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President’s message for December 2025

As we approach 2026, the year when the entire future of the Jaguar car brand will ride on the wheels of their rather radical “Type 00” electric car, I’ve been thinking a lot about the trajectory of the Jaguar marque over the past two decades. Considering the special qualities of the Jags I’ve known, I’ve come to think of their cars as finely wrought artifacts—objects of industrial art whose surfaces, seams, and proportions reveal both triumphs and struggles. It’s worth a close look at Jaguar’s recent history in order to understand how its lineage of elegance and performance has been reshaped by corporate mergers, shifting markets, and evolving design philosophies.

Jaguar’s modern chapter begins in earnest with its acquisition by Tata Motors in 2008, a pivotal moment that rescued the marque from Ford’s stewardship. Tata’s approach was refreshingly hands-off, allowing Jaguar’s designers and engineers to rediscover their voice. The result was the Jaguar XF (2007), a sedan that abandoned retro cues in favor of taut, modern lines. Its flush surfaces and bold grille eschewed excess ornamentation to reveal pure form. This design language carried into the XJ (2010), a flagship that polarized enthusiasts with its radical departure from tradition.

The F-Type (2013) marked Jaguar’s return to sports car glory. Here was a machine that echoed the E-Type’s sensuality but translated it into contemporary idiom. The car’s muscular haunches, precise panel gaps, and jewel-like headlamps were as carefully rendered in the final production models. The best car designs must balance utility with beauty, and the F-Type embodied this, offering visceral performance wrapped in a body that seemed to leap forward even at rest.

Corporate evolution also shaped Jaguar’s identity. In 2013, Jaguar Cars merged with Land Rover to form Jaguar Land Rover (JLR), consolidating resources and design philosophies. This union allowed Jaguar to expand into SUVs, a segment once thought antithetical to its ethos. The F-Pace (2016) was the first of these, a vehicle that translated Jaguar’s design DNA into a taller, more versatile form.

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Electrification has become the most recent chapter. The I-Pace (2018), Jaguar’s first all-electric vehicle, was a bold leap. Its cab-forward stance, short overhangs, and flowing roofline were not just stylistic flourishes but functional responses to battery packaging. By adapting traditional tools to new materials, Jaguar’s designers embraced the constraints of electrification to create something both futuristic and unmistakably Jaguar.

Yet, challenges remain. It’s often been said that Jaguar hasn’t produced a profitable model in more than a decade. Hence, Jaguar’s bold announcement last year to discontinue all existing models and become an all-electric brand by 2026 was a radical transformation that will test its ability to preserve heritage while embracing innovation. The leaping cat emblem, first conceived in 1937, now symbolizes not just speed and grace but resilience in the face of reinvention.

Overall, Jaguar’s recent history is a study in design evolution: from the minimalist clarity of the XF to the sculptural bravado of the F-Type, from the pragmatic elegance of the F-Pace to the daring innovation of the I-Pace. Like finely crafted objects viewed through the discerning eyes of true car enthusiasts, Jaguar’s cars reveal themselves as more than machines—they are artifacts of culture, engineering, and artistry, each joint and curve telling a story of survival and reinvention.

Happy Holiday motoring,
Sandor Nagyszalanczy
J.A.G. President

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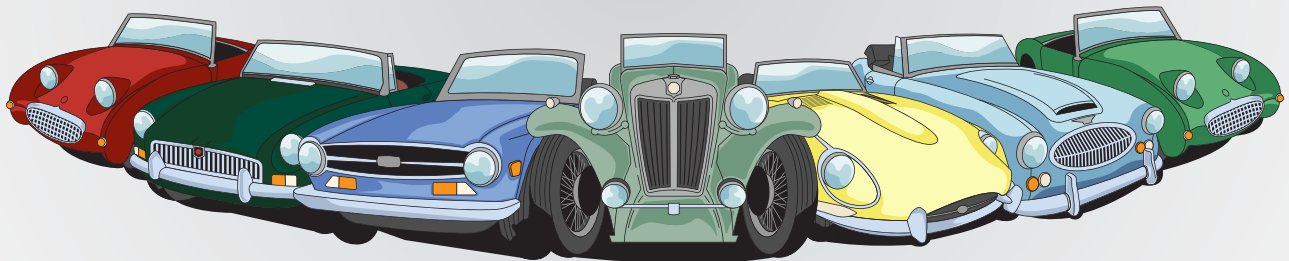


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ALL EVENTS IN CAPS
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DECEMBER 2025

6 HOLIDAY DINNER-DON
GIOVANNI- MOUNTAIN
VIEW

JANUARY 2026

17 Detailing Workshop and lunch
at Autovino, San Carlos

APRIL 2026

13-19 JCNA AGM in Mexico City

AUGUST 2026

10 Monterey British Car Show
16 Pebble Beach Concours
D'Élégance

Jaguar December Birthday's

Mary MacKenzie	Dec. 3
Mandy Airey	Dec. 4
Kris Carey	Dec. 4
JoAnn Martindale	Dec. 5
Rob Gingell	Dec. 5
Nancy Zahm	Dec. 9
Craig Harris	Dec. 13
Sharon Barker	Dec. 14
Nicholas Gross	Dec. 15
Stephen Silen	Dec. 15
Dave Lawrence	Dec. 15
Jacquie Lawrence	Dec. 16
William McGraw	Dec. 18
Dorothy Smith	Dec. 19
Albert Boasberg	Dec. 20
Dwayne Chapman	Dec. 24
Rose Swearingen	Dec. 26
Bobbie Stek	Dec. 26
Glen Hawkins	Dec. 28
Ben Gage	Dec. 31
Jack Devlin	Dec. 31
William Witt	Dec. 31

Merry Christmas!




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Deborah Hartunian

CAL CLUBS occurred in Morro Bay this year from October 23 through the 26, 2025. On Thursday, around 5:00pm, cars from Northern and Southern California began pulling into an old, cool repair shop. It was the historic British Repair Shoppe at 640 Marsh Street in San Luis Obispo. This is where our Welcome reception began. Snacks, wine, beer and lots of “How was your drive?” conversations followed by “Where are you from?” Many very interesting cars were being worked on in the Shoppe. A truly fascinating place. If you bothered to look up, you saw an amazing collections of old bicycles. After the reception, it was then time to get to Morro Bay and our hotel. That evening the each contingent was their own, so John & Susan Swensson, Stuart Smedley & Pam Conrad and Carla & Deborah Hartunian all walked down to Dorn’s for dinner. Great choice, great company too.

On Friday morning, we gathered early in the hotel parking lot for a drive to Cambria. We were happy to see Keith & Laurel Schafer had joined the drive. But we also realized that our event was much more intimate than we expected. There were 4 cars from the J. A. G. club and only another 9 cars from all the southern California clubs. But small turn out or not we were off on our way to Cambria. Upon arriving, it was decided that getting Linn’s fresh-made pies and pastries with ice cream was a perfect idea. So that’s what we did. Some members shopped, and the rest fooled around in town and just enjoyed the

day. Some energetic soul had continued the drive to Hearst Castle. That evening we were all invited to help celebrate the LA Jaguar Owners Club’s 70th birthday dinner.

We were all guests of Tom and Julie Meinhold, so we all parked in the front of their home and were served a delicious BBQ dinner while the World Series played in the background. It was a wonderful party. On Saturday, we again lined up for a beautiful drive to the Norgrove Narrow Gauge Railroad and Vineyard. The 400-acre property was full of grapes and railroad tracks. Lots of history there and after a cool train ride and a little wine tasting and lunch, it was time to get back to Morro Bay. Our final dinner together was wonderful. It was at Café Roma in San Luis Obispo. We had a private room downstairs. A delicious Italian buffet, our own bartender, plenty of room to enjoy our Jaguar friends. The Bay area group’s table was having so much fun, they were the last to leave the dining room and head back to the hotel. After Sunday breakfast, each party made their way home by their favorite route.

Hopefully, next year, more members will attend. This is truly a great getaway and so much better in a JAAGG!

***** Save the Date *****

January 17, 2026

Autovino, 380 Industrial Road, San Carlos

For lunch and a tech session on
The best detailing of your JAG!

More info to come

MOSS BEACH DISTILLERY DRIVE & BRUNCH

It was Sunday November 16. 60 Jaguar members were preparing for a drive to Moss Beach Distillery in Half Moon Bay. Roads were wet from the rain that night, and we all hoped for no more rain that morning. Jag groups from 5 different locations convened. The largest group of 10 cars met up at the Legion of Honour in San Francisco, led by Jim Kimball, along with new member Caroline Berning. After taking pictures and listening to the historical notes that Jim would be leading us past, we were off. This group was the only one to get spit on as we passed Ocean Beach and the Pacific Ocean. When they arrived at the Distillery, the lot was empty. But then Stuart Smedley's group of five arrived. Their route had departed Ladera shopping center in Portola Valley. It was cool and cloudy, and all convertible tops were in the closed position. The route was west on Alpine, left on Arastradero, right on Page Mill, a fun climb, North on Skyline and down 84. Finally, north on Cabrillo highway, after 50 miles and 90 minutes they arrived, ready for brunch! Next came John & Susan Swensson leading the 6 Jaguars from San Jose. They took a more unswerving route directly to the restaurant. Then there was Ray & Donna Busch leading a group of 5 from the East Bay. They started out in Castro Valley, onto 580 across the San Mateo Bridge to Half Moon Bay. Our last group came all the way from Monterey and Pebble Beach, with Les and Amy Hamilton leading a group of 4 including new members Laura Gaudet and Scott Steinhauer. They set off on a beautiful 100-mile route along highway one. After traveling through a busy Santa Cruz, they enjoyed a peaceful ride up highway one to Half Moon Bay. When they arrived at the restaurant, there was an impressive variety of Jaguars waiting for them.

Finally, all the hungry members entered the closed restaurant to be greeted by those delicious little pastries on the table and orange juice and champagne poured and ready for us all. The view of the ocean and all our beauties in the parking lot were clearly visible. Turned out to be a great day. After eating brunch, our new PA system was broken in on a Nominations meeting, and J.A.G. introductions. Again, another very successful event where our members enjoyed a short drive, viewing beautiful cars, and lots of great conversation in a beautiful place. You're missing a lot if you've never attended this event. Look for it in November 2026.

Moss Beach Note from Les Hamilton

After the great event at Moss Beach Distillery, we retraced our steps home via Highway One. The recent days of rain had cleared the mist, unveiling some breathtaking views of coastal beaches and cliffs. This stretch of Highway One is a hidden gem in Northern California, especially after its recent resurfacing. The changing weather kept many other vehicles off the road. We couldn't help but notice the pumpkin patches still filled with unsold pumpkins or being donated to local cattle for feed.

Watching the cattle efficiently feast on the pumpkins, I finally understood where Starbucks' Pumpkin Spiced Latte's inspiration comes from.



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Holiday Gala Dinner
Don Giovanni's in Mountain View
Saturday, December 6, 2025





2025 HOLIDAY GALA DINNER, December 6, 2025

DON GIOVANNI RESTAURANT, 235 CASTRO STREET, MOUNTAIN VIEW

HOSTS: DEBORAH & CARLA HARTUNIAN

On Saturday, December 6, you're invited to join us for our last JAG event of 2025. We have our private room reserved at DON GIOVANNI restaurant. It has always been our tradition for the Club to subsidize the budget for this event and this year is no different. You don't want to miss this event, welcome the new 2026 Board of Directors, and enjoy a delicious 4 course meal and wine. Our entrée choices this year are:

1. New York Steak- Charbroiled New York Steak with red wine and black peppercorn sauce served with mashed potato and seasonal vegetables.

2. Salmon Piccata- Pan seared salmon filet with capers and lemon butter white wine sauce with mashed potato and seasonal vegetables.

3. Chicken Marsala- Free range Chicken breast in Marsala wine sauce with mushrooms served with mashed potato and seasonal vegetables.

4. Spinach Ravioli with Marinara sauce

Red and white wine will be served with our meal and the evening will start with a no-host cocktail hour and appetizers starting at 6 P.M followed by dinner at 7 P.M. We'll be announcing the New JAG Board Members after Dinner, along with a little music. The cost for the evening will be \$95.00 per person (sorry restaurant increase) to be

sent in by November 28. We can only comfortably seat 56 people. Signup early! We look forward to you joining the festivities for another great Jaguar club fun filled Holiday party.

HOTEL: Hampton Inn by Hilton, 390 Moffett Blvd. MV., 94043,

KING ROOMS are \$150.00 per night including taxes. 2 Queens are \$175.00 (650-988-0300) JAG does not have a block of rooms as we don't need the number of rooms they require. Note that these rates may vary.

HOLIDAY PARTY RESERVATIONS

Dinner choice:

Please reserve _____ members at \$95 each for dinner

(1) New York Steak (2) Salmon Piccata (3) Chicken Marsala (4) Spinach Ravioli

Name _____ (1) (2) (3) (4)

Name _____ (1) (2) (3) (4)

Which fabulous Jag Member would you like to be seated with? _____

Sign up online or Pay with ZELLE or make checks payable to JAG and mail to Phil Endliss, 37 Campbell Lane Menlo Park, CA. 94025 (650 269-0457) For more information contact Deborah at 415 509-2909.

SAVE THE DATE

BOOK YOUR HOTEL NOW!



Monterey British

Monday, August 10th, 2026

Carmel Valley Community Park

11am -2pm

Registration opens in February

J.A.G. Board Meeting, October 28th, 2025

Meeting Date: 10/28/2025 5:00 pm. **Location:** Zoom Video Call

Participants:

Sandor Nagyszalanczy – J.A.G. President	Howard L Smith - Immediate Past President
Deborah Hartunian - 1st Vice President	Andy Preston – Director-at-Large
John Swensson - 2nd Vice President	Stuart Smedley – Director-at-large (Absent)
Phil Endliss - Treasurer/Membership Chair	Clive Hallatt – Director-at-Large (Absent)
Kristan Neubecker – Editor (Absent)	Tom O'Neill – Webmaster
Les Hamilton - Secretary	

J.A.G. President Sandor Nagyszalanczy called the October 2025 Board Meeting to order at 5:04 pm.

Secretary Report

The minutes of the September 2025 Board Meeting were reviewed and approved. **MSA.**

Treasurer Report.

Phil reported that J.A.G.'s funds and projected expenses. Our mailing costs to members have increased significantly along with other expenses. The Board discussed reducing the subsidy of the JCNA Dues. **MSA.**

Membership Report.

J.A.G. has 229 members, including associate members. **MSA.**

3 members are, unfortunately, deceased. Deborah will notify Carla to adjust her list.

1st Vice President Report/2nd Vice President Reports.

October 2025

18 Sonoma Tour to Rancho Nicasio

Andy and Deborah reported that the event was a great success (apart from the VP's finding a different start location).

23-26 Cal Clubs in Morro Bay and La Serena Hotel

The event was poorly attended and disorganized, but despite this, the attendees generally enjoyed most of the activities.

November 2025

16- Moss Beach Distillery Brunch

The response is strong, and a small number of seats remain. Kristan to send a reminder to members. **Action: Kristan**

Deborah will determine the drive(s) departure points and leaders. **Action: Deborah**

Les will bring the club's PA system. **Action: Les**

Howard will handle the nominations segment if he can attend. **Action: Howard**

December 2025

6- Holiday Dinner-Don Giovanni- Mountain View

The Hilton Garden Inn in Sunnyvale is the recommended hotel.

Deborah will include parking information. **Action: Deborah**

2026 Schedule

Deborah has conferred with Stuart on drives for 2026 and will send them out as soon as they are available. **Action: Deborah**

Deborah needs to know where the 2026 IJF will be held. Les to forward the information. **Action: Les**

Directors at Large Reports:

Andy Preston

Andy reported on the very successful Rancho Nicasio drive.

Stuart Smedley

Stuart is in Mexico.

Clive Hallatt

Clive was not available.

J.A.G. Board Meeting, October 28th, 2025

Past President Report

Howard reported that the slate of candidates for the elections for 2026 officers is

President: Sandor Nagyszalanczy,

Treasurer: Phil Endliss,

2nd VP: Stuart Smedley,

Director at Large: Clive Hallatt.

If Stuart is elected as 2nd VP, then a replacement for his Director at Large position will be needed.

Howard reminded the Board that submissions for the Newsletter awards may be needed. Les agreed to find out what is happening this year. **Action: Les**

Editor's Report

The JAGazette deadline will be Wednesday, November 19th. **Action: All**

The 2025 Monterey British Car Show was a great success. The 2026 Event location is still being confirmed. **Action: Kristan**

Les will be the JAGazette editor beginning with the December edition **Action: Les**

The Board thanked Kristan for all her hard work as the JAGazette editor.

Social Media/Website

Tom is handing off the Webmaster activities to Kristan. Tom has created an extensive set of how-to notes.

The Board thanked Tom for all his great work creating and maintaining the JAGS.ORG Website.

Old Business

The Board discussed the survey feedback and determined that J.A.G. should not take action at this time but should continue to monitor JCNA's progress towards creating more member benefits and resolving its financial decline. **Action: Closed.**

Sandor will include thanks for the survey responses in the December President's message. **Action: Sandor**

An additional tier is needed on the Gene Babow trophy, and Sandor will create the new base. Les will pass the trophy and suggested dimensions to Sandor. **Action: Les/Sandor**

New Business

The Board discussed the J.A.G. 2026 dues and voted to reduce the subsidy to JCNA dues by \$10. The Treasurer will send invoices to members for \$115 and Tom will adjust the website. **MSA**

The proposed license agreement between J.A.G. and JCNA has been finalized. We need to determine what to do if JCNA declines to agree. **Action: Les/ Clive/Phil.**

Stuart to set up the Holiday Gift drive with Stanford Children's Hospital and create an email to members for Kristan to send.

Action: Stuart

Phil and Les briefly reported on the excellent 2025 Oil Leak Tour to SW Colorado.

Next Meeting:

The next J.A.G. Board of Directors meeting will be held on Sunday, December 7th, 2025, at 9:30 am at the Hilton Garden Inn and Zoom.

Adjournment:

The October 2025 J.A.G. Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm. **MSA.**

Respectfully submitted by Les Hamilton, J.A.G. Secretary.

December Membership Report

Phil Endliss - Membership Director

J.A.G. remains the largest club within JCNA, with 231 members, including 8 Associates. We are really close to our annual goal of 235 members. Member referral is still the best way our club will gain new members, so please continue to be on the lookout for potential new members. Make sure to use your J.A.G. business cards when you see a Jag on the street, in a parking lot, during a visit to a Cars & Coffee meeting, and especially at car shows. Let me know if you run out of them, and I'll send you a few more

Renewing your dues for 2026

All club members should have received a notice for the renewal of their dues for 2026 in both J.A.G. and JCNA. Your dues need to be received by December 31. You can pay through the website in the Membership section, by sending the funds through Zelle or PayPal, by mailing in a check made out to Jaguar Associate Group or by calling me to process your credit card.

New member signup

All you need to join J.A.G. is a Jaguar and the desire to spend time with others who enjoy using their Jag and socializing with others. Even if you just have a desire to own a Jaguar or lust after one, you can

become a Friend of J.A.G.. To join, fill out the application on our website (www.jags.org) under the Membership tab. Your dues will provide membership in J.A.G. and JCNA, the North America Jaguar Association, through the end of 2026.

New Members

Laura Gaudet of Monterey with her 2022 I-Pace

**Scott Steinhauer of Monterey
with his 1967 E-Type**

Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following members who are celebrating their anniversaries joining JAG in December::

Bruce & Janie Burtch - 2 years

Shane Canekerante & Tiara Ganegama - 3 years

Brandon Corey - 3 years

Jeff Cowan & Ian Dunn - 1 year

Mike & Teresa Cunningham - 4 years

Robert & Nancy DiGiovanni - 1 year

Mike Epperson - 9 years

Mike Humphries & Connie Linton - 5 years

David & Marcy McKean - 8 years

Martin & Robert Paulson - 1 year

Dennis & Susanne Robbins - 5 years

Luc Semeria & Cecile Foret - 5 years



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Jaguar Wanted:

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Survey Note

Many J.A.G. members responded to the two recent surveys distributed by the J.A.G. Board. Thank you for all your robust responses and invaluable feedback. The purpose of the surveys was to gauge member’ satisfaction with the benefits received from their current JCNA dues.

The majority of members expressed satisfaction with the current level of JCNA dues, but some had some concerns with any potential future increases in JCNA’s dues. This feedback helped your Board decide on the current direction and will guide future directions.

Thank you again for taking the time to complete and submit your survey feedback.

EDITOR MUSINGS by Les Hamilton

Hello JAGazette readers!

I am Les Hamilton, and I am excited to step into the role of editor for the JAGazette, along with my responsibilities as J.A.G.'s secretary. I've taken over from Kristan Neubecker, who set such a high standard during her five years as editor. Kristan is now our Webmaster, as Tom O'Neil pursues new adventures. We truly appreciate Kristan's fantastic work and thank Tom for his work creating the super new and improved JAGS.ORG website.

Managing the website involves many fun tasks: updating the calendar, removing past events, creating notices and sign-up pages for upcoming gatherings, and adding or removing members on the website and Groups.iO. The webmaster also updates advertisements, handles any technical changes from our hosting provider, and sends out friendly email reminders to members. It's quite a bit of work each month, and we're grateful to Kristan for her dedication!

As I mentioned in my first stint as JAGazette editor, my junior school English teachers might be appalled that I'm a publication editor today, but in the dark ages when I was in school, they were the days before word processors, spell checkers, and grammar checkers. I'm sure you might still spot errors in my writing now and then—after all, nobody's perfect, right?

As editor, I gather all the wonderful inputs from the J.A.G. Board and members, along with anything else that might interest our community. I make the necessary edits, while our talented layout expert, Val Sherer, arranges all the pictures and articles into the final design.

Our trusted proofreaders, Gayle Lash Pedersen, Cathy Kuhn and Clive Hallat, carefully review each edition, making sure everything's just right before it goes to JAGS.ORG, is emailed out, and then is printed in black and white at Minuteman Press here in Monterey. Minuteman Press handles printing and mailing. Local member copies are hand distributed, helping us reduce postage costs.

Some of you have wondered why our printed edition is not in full color to match the email copies. The answer is simply cost. Full-color printing increases the expense of the JAGazette, which is already our largest budget item. As much as we'd love to have full-color prints, we feel that the cost would outweigh the benefits in this case.

If you have any articles, stories, or photos to share with our readers, please send them to editor@jags.org. I look forward to including your contributions as soon as I can.

Thank you all for your continued support of the JAGazette and your J.A.G. Board!





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