

We will hold a driver's meeting at about 9:20 AM to provide instructions and stage cars for the expected departure time of 9:30 AM. Two stops are planned along the route to stretch, chat up your fellow car enthusiasts, and perhaps make a few purchases. Additional optional rest stops with gas and other facilities will be indicated with the printed driving materials that will be distributed at the start of the tour. Around noon we expect to arrive at West & Main Restaurant on beautiful Court House Square in downtown Warren for ala carte brunch or lunch (both menus available). West & Main features locally sourced foods and beverages. Following our meal we will have a docent-guided tour of the National Packard Museum, which is about 1.5 miles from the restaurant. Admission is \$10, \$8 for seniors, and **\$8 for groups of 20 or more**. There is no fee for the guided tour. The trip home may be a journey retracing our morning route (more shopping perhaps??) or simply navigating home on the Ohio and PA Turnpikes.

**RSVP: We need an accurate number of participants to plan the trip, visits with businesses along the way, and the museum tour. To register, please Email [Shadrach.jones@yahoo.com](mailto:Shadrach.jones@yahoo.com) with the subject line "JCOP Fall Leaf Tour" and include the following information in the body of the email:**

- Your name, club membership, the number of cars participating, and number of people in your group that will be attending.
- Whether you will be joining lunch at the tour restaurant.
- Please include a cell phone number for each car.
- It's strongly recommended that you have a walkie talkie in your vehicle.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Shadrach at 412-260-1522 (cell)
- If there are any updates for meeting time and place due to construction or other issues, I will email the group the new information, so be sure to monitor your inbox and spam folder prior to the tour.

We would like a final count for the museum and restaurant by **October 11**.

*P.S. If you are unable to join the tour from the beginning, we will have a docent-led tour at the National Packard Museum at 2 PM on October 18. Feel free to join us then.*

**Thank you and I look forward to our journey together,  
Shadrach**

## Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh's 2026 Calendar Celebrates E-Type's 65th Anniversary

### By Bryan Williams

The year 2026 is the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary year for the iconic Jaguar E-Type. To help celebrate the historic milestone, the JCOP's Board of Directors has authorized the creation of a calendar featuring E-Types of the JCOP members. In order for your Jaguar to be considered for inclusion in this calendar, simply follow the directions below:

**Email one JPG photograph of your E-Type to [candywilliams591@gmail.com](mailto:candywilliams591@gmail.com) by October 10, 2025.** (landscape format)

**Include the owner(s) name, and a description of the Jaguar,**  
i.e. 1967 E-Type OTS, in Willow Green owned by Sir William and Lady Greta Lyons;  
i.e. 1973 E-Type 2+2 in Turquoise owned by Sir Lewis Hamilton.

### The only rules are:

**You must be a current JCOP member or associate member.**

**You must be the current owner of the subject Jaguar; an old photo of your car is acceptable.**

**You may purchase a calendar at approximately \$22.00 (plus postage if not picked up at the Monroeville FedEx store.) See note below for calendar details.**



### How it works:

After the October 10th deadline, all entries will be sent to the JCOP board members (without owners' names) who will vote on their 12 favorite photos that they would like included in the calendar. The results will be tabulated, probably by a CPA but not Price Waterhouse, and the results will be used to create the 2026 JCOP calendar. Ties will be broken by 3 members of the board. All decisions are final.

All JCOP member Jaguars are special, and are worthy to be included, but we only have room for 12 cars for the calendar. Please call Bryan Williams with any questions or clarifications at 412-996-2416.

In order to increase the chance of selection, you may want to include an unusual background, i.e. your private jet or your English Tudor mansion. Also, you may want to take the photo at sunrise or sunset. Having the headlights turned on shows up the car. Just remember to turn the lights off after the photo.

We sincerely hope you will participate in this opportunity in the light-hearted spirit in which it is intended.

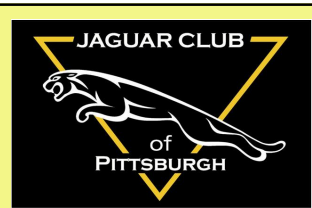
Good luck and hope to see your special Jaguar as a "Calendar Pin-Up".

### Calendar features:

- Available in 11" x 8.5"
- 80-lb. laser paper
- Black spiral bound
- Double-sided printing
- 26 pages



## ***“Double Clutching and Rev Matching”*** **President’s Perspective** **Rich Aronson**



**Candy Williams –**  
***Jaguar Jargon* Publisher Extraordinaire!**

### **Professional and Personal Skills and Efforts**

We are so fortunate to have Candy Williams as our *Jaguar Jargon* editor and publisher. Her career experience as a professional journalist as well as her writing, formatting and organization skills are exemplary. Her experience, compassion, patience and people skills, though, are paramount.

Candy speaks for our club monthly, year after year for decades and works with all of us planning events and operating the club. We are all recognized continually and wish to return the spotlight to her.

At this spring’s JCNA Annual General Meeting Banquet, the coveted Karen Miller Award for **Best Club Newsletter 2024** was presented to Candy and JCOP – a prestigious and worthy tribute!

**Chuck Pipich** observes that he looks forward to reading and receiving the *Jargon* because he knows that he will be looking at outstanding journalistic style, complete coverage that is consistently very well prepared and easy to read. “All this happens not just because of her journalism skills, but also the patience, diligence, completeness, thoroughness, and absolute effort she employs to get everything right, not miss anything, and to boot, get it “out there” each month.”

**Dawn DePasquale** appreciates the product and the effort required that Candy exerts monthly realizing that the *Jargon* production is HUGE time and commitment to undertake.

“This is not a simple 2-page newsletter with bullet points! Sometimes the *Jargon* is as many as 26 pages, complete with articles, member contact info, activity lists and sign-ups, photos, etc!

“Candy not only has to ask for (and ask for again, and maybe again!) articles, content, and photos from members. She then has to edit, format, and layout the newsletter for readability. Time is finite. Candy doesn’t have EXTRA time to produce the *Jargon*. Rather she has to prioritize production over OTHER valuable things in her life she also needs to do. This selflessness for the good of our club is inspiring.”

### **Multi-faceted Event Planning**

Candy’s involvement reaches so many dimensions that are key to the operation, administration and success of our club and its image in our region and, yes, nationally!

### **Former President Dave Gamret** explains:

“Having organized the event at Jacksons for the past 10 years, Karen and I are always confident that the material we provide for the *Jargon* will be presented exactly as submitted. All the menu descriptions, address information, registration forms and photos have always been formatted and published in a clear, two-page arrangement that makes reading the material and submitting the dinner choices easy for all the members who attend.

“This same attention to detail has extended to other events and notices that I’ve provided over the years from curling outings to reminders for the Service Directory and my previous President’s Perspectives during my tenure in office.

“Candy has also taken the initiative to work directly with our dealer partners to provide them the opportunity for free advertising in the *Jargon*. Establishing this direct line of communication eliminates the potential for any confusion in the ads and reminds the dealers that we are here to provide exposure for their business.

“These comments reflect only my direct interaction with Candy on the *Jargon*. The overall quality of the content and formatting make her a more than worthy recipient of the JCNA Karen Miller Award.”

### **Attracting New Members**

A recent JCNA survey of all clubs determined that though very difficult to produce regularly, a club newsletter is key to not only attracting new members but also retaining them.

Candy does a superb job of focusing on subjects that are important to a current or aspiring vintage Jaguar owner.

**Shadrach Jones** affirms how influential to him to join JCOP:

“My thoughts about Candy and her outstanding work on the *Jargon* reflect, as usual, my relatively brief tenure in JCOP. I initially discovered the club through the website, which includes an archive of the newsletters.

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## “Double Clutching and Rev Matching” President’s Perspective Rich Aronson



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“This was before I owned my first Jaguar,” Shadrach said. “At the time I was interested in the marque and in joining a group of fellow Jaguar enthusiasts.

“The *Jargon* is a chronicle of the club’s activities, and I was very impressed with the many club events that were so well described in the newsletter. Essentially, I *wanted* to become a member of this great social organization after reading the newsletters. That really says a lot about the quality of Candy’s work product. Perhaps my experience is unique, and most new members don’t find their way to us through the newsletter, but it may be an underappreciated aspect of Candy’s work and speaks to why tribute to Candy is well deserved.”

### Contributors

**Craig Gester** is a fellow 2024 JCNA awardee for contribution to a club newsletter. His unique and beautifully written series of articles published by the *Jargon* document his restoration of his 1966 Mark II Saloon over years. The “diary” has been featured expressing his own high quality restoration and resourceful engineering along with detailed photos of the build:

“As an occasional contributor, I have found Candy to be very patient with me regarding the deadlines and she has always been very complimentary, even when I don’t think I’ve done my best work,” Craig said. “She motivates me to want to continue to write and contribute to the *Jargon*.

She never seems flustered and is always so friendly, both in person and in email.

I can’t imagine how much work she puts into the *Jargon* every month and I know I could not do it. We are blessed to have Candy!”

Long-time enthusiast/member **Bill Cooper** adds:

“The *Jargon* is always an enjoyable read due to the way Candy organizes the inputs from the many and varied contributors into a wonderfully cohesive document. Thank you, Candy!”

**Chuck Pipich** weighs in on strong editing and support for contributors:

“Getting announcements out expeditiously and timely makes everything work. Candy always makes sure that upcoming event’s articles in the *Jargon* with proper lead time, as well as best placement to be seen. If needed, Candy uses little “catch snippets” up front on page 1, with pointers to other pages where the full detail is. It’s an initiative of good journalism practice. She also always makes sure event announcements are timed and efficiently placed so that the readers are well-aware ahead of time.”

### Candy’s Passion

The *Jargon* catches our rapt attention very month with its attractive format and style – including vibrant messaging, layout and even panel/section coloring that jumps off its pages.

Though Candy’s talent plays through so strongly, her hard work behind the scenes is low key and thus never advertised. Those of us who work regularly with her know that many late nights and very hard work bring us the finished product we enjoy and benefit from monthly. Candy lives by her love of her craft motivating her sacrifices. She never wishes to be recognized while manifesting a deep love of writing reflected in her statement, “I love writing and always look forward to continue doing so for the club as a way to practice my craft.”

We continue to thank you, Candy for supporting so fundamentally “the soul of JCOP” – in print!

To all my fellow JCOP members and friends that contributed to this column ... I appreciate your kind words, even though I tried to convince Rich to write about anything other than me when he submitted his column for this month.

I told him, “I guess I can’t refuse to print an article written by the President ... but are you sure there’s not another topic that would be much more interesting?”

I am honored to receive this award for doing what I did professionally for many years as a feature writer and editor for Pittsburgh newspapers, covering everything from school board meetings in my early years, to lifestyle and entertainment features that were way more fun! (Bryan is happy to show off his backstage photo with Taylor Swift when I covered one of her concerts in Pittsburgh. Yes, besides being a Jaguar owner and car enthusiast, my husband is a Swiftie!) — Candy

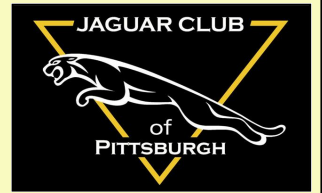




## ***Shifting Gears:***

# **The Treasurer's Perspective**

**Stu Benson**



## **Dues, Nametags, JCOP Logo Apparel, Member Website Access And More**

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As 2025 winds down, while the Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh continues to have a multitude of events in which to participate, various members have asked to be provided with “reminders” about certain sorts of technical things. While such information is normally communicated orally to new members, time passes and people forget things so this article will attempt to help out with some of these things.

### **The JCOP website is located at**

[www.jaguarclubofpittsburgh.org](http://www.jaguarclubofpittsburgh.org). Anyone can view much of the website but there is a “Members only” section that requires a password to access it. The reason for this is that this portion of the website has confidential information, including contact information for our members that we do not wish to open to anyone to obtain. Since this section is password protected, JCOP will only provide the password in a secure fashion such as orally once the person is confirmed to be who they say they are or by text (which is encrypted for protection) once the mobile phone number utilized is confirmed to be that of a paid-up-to-date JCOP member. To obtain this password, please contact by phone our Treasurer Stu Benson, our Secretary Chuck Pipich, or our President Rich Aronson,. The applicable telephone numbers are easily accessed by going to any Newsletter for 2025 and finding the phone number needed in the listing at the end of the newsletter.

In the Members only section, there is information on how to obtain **Name Tags** for you and significant others. JCOP nametags are top notch, as we are told by members of other Jaguar Clubs from around North America when they see us wearing our name tags at Jaguar Clubs of North America Annual General Meetings. Here is information about our nametags but it is a duplication of what is in the Member only section of our website:

Our club's name badge measures ~3-in x 1-in and has a magnetic fastener. The cost is \$25.

To order your personalized badge, email Cecile Canales at [ccanales2@comcast.net](mailto:ccanales2@comcast.net). Cecile will provide you with her address or you can obtain it from the Member-only

section on the website where the member list exists with contact information.

To obtain **Apparel with the JCOP logo** on it like a shirt, jacket, or pullover with the JCOP logo on it? We have set up an account with Lands' End so that you can select clothing with our logo and purchase it directly. Here's how:

Go to [Lands' End Business](#)

Under "My Account" (upper right), "Create an Account"

Under "My Account", choose "My Logos"

Choose "Associate a logo to my account"

Enter logo reference number 1520832 & customer number 6929897

For ball caps, enter logo reference number 1638187

"Add to library"

Select the items that you wish to purchase

"Apply Logo(s)"

To try different options, "Change Logo Color(s)".

Choose from existing, match to fabric, or select new.

Lands' End has promotions from time to time that waive the embroidery fee.

If you have any issues with ordering, call [1-800-770-9315](tel:1-800-770-9315) for help. I have found that helpful to use sometimes when I want the club logo to be certain colors when needed on apparel of a certain color.

**Dues are always a subject of interest.** As the year 2025 winds down, dues for existing members will be owed for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. There is good news here: JCNA has advised they are not increasing dues for 2026. Since \$55 of the JCOP \$90 per year dues go to JCNA on the behalf of the member, the Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh is not going to raise their \$35 portion of the dues, either. Dues will remain \$90 per year for 2026. Payments can be made beginning now by making payment AND providing Stu Benson with a completed Membership Form. Why, you might wonder, do you need to keep giving Treasurer Stu a completed Membership form if the previous information has not changed? Answer: Stu and Chuck Pipich need the completed Membership Form each year to not only ensure “something did not change” but to also use the information to proof read it against what is recorded in the

electronic record data base for each membership both with JCOP and JCNA.

Just telling Stu “nothing has changed” does not help him and Chuck confirm your contact information was entered into systems correctly but providing what you might think is a seemingly redundant form does accomplish this purpose. Date entry mistakes do occur and so do corrections, as needed.

Jaguar Clubs of North America has a program where – when brand new members who have never been a JCNA member before want to now become a member – if the new member joins between October 1 and December 31 of 2025, JCOP is required to pay 15 months of prorated JCNA dues to JCNA *but* JCOP does not charge any JCOP dues for this three month period of time and only charges the \$35 dues that will cover any new member joining between October 1 and December 31, 2025 where the new member will get a 15 month membership through December 31, 2026. All of this for \$103.75. A great deal but it is only available to never-before JCNA members.

There exists an Affiliate Member category but this is only for those who are members of another Jaguar Club in North America where that club has already paid the member’s dues to JCNA such that the member also wishes to be a member of JCOP. In this event they only pay \$35, which is the JCOP portion of the \$90 dues since there is no need for JCOP to pay the \$55 dues already paid for the year to JCNA by the member’s other club. JCOP enjoys having a number of members who fall in this category. Indeed, JCNA does not even need us to report to them that the member belongs to our club since JCNA received their portion owed of the dues paid to the other JCNA Club, like the Jaguar Club of Ohio.

**Anyone joining or renewing a membership for 2026 can pay by sending Stu Benson a check payable to Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh and the Membership form** or can pay using the website credit card payment portal (where a 3% fee is added to the charge card as a processing fee by the processing entity, Clover). But when anyone pays using a credit card on the website portal, they still need to provide Stu with the information on the Membership Application and this cannot be done through the website. It can be done by: (1) using the US Postal Service to mail Stu a completed Membership Application, or; (2) emailing Stu a completed Membership application that has been completed and scanned, or; (3) sending Stu an email with the information sought in the Membership Application.

For anyone who does not wish to write a check or use a credit card on the website to pay dues (and we have

some members who are in this category), **Stu has recently obtained Zelle that is linked to the JCOP Bank account.** So just call Stu or email him and he can send you a QR code to scan with your phone to send the payment via Zelle securely to JCOP’s bank account if you are set up with a Mobile banking app. Stu just asks you let him know if and when such payment is made so he is sure to confirm it has been deposited and he can then credit it to you for the JCOP records. And remember: you still need to provide Stu with the Membership Application information just as he shared above for those using credit cards on the website.

**Jaguar Clubs of North America has a great website with a ton of available information.** It is accessed by going to jcna.com. Or go to the JCOP website and click on any reference to Jaguar Clubs of North America that is underlined: that is a link that will take you to the JCNA website just as clicking on any underlined entity will take you to that entity’s website ! You will need to use a log in name and create a password for the JCNA website to access the Member Only section. My log in name is NC45-15930. You will have your own five-digit code at the end to go along with “NC” (which references JCOP being in the North Central Region of North America for JCNA), “45” being the JCNA Club Number for JCOP, and then each member has their own discrete five-digit number. You can obtain that number a couple ways: (1) every edition of Jaguar Journal you receive in the mail has a white paper cover sheet and in an upper corner is a JCNA Membership Card you can cut out or photograph and it contains your member number, or; (2) contact Stu Benson or Chuck Pipich and they can provide you with your JCNA member number. You will create your own Password for the JCNA Members Only portion of the website. Stu Benson sends the requisite portion to JCNA of your dues (e.g., if you pay the \$90 annual dues then \$55 goes to JCNA and \$35 is kept by JCOP to “keep the lights on”) and then you get the JCNA benefits coming your way and the enjoyment of participating in all JCOP activities. You can access so much information using that JCNA website portal such that it is amazing. For example, it includes the complete current Concours Judging manual for every Jaguar model. Just reading it about your car is an education in and of itself. It provides the open book test for Concours Judges. And more, much, much more. The JCOP website likewise has a lot of information and reporting about our events and activities. Check out these websites.

Engagement with both the JCOP and JCNA websites on a more than occasional basis will keep you educated, current with upcoming events, and help make you an engaged member of the clubs.

# 1966 Jaguar Mk2 Restoration – Part 17

By Craig Gestler

I finally managed to find some time to work on the car over the last two months. While progress is not dramatic, I'm just happy there has been some.

A small box finally arrived from Moss Motors, after a two month backorder, containing my brand new voltage regulator. Wiring and generator operation were triple checked before I gave in and ordered the new regulator.

Swapping out the regulator took all of 15 minutes. Once installed, the key was turned, the starter button pushed and the engine came to life after a several-month rest. Behold!!! -the ammeter needle is deep into "C" (for charge) territory. Even with every light turned on, the little generator kept on charging the battery. Scratch one off the list..... almost.

I had previously noticed that the ignition light in the speedo did not come on with the ignition switch. I assumed this was due to the voltage regulator but it turned out to be a bad bulb. I say "bad" because it never did work, despite being new. For it to be "burned out", I would think that it would have had to work at least once. Regardless, more success.

Next on the list (with the engine running) was to try the power steering. I previously had issues with the steering box leaking and I think I mostly solved that with some bolt tightening. I had never actually mounted the steering wheel and tried turning the wheels with the engine running.

We will call this test mostly successful. After a few lock-to-lock turns, it was evident that the power assist was in fact assisting, but there is a "juddering" feel/noise when the wheel is turned. I'm thinking this may be related to the poly bushes I used in place of the original rubber bushes in the linkage. It could be due to the bolts through the bushes not being tightened enough, it could be that I didn't use, or use enough of, the special grease for the poly bushes or it could be some other problem. I'm going to see if tightening and lubricating works and if not, old-school rubber bushes will be ordered. Despite the mechanical successes and (partial) failures, the majority of my time recently has been on the interior. I still do not have an installed windshield but just today, Ron the windshield installation guy stopped over to take a look. He assured me that it was going to be more complicated than he had thought (read expensive) and that he would probably be back later this week. Baby steps.....

And speaking of baby steps, how did the car move from my garage to my driveway? Under its own power, of course! I took the car off of the dollies I use to move it round the garage and set it on its own four wheels then proceeded to drive the car in and out of the garage for the next ten minutes. I'm having some trouble getting it into gear and I suspect the clutch is not completely releasing. Hopefully another bleed of the hydraulic system combined with an adjustment of the slave cylinder travel will fix the problem.

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# 1966 Jaguar Mk2 Restoration – Part 17

## (continued)

By Craig Gestler

Since I cannot finish the front wood trim, visors, mirrors and dash until the windshield is in place, I turned my attention to the carpeting. I installed a product called “Hush Matt” to the floors and transmission tunnel. It provides additional thermal and noise insulation and takes the place of the factory installed tar boards. **(photo at right)**

The next step was to install the fairly thick underlayment material that came with the interior kit. **(photo below)** This proved to be torture to an engineer (like me) who expects precise cuts and a neat installation. While the kit is very complete and the pieces are cut fairly well, I found that I had to do a lot of adjustments. The factory probably didn't worry too much about a precise jigsaw puzzle fit, but I do. Most pieces required several dry-fit, trim, repeat cycles before the spray contact cement was laid down. I hope to report a completed interior for the next installment.



Photos by Craig Gestler



### EDITOR'S NOTE:

*At the 2025 JCNA Annual General Meeting banquet, Craig Gestler was awarded the Technical Subject Newsletter Award for this series of articles covering the step-by-step restoration of this car.*

*Attending the meeting were JCOP President Rich Aronson, a JCOP Delegate along with Chuck Pipich, and JCOP representatives Craig Gestler, Shadrach Jones and Stu Benson.*

*Rich said Craig's articles represent his "outstanding gift for engineering, creative solutions and meticulous workmanship. The articles are also clear, conversational and fascinating – written well to make his work exciting and somewhat suspenseful!"*

*Congratulations Craig!*



Aerial drone view of the Hartwood field and Hartwood Acres Mansion by JCOP Director Ken Como.

## ***The Revival of British Cars at Hartwood was a Smashing Success***

**By Stu Benson**

The early morning fog was so thick that..... well, it wasn't pea soup since it was white and wet, not smog. Sort of like driving in clouds. It was not so thick that one could not drive their cars but it was hard to see the road in front of the vehicle. As the exclusively British cars drove in and parked on the front lawn of a grand Tudor-style Manor house with English-style formal garden (none of which could be seen from any distance farther than close-up), they were covered with micro-droplets of water that had condensed on the surface of cars that had been spectacularly shined and buffed. So where did this occur in the British Isles? Sorry, wrong continent; it was British Cars at Hartwood 2025, located in Hartwood Acres Park in the North Hills area of Pittsburgh, PA on Sunday, September 28, 2025.

British Cars at Hartwood was a staple in the Western PA community of British Car aficionados for many years, going back at least to the early 1980's. John and Mary Flinn Lawrence built the Mansion in the 1920's on a 629 acre estate. In 1969 the estate was sold to Allegheny County but Mary lived there until her death and after that occurred the entirety of the estate became Hartwood Acres Park which opened as a County Park in 1976. The park also contains a cottage, trails for hiking, horse-riding, biking, and cross country skiing, a

stable complex, a gate lodge, a large-stage concert area where music events and festivals are held throughout the summer months (this amphitheater/concert area was property with the home of Mary Lawrence's sister, Emily, which was called Harkaway Farm and was also purchased by Allegheny County as part of the arrangement). Together all of this became Hartwood Acres Park.

The Mansion Lawn at Hartwood Acres was the locale for the longstanding British Car Show arranged by the Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh. After the 2019 show, Allegheny County commenced a renovation of the lawn area by the Mansion with the establishment of perennial gardens and sculptures being moved to around the Mansion from other parts of the park. Gorgeous terrazzo sidewalks were constructed in a circle about the far reaches of the lawn along with vintage-design lamp-posts. This put a 'hold' on the British Car Show while construction was underway and then COVID hit. Once past these events, the Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh was advised that the Allegheny County Parks Department did not welcome vehicles on the Mansion lawn any longer and while JCOP was offered other areas in Hartwood Acres Park for the British Car Show, JCOP was interested only in being back on the Mansion lawn such that it felt like the show was being held in England.

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Not to mention having running water restrooms. It took years of time and effort in working with the Parks Department (which is a story in and of itself) but, finally, JCOP was issued a permit for the show to resume on September 28, 2025. This was done with the promise that not only would the show continue to donate all proceeds to charitable causes (it had always supported food banks) but would now also include the Allegheny County Parks Foundation (with this donation dedicated to go to help Hartwood Acres Park) as a charitable recipient and the Allegheny County Parks Department became an event 'partner' of JCOP.

The foggy morning of September 28 gave way to the sun burning off the fog and revealing a cloudless, deep blue sky with temperatures in the upper 70's and low humidity. A spectacular weather day led to our welcoming 149 pre-registered cars and 20 additional cars that that signed up and paid as they drove in to the field. Indeed, many commented that they could not recall seeing so many E-Types lined up together (with fourteen Fixed Head Coupes alone in addition to the Open Two Seaters!). Everyone easily dried off their cars and they all shined bright and beautiful. The Western PA Triumph Association, the Laurel Highlands British Car Club, and the Hartwood Association of Racing Drivers (with multiple vintage race cars of British marques that could be heard almost a mile away as they drove in) all set up picnic tents and grills and tables and chairs and enjoyed the gorgeous environs.

The event is now named "British Cars at Hartwood" since the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Car Show at Schenley Park uses the name "British Car Day" for their field in July and since Hartwood Acres Park is now a target beneficiary of our charitable fund-raising, we included this locale in the name of the event. With



smiles all around the large turnout of cars, drivers, spectators and friends, longstanding event **Chair Jack Terrick (in above photo by Ken Como)** pulled off an almost impossible feat of seeing everyone on the grounds being happy.

A date of September 27, 2026 has been obtained along with a permit already issued by the Allegheny County Parks Department for the next British Cars at Hartwood. Efforts will be undertaken to welcome suggestions for enhancing next year's event (including possibly again selling dedicated shirts for the yearly event and also welcoming those others who wish to support the Allegheny County Parks Foundation, who manned a table and tent next to the JCOP Awards tables up by the Mansion and provided much information about Hartwood Acres to the many people interested in learning more).



**In photo at left, JCOP Treasurer Stu Benson helped Jack Terrick hand out awards. At right, the show field.**

**Photos by Ken Como**



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**The People's Choice awards** at the 2025 British Cars at Hartwood were as follows (each entrant into British Cars at Hartwood was given a bound batch of voting slips with one for each car class for them to use to select their choice of the best car in each class and the submissions were counted with awards then given; it had to be understood that the number of trophies per class were provided based on the pre-registration numbers in each car class; with "drive-ins" that skewed the numbers in some cars, it was too late to provide more trophies for additional places in some classes):

### **Class 1, Mixed Sports**

1. Mike Zappa, 1967 Aston Martin
2. John Ross, 1953 Jag C-Type
3. James Biery, 2016 Morgan

### **Class 2, Austin / Morris Mini**

1. Gil Smith, 1975 Austin

### **Class 3, Austin Healey 100 / 100-6 / 3000**

1. Tim Plesz, 1960 3000
2. Dick & Sandy Gaier, 1966 3000

### **Class 4, Austin Healey Bugeye Sprite**

1. Dave & Bobbie Carpenter, 1960

### **Class 5, A-H Sprite / MG Midget**

1. Ashlee & Burris Esplen

### **Class 6. Rolls Royce/ Bentley**

1. Terry Angeletti, 1925 Silver Ghost
2. Dale Smith, 1960 Silver Cloud

### **Class 7. Mixed Touring**

1. Bob Pullar, 1970 Ford Escort Mk1
2. Paul Bates, 1964 Riley Elf

### **Class 8, E-Type FHC / 2+2**

1. Stu Benson, 1973
2. Dave Gamret
3. Jack Terrick

### **Class 9, E-Type OTS**

1. Jay & Kris Sabo 1963
2. Mike Stanko, 1969
3. Dave Murray, 1964

### **Class 10, SUV**

1. Laura Fisanick, 2011 Range Rover

### **Class 11, Jag F-Type**

1. Ken & Linda Como, 2016
2. Bob Pullar, 2017
3. Jake Zolle, 2021

### **Class 12, Jaguar Saloon, pre-1980**

1. Paul Read, 1960 Mk II

### **Class 13, Jaguar Saloon post-1979**

1. Harry Fuchs, 1984 XJ6
2. Jacob Graham, 1986 XJ6
3. Brian Jodkin, 1987 XJ6

### **Class 14, Jaguar XK 120 / 140 / 150**

1. Bob Grove, 1953 XK 120

### **Class 15, Jaguar XK 8 / XK / XK R**

1. Tom Nuhfer, 2007 XK R
2. Ken Patterson, 2006 XK 8
3. John Koziara, 2011 XK R

### **Class 16, Land Rover**

1. Jay & Kris Sabo, 1965 Series II

### **Class 17, MG A**

1. John Bender
2. Sam Duerr
3. Ralph Preffer

### **Class 18, MG B pre 1975**

1. Rob Stutzman
2. Paul Beluomini
3. Colleen Kingerski

### **Class 19, MG B post 1974**

1. Chris Longo
2. Chuck Jackson
3. Scott Armstrong

### **Class 20, MG B/GT**

1. Bob Reiners

### **Class 21, MG TC / TD / TF**

1. Paul Schaefer

### **Class 22, MINI**

1. Sean Kunkle, 2006
2. Dan Fowler, 2002

### **Class 23, Morgan**

1. John & Dotti Bechtol

### **Class 24, Triumph Spitfire / GT6**

1. Joe Totino, GT6
2. Ray Mihalko, Spitfire

### **Class 25, Triumph TR 6**

1. Kevin Berry
2. Jim & LaDonna Woods
3. Tim & Daneen Kunz

### **Class 26, Triumph TR3**

1. Vic Panza
2. Scott Swanson
3. Ken Mikos

### **Class 27, Triumph TR4 / 250**

1. James Stoffel

### **Class 28, Jaguar XJ S**

1. Fred Segal

## ***Award-Winning Photographer Captures Unique Hartwood Views***

**By Rich Aronson**  
**JCOP President**

Bruce Soifer is a fine arts photographer, owner of Front Street Art Studios in Dayton, Ohio. He is married to my sister and accompanied me to British Cars at Hartwood this year.

Bruce is a retired retail furniture store owner but has always had a strong passion for images and is a serious award-winning photographer with many show and competition honors.

Over the years, I have liked some of his evocative settings captured of cars, their owners and aesthetic distinctive details.

He's also a strong editor and creates scenes of cars in unusual weather conditions as well as owners operating vintage cars such as Terry bringing in his 1925 Rolls to Hartwood in the fog, Bob in his XK-120 and John in his C-Type - helmet, goggles and all!



Two British cars, including this 1925 Rolls Royce and Morgan, enter British Cars at Hartwood field in "London fog"



After the fog lifted, Bruce was able to get some clear shots of the show cars and people, including his brother-in-law Rich Aronson, in photo at right.



**Photos by Bruce Soifer**

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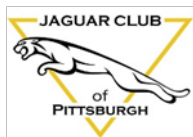
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**More details about our upcoming JCOP Annual Holiday Party, planned for December 21, noon to 4 p.m., at the Edgeworth Country Club hosted by Ken and Linda Como.**



**The 2026 slate of officers and directors will be announced and the November voting process and schedule for members will be explained.**