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By Stu Benson

As I am writing this, Santa Claus is about to come to town for Christmas, 2025. However, from the standpoint of JCOP there is something coming to town that is even more exciting. We are pleased to now officially announce that the International Jaguar Festival is coming to Pittsburgh to be imbedded into the 2026 Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Motorsports Festival from Wednesday, July 15, 2026 through Sunday, July 19, 2026.

At the meeting of the JCOP Board of Directors in October 2025, a PVGP Marque of the Year Committee was appointed by President Rich Aronson to meet and plan the necessary arrangements, activities, and club support for the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix given that Jaguar was designated as the “Marque of the Year”. The Committee, as appointed at that time, consisted of President Rich, Craig Gestler, Ken Como, Bryan & Candy Williams, Dave Gamret, as well as me as the Chairperson. Dave, of course, had been instrumental in arranging for the PVGP to obtain Ian Callum to be the Grand Marshal for the 2026 PVGP and I have been the main representative on the PVGP Auto Show Committee now for some years along with Bryan Williams who has been a longstanding member.

The JCOP PVGP Marque of the Year Committee met on October 29, 2025 and discussed a broad array of ideas as to how JCOP could not only support the charitable fundraising of the PVGP but provide JCOP members with a bevy of other benefits in doing so. Included in the many ideas was a commitment to having a Friday evening dinner-type event with Ian Callum with a Jaguar-specific focus as well as putting together a package with a Jaguar tent next to British Car Day on the Bob O’Connor Golf Course on the Saturday of the International Car Show where those desiring to do so could purchase an all-day “food package” where beverages and food would be available. The tent could also host the Coventry Foundation table and perhaps tables of vendors around the perimeter of the tent that had a focus to include ‘Jaguar’ where they would also be recognized as PVGP Marque of the Year sponsors. Yours truly authored an article (in very early November to meet the press deadline) for the January, 2026 edition of the *Jaguar Journal* magazine.

Since that article was submitted – which all of you should see shortly when your January-February *Jaguar Journal* arrives in the mail - there have been many developments, to say the least, but it was too late to “stop the presses” to alter that article.

As we interacted with the PVGP, it became clear that the vision of Jim Dolan (PVGP Chairman of the Board of Directors) was to not only have Jaguar be the Marque of the Year to help raise funds for the two charitable causes that PVGP supports (Merakey Allegheny Valley School and Autism Pittsburgh) but to see what “Jaguar” could do to continue to raise the international profile of the PVGP Motorsports Festival. Some of you may not know this but the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix now has the official name of the “Pittsburgh Grand Prix Motorsports Festival” in recognition of the many and varied events that transpire over the course of more than a month in addition to the races themselves. For the second consecutive year, the PVGP was named a finalist for ‘Motorsport Event of the Year’ by the International Historic Motoring Awards organization. “The International Historic Motoring Awards represent the most prestigious accolades in the world of classic and historic motoring, and the PVGP is proud to once again be nominated as a finalist for the 2025 awards,” said Dan DelBianco, PVGP Executive Director.



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“We were also a finalist for Motorsport Event of the Year in 2024 and it’s an honor to remain in the company of the most elite motorsport events in the world,” DelBianco continued. The other finalists included Silverstone Festival, Le Mans Classic and Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion. While Monterey was the winner for 2025, Joe Teplitz (Competition Director for the PVGP) attended the recent awards ceremony at the annual IHMA Gala hosted at The Peninsula Hotel in London, England and the mere fact that the PVGP in Pittsburgh, PA was again a finalist for such awards should be enough to entice anyone who has never attended to make an effort to do so. Joe says that when PVGP was announced as a finalist, the entire room broke into applause.

With the encouragement and support of Messrs. Dolan and DelBianco, your JCOP PVGP Marque of the Year Committee undertook efforts to see about Jaguar Clubs of North America moving their 2026 International Jaguar Festival (which was to be held in California in the Fall of 2026) to PVGP weekend in Schenley Park. Following interaction and communication with Mark Mayuga (President, JCNA) the willingness and interest of JCOP and PVGP to host the 2026 IJF was communicated, in writing, and Mark Mayuga circulated at least two of these communications to the entire Board of Directors of JCNA. On December 17, 2025 yours truly made a formal presentation to the JCNA Board of Directors at their regularly scheduled Zoom meeting and after discussion the Board of Directors unanimously approved the 2026 IJF coming to Pittsburgh from on or about July 15, 2026 through July 19, 2026. The IJF Concours will be imbedded as a “Show within a Show” on the golf course on Saturday, July 18, 2026. We will have the Friday night dinner event at the Pittsburgh Golf Club, located on Northumberland Street, right next to the golf course such that those attending can park their cars right on the golf course where the [Italian] Cortile will gather the next day for the International Car Show. One hundred rooms have been reserved at the Doubletree Hotel near Cranberry Township where IJF and other attendees from out of town can park their cars and trailers without additional cost.

JCNA requested that JCOP and PVGP make all possible efforts to include a rally and a slalom event for our IJF. We are working assiduously to see if, in conjunction with PVGP, we can make such arrangements. While the PVGP has their own Kick-Off Rallye on Sunday, July 12, 2026 this will be too early for most IJF “rally’ers” to participate. We are trying to see if the PCGP Rally Masters would agree to structure their rally to meet JCNA rules and agree to reprise the rally sometime during July 15-17 that does not interfere with other PVGP events we are anticipating JCOP and other Jaguar-oriented visitors will join. Such events would include the Garden Party at Phipps on Thursday evening, or the Countryside Tour during the daylight hours of Thursday or even the Waterfront Car Cruise on Wednesday evening. With regard to a slalom, we are exploring locations and hope we can obtain permission to hold a slalom in an appropriate location and also fit it into the PVGP schedule without conflict to the Garden Party at Phipps on Thursday and the Jaguar Dinner on Friday.

We are working to determine final pricing for the Friday evening dinner as well as the cost for the all-day Saturday food and beverage package with tent privileges. To say we have “lots of balls in the air” as this article is being submitted for the press deadline for the January, 2026 Jargon would be an understatement but we did share all this information at our fabulous JCOP Holiday Party hosted by Ken & Linda Como at the Edgeworth Club on December 21, 2025. So many of you have heard about these plans but many of you have not, at least until now.

JCOP is counting on this being an opportunity for a large contingent of our members to be involved. This means signing up for as many of the PVGP events as you can (they are all charitable fundraisers, for PVGP as will be the Friday evening Jaguar Dinner and any Rally and/or Slalom conducted).



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This means volunteering to assist in the many things needed to make the IJF successful from manning registration sign-in tables to helping set up the IJF Concours field to helping direct cars, to manning the tent on Saturday and Sunday to ensure access to those who have purchased the tent access/food & beverage package, being available to help answer questions for our visitors from out of town and help provide suggested directions and other information, obtaining sponsorships (which will be for PVGP but will help subsidize various costs of the IJF that PVGP will pay), and on and on.

And whoever can do this one thing – like you, Dave Gamret – we need a weatherman to ensure we have a dry day on Saturday, July 18, 2026 if not all the days from July 15 through July 19, 2026. We need you all to bring your Jaguars to the IJF (which is where all Jaguars are to be, not in British Car Day, this year) and for which registration information will be forthcoming but to also bring your Jaguars to as many other PVGP events as possible. Jaguar is the Marque of the Year and we need to be proud to display our Jaguars and invite and welcome not only the other clubs in our JCNA North Central Region (to which JCOP belongs) but to welcome anyone, from anywhere, with a Jaguar who wants to display it. While one must be a JCNA member to be in the IJF Concours, any Jaguar is welcome for Display and any Jaguar owner will be welcomed to any of the other PVGP events and it is hoped to sign them up to become a JCNA member.

More information will be forthcoming but for now you can go to pvgp.org and review the many events and activities on their schedule already. Feel free to contact me or any other member of the JCOP PVGP Committee with any questions, suggestions, or willingness to volunteer. All Contact information is contained at the end of this newsletter. Zoom, Zoom, GRRROWWWLL .



Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh 2026 Events Calendar

Monday, January 12	JCOP Board of Directors meeting, 6 to 8 p.m., Oakland Panera Bread meeting room, 3401 Blvd. of the Allies, Pittsburgh
Sunday, June 14	JCOP Picnic, at North Park's Roosevelt Shelter (Sponsor Stu Benson)
Wednesday, July 15 to Sunday, July 19	International Jaguar Festival embedded in the 2026 Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Motorsports Festival (more details to come)
Saturday, August 8	Annual Sewickley Show (Chuck Pipich)
Saturday, August 29	Jaguars at Jacksons (Dave and Karen Gamret)
Sunday, September 27	British Cars at Hartwood
Sunday, December 13	Holiday Party, Edgeworth Club (Ken and Linda Como)

(More dates and club activities to come)



“Double Clutching and Rev Matching”

President’s Perspective

Rich Aronson



JCOP 2026 Opens to Dramatic First Time Ever Plans for Members

A very Happy and Healthy New Year to all of you from me, Roberta and our officers and directors.

Amazing surprises are underway for the new year, some centered around the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix in July where Jaguar will be celebrated as “Marque of the Year.”

JCNA North Central Region, Pittsburgh’s “home” region, named our club working with the PVGP host of the region’s North Central Region’s “Event of the Year” at PVGP weekend, thus likely bringing us plenty of company from other JCNA clubs to our hometown this summer to help us celebrate!

Much more dramatically, thanks to Stu Benson and the Board of Directors PVGP Committee, (particularly through the special efforts and hard work of Stu), JCNA and PVGP officials, JCOP has been approved to host the JCNA 2026 International Jaguar Festival - an annual event which rotates its venue among local clubs, for the week leading up to its national Concours Saturday, July 18, 2026! How grand? Any club member from anywhere in a JCNA affiliated club is eligible to enter the concours. Imagine the field for this event!

All this will occur in its own area in Schenley Park alongside the PVGP annual race, display of cars with Jaguar also being PVGP “Marque of the Year.”

There are many events associated with the IJF including a special Jaguar Club focused dinner event that’s being planned for Friday night before the Concours at Schenley Park featuring none other than Ian Callum. Ian was a noted Aston Martin and Jaguar designer (Jaguar XK 8) and today operates his own independent design business.

Our own Dave Gamret is personally hosting and coordinating Ian’s presence and events and with us having been a colleague and friend during Dave’s tenure as a Ford Motor Company executive.

These are simply spectacular, unique events upcoming. Please read more about them and more in Stu’s article in this Jaguar Jargon issue.

Early Calendar Commitments for Your Favorite Events and Gatherings

Besides the headline event, International Jaguar Festival, your Board and event planners are working hard already to bring back even better versions of past, popular events that are already scheduled for 2026.

Our popular JCOP Picnic, for example. Sponsor Stu Benson has set 6/14/2026 for this popular gathering at North Park’s Roosevelt Shelter. Chuck Pipich has confirmed that the Borough of Sewickley Council has approved our use of the same venue for another year of our Annual Sewickley Show on August 8, 2026. It is commonly subtitled as the “Annual Display of Exceptional Vehicles”, featuring our JCOP Jaguars, plus cars of our traditional guest clubs, Rolls Royce Owners Club, and the local Ferrari Club. It is always a fantastic time, and complimented by an appreciative audience of visitors and passersby.

Jaguars at Jackson’s, a favorite dinner event and members’ line-up of Jaguars of all Vintages, is planned for August 29, 2026 by Dave and Karen Gamret – a consistent summer favorite dining “in the tent” adjacent to our parked Jaguars on late summer display!

The ever-successful JCOP Concours led by Chief Judge Bryan Williams will be returning with the commitment of Jaguar Monroeville, our generous sponsor for the year 2026, though the September date has not yet been established by JCOP and JCNA.

Interestingly, this plan provides special benefits for JCOP members who wish to compete for either 2026 Regional JCNA awards or National awards. Because of the JCOP hosting of the JCNA International Jaguar Festival Concours alongside the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix, JCOP members may obtain scores for entering the IJF Concours in July as well as the JCOP Concours in September for two shows without moving their cars to another city for a Regional Award opportunity or for a National award, entering two shows in Pittsburgh to “clock” two of the minimum three JCNA sponsored shows required!

British Cars at Hartwood will return from its successful return after six-year hiatus in 2025 at glorious Hartwood Acres. Stu Benson and Jack Terrick will also attempt to bring back a fine weather day starting with London fog ending in lovely sunshine at the dramatic Hartwood Mansion and grounds backdrop on 9/27/26.



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Holiday Party - Just before we go to press, we have a new 2026 date for “Como Christmas” at the Edgeworth Club – it’s **December 13, 2026**. This is just as we come from the recent elegant 2025 holiday party. What car might be on stage under cover this year?



Keep your eyes on *The Jaguar Jargon* published by Candy Williams (calendar in each issue) and our wonderful Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh web site managed by Dolly Taskey as the year of events “fill in”.

To have all these dates already set, however, this early in January allows us to hit the ground running – and of course, is exciting providing plenty of hope and excitement to look forward to another ultra-fun year!

JCOP Board of Directors Meeting Scheduled

Our first JCOP Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for **Monday, January 12, 2026** at the Oakland Panera Bread, 3401 Boulevard of the Allies, Pittsburgh PA 15213 at 6 pm to 8 pm. As always, please come a bit earlier, by 5:30 pm to order and obtain your food if you wish.

This will be a very exciting meeting with an emphasis on Schenley Park and the Jaguar International Forum as well as event discussions to confirm and discuss our 2026 calendar.

Members, you are always welcome to attend our Board Meetings if and as you wish, besides the open and advertised (usually third quarter) meeting.

Just let me know in advance by email or phone to confirm your presence



From left: Dave Gamret, Dan Zeigler, Rich Aronson and Bryan Williams

Photo by Candy Williams

Recent JCOP Presentation to Generous Sponsor Dealer Jaguar Monroeville

By Rich Aronson

Speaking of the September 2026 JCOP Concours, our JCOP Dealer Relationship Committee, consisting of yours truly, Dave Gamret, Bryan and Candy Williams visited **Jaguar Monroeville** on December 16. We met with Dan Zeigler, General Manager of Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) to present him and the dealer principal, Bryan Lamfrom with sponsorship trophies from our 2024 and 2025 Concourses. The dealer has been sponsoring our JCNA sanctioned concours since Chief Judge Bryan Williams began them in 1997. This is an amazing record and unique among local clubs in the US. We are very fortunate!

We also sought and received the dealer’s commitment to sponsor the upcoming 2026 Concours! We will see Dan and his crew at Schenley Park as well. Dan is a car collector in his own right and has two interesting Porsches and an Aston DB-9 designed by Ian Callum – who will be with us at the PVGP Friday night Jaguar dinner event.

We are thrilled with our relationship with Jaguar Monroeville and the new Germain Cars, buyer and successor of Bobby Rahal Jaguar. Germain is sponsor of our Sewickley Car Show scheduled for 2026.



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Have You Seen Waymo Driverless Jaguar I-PACE Cars in Los Angeles?

Los Angeles is the city of white Jaguar I-PACE driverless taxis. They’re virtually everywhere, a rather distinctive sight in the city’s urban landscape. I decided to do some reading about how this came to be having spent several days out west on the roads (including freeways) with them operating normally in every traffic pattern as I observed them with no drivers.

I wondered why Waymo and Jaguar originally agreed to use up to 20,000 cars for their California roll-out. It seems that Jaguar’s image and platform were ideal for both passenger good-will attraction and platform design which included unique, roomy flat space with premium appointments and ability to accommodate Waymo sensors, antennae, radar etc. which seem to protrude everywhere on the cars.

Also, JLR is not a competitor of Waymo like Tesla for example, since JLR is not in the business of designing self-driving technology for vehicles itself.

Some folks believed that the I-PACE was more than good enough to go another generation of refinement and development vs. discontinuation but that of course is open to speculation at this point. I’ve found on Jaguar owner blogs that most I-PACE drivers were highly disappointed that they could not trade their cars in on a newer model when the time came because of their satisfaction with the I-PACE. Many opinions that I saw on Reddit reflected that the Jaguar was superior in ride, feel, quality and elegance compared to say, a Tesla Y or X and so owners were reluctant to change brands – not only to Tesla but others as well.

As for Waymo, as they come to Pittsburgh, which they’re about to do, it’s a shame, especially for us and our dealers, that the I-PACE is gone and another make will need to be used by Waymo on our challenging city streets. One final AI point which was entertaining to come across. Apparently the driverless I-PACES were set up to “make judgments” more like real drivers thereby becoming more aggressive on the roads, e.g. faster passing and acceleration, making illegal U-turns, rolling through yellow lights and coming closer to other cars. So, from time to time, Waymo has had to bring cars in to reprogram them from imitating certain traffic patterns out there that passengers complained about as being unsettling or “too aggressive!”



Photo by Greg West



Photo by Sean Williams



Membership Musings

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We hope you all had a great Holiday Season. As we are now turning the calendar to 2026, the message is that JCOP wishes you to embrace the exciting slate of activities and events coming in 2026 but along with that is also a reminder that we all have certain responsibilities as members that are coming due and should be addressed.

First, it is that time of the year for renewing our memberships with JCOP and JCNA. While I have received a good number of renewals, if you haven't done so already you will find a Membership form in this newsletter needing to be completed, as well as on our website at www.jaguarclubofpittsburgh.org. You can pay online on the website or send me a check for the \$90 dues payment. I need the completed hard copy Membership form (or even just the information on it) via email or USPS even if you pay online so I can use that information to ensure your Membership Information is properly recorded both with JCNA and JCOP.

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 either me, or Secretary Chuck Pipich, or our President Rich Aronson. The applicable telephone numbers are easily accessed by going to the back of this Newsletter and finding the phone number needed.

For 2026, JCOP wants to focus on Membership Engagement. This is terminology basically meaning we want to see you at events, we want to hear from you and we want to talk with you. The Board of Directors hopes to reach out to every member, and recently discontinued members (who may have just forgotten to renew their

memberships), to touch bases and get your input. Please reach out to us. We want to listen to your ideas and suggestions and if it includes your wanting to discuss changes you would like to see in JCOP, we want to hear you. We value your participation not only with our many events but just seeing you, talking with you, and we promise we will listen and hear you. You can call me any time about almost anything as well as President Rich Aronson or any other member of the Board of Directors of the Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh. Even if it is just to say "hello" and talk about our love of Jaguars. Other ways to engage include attending events, reading the Jaguar Jargon newsletter and the JCNA Jaguar Journal magazine and providing feedback, using the JCOP and JCNA websites, and your providing suggestions as to new activities and JCOP finding a role for you to play in the organization and/or implementation of them. We have a Board of Directors meeting on January 12 where discussion will include our initial calendar of activities for 2026 but we can always work to fit in a new idea, a new activity, a new event you believe would be attractive to other members. Joining with other clubs and organizations, not necessarily just car clubs, with events can be most enjoyable. Bringing your friends with you to our events can be a lot of fun, and if they are Jaguar enthusiasts they may want to become an official member. If not, they can at least meet a passel of really nice people and almost always enjoy good food and libations which are an inherent part of almost every event in some fashion. Ordering a name tag &/or getting Jaguar-logo apparel (see my article in the December Jargon about this) can help you easily integrate into a crowd of people you don't know well but will soon become your friends.

If you see an unfamiliar telephone number calling you, if might be from a JCOP member wanting to interact. Please return the call or even email if you prefer not to answer the call.

Fun, Food, and Friends seem to be the normal "three F's" for JCOP activities. Please give serious thought to committing to participation in at least one JCOP event or activity this year; you will be thankful you did, which then makes you an engaged member. Then you can help engage others as well as engage your Jaguar into the correct gear.

JCOP MEMBERS EARN JCNA AWARDS

By Bryan Williams

The 2025 Concours d'Elegance season saw JCOP members earn JCNA North American and North Central Regional awards. In order to win a North American award the entrant must have a top 3 highest average score in their class, in their best 3 scores in the United States, Canada and Mexico. The Regional trophies are earned by scoring the top entrants in your home region. Our club is in the North Central region.

JCOP Award Winners

Tony Bardelli, Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh, won a “Best in Class” trophy for his 2018 XF S, Sport Brake in Silicon Silver in class C19/FJ. Tony won a North Central award in 2024. *(in photo at right)*

Terry Smith, Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh, won a “Second in Class” award in the very competitive class C5/E1 for his 1967 E-Type Open Two Seater in Dark Blue.



Shadrach Jones, Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh, won a “Best in Class” for his 1991 XJ6 VDP, Saloon in Regency Red in class D7/XJ. *(in photo at left)*

Pat Geary, Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh, won two “Best in Class” awards for his 1969 E-Type 2+2, in Regency Red in class D3/E2 and for his 2006 XK8 Convertible in Silver in class D10/XK.

Robert Seyler, Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh, won a second in class for his 1956 XK140 Drop Head Coupe in Black in class C3/140.

Other Winners that Attended our Concours

Ron Gaertner, Virginia Jaguar Club, won two “Best in Class” awards for his 1953 XK120 Fixed Head Coupe in Green in class C2/1210 and for his 1960 XK150 Open Two Seater in Red in class C4/150.

Al Jacobson, Jaguar Affiliates Group of Michigan, won a “Best in Class” for his 1964 E-Type Open Two Seater in Red in class C5/E1.

Pat Hergenroeder, The Jaguar Club of Ohio, won second in class for his 1949 XK120 Open Two Seater in Silver in class C2/120.

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JCOP Award Winners (*continued*)

Tom Inwood, The Jaguar Club of Ohio, won a “Best in Class” for his 1973 E-Type Open Two Seater in Azure Blue in class C7/E3.

Dave Morgan, Jaguar Association of Central Ohio, won “Best in Class” for his 2009 XKR Portfolio Convertible in Shadow Gray in class D11/XK.

(in photo at right)

Mike Meyer, The Jaguar Club of Ohio, won “Best in Class” for his 2019 F-Pace S SUV in Black in class D16/FP.



Don Kirman, Susquehanna Valley Jaguar Club, won a “Best in Class” regional award for his 2011 XKR 175 Coupe in Black in class D11/XK.

(in photo at right)

John Cushing, The Jaguar Club of Ohio, won a “Best in Class” regional award for his 1972 E-Type Open Two Seater in White in class S2/MOD.



Congratulations to all the 2025 winners. We hope to see you and many other fine Jaguars on July 18 in the International Jaguar Festival at the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix.

JCOP Holiday Party Celebrates the Season

By Ken Como

The Annual JCOP Holiday Party was held on Saturday, December 21st from noon to 4 p.m. at the Edgeworth Club and was warmly attended by many of our members.

As in past years, the club was once again beautifully decorated for the season and the ballroom featured many Jaguar banners, flags and a cat or two not to mention even a mystery car displayed on the stage ... which added a touch of interest and excitement to our event.

The JCOP annual Holiday gift exchange and 50/50 drawing were well participated. Not to forget that these activities always add to the enjoyment of the afternoon by adding prizes and Holiday cash (for the winner)!!

Our party always includes fine food, live music and opportunities to mingle. This year's keynote address was provided by Stu Benson, who shared highlights and previewed several upcoming important events planned for the 2026 season. Stu gave members an early look at what lies ahead as Jaguar will be the featured car at this year's Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix.

Before the event concluded, members were reminded that next year's Holiday Party date has already been set, so please mark your calendars for December 13, 2026.

Photos from the party are available for anyone interested to view or download at the following link:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/zdVkbJuRxNsSCvUg7>

For higher-resolution downloads, simply click on a photo and use the three-dot menu in the top-right corner to download and save your photos.

I truly believe that our group appreciates the opportunity to gather, reconnect, and celebrate the holiday season together. The party always provides a pleasant and festive way to close out the year, and JCOP thanks everyone who attended and contributed to this event a successful holiday celebration.



Photos by Laura Como

JCOP Holiday Party Celebrates the Season



Jaguar Mk2 restoration – Part 19

By Craig Gestler

I have adopted an inner focus. Not some sort of self-contemplation where I debate my true spirit animal while sipping herbal tea, but an inner focus on the “inners” of a certain 1966 Jaguar Mk2. Inners made of Wilton wool, leather and walnut. From a practical perspective, it makes sense since I can keep the electric heater nice and close and stay warm.

A long time ago, I purchased all new seals to go in the window frame tracks. Much later, I discovered that either they were not manufactured correctly or they are not right for my car due to confusion around what constitutes an “early” or “late” set of window frames. Regardless, the windows were so tight that I could not roll the windows up or down without fear of breaking something. I tried heat, silicone spray and bad words but nothing helped. Finally, I ordered the “early” seals which are just strips of 1/8 inch thick felt that must be glued into place. The windows are still a little on the stiff side but should wear in with time and use. With the window moving up and down without fear of damage, I was free to focus on the inner door panels and wood trim.

Each door panel is held in place with 15 or so spring steel clips that push into corresponding holes in the inner door panel. The clips attach to the door panel by sliding them into holes in the hard backing board, which allows the clips to be rotated around to provide a degree of adjustment. Too much adjustment, in my opinion, since the alignment can easily be changed by a half inch or more depending on how they are located. Much trial and error is needed to get the clips adjusted so that they align with the holes in the door. Once aligned, you give the door panel a punch over each clip and it seats with a satisfying click. Before the panel is fully seated, small holes must be cut for the door and window winder handles. To finish off the installation, a flap of vinyl at the top of the panel is pulled taut and glued to the top of the door, just below the window.

All that beautiful walnut facia and capping is next. For the most part, I got lucky in that the holes in the wood perfectly aligned with the drilled holes in the top of the door. I’m sure that if I had a replacement door or replacement wood, this would have been far more difficult. The wood capping piece then screws into the wood facia using shiny screws and special cup washers to finish it off beautifully.

(See photo at right)

All done, right!?!? Nope. You need to attach the steel strip/bracket that holds the inside window frizzy to the wood facia before you attach the wood capping. The capping came off again, the window frizzy was cut to length, attached to the bracket with special clips and then screwed into the facia board. Then the capping is installed.

Installation of the window and door handles finished it off. Other completed interior items include the center console and installation of the driver’s side carpeting with a hole cut for the floor mounted headlight high/low beam switch. I deployed a special engineering tool called CAD (cardboard aided design) to make sure I cut the hole in the carpet in the right place. We don’t want to mess that up!



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Jaguar Mk2 restoration – Part 19 (*Continued*)

By Craig Gestler

I'm really hoping to have my recovered seats back and in place before the next installment to complete the interior.



It seems that most of the static leaks have been cured. No more brake fluid dripping down the inside of the wheel and the coolant leaks seem to be very minimal at this point. I think the oil filter canister has a small leak which should be easy to correct. It will need to be warmer before I spend much time under the car. Seems that I did gain a new leak, though. I drop or two of hydraulic fluid is dripping from the linkage to the clutch master cylinder, which is located directly above the pedal. I rebuilt the original cylinder and honed the bore but it had the lightest of pitting and I thought it was worth the gamble. I will likely be reporting on its replacement with the next installment.

Photos by Craig Gestler

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A Special Thank You From Our JCOP President:

By Rich Aronson



Thanks to our lively, creative and hard-working Board of Directors and event Chairs for taking us through such a remarkable 2025 season. We look forward this year to working with some folks in new positions: Tony Bardelli is a new Associate Director, Ken Como is incoming Second Vice President and Craig Gestler has assumed the role of First Vice President!

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