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January 2026

DVJC Dinner and Concert



Thirty-two DVJC Members and Guests officially put the Holiday Season into full swing on Friday evening, December 6, 2025. We gathered at the Social Southern Scratch Kitchen and Bar in downtown West Chester among a cornucopia of holiday lights and decorations on every street corner and store front to sample the diverse menu of this landmark restaurant. Our group was joined by five special guests including several executives of the Brandywine Valley Symphony who perhaps wanted to better understand how our little group of British car enthusiasts became so interested in the Symphony, their many musical productions during the year and of course, their fund-raising activities such as the A Century of Beautiful Automobiles. A short walk around the corner of the restaurant took us to the History Center, a recently remodeled historic building that previously housed the Historical Society of Chester County and is now part of the Smithsonian collection of museums. Here the Brandywine Valley Symphony presented a Brass Quintet who performed an hour of entertaining and educational renderings of Holiday music from around the world reflecting the well-known musical themes familiar to all irrespective of religious association.



Time to Renew Your DVJC membership

It's membership renewal time! Payment can be paid by credit card, debit card, or PayPal by using the DVJC Web site at <https://delvaljaguarclub.com/>. Members are encouraged to use the Web site for membership renewal. DVJC members using the Web site for the first time should click on the BECOME A MEMBER tab. Detailed instructions about signing up for Web site access are shown here. DVJC members with current access should log in to the site as normal. Click on the MEMBERS tab, select "Renew My Membership", and scroll down to "Renew Subscription." Detailed instructions will then be displayed. Members who opt for paying by check can submit payment directly to Jim Sjoreen or use the membership form [by clicking here](#) or referring to pages 28 & 29 to update information.

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Upcoming DVJC Events

January 13, 2026
4:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Board of Directors Meeting
Mission Barbecue
615 W. Germantown Pike, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19562
Contact: [Click Here](#) for more information and to register.
Must be an active member to register.

January 18, 2026
11:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

DVJC Annual Holiday Party (see page 9)
William Penn Inn
1017 DeKalb Pike, Ambler, PA 19002
Contact: [Click Here](#) for more information and to register.

February 7, 2026
12:00 p.m.

Detailing with Tim (see page 13)
Car Vault Main Line
1340 Swedesford Road, Berwyn, PA
Contact: [Click Here](#) for more information and to register.

March 15, 2026
10:30 a.m.

Sunday Brunch at the Desmond
Desmond Hotel
1 Liberty Blvd., Malvern, PA
Contact: [Click Here](#) for more information and to register.

May 8, 2026
8:30 a.m.—3:15 p.m.
Save the Date

6th Annual DVJC Open Golf Outing
Location TBD
Contact: [Click Here](#) for more information.

May 16, 2026
Save the Date

Spring Fling—Picnic Gathering
Ringling Hill Fire Company, Pottstown, PA
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June 6, 2026
8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Save the Date

DVJC Concours d'Elegance
Historic Hope Lodge
553 S. Bethlehem Pike, Fort Washington, PA
Contact: [Click Here](#) for more information.

July 18, 2026
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Save the Date

DVJC 20th Annual Slalom
Garnet Valley High School
552 Smithbridge Road, Glen Mills, PA 19342
Contact: [Click Here](#) for more information.



Your Monthly Bill *January 2026*



2025 is in the rearview mirror and has given way to challenging and unfamiliar terms like “semiquincentennial, bisesequicentennial or sestercentennial” celebrating the birth of our nation in 1776. These terms are all officially used to describe the coming year, 2026. The “**250th anniversary**” of the founding of our country flows more easily and can actually be remembered. I’ll stick to that! Do you remember how you celebrated the bicentennial in 1976?

DVJC’s 2025 calendar of events continued the past practice of offering many varied events for members to enjoy. They included at least seven social events, tech sessions, judge training, visits to interesting and historical destinations plus annual events such as the Holiday Party, Spring Fling, Concours d’Elegance and A Century of Beautiful Automobiles (formerly the Classics at Brantwyn). “Food” is one of the common themes running through our event calendar and 2025 was no exception. Also, with the assistance of many club volunteers, DVJC hosted a very successful Jaguar Clubs of North America Annual General Meeting in Valley Forge.

Dinner followed by a holiday concert by the Brandywine Valley Symphony Brass Ensemble was the final event for 2025. Thirty-two people, including five representatives of the symphony, enjoyed dinner together in the cozy New Orleans styled Sinatra Room at the Social Lounge in West Chester, PA. During dinner the president of the symphony board presented Alex Cole with the People’s Choice Award trophy earned at “Brantwyn” in October. A short walk from the restaurant took us to the concert venue where we had front row seats, recognizing DVJC’s continuing support for the symphony through our participation in their annual event.



The annual Holiday Party on Sunday January 18 launches our 2026 event calendar. There is an abundance of delicious food, a silent auction that includes a wide selection of Jaguar related merchandise, a gift basket raffle and a 50/50 drawing. This is the most popular event of the year and is a great place to renew friendships, make new friends and welcome new members to our club. We have contacted local weather forecasters asking them to guarantee no inclement weather – like we dealt with last year. We’ll see how they do! Attendance is limited to ninety people. [Register now](#) while you can. Thursday January 15 is the last day to register.

While you are on the DVJC website registering for the Holiday Party, switch pages and indicate your planned attendance at the quarterly board of directors meeting scheduled for January 13. All members in good standing are entitled to take part in these meetings – either by listening or contributing to the discussion. Please indicate your plan to attend by [logging into the website](#) and registering for the meeting.



The letter that begins on page 36 was sent to DVJC by the Coventry Foundation. In it, they describe an upcoming campaign to secure a permanent location for the foundation, which is presently located in Columbia, SC. Launched by a few Jaguar enthusiasts with a vision, the foundation has grown through the efforts of dedicated volunteers, financial supporters and donations of cars, tools, publications, documents and many other items. It has become “the place to go” for technical support, authenticity information and factually correct historical infor-

Your Monthly Bill *(continued)*

mation. Individual club members, me included, make sponsorship donations every year. For the past several years, the DVJC board has authorized a donation to the foundation from club funds. Funds are budgeted in 2026 to continue that financial support. If you are currently a donor to the foundation, thank you. If you are not, please consider making a donation. Contributions are tax deductible. The Coventry Foundation is well-established as the place to preserve the heritage of the marque for future generations.



So that you can turn the page to January 2026, DVJC has mailed the 2026 club calendar to every member. This magnificent presentation of our members' Jaguars is produced by the combined efforts of the calendar committee - Jay Greene (chairman) along with Tony Tinari, Paul Trout,

Kevin Fitzgerald and Mike Wolf. "Thank you!" to them and the members who shared the photos of their beautiful cars.



Best wishes to you and your family for a happy, healthy and rewarding 2026!

Bill

Welcome New Members

Paul Cucchiara
Macungie, PA



Membership Musings

January 2026

By: Tony Tinari



It's New Year's Day morning. I've just hung up my 2026 DVJC Calendar. I'm sitting at the keyboard, enjoying the first cappuccino of the year and cranking out another column, hoping for inspiration. I'm late (again), but thanks to an indulgent editor this column will probably make the first edition of *The Jaguar's Purr* for 2026. Outside, the year has arrived with a dusting of snow which is just enough to make the woods around here glisten in bright sunlight, but thankfully not enough to shovel/plow.



There are a couple of old Jags stashed in the garage, resting quietly on their battery tenders with Sta-Bil® additive in their fuel tanks, anxiously awaiting the arrival of spring driving weather. With the exception of one which got caught outside in the snow, they are warm and dry, as am I. There is, as usual, a punch list of winter projects for these needy vintage machines which I shall work through before it's time to drive them again. So, this is a time to take a breath, reflect upon the



past year now in the books, and look forward to the new one. DVJC is in fine shape, thanks to all of you, our members. The membership renewal process is proceeding along well. Huge thanks to those of you who have already accomplished your renewal, and a gentle reminder to those who have yet to do so. As you know, renewal is an easy process via the log in page of the DVJC website: delvaljaguarclub.com. I won't bore you with statistics until we reach the end of January, at which time we'll again rattle the fenders of the last non-renewals.



I believe 2025 was a year the club can be justly proud of. We maintained an active schedule of varied monthly events and activities, highlighted by signature events like our annual holiday party, the Spring Fling, and the Concours d'Elégance. We hosted the annual general meeting of the Jaguar Clubs of North America, including a series of events over several days which have drawn well-deserved praise from our counterpart clubs. Our monthly communications kept pace with the needs of the club and kept us all well informed of goings on. We surveyed all of you to understand better the needs and wants of our membership, and have used the survey data in the continuing service of our new member recruitment and existing member engagement strategy. Another fine edition of the club calendar was pro-

Membership Musings *continued*

duced for 2026. Most of all, the fellowship and collegiality of this wonderful group of enthusiasts was maintained and grown.

I suggest that all of those accomplishments are



due to the dedicated efforts of a number of our DVJC colleagues who have steadfastly forwarded the mission of the club. In particular, I am grateful to my fellow officers and directors for their stewardship which has allowed us to “Keep Calm and Carry On” as the Brits would say. Let’s be honest folks. These are troubled and divisive times for our nation and our world. Any gathering of individuals which promotes the kind of affinity we enjoy in the Delaware Valley Jaguar Club is a step in the path of peace and understanding. That, together with good health, prosperity, and many good drives in your respective Jaguars, is what I wish for all of you in 2026!

Happy New Year Motoring,

Tony

Member Anniversaries

Member		Co-Member		Join Date	Years
Devon	Siesholtz			01-Jan-91	35
John M	Bowen	Becky	Bowen	12-Jan-06	20
Stephen	Cutcliffe	Barbara	Love	30-Jan-09	17
Kevin	Kuhn	Debbie	Kuhn	01-Jan-11	15
Alan	Brown	Margaret	Brown	01-Jan-14	12
Bill	Beible	Nancy	Beible	01-Jan-14	12
Dennis M.	Spaulding			01-Jan-14	12
Wicker	Francis	Sally	Francis	01-Jan-14	12
Dennis	Levitt	Sharyn	Levitt	15-Jan-15	11
Michael	Eck	Becca	Payonk	01-Jan-18	8
Richard	Kunin	Jacqueline	Kunin	01-Jan-18	8
Ken	Beck	Cindy	Beck	03-Jan-20	6
Roger	Stevens			25-Jan-20	6
Gregory	Landrey	Lynne	Landrey	08-Jan-21	5
John	Larson			27-Jan-21	5
Peter	Henwood	Lizzie	Henwood	13-Jan-22	4
George	Loudon	Tammy	Loudon	01-Jan-23	3
Ed	Trottier	Cheryl	Trottier	09-Jan-24	2



*Please join us for our Annual Holiday
Party and Awards Celebration.*

Sunday, January 18, 2026

11:30 am to 3:30 pm

*William Penn Inn
1017 DeKalb Pike
Ambler, PA 19002 (GPS address)
At the corner of Rt. 202 and Sumneytown Pike*

*11:30 a.m. Cocktail Hour – **Cash Bar** with Snacks*

12:30 p.m. Buffet Brunch

Hot and Cold Selections including:

Scrambled Eggs
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Sweet and Sour Chicken
Shrimp Scampi
Salads

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*There will be a Silent Auction of Jaguar Automobilia
and other automotive items.*

If you wish to contribute to the **Silent Auction** please contact:
Noe LaFramboise at jagnoe@att.net

The popular themed **Gift Basket Raffle** is also returning to the party.
Creative donations from our members are requested.

If you wish to donate a basket,
please contact Sue Trout at scarletsmt@aol.com

The cost for all of this is only \$40 per person.

Please register for this event Prior to January 14, 2026

Register on the DVJC Website [Here](#) Now!

Alternately, please send a note indicating the number of people
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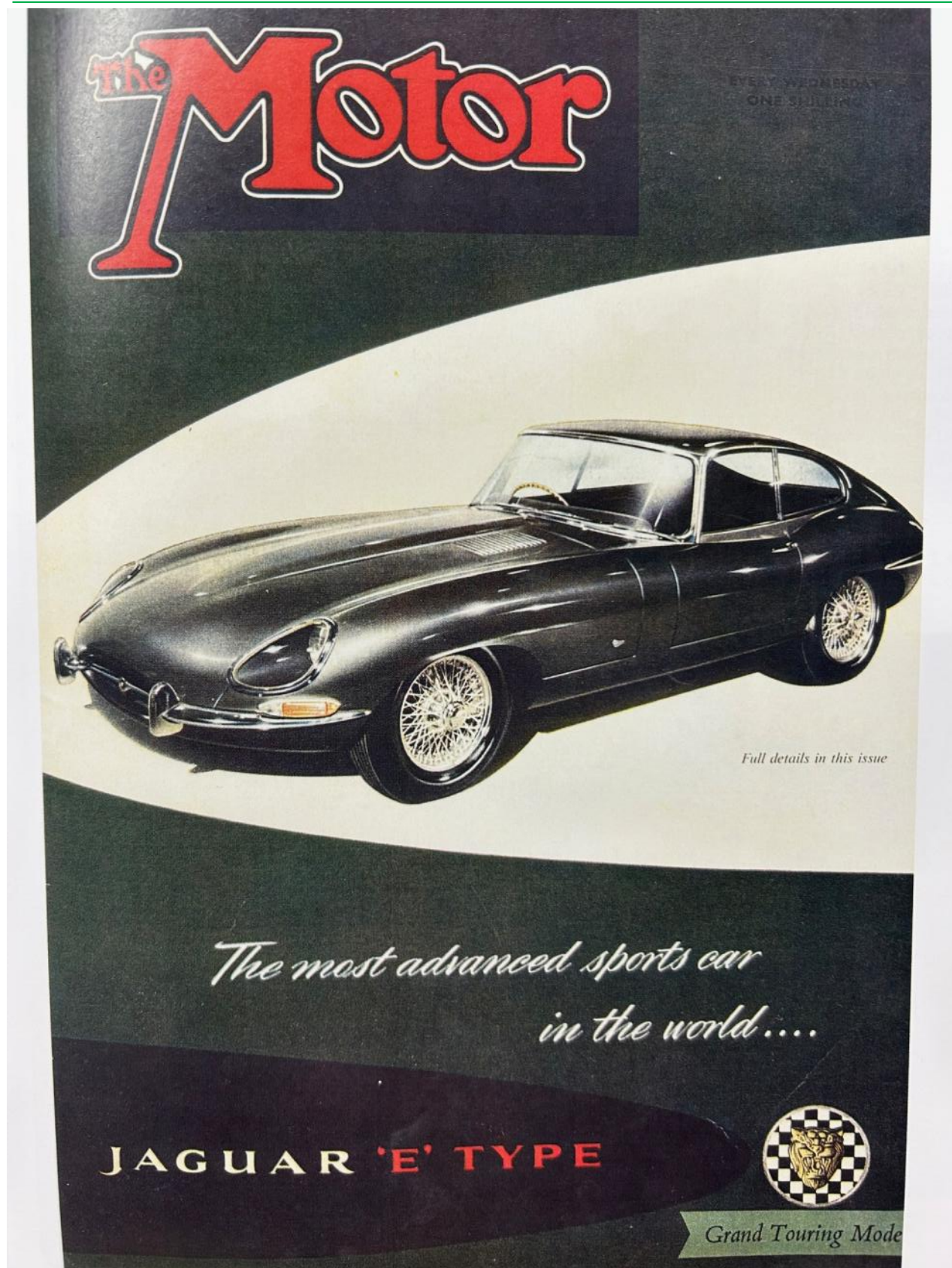
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Register NOW!

A Special Technical Session “Detailing with Tim”

February 7, 2026

10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

The CARVAULT Main Line

1340 W. Swedesford Rd. Berwyn, PA 19312

You are invited to join the DVJC along with other local car club members on February 7, from 10:30 to 1 PM ET at the Main Line Vault, for a special technical session featuring renowned master detailer Tim McNair. Tim is owner of Gran Prix Concours, who prepares fine collector cars for the most famous of concours events worldwide. On Saturday morning, Tim will share some of his experience with newer products and techniques that the home detailer can benefit from. Everyone will surely learn something new about detailing, how to prepare your car for the winter, what to do now if you plan to use your special car over the next couple of winter months, or are planning to detail your car for the 2026 show season.



Tim will demonstrate some of his favorite techniques on local cars that represent typical cosmetic issues common to many of our Jaguars and collector cars. Tim will also include some of his favorite tips on how to maintain the “as delivered condition” of that new member to your stable. Following the technical session, we will break for lunch around noon to enjoy a delicious sandwich platter prepared by a special local caterer and provided by your hosts and sponsors for registered guests. Representatives of our host facility, the Main Line Vault will be present during the day to discuss the specifics of their collector car storage packages available to participants. We also expect representatives of several local vendors and sponsors to attend and will be available to discuss any special needs you might have.



Online registration is available now at <https://www.carvaultmainline.com/event-details/detailing-workshop-with-tim-mcnair>. Follow this link and select “BUY TICKETS”. Add the number of tickets desired and click “CHECKOUT”. Current DVJC members will enjoy a special discounted ticket price of \$15.63 that includes lunch and service fee. To receive the discounted price, click on the “Add discount code” box and enter “DVJC”. Your discount will be automatically applied for all tickets and you may use any of the payment options listed. Please register by February 2, 2026.

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2023 F-Type R 575—January Calendar Car:

By: Len Moyerman



The white Jaguar F Type coupe you see is my 2023 R575 Anniversary edition. As you probably know, Jaguar is no longer making internal combustion vehi-

cles, and I am an internal combustion Jaguar engine lover. I bought it from Brian Cano, Sales Manager, at Long Island Sports Cars in New York. They are an Aston Martin dealership and it only had 1,754 miles on it when I bought it. I am the second owner according to the Car-Fax report. The first owner lived in Florida. The only problem I have had with the vehicle is the electronic oil level system. When I returned to my garage's level concrete floor after my local Jaguar dealership performed the first annual service and checked the oil level using the built in electronic system, it showed "Over Fill." After doing some research online I learned that an over fill can be damaging to the engine over time because the too high oil level in the pan can come in contact with the crankshaft which can cause the oil to become aerated and therefore not lubricate as it should. Upon learning this I contacted the Jaguar dealership that did the service and they sent a flatbed truck to pick it up and take it back to their dealership. The next day I received a call from them telling me that they checked their oil disbursement records and they put the required 7.2 quarts . into it. They advised me that the electronic oil level systems are unreliable and that is probably why the "Overfill" reading is showing and returned the vehicle to me via flat bed.

Over several days after this I did some digging via the internet regarding the proper amount needed for an oil change to my vehicle and was surprised that some suggested the newer V8 engines with front wheel drive, like mine, only require 6.8 quarts, not the 7.2 that the dealer's specs call for! Fortunately, these engines have a "Sipper Straw" in the oil filler opening that runs all the way down to the bottom of the oil pan. I learned from reading about this that most of the time dealerships use this straw to suck out the oil

for changes rather than putting the vehicle up on a lift and removing the under engine covering to access the drain plug. I have an oil drain vacuum kit, so in separate 2 oz volume withdraws and checking the oil level readout after each withdraw, it finally read just below "Max". I had removed just under a pint of oil which brought it close to the 6.8 quarts suggested but not called out in the dealer service specifications. Now here's the mystery. The removal of almost a pint to get an acceptable oil level readout was done at almost sea level. After a couple hundred miles recently on a flat and level concrete floor at a little over 1500 feet above sea level elevation the readout is again showing "Over fill"! I am not a scientist but am wondering if the oil expands in the lower atmospheric pressure at the higher level? Here is my email address: Lenmoy@yahoo.com and I would gladly look forward to receiving any comments regarding this mystery, or any other topics in this article. I also found out that the pan part numbers are different for the early V8's with only rear wheel only drive compared to the later ones with all wheel drive, like mine. I guess the front wheel drive differential and associated parts need space and it takes it away the pan's reconfiguration, therefore the pan does not hold as much oil as the earlier ones? Why else would the manufacturer go to all the trouble and cost to redesign and manufacture a different pan for the same V8 engine? When I mentioned this to the dealer's service person it was treated as irrelevant because it was not mentioned in the specs they use to service these cars.

I have had the pleasure of owning five, two seat Jaguars so far in my life. The first one was a Series One version XKE cabriolet. There are three characteristics that I remember distinctly about that vehicle: As with most British cabriolet vehicles of that time you needed to have a towel in the car in case you got caught driving in the rain because most leaked at the top of the windshield and you needed to put the towel across your lap to catch the water. Another was that it did not have a synchronized transmission so you had to be proficient at double clutching to change from first gear to second. The last was that the distribu-

2023 F-Type R 575—January Calendar Car (continued)

tor was located in front of the engine and somewhat low where it was subjected to splashed up water if you drove through a puddle. I experienced an engine flame out when approaching an interstate toll booth approximately 80 miles from my home and had to have the car flat bedded to a dealership! Afterwards I found out that there were distributor covers available to prevent it from getting wet so I bought one, installed it and never had the flame out problem again. Fun car to drive.

My second XKE was 4.2 liter coupe. The solid roof eliminated the need for a towel. It also had a synchronized transmission. As a result it was much more comfortable to drive. I wish I had kept both of them but especially the Series One if for no other reason than the high value they demand now. Sadly that one was totaled when I was rear ended at a stop sign. The 4.2 liter I sold and replaced with a Pantera which did not have the quality interior the Jaguars are known for.



Of the three F Types I have owned, the first was a black 2015 coupe and the second was a white 2017 coupe Premium. The only problem I had with these was with the

2017. It would drain the battery if not used for a day or so. The dealer replaced the battery but that did not help. The battery drain was finally corrected with a software update. There are companies out there that will re flash the CPU's of these engines for a hefty price and I went for it on the 2017. The stated increase in power of 74 HP was very noticeable. These cars had the wonder-



ful throaty exhaust sound when the butterfly valves opened during hard acceleration and you could hear and feel the supercharger kick in.

Unfortunately my 2023 R575, although it has the V8 supercharged engine, does not sound as wonderful as the earlier ones when the butterfly valves open! I learned that Jaguar has toned down the volume of the exhaust and supercharger scream, probably to pass some regulatory agency's requirements. I am not aware of any re flashing being available for the R575's but with a rating of 575 HP and able to do zero to 60 in 3.5 seconds I would be very hesitant about making any modifications to the CPU. The car is wonderful to drive as it handles confidently and is very quick. It came with a quality sound system which unfortunately cannot be appreciated at highway speeds due to tire/road noise. With super wide 305/30/ 20 tires I guess that has to be expected.



I have always been a sports car nut. My first one was an Austin Healey 100-6. Since then I've owned a Maserati Merak and Bi-Turbo, a Citroen SM, three Porsche 911's, a Mercedes SL500 and even a Daimler Benz SP250. I rebuilt the engines on several of these cars. The SP250 cabriolet was interesting because it had so much flex in the fiberglass body that if you turned a corner aggressively and the road surface was not smooth the doors would unlatch and open! Hence, even in those days when seat belts were not mandatory, I always used one when driving that car.

Very sorry to see that Jaguar has no plans to continue with combustion engine vehicles!

2023 F-Type R 575—January Calendar Car (continued)



Some of Len's previous cars.



Len Moyerman's outstanding 2023 F-Type R 575, the 2026 January calendar car.

CLASSIFIED

1989 Jaguar V12 Vanden Plas Series III

VIN: SAJDL1845KC481971 (Canadian model)



Near concours condition. Always garaged and carefully maintained. Jaguar Racing Green with barley leather interior. No dings or scratches, undercarriage is clean and no rust on body panels. Maintenance records are extensive including rebuilt independent rear suspension and stainless-steel exhaust sourced from UK-based Simply Performance. Purchased in 2022 by current owner after an extensive search. I am 73 and sadly my classic car days are over. My XJ is among the best available anywhere. \$37,000. Long Island, NY. Donald Epstein 917-855-5400



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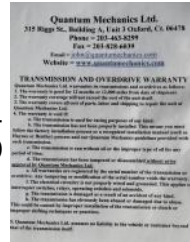


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Bringing a Kitty Back to Life-- Episode 1

Article By: "E" Alan Karpovitch, Photos by Liam Grant

Our club recently got a request for assistance and consulting on the possible recommissioning of a Series 3 E-Type. Alan Brown, Mike Wolf and Alan Karpovitch volunteered for the first unveiling. This is what they found on a cold Saturday morning in December.

The 1974 Signal Red V-12 E type Roadster (with optional black hardtop!) was built in October 1973. The car had one owner (we will call him Granddad) who bought it in Washington State in 1978. It had 30,000 miles on the clock and was very original. Even though he reportedly once achieved 140 mph, he sadly didn't get to use it very much. He actually was injured while preparing the car for transport back to PA in 1986. The car then was stored in Washington State, and it has not been on the road since. In 2015, it was finally transported back to PA, and other than being shuttled between a few storage facilities, it still has not been run. Sadly, Granddad passed recently, and his grandson is picking up the baton, desiring this car to be his classic driver with fond remembrance of his grandfather.

So, in December, three DVJC club members joined Liam and his father, Ian, to come up with some recommendations and observations to bring their Kitty back to life.

Fortunately, Liam had raised and supported the car (correctly and safely, I might add) about nine inches so we had access to the underside of the car. We each had check sheets to go through, and here is our initial assessment:

BODY

This is a complete numbers matching car. Very good condition—no dents, no rust spots, and all chrome and glass in place. Amazingly, the extra ignition key supplied at the factory is still affixed to the bulkhead as it was when assembled. Paint is dull, but original, not showing any bubbling. Inside the boot area and underside of bonnet paint is excellent. Boot Lid rubber did show signs of overspray, indicating a previous repair. The right front NORDEL bumper guard is cocked, and maybe (just maybe) it got that way in a slight collision, and did its job saving the bonnet. 50% of the weather stripping is cracked, but certainly not on the critical path to getting the car back on the road. This weather-stripping condition is certainly expected on a 50+ year old,

two-owner, 30,000 original mile car. Under the car, there were no signs of rust, and the exhaust system (although showing signs of minor bottoming out) just needs new rubber mounts and will continue functioning for a few more years. The bonnet gas-filled strut needs to be replaced, to ensure bonnet stability. (And to replace the safety bungee cord.)

SUSPENSION

The top of the right front shock is disconnected, and a replacement shock (preferably the pair) is required and necessary. The rubber gaiters on all ball joints are cracked/missing, but for the short term, it would be acceptable to use the zerk fitting and pump them up with grease. The car does roll, so the brakes aren't frozen. It is understood all the brake rubber components and fluids need to be replaced.

ELECTRICAL

No electrical checks were done, but nothing was noted as missing, frayed, or chewed.

INTERIOR

Very complete, with seats, doors, dash, console, switches and gages in presentable condition.

ENGINE

The engine is reported to TURN with a breaker bar. Marvel Mystery Oil has been added to all 12 cylinders and the spark plugs replaced. There were no visual missing parts. Oil condition (via dipstick) was full and acceptable. (But certainly, we recommend changing the 12 quarts of oil and filter soon after the Kitty roars again.) Air filters were opened with no surprises. The four Zenith Stromberg Carburetor dash pot-dampener caps were removed, and all had an adequate amount of lubricant. Throttle linkage had good movement (although lubrication is desired). The gas tank drain plug was removed previously, so tank is empty. (Maybe a good thing).

WHAT'S NEXT?

Liam plans to move the car to a warmer garage. We believe the first step is to flush the radiator, and checking condition of the hoses, which all

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eventually will need a change out.

Consider some flushing of the gas tank, and to better access its condition inexpensive borescope equipment is now available. If the gas tank shows rust or sludge a replacement may be prudent. Meanwhile the engine could be started with the use of a temporary container of fuel, without using the fuel pump (isolate it electrically) and gas tank.

A battery will be required to check some electricals, and eventually running the fuel pump. Check for spark and, with any luck, see if the engine will crank over, and maybe even fire for the first time in the 21st century.

We are hoping Liam will join us at the Christmas party. So, if you see a young, good looking tall guy there, be sure to introduce yourself.





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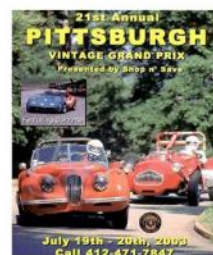
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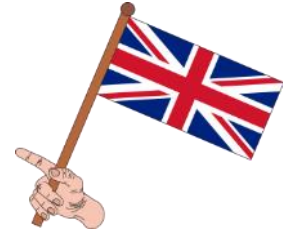
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Your car's appearance on the DVJC calendar
Jaguar owned by a notable person.
Holiday or special occasions involving your Jaguar.
Restoration efforts, successes, challenges.
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Your biography to introduce yourself to the club.
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From President George Camp & Chairman Gary Kincel

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As we reflect on another remarkable year, we are filled with gratitude for the passion, energy, and generosity shown by every member of the Coventry community. Whether you are a donor, patron, volunteer, partner, or Board member, your support continues to elevate our mission: preserving the heritage, history, and legacy of Jaguar automobiles for generations to come.

This year, the Coventry Foundation continued its steady growth in outreach, preservation, and education. Our archives expanded significantly with new historical documents, rare technical materials, specialty tools, and important artifacts—all preserved and made accessible to restorers, researchers, collectors, and enthusiasts. We welcomed visitors, clubs, and students into our facilities, providing hands-on learning that keeps vintage Jaguar knowledge alive.

We are especially proud of our expanding educational initiatives. Through our tool loan programs, scholarships, technical training, and **partnership with the Pennsylvania College of Technology** and Jaguar clubs across the country, we are supporting the next generation of craftsmen, engineers, and preservation specialists. Jaguar history is not merely recorded—it is being passed forward.

A Pivotal Moment for the Foundation

This year made one fact impossible to ignore: our mission has outgrown our current footprint!

Our Columbia, SC facility, along with donated overflow spaces across the country, is now full of archival materials, rare literature, parts, tools, and artifacts. It is a remarkable challenge to have, and it reflects the trust that owners, collectors, restorers, and historians place in the Coventry Foundation.

But it also demands action.

The Next Step — A Permanent National Home

The Coventry Foundation is now preparing for the most ambitious step in its history: the establishment of a permanent, purpose-built national headquarters and museum-quality archive.

A home where our full collection can be properly housed, preserved, and—most importantly—**shared with the public.**

A home that includes:

- A public museum and exhibit space where Jaguar enthusiasts, schools, clubs, and visitors can experience the heritage of the marque
- A research library and reference center for restorers, historians, and students
- A restoration and educational workshop
- Climate-controlled archival storage for documents, technical materials, and parts

- Club and event spaces to welcome gatherings from across the country

And equally important:

A permanent home for the British Sports Car Hall of Fame

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It will be a destination.

A place where history is preserved, taught, and celebrated—open to all who appreciate the Jaguar marque and British motoring heritage.

Where We Go From Here

Over the coming year, the Foundation will be assessing:

- Geographic options for a national headquarters
- Architectural and archival requirements
- Funding needs and potential naming opportunities
- Partnerships with educational and museum institutions

This is a bold step, and our supporters will make it possible.

A Call to Action

As we enter this next chapter, we need your continued support.

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