

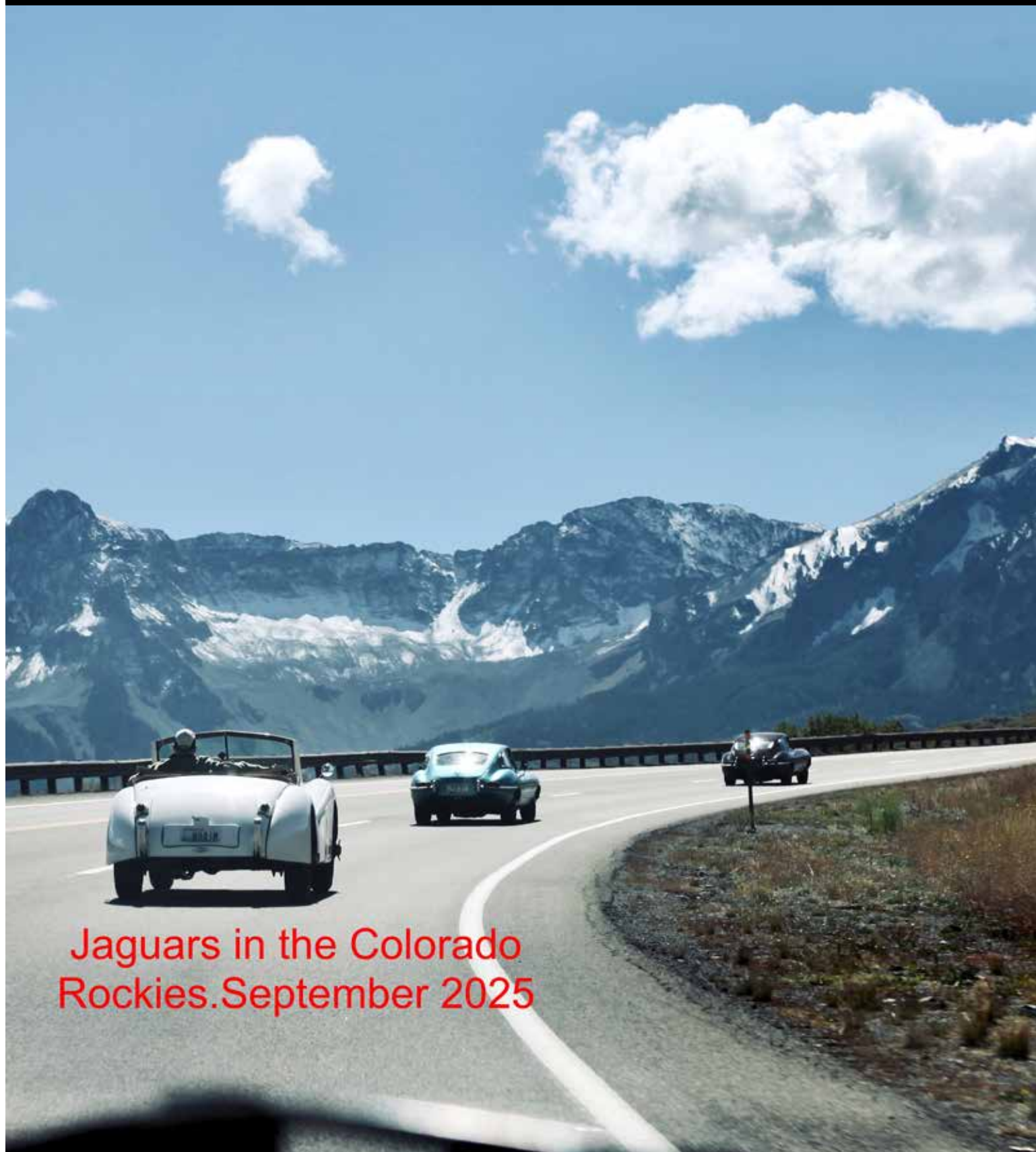
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**Jaguars in the Colorado
Rockies. September 2025**



President's message for January 2026

Holiday Greetings to all J.A.G. Members and our readers.

We have had a very active and fun year in 2025 and I am certain that Deborah and Stuart have planned an even more enjoyable year of events in 2026. As always, if you have any suggestions for events or questions about events, or anything else J.A.G. related, please let either me or the Vice Presidents know.

The other day, a friend of mine reminded me of how, many decades ago, I had written a woodworker's parody of "A Visit from Saint Nicholas" (... 'Twas the Night Before Christmas...), as I was a furniture designer/craftsman at the time. This got me thinking about the current state of JLR, so I decided to apply the same parody approach to that poem, this time featuring Jaguar. Here is what I came up with:

Jaguar's Last Night Before Christmas

(with apologies to Clement C. Moore, author of "A Visit from St. Nicholas")

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the shop, not a Jaguar was purring, all oil leaks had stopped. The Latin mechanics had hidden with care, in hopes that the I.C.E. wouldn't find them in there. The tools were all sparkling and spread on the bench, with the sizes in Whitworth stamped on each wrench. Then from the cat's builders there came a new plan, to stop making the models that delighted each fan. And then in the automotive press did appear, a commercial that filled each Jag lover with fear. With strange phrases and colors and people from Mars, which caused Elon Musk to ask "Do you sell cars?" Then came the prototype, one in pink, one in blue, which sparked the Jag owners to all cry "Boo Hoo!" For although it was sleek, and electric, and cool, it looked like a car for rich gangsters and fools. And all 'cross the globe came a cry of dismay, "How could those JLR folks treat us this way?" But just when it seemed Jaguar had its last roar, the owners at Tata showed McGovern the door. And in his place a new design chief did appear, who we all hoped would soon fill us with cheer. But here on the cusp of a new year of hope, the company has still not supplied any dope. On what kind of car they will really produce, we only hear rumors and words of excuse. So, we're left with our F-types and XKs and Es, and all the old models that continue to please. If only the company would listen to us, we'd have some new Jaguars that won't make us cuss. So, I say both to Tata and their JLR group, don't give us that overpriced "zero zero" coupe. Please create some new models made for the true fan, with looks, specs and prices right for most everyman. If you don't, I'm quite sure that by this time next year, your Christmas won't fill you with profits and cheer. For most loyal owners of your spotted cat cars, will be buying Audis, Porsches, and Mercedes GTRs. And these words they'll exclaim as they drive near and afar, "Shame on you Tata for killing Jaguar."

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Have a wonderful holiday and see you all in 2026!

Sandor Nagyszalanczy

J.A.G. President

Keeping your Jaguar on the road

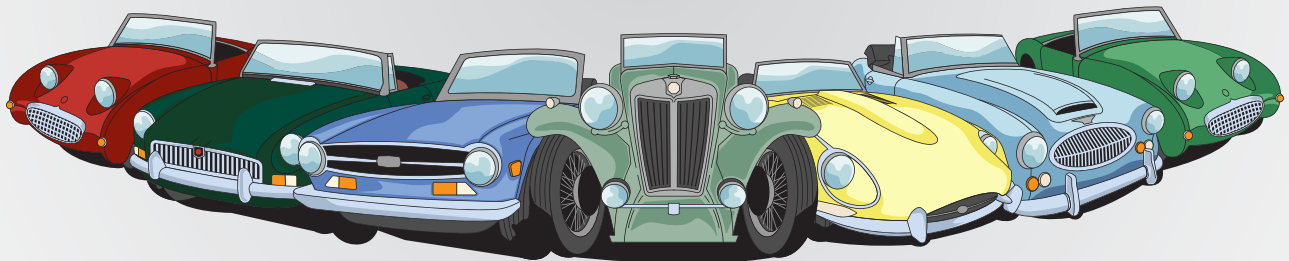


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2026 CALENDAR

ALL EVENTS IN CAPS
ARE JAG CLUB

JANUARY 2026

- 17 AUTOVINO BBQ & DIAMOND
DETAILING SESSION

FEBRUARY 2026

- 28 FOUR RESERVOIR TOUR & CAR BARN &
BBQ

MARCH 2026

- 7 MOZART MUSEUM & LUNCH,
MOUNTAIN VIEW WITH
ROLLS ROYCE CLUB
- 28-29 CLOVIS BRITISH AUTO ROUNDUP- DRIVE &
CAR SHOW

APRIL 2026

- 16-17 JCNA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN
MEXICO CITY
- 18 NAPA DRIVE,YOUNTVILLE, PETALUMA
LUNCH
- 29 RANCHO CIELO WITH CCBMC

MAY 2026

- 17 DIXON BRITISH CAR SHOW AND SWAP
MEET
- JAG EVENT COMING SOON

JUNE 2026

- 6 BRITS BY THE BAY

JULY 2026

JAG EVENT COMING SOON

AUGUST 2026

- 7-15 ROLEX MOTORSPORTS REUNION
- 10 MONTEREY BRITISH CAR SHOW
- CARMEL
- 16 PEBBLE BEACH CONCOURS

Jaguar January Birthday's

Donna Shade	Jan. 1
Laural Ayala	Jan. 4
Chuck White	Jan. 4
David Langley	Jan. 7
Elizabeth Zuniga	Jan. 8
Jeanne Thomas	Jan. 10
Bonnie Dewitt	Jan. 13
Clive Hallatt	Jan. 14
Ellen Sathe	Jan. 14
Chris Galloway	Jan. 15
Steve Lucia	Jan. 17
John Belcher	Jan. 19
Marc Bouret	Jan. 20
Denise Boland	Jan. 26
Phil Endliss	Jan. 29
Deidre Quick	Jan. 31



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A SPARKLING START TO 2026

To start 2026 and prepare our rides and ourselves for the sparkling New Year, J.A.G. has organized a Detailing Workshop and lunch at Auto Vino in San Carlos.

The workshop will be presented by Diamond Car Care Systems, who prepare cars ranging from Vintage and Classic to Supercars. Diamond Car Care Systems is renowned in the Bay Area for its expert vehicle preparation for events such as the Hillsborough Concours and the Pebble Beach Concours. Diamond Car Care Systems is experienced in the applications of various paint protection treatments and can advise on the best solution for your favorite car, or cars. Diamond Car Care Systems home base is Auto Vino.

Our club has visited Auto Vino several times and has always enjoyed their great BBQ lunch, accompanied by tastings of Woodside Vineyards' excellent wines. In their San Carlos facility, they continue to

house great cars, including some J.A.G. member cars and a variety of uncommon Classic and Exotic cars.

We will gather at Auto Vino, located at 380 Industrial Road, San Carlos, CA 94070 at 12:30 pm on Saturday, January 17th for a gourmet BBQ lunch prepared by Auto Vino. The Diamond Car Care Systems presentation will begin right after lunch at 2:00 to 3:30. Your lunch will be a buffet of your choice including SALMON FILET, CHEESEBURGER, CAPRESE SANDWICH and a SALAD. Soft drinks and water are included with your lunch. The Woodside Vineyards' current vintages can be sampled to accompany your meal for a small fee if you wish. Reduced rates for J.A.G. members are a bottle for \$28.00 and a glass for \$12.00. Deadline to sign up is January 10, 2026.

All members have the opportunity to give us your questions about detailing, and what areas you would like our presenter to cover.

AUTO VINO BBQ LUNCH RESERVATIONS DEADLINE 1-10-26

Please reserve _____ members at \$40 each. (\$40.00 includes lunch and event fee.)

Payment Options:

1. Send a check to Treasurer, Phil Endliss at 37 Campbell Lane, Menlo Park, CA 94025.
2. Transfer Payment via Zelle to Treasurer@Jags.org
3. Pay by Credit Card

Card # _____ Exp __/___ Security Code _____ Billing Zip Code _____

4. Use the PAYPAL button on JAGS.ORG/Event

5. Phil Endless, at 37 Campbell Lane. Menlo Park, CA. 94025

Phil (Phone 650-269-0457). For more info contact Deborah at (415) 509-2909

2025 HOLIDAY GALA DINNER

On the first Saturday of December, a slightly smaller than usual crowd of 44 J.A.G. members gathered at Don Giovanni's in Mountain View, anticipating another fun holiday evening.

J.A.G. Members were finely dressed in holiday attire. Ben Gage led the group, looking every inch the festive lounge singer, complete with hat and dark glasses (covering a swollen eye). David Lawrence and Mike Epperson's festive sweaters were very appropriate for this occasion, while Deborah's sparkly shoes were quite dazzling and could have taken Rudolf's place in guiding Santa's sleigh.

Parking was a breeze compared to prior years, adding to the smiles as members entered. As members made their way to their preassigned seats, they found dark red poinsettias in front of them with their own See's candy box and name place cards indicating their food choice on the back.

Carla took pictures of each couple in front of the large Christmas tree. A brilliant idea, as many members said the pictures were perfect for their Holiday cards. (Checkout the montage of pictures in this JAGazette.) Every member walked away happily with their photo.

Even before the servers put out the delicious appetizers, Deborah's friend Karon had brought one of her corporate gifts to share with everyone everyone, an extra-large 2 lb. slab of Belgian chocolate. The block was so thick that a metal mallet was included to break pieces of chocolate off. By the end of the evening, the chocolate was gone! (Checkout the photo of Nelly Couch breaking her piece.)

When most of the guests had assembled, the 4-course dinner service began. Unfortunately, some members were delayed in traffic coming through San Francisco. While the servers were serving the salad course, Richard Mitchell and brother Garth (the beautiful Allison's substitute) walked into the LOGO room where we were seated to huge applause,

clapping and cheering. Garth was heard to say, "I've never received a greeting like that for just walking into a room!"

For after-dinner fun at each J.A.G. event, every member is invited to spend a moment introducing themselves and their companion and to include the model of Jaguar they drove to the event. This is always fun and quite humorous with great audience participation. However, for this Holiday Dinner, Host Deborah Hartunian added a new and entertaining requirement, which was to describe the most memorable drive that the member had ever undertaken, including a J.A.G. drive. The first few stories were of favorite drives, such as the President's drive to Hunter Leggett. However, the subject soon evolved into any story involving auto transport or drives. The results were hilarious and engaged the whole dinner crowd in much laughter, hooting, loud talking and clapping.

Robert's story was about how Garth was the speedy sports car brother with his Viper, and that he doubted Richard would ever be a car guy until Richard chose a Jaguar F-TYPE. Garath says now he is firmly convinced.

Ben Cage entertained members with a previously unheard story about how he obtained his first E-TYPE in a swap for his Corvette that blew an engine while he was crossing the Bay Bridge.

Russell Couch's shared his story of traveling on cruise control at ??? mph in his DB9 over smooth Arizona highways while Nelly peacefully slept.

Sean Rositano described driving with his son to a recent Breakfast Club Rally in two of his beautiful XJSs. Several other members reminisced about their cross-country drives, many on Route 66 to reach California.

The storytelling proved very popular and greatly enhanced the evening's enjoyment. We should do it again next year with perhaps another subject.

When all the appetizers and dinner had been eaten, no wine was left on the tables, all the stories had been told, and there was no more Belgian chocolate, it seemed it was time to go home until the next J.A.G. event in 2026. We are looking forward to seeing you all there!

By Stuart Smedley, Deborah Hartunian

Photos

Page 1. Jaguars climbing from Silverton in the Colorado Rockies. Les Hamilton

Page 2. Photographer: Carla Hartunian

Row 1: Russel and Nelly Couch, John and Susan Swensson, Stuart Smedley and Pam Conrad.

Row 2. Clive and Shelley Philbrick, Karon Kennedy and Deborah Hartunian, Mike Epperson and Jeannie Thomas

Row 3: Jack O'Loughlin and friend Kelly, Ben and Denise Gage, Sean and Pat Rositano

Page 19. Photographer: Carla Hartunian

Row 1: Patrick and Gayle Lash-Pederson, Richard and Cheryl Keller. Deborah and Jack O'Loughlin

Row 2: Dave and Jacquie Lawrence, Austin and Barbara Kilburn, Carla, Deborah and Sean Rositano

Row 3: Les Hamilton and daughter Zoe, Richard Mitchell and Garth, Nelly Couch tackles that Belgian Chocolate Block

Page 20. Photographer: Carla Hartunian

Row 1: Ben Gage, Phil Endliss and Stuart Smedley. The groaning tables awaiting the J.A.G. guests to arrive.

Row 2: Sean Rosintano, Michael Macki, Pat Rositano and Phil Endliss enjoying those scrumptious appetizers.J.A.G.'s great hosts Carla and Deborah Hartunian.

Row 3: The beautiful, deep red poinsettias for each guest.

The Curta Calculator and Its Use in Car Events

Today, when we think of a calculator, we think of an application on our smartphone or maybe a silent digital electronic device. Well, before electrical calculators, there were mechanical calculators. Mechanical calculators are generally bulky, heavy, and not very portable, totally unsuitable for any mobile activity, including navigation calculations in car rallies. However, the Curta Calculator is one exception.

Curt Herzstark, a talented engineer from Vienna, began developing the concept for a compact calculator in the late 1930s. His ambition was to shrink the unwieldy desk calculators of the day into a single hand-held device. The escalation of World War II, however, would upend his life and work. When Herzstark was arrested and sent to the Buchenwald concentration camp for his political beliefs and his heritage, he continued his work on the calculator in secret. The camp guards learned of his engineering expertise and permitted him to pursue his invention, hoping it could be presented to their leaders as proof of the camp's productivity.

Despite the cruel circumstances, Herzstark carefully refined his designs, mentally solving mechanical puzzles and committing the details to memory. Upon his release, he was able to recreate his plans, and the post-war years relocated to Liechtenstein to collaborate with Liechtenstein's manufacturing firms. By 1948, after overcoming technical and financial obstacles, the first Curta calculators were produced—a triumph of resilience and technical prowess.

Two generations of the calculator were produced. The Type I was launched in 1948 with 11-digit capability for \$125, and the Type II was launched in 1954 with 15-digit capability for \$164. Production ended in 1972.

At a glance, the Curta looks deceptively simple: a black cylinder topped with a silver crank like a pepper grinder. But inside, hundreds of finely tuned gears, levers, and sliders work together. Users set numbers using sliders on the side, then crank the top to perform operations—each rotation advances the

internal mechanism, clicking through calculations with remarkable speed and accuracy.

The Curta can perform addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division, all without electricity. The mechanical solution to carrying, borrowing, and shifting digits was both ingenious and robust. Its size—small enough to fit in the palm—meant it could be used anywhere, from laboratories to field surveys to the open road.

The world of competitive rallying is defined by precision. Navigators must constantly recalculate distances, speeds, and timings, often in real time as cars race through unpredictable terrain. Before the advent of digital devices, the Curta was the rally navigator's trusted companion. It enabled navigators to convert distances, calculate average speeds, and adjust for time controls—all tasks fundamental to rallying success.

Stories can be found of rally teams, huddled in their vehicles amid rain-soaked forests or sunburnt deserts, relying on the Curta's mechanical "click" to guide them. Even after electronic calculators emerged, some navigators preferred the Curta for its ruggedness and absolute reliability; it never failed due to dead batteries or electronic glitches. Rally legends have credited the Curta with giving them the edge in grueling competitions.

- Teams used it to compute fuel consumption, split times, and intervals between checkpoints.
- Its compact form fit easily in the cockpit, and its tactile feel allowed calculations in bumpy conditions.
- The Curta's precision was so respected that some rallies specified its use in official instructions before electronic devices were allowed.

Though production ceased in 1972 as electronic calculators became prevalent, the Curta remains an object of fascination for collectors, engineers, and motorsport enthusiasts. Its enduring appeal is found in forums, museums, and vintage rally events, where

owners demonstrate their devices and recount tales of its prowess.

Today, the Curta is remembered as a symbol of ingenuity forged in adversity and stands out one of the last great mechanical calculators, an emblem of perseverance and practical artistry. In the annals of motorsport and mechanical engineering, its legacy continues—celebrated by those who value precision, history, and the quiet strength of a hand-cranked device that once changed the world one calculation at a time.



SAVE THE DATE

FEBRUARY 28, 2026

J.A.G. is going on a South County backroads tour which will take us past 4 reservoirs ending in Morgan Hill/Gilroy.

There we' ll have a FABULOUS Catered BBQ lunch at the Rositano Car Barn. It's going to be great day. Signups available very soon.

SAVE THE DATE

MARCH 7, 2026

A joint visit to the Mozart Museum by the Rolls Royce Owners Club and J.A.G. is planned for 3/7/26. This world-renowned collection of vintage and classic cars has not been viewed by our members for 3 years. Don't miss this as there are only 30 spots available. Lunch will be after our museum visit in Mountain View.

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, December 7th, 2025

Meeting Date: 12/07/2025 10:00 am. **Location:** Hampton Inn Mountain View + Zoom Video Call

Participants:

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

Minutes

J.A.G. President Sandor Nagyszalanczy called the December 2025 Board Meeting to order at 10:07 am.

Sandor confirmed the new Board positions with Stuart Smedley moving to 2nd Vice President and a vacant position for the third Director at Large.

Secretary Report

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

Treasurer Report.

Phil reported that J.A.G.'s funds and projected expenses. J.A.G. has adequate funds currently, although membership renewal is essential to maintain our reserves. **MSA.**

Membership Report.

J.A.G. has 234 members, including associate members. 20 members will not be renewing due to death, relocation, or the sale of their Jaguar. Phil will send a 2nd reminder to members who have not yet renewed and will provide a list for the Board to make calls. **MSA**

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

December 2025

44 Members and guests attend the Holiday Gala at Don Giovanni's in Mountain View. All attendees had an excellent dinner and an enjoyable evening.

2026 Schedule

January 2026

17th Detailing Workshop at Autovino presented by Diamond Care Systems. Deborah to confirm with Autovino. Les to confirm with Diamond Care. **Action Deborah/Les**

February 2026

28th Four Reservoir Drive and Car Barn Visit. Les/Stuart to confirm the route. **Action: Les/Stuart**

March 2026

7th Joint visit with the Rolls Royce Club to John Mozart Museum in Mountain View.

28-29 Clovis British Car Round Up.

April 2026

16th-17th JCNA AGM in Mexico City.

18th Napa Drive and Lunch.

19th Rancho Ceilo with the Cypress British Car Club of Monterey

Stuart reported that the J.A.G. Stanford Children's Hospital charity donation page is operational. Donations so far have been slow.

Kristan and Les to ensure that information is on the website and in the JAGazette. **Action: Kristan/Les/Stuart**

Directors at Large Reports:

Andy Preston

Andy reported on his Facebook introduction and joining the J.A.G. Member Group. Andy noted that if attendance at upcoming events is low, MG Club members may be interested in attending. Andy discussed how we ensure that all eras of Jaguars are included in drives, and the idea of featuring a specific era with a mini car show at the destination in events was discussed.

J.A.G. Board Meeting, December 7th, 2025

Clive Hallatt

Clive was travelling in the UK.

Past President Report

No Report as Howard in Hawaii.

The 2026 officers were unopposed, and so there was no ballot.

President: Sandor Nagyszalanczy,

Treasurer: Phil Endliss,

2nd VP: Stuart Smedley,

Director at Large: Clive Hallatt.

Editor's Report

The JAGazette deadline will be Saturday, December 13th. **Action: All**

Les is now the JAGazette editor. **Action: Les**

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

Social Media/Website

The 2026 Monterey British car Show will be held on August 10th hosted by the Cypress British Car Club of Monterey.

Kristan has now replaced Tom O'Neill as the Webmaster.

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

Old Business

An additional tier is needed on the Gene Babow trophy. **Action: Sandor**

The proposed license agreement between J.A.G. and JCNA was sent to JCNA. Awaiting feedback from JCNA **Action: Les/Clive/Phil.**

Submission for the Newsletter awards is due January 6th, 2026. **Action: All**

New Business

Candidates are needed for the vacant Director at Large Position. It was discussed that a younger board member would be beneficial. Suggestions should be submitted to Sandor. **Action Sandor.**

The challenge of J.A.G.'s maturing membership was discussed, and ideas for attracting younger members are sought. It was suggested that J.A.G. increase its use of Social Media platforms, such as Instagram, to promote our activities better. Les to provide details of J.A.G.'s Instagram account. **Action: Les**

There is a JCNA Membership call on Wednesday, December 10th. These calls have been of only marginal use in the past. Phil will represent the club. **Action: Phil**

Carla sends messages of condolence and/or sympathy. If members are aware of any unfortunate needs, please inform Carla.

Action: All

Andy asked about making a secure electronic version of the Roster available. Les to research alternatives. **Action: Les**

As J.A.G. will not attend the JCNA Mexico AGM, thereby saving \$2500, J.A.G.'s proxy needs to be sent to Nedra Rummel in the New Year. **Action: Sandor**

Add a member Track Day discussion to the January 13th Agenda. **Action: Les**

Investigate the use of the Roadstr smartphone app for the drive directions for the Four Reservoirs Drive. **Action Stuart/Les**

Next Meeting:

The first 2026 J.A.G. Board of Directors meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 13th, 2026, at 5 pm on Zoom.

Adjournment:

The December 2025 J.A.G. Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 11:34 am. **MSA.**

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

January Membership Report

Phil Endliss - Membership Director

JAG finished 2025 as the largest club within JCNA with 237 members including 9 Associates. Each year we lose a number of members due to health issues, loss of the car or moving to a new area. Member referral is an important way our club will gain new members this year, so please continue to be on the lookout for potential new members. Use your JAG 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 two notices for the renewal of their dues for 2026 in both JAG and JCNA. I am grateful to those of you who have sent in your dues. If you haven't sent them in, they need to be received prior to December 31 after which your membership will be subject to suspension. 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 JAG 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 JAG. To join, fill out the application on our website (www.jags.org) under the Membership tab. Your dues will provide membership in JAG and JCNA, the North America Jaguar Association, through the end of 2026.

New Members who joined in December

David & Sarah Friedkin of Oakland
with their 1967 E-Type

Tim Taylor & Kim Mitchell of Sacramento
with their 1955 XK140MC

Matthew Richter & Kathleen Nilsson of Redwood City
with his 2009 XKR

Raman & Nicole Naidu of San Jose
with their 2015 XKR

Anniversaries

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

Audrey Anderson – 25 years
Harry & Karen Andrews – 31 years
Sonia Bailey – 3 years
Linda Banta – 11 years
Glen Barker & Sharon Delp – 12 years
Lorraine Blackburn – 30 years
Roger & Helen Bohl – 2 year
Luana Boyd – 18 years
Alicia & Michael Bright – 1 year
Andrea Butler – 43 years
Kris Carey & Katerina Avila – 29 years
Waldon & Kathleen Carlson – 41 years
Philip & April Cassou – 53 years
Dwayne Chapman – 2 years
Alice Cheong – 4 years
Jack Cheflen – 10 years
Laurie Colton – 47 years
Larry & Arlene Cook – 60 years
James and Tommi Dabney – 18 years
Andy & Brandy de Grassi – 24 years
Jim & Jackie Dinger – 21 years
Phil & Barbara Endliss – 15 years
Charles Ferguson & Kay Dryden – 1 year
Dave Ferguson – 34 years
John Gegner & Susan Bradick – 14 years
Rob & Diane Gingell – 1 year
Rob & Jennifer Guerra -1 year
Clive & Rosemary Hallatt – 33 years
Les Hamilton – 19 years
Ken & Carol Hankermeyer – 61 years
Dennis & Susan Hartelius - 29 years
Al Hastings – 37 years
Glen & Joy Hawkins - 57 years
Bill Hilliard & Janis Andrews – 20 years
Michael & Barbara Hubbard – 11 years
Bob Jacobsen & Nancy Schlegel – 31 years
Vesta Lohrasb – 2 years
Steven Lucia – 1 year
Martin & Amanda Lundie – 34 years
Bill & Marilyn McGraw – 2 years
Mark Miller – 42 years
Ken & Deborah Norvel – 21 years
Richard Padovani & Marcia Chan - 26 years

Jaguar Wanted:

Looking to add an F-Type convertible to our pack, 12-15k\$ range. Dogs are grrreat, but their humans admit to missing two seater “fun”. Thanks for considering us, Kristan
831.332.3256 montereybritish@gmail.com

For Sale: 2009 XK Convertible.

Very clean, 2009 XK Black on Black Convertible, 41K Miles. Recent tire replacement and new battery and brakes, fully serviced and sorted. The XK is one of the best cars made by Jaguar. Includes: Weathertech mats, battery maintainer, rain cover and sunshade. \$17,499 or Best Offer. Les Hamilton, Hamiltonl@mac.com.



Anniversaries *(continued)*

Howard Page – 5years
Sean & Pat Rositano - 8 years
Michael Rudman - 23years
Stephen Silen & Jean Manson – 29 years
Richard & Rita Skillman – 51 ears
Howard & Dorothy Smith - 21 years
Walter & Julie Smith - 48 years
Sis & Bernis Stein – 37 years
Bill & Suzanne Stein – 11 years
Paula & James Steinway - 38 years
Michael Stewart - 22 years
Joseph Sun – 6 years
Jan Telesky – 44 years
William Theile & Suzanne Tucker - 22 years
Anwar Virani - 21 years
Linda & Patrick von Merveldt – 2 years
Paul Vrtiak - 17 years
Bruce & Renee Wagner – 26 years
Patrick Whaling - 35 years
Walt & Gayla Wood - 18 years
Stephen Yu & Kara Perkins - 29 years
Robert & Laura Zaglin - 21 year

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.

Hello JAGazette readers.

As the editor of the JAGazette, I'd like to share some reflections and observations that crossed my mind while preparing this month's edition. I hope these musings add a little extra to your reading experience—like cream in your coffee or milk in your tea, whichever suits your taste.

Be sure to check out the detailed report on the Holiday Gals event on pages 8 and 9 of this edition. It truly was a grand and enjoyable occasion, organized by Deborah and Carla Hartunian and brimming with fun, great food and a wonderful sense of togetherness.

On page 10, we delve into the interesting history and mechanics of the Curta calculator. If you're ever interested in seeing a Curta Type II in action, just let me know—I'd be happy to bring mine to a club event. Alternatively, following our lunch after the Mozart Museum visit, you have the chance to explore the Computer History Museum, which is right next door, where you'll find Curtas and an array of other remarkable computing devices.

Speaking of the Mozart Museum, our club has been fortunate enough to visit the Museum several times, and I have always been impressed by the ever-changing selection of cars on display. Mr. Mozart's collection exceeds the available museum space, so there's always something new to see. If you've thought, "Been there, done that," I encourage you to reconsider and make another visit.

As the year draws to a close and the New Year approaches, requests for charitable donations fill our inboxes and mailboxes. I want to suggest two organizations for your consideration. The first is the Stanford Children's Hospital Drive, which is covered in detail on page 12. The second is the Coventry Foundation—a distant relative of JCNA but with a much broader scope. The Foundation is dedicated to preserving documentation, technical literature,

records, and artifacts related to Jaguar and other British marques. Their collection also features donated vehicles and hosts the British Race Car Hall of Fame. Having outgrown its current facility, the Foundation is seeking a larger, more accessible space. To learn more or to make a donation, visit www.coventryfoundation.org.

I sometimes wonder how far our classifieds travel. Last month, I posted an advertisement for my 2009 XK, and just this week, I received an inquiry from Dubai. This could mean we have an overseas member I'm unaware of, or someone found the ad on www.jags.org. While shipping costs proved prohibitive and I declined, it's clear our reach extends far beyond local boundaries.

Remember, J.A.G. maintains an Instagram account and two Facebook pages—one Facebook page open to the public, the other exclusively for members. There isn't enough space here to elaborate, but I'll provide more details in a future issue. If you are interested, please check them online.

If you have a favorite repair shop or similar service, please don't keep it a secret, share with other members of J.A.G. by sending the information to info@jags.org. We will add your favorite place to the list that we maintain in the members-only section of JAGS.ORG.

Phil Endliss, J.A.G.'s tireless Treasurer and Membership Director, will be preparing the 2026 J.A.G. Roster soon. So if you have updates to the roster information, such some additional Jaguars, a new address or phone number, please let Phil know at membership@jags.org or by a form available on JAGS.ORG.

If you own or see an interesting personalized license plate, please send a picture to editor@jags.org, and I will publish a compilation in a future edition.

My final musing is to wish all a very Happy Holiday and a Happy Hogmanay (Scottish New Year).





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