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Upcoming JCOP Winter Event Activity Opportunities ...

JCOP Bocce Day on MARCH 8

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By Stu Benson

Your JCOP Board of Directors wanted to provide some “winter activities” for our club members to get together. JCOP has tried to provide at least one off-season club activity that was something new and different for various members. With the focus on weekends and long-range weather forecasts being questionable through February, the focus was to plan events either in late February or in March, 2026. We have planned a first-time Bocce Sunday afternoon for **March 8**. We have been invited to again participate in the Karting competition with the Audi and Mercedes-Benz Clubs on Saturday afternoon, **March 21** with a pizza party to follow on site.

In past years Dave Gamret led JCOP’ers to undertake some years of learning and playing games of curling, on ice, at a curling club in Robinson Township. While enjoyable for many to play, and certainly in these weeks of the Winter Olympics to watch curling competition on TV, it was concluded we needed a less chilling experience for many as well as a less physically demanding sport for some (yes, when one does curling it takes well more talent than it might appear in launching oneself and throwing the stone). So with a new facility called The Bocce House having opened in RIDC Park between Fox Chapel and Harmarville, and with yours truly having tried it out and enjoying it immensely, we are going to have our first “JCOP Bocce Day” on Sunday afternoon, March 8, 2026 for two hours from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

Last year in late March the Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh joined with members of the Audi Club of North America-Western Pennsylvania Chapter and the Mercedes-Benz Club of America- Pittsburgh Section in an afternoon of spirited driving sessions at Full Throttle Adrenaline Park in Monroeville, PA, behind Monroeville Mall. The Audi Club has organized this activity once again and has invited JCOP to participate. This year, instead of everyone going off-site to dinner together (in 2025 we went to a tasty dinner at Anthony’s Coal-Fired Pizza Restaurant nearby), this year the Audi Club has arranged for a Pizza Party in the Party Room of the karting club to follow the racing.

On Pages 2 and 3 are the details of both activities. Please contact Stu Benson with any questions and, certainly, any RSVP for either or both events. stubenson3@gmail.com or Mobile: 412-491-1586.

Want to Register for the IJF Concours? Go to pvgp.org

Click on “The 2026 International Jaguar Festival.....”

Scroll down to “PVGP Launch Page” just above contacts and click on it.

Scroll down to blue box “Vivenu” and click on it.

A page with a leaper will appear

Scroll down to “International Jaguar Festival dinner Friday.....”

Just above it will be “Concours d’Elegance Forms” Click on it.

3 pages will appear: 1. An information page

2. Registration Form

3. Liability Release

Please complete pages 2 and 3 and email to dsw222h@aol.com with subject “2026 IJF Registration” ...

Or print and mail to D. Bryan Williams, 222 Karen Drive, Elizabeth, PA 15037 Once received, you will get an email confirmation.

ANY QUESTIONS? Call Bryan Williams at 412-996-2416 (cell).



JCOP Bocce Day on MARCH 8

Anyone, of any age, can enjoy bocce, which involves throwing balls and trying to get as many from your team closest to the *pallino*, a smaller ball that is thrown first and becomes the target. The Bocce House, located at 641 Alpha Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15238, is easily accessed off of Rt. 28 at the RIDC Park interchange coming either north or south. There are six indoor courts and food and drink are available for purchase. The courts have artificial turf. We have reserved two hours for one court and if and when we get to 13 people, we can reserve another court next to it. For two hours the cost is \$28.99 per person, including sales tax.

If we have at least 16 people, we can – if we choose – reserve a party room there for four hours and have a pizza party for a very reasonable price of \$35 per person before sales tax; this would include a fresh fruit tray, House salad, pizza with one topping, and 1 ½ hours of bocce. If more time is used, then we pay about \$7 more for each additional half hour. There are other party packages for groups of more than 16 but for this first bocce event, we will try to keep it simple and affordable.

Please RSVP to Stu before or by Monday, March 2, with anyone who wishes to participate on March 8. Hopefully, we will know well before then if we will have more than 10 and maybe more than 16 in attendance so then we can reserve at least one more court if not the Pizza Party package at \$35 per person. If we have less than 16 playing bocce, we will just reserve the necessary courts and everyone will pay the rate for the 2 hours of usage. Anyone can then purchase what food and beverages they wish. There is a large wine selection by the glass as there is with beers on tap.



Karting Competition: Jaguar vs. Audi vs. Mercedes-Benz on MARCH 21

Here is the invitation from the Audi Club so you can appreciate it as it came to me from Terry Schulz in their club:

Hello Karting Aficionados,

It's that time again for us to get together and show off our driving skills. Remember, there is a trophy and bragging rights at stake. We will meet sharp at:

3:15 PM for check-in - Action starts at 4:00 PM

Saturday, March 21, Full Throttle Adrenalin Park, 360 Mall Circle Drive, Monroeville, PA 15146 412-380-1314

<https://gofullthrottle.com/locations/pittsburgh>

Members of the Audi, Mercedes-Benz and Jaguar clubs are invited. This year we will drive in their Grand Prix series. We expect to have 3 run groups with up to 10 drivers each, limited to 30 drivers total. Competing in their Grand Prix gives us many advantages. The best is that each group is private, and only for us. This will eliminate the problem we faced last year with people not in our group being filtered in randomly with us. Other groups may run between our groups though. There are other perks like an event host, photo package, and podium ceremony for our top 3 winners!

Another great change this year is that we'll use their party room and celebrate with a Pizza Party after the racing. We won't have to leave the facility. The cost per each Karter is \$80 and includes the Pizza Party. Each additional Pizza Party dinner is \$10. The Party room is limited to about 35 people. A great assortment of drinks and drink packages are available for your purchase. I am requesting a 50% deposit for each Karter and extra dinner to be received by February 28th to hold your spot for the action. Balance to be paid at the event. Another great perk, since all groups are private, is that you can indicate with whom you may want to pair up with, your greatest rival, nemesis or buddy. You can pre-pay by PayPal or check. Remit to:

Ed Kaczkowski, 1520 Vallimont Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15234

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Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh

2026 Events Calendar

Monday, Feb. 23	JCOP Board of Directors meeting, 6 to 8 p.m., Oakland Panera Bread meeting room, 3401 Blvd. of the Allies, Pittsburgh
Sunday, March 8	JCOP Bocce Day, 3 to 5 p.m., The Bocce House, 641 Alpha Drive, RIDC Park, O'Hara Twp. (Stu Benson)
Saturday, March 21	Karting competition and pizza party with the Audi and Mercedes-Benz Club, Full Throttle Adrenaline Park, Monroeville (Stu Benson)
Sunday, June 14	JCOP Picnic, at North Park's Roosevelt Shelter (Stu Benson)
July 16 to July 18	JCOP hosts 2026 International Jaguar Festival with Concours, Slalom and Rally held in conjunction with PVGP Motorsports Festival (Stu Benson)
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)

Upcoming JCOP Winter Event Activity Opportunities (continued)

In my follow up communications with Terry Schulz and Sandy Turko (President of the Mercedes Club) and others, the question was asked about participation of the BNW and Porsche Clubs this year. What Terry said, in part, was: "We are running the event a little differently this year. We are using their Grand Prix feature for the driving. For this the cost is \$70 per driver and they are requiring us to guarantee at least 25 drivers signup. If fewer sign up our club would have to make up the difference. In addition, we will have dinner after the driving in their smaller party room and have them supply pizzas. That room is limited to 35; note that we typically have a few non-drivers attend such that 35 is already a little low.

I don't think it is reasonable to open this event up to the BMW club this year with the possibility that they could snatch up more than half of the drivers' slots. I think the best we can do is that after we see how many sign-up from Audi / Benz / Jaguar by Feb 28, we could give you the remainder up to 30 total. So if we get 24, then you would get 6.

After this year's event we will discuss the possibility of opening this up to BMW and maybe Porsche. We would have to decide how many groups of 10 drivers to reserve, how we would handle the deposit (half of the total drivers' costs), and what the cost would be to use their larger party room (150 people). There would need to be a system where each club would get a minimum number of slots and if they don't use them all they could be used by other clubs. They require a deposit to reserve the driving slots which we have already paid for this year; if we were to re-reserve 60 slots next year, we would have to give them $60 \times \$75/2 = \2250 up front. If we have 60 drivers, we might have 80 or more for dinner."

Please RSVP as soon as possible if you have a desire to participate in this year's Karting event. A 50% deposit for each karter needs to be paid to Ed Kaczkowski by February 28 per the above outline of the event. If you have questions, email Ed or call him at 412-313-3094. Or contact Terry Schulz at schulztt@gmail.com.

Payments are to be sent directly to Ed Kaczkowski but please also advise Stu as to your registration and if you also paid the 50% for dinner for someone accompanying you. Stu will then keep track who is coming from JCOP and anyone can ask Stu at any point about who has told Stu they have registered directly with Ed Kaczkowski (Ed is President of the Audi Club).

Stu was told many times last year by the organizers and respected members of both the Audi and M-B clubs how much the other two clubs enjoyed meeting such wonderful JCOP'ers. They wanted to do more activities with JCOP and this year's event is an opportunity to do so, albeit in a bit of a different format than last year.



“Double Clutching and Rev Matching”

President’s Perspective

Rich Aronson



Summertime International Jaguar Festival at the PVGP is Taking Shape!

Last month, I highlighted the upcoming Jaguar Clubs of America-sponsored International Jaguar Festival. You may recall that 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 that grand event consisting of several days of distinctive events operating within the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix at Schenley Park. I mentioned 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.” Among those many events associated with the IJF includes a special Jaguar Club focused dinner event at the elegant Pittsburgh Golf Club that’s planned for Friday night, July 17, 2026, the evening before the Saturday Concours at Schenley Park.

The dinner is special, featuring none other than Ian Callum. Ian was the noted Aston Martin and Jaguar Director of Design for virtually twenty years including a bit of consulting time, from 1999 to July 2019 (Jaguar XK 8, XF, F-Type, XE, I-Pace, E-Pace and F-Pace and other cars). He now operates his own independent design business. Our own Dave Gamret is personally hosting and coordinating Ian’s entire visit to the IJF having been a colleague and friend during Dave’s tenure as a Ford Motor Company executive.

The Friday night dinner with Ian and Dave at the elegant Pittsburgh Golf Club is simply not to be missed. Virtually adjacent to the weekend display/show field, Ian and Dave will be meeting us guests and discussing Ian’s design career with Jaguar for this Jaguar owner-only dinner party.

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

Please log onto the Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh web site jaguarclubofpittsburgh.org where in the upper banner you can now click on **International Jaguar Festival** on the top menu to get a synopsis of the busy week events ahead of Schenley Park weekend leading up to the heart of the festival during Friday, July 17 through the Concours on Saturday, July 18. Our webmaster, Dolly Taskey has brilliantly designed a beautiful and very user-friendly space where descriptions, directions and fairly soon, sign-up/registration is available for upcoming attractions! I encourage you to periodically check out this space. You will get a “leg-up” on how you can participate in our events in connection with Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix which will have something or likely, many things to interest every one of us!

In the meantime, Dan DelBianco, Executive Director of the PVGP, provided us great video of Ian discussing design principles and “language” that formed the basis of his approach for his own modern interpretation of Jaguar sports cars and saloons (sedans) that he revolutionized for the unique, contemporary elegance achieved in all his designs.

Besides this exciting discussion and demo covered by this video which will be posted on our JCOP website for your perusal, there are several other fascinating YouTube Videos I checked out with Ian personally reviewing his design for the XF sedan that piqued my interest as an owner and fan personally.

Our family covers the model span; my daughter in California having purchased a first-generation Rhodium Silver 2009 XF new and I having found a new “final year” 2024 edition in 2025 finished in lovely optional color Carpathian Grey.

(Photos on the next page.)



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At left: My daughter Esther and her first-generation Rhodium Silver 2009 XF purchased new.

Above: My new “final year” 2024 edition XF finished in lovely optional color Carpathian Grey.

I’ll never forget our very first sighting of the “new” XF were display cars at the Pittsburgh-hosted AGM also featuring the immortal **Norman Dewis**, engineer and test driver for Jaguar in the immediate post WWII period when the C-Type and D-Type along with the XK-120 through XK-150 models were developed, raced and sold in the United States. **(photo below)**



With Mr. Dewis!!!

First available for public viewing!

The first video is the introduction of the first XF series in 2008 and the second is Ian’s analysis of the second generation and updates from 2016 to 2024. **See links to the videos on the next page.**

In these videos Ian personally points out and highlights the meticulous attention he paid to developing the following:

- Distinctive “coupe-like” silhouette with low roofline which dramatically was intended to create an “executive-class” car with sleeker, sportier appearance than its competition and its own predecessors – the key to its overall packaging.
- Most important design cue - continuity of the “shoulder line” character body detailing positioned below the car’s greenhouse which in Ian’s view, presented focal point, eye contact consistently in every side panel thus visually lowering the car’s look successfully. Ian was satisfied that this feature imbued the overall car subtle but strong unparalleled elegance which no competitor’s more upright designs matched.
- A more upright and larger grill with interesting texture which allowed Ian to bring the bonnet/hood and front fender modeling design detail into harmony as they led eyes forward tapering into that grill
- Lighting designs including headlamps shapes that were distinctive and created to more of an “angry feline” look than past models.

All in all, though vastly different than previous Jaguar styles, one that overall and “inch-by-inch” made for a successful though unprecedented appearance for this car as well as the XJ senior sedan.



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Most road tests I've read validate the "fit" for Jaguar's styling development from Ian's pen to be compatible with our favorite marque's personification of "Grace, Space and Pace." It's been true since Sir William Lyons' original intent is that Jaguar sedans as well as their famous sports cars were consistently sleek and beautiful. Ian does attest that his modern designs were meant to capture elements of the famous Mark II Saloon introduced in 1959 which is still stunning today.

Prior to even meeting with Ian, these sample videos certainly helped me to understand better what the goals and styling art of Ian Callum brought to Jaguar. He really talks to the listener/viewer through the integration and significance of micro, inch level impact and overall conceptual beauty of his designs we so admire, almost intuitively.

The first video is Ian Callum on XF Jaguar Styling Analysis
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aA6EWDUPnG0>

and the second is Ian Callum video Introduction of the First Design Edition of the Jaguar XF (2007)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c3vwhV_tZwQ

Check them out and enjoy them at your leisure.

JCOP's Next Board of Directors Meeting Set for Feb. 23 at Oakland Panera Bread

Our second JCOP Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 23, 2026 at the Oakland Panera Bread, 3401 Boulevard of the Allies, Pittsburgh PA 15213 at 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. As always, please come a bit earlier, by 5:30 p.m. 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 Festival 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.

Rich Aronson – aronsonrichard@yahoo.com
412-551-8319



A Jubilee, Jaguars, and A Groundhog

By Stu Benson, Chair, 2026 IJF



As I am writing this, I am pretty sure Punxsutawney Phil will be seeing his shadow and we will have six more weeks of this cold and snowy winter of 2025-2026. A real “old-fashioned winter”, as they say. I was walking uphill through feet of snow but it was not to go to school, but to shovel my driveway. So it goes without saying that all of us here in Western Pennsylvania that did not escape to more sunny locales for the winter are looking forward to the coming spring and summer weather, no matter how warm it gets.

Not only are we starting to think about bringing our Jaguars back from their own winter hibernation and getting to drive them out on the open road, but we have a celebration of great magnitude – a Jubilee if you will – to anticipate in July, 2026 with the Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh hosting the 2026 International Jaguar Festival in conjunction with the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Motorsports Festival. The PVGP is not only a weekend of vintage racing at Schenley Park this year but has been a full-fledged multi-week Motorsports Festival, as its full name encompasses. We will be welcoming guests to the IJF from clubs from all around the Jaguar Clubs of North America and that is a large area indeed. Just go to jcna.org and check out the footprint of the regions in JCNA (click on “Clubs”) and see, for example, just how large our own North Central Region is. And see how close we are to the intersection with the Northeast and South Central Regions from which we anticipate a large turnout of Jaguars to the IJF. Maybe by the time you go to the JCNA website the same will have even posted our IJF with a link to the details about it.

There are two places for you to easily obtain information about our IJF this July in conjunction with the other PVGP events we are hoping, encouraging, and asking our members in which to participate. The first place is to go to jaguarclubofpittsburgh.org and see the really super IJF layout the Dolly Taskey has created for our website. At the top of the Home Page, click on International Jaguar Festival in the bar and it will take you to an event -by-event itinerary of choices. Be sure to click on the IJF video to enjoy it (make sure your sound is not muted and the volume is turned up!) and then click on and view the Ian Callum article/video immediately below that. Ian Callum is coming all the way from England to the IJF and to be the Grand Marshal for the 2026 PVGP. If any

of you have cars Ian has designed, he is willing to autograph any part of the car you request (e.g. under the bonnet, inside the glove compartment, whatever but just bring whatever color sharpie you want him to use).

While I have the honor (and task) or being the Chair of the 2026 IJF, it is not only the JCOP IJF Committee, not only the JCOP Board of Directors, but the entire membership of JCOP that is hosting this year’s IJF. There is a role for each and every one of you to play. But “You need to be here”, as Ramsey Potts (the narrator of the video) says. Ramsey used to write an article in each edition of Jaguar Journal about the ongoing market and valuations of Jaguars but when Ramsey became part of Broad Arrow Group (an auction house and part of the Hagerty Group), it became a conflict of interest to also be opining about valuations. Ramsey knows of what he speaks when he talks about the PVGP!

JCOP is asking our members to register their cars for the Schenley Park IJF show on Saturday, July 18, 2026. But more than just that, we are asking all of you to sign up and participate in as many of the charitable and other events as possible with your Jaguars, ranging from the IJF Rally, Slalom, Friday Night Dinner with Ian Callum to the PVGP Thursday Garden Party at Phipps, to the prior Saturday’s Blacktie & Tailpipes at the Kamin Science Center. If you drive your Jaguars, they will be parked out front of both events in a special display, provided you arrive timely. And there are many more events. All highlighted on pvgp.org.

Let me share how to find those events, and more, easily on pvgp.org. Go to the Home Page and from there scroll all the way down to the bottom and finally it will have a place called “Schenley Car Show”; after that it lists Caliente Car Show and under that it lists “Jaguar Marque”. You will click on Jaguar Marque and it will open a list of events and activities. While as of the time this article is being written there will be more revisions forthcoming to this website information, you will get the gist of it and very soon it will be in an almost-final form. From this page of events, you will then click on a Registration button and it will take you to a similar looking website page but technically that page will be a “Vivenu” website, which is the vendor used by the PVGP to securely accept registrations and payment for the various events you choose. (*Continued on page 8*)



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By Stu Benson, Chair, 2026 IJF



In addition to your participation in the various PVGP and IJF events of your choosing, JCOP is asking you – its members – to volunteer to help administer the IJF.

We have a plethora of tasks needing to be handled, none of which in and of themselves requires a huge amount of time or effort. Many hands make short shrift of tasks being accomplished. For example, an IJF Hospitality Committee, chaired by Amy Beck and Cecile Canales, seeks volunteers. We need to staff an IJF check-in desk at the Doubletree Cranberry Hotel for some periods on a couple days, we need to staff a check-in desk at the Friday night dinner at the Pittsburgh Golf Club and we need some volunteers to help direct cars pulling up there onto the appropriate part of the golf course next door for parking. We need to staff a table at our IJF Tent on Saturday on the golf course. We need to help get centerpieces transported to and from the Friday night dinner. We need to arrange for appropriate name tags with lanyards for each IJF Guest and ensure there are stickers placed on each for whatever events for which the guest is registered. We need to collect information about Pittsburgh and the locale around Cranberry Township and create directions to places, etc, etc, and ensure all of these things are in a welcome bag for each IJF guest. Dolly Taskey and I are helping with the creation of these materials but we are seeking volunteers for this Hospitality Committee. Just contact me to discuss and I will put you in contact with Amy and/or Cecile.

JCOP sees the role of our club hosting the IJF as our being ambassadors for Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania for the many out of town guests that will experience Pittsburgh or JCOP for the first time or the first time in a long time. All of you would be wonderful to help convey this message so even if you are not officially on a committee, you are all part of our Hospitality Committee in a broad sense.

Let me also share that the food we have arranged for the IJF is simply top notch. You will simply be amazed at what the food is that you will receive for the money paid. Trust me, you easily could pay 50% more – and in most cases you normally would pay that or more – for what you will be enjoying. Friday night's dinner with Ian Callum at the Pittsburgh Golf Club will be in an elegant setting such that it would be appropriate for men to wear a coat and tie even if not required. Appetizers will

be enjoyed in conjunction with a cash bar but iced tea and lemonade will be available at no charge for those who prefer such. Appetizers including a Roasted & Grilled Vegetable platter and smoked salmon platter will be enjoyed along with horseradish crusted Prawns with smoked tomato dip and bacon wrapped tenderloin with brown sugar Dijon glaze will be served. At 7:15 PM the dining room doors will be opened for a buffet dinner of oven-roasted salmon with mango coulis and braised boneless short ribs of beef. Mashed potatoes and risotto with red pepper will be the starches and carrots with honey glaze and fresh asparagus will be the vegetables. Two salads – a tossed salad with choice of three great salad dressings and a Caesar Salad - will also be served. Assorted bread, rolls, and butter and coffee (both decaf and high octane) and iced tea and water will be with dinner and then an assortment of pastries, cakes and tarts will be for dessert. The Saturday food package on the golf course during the IJF car show will have breakfast available starting around 7:30 AM or so with breakfast sandwiches (choices of egg, bacon, sausage, cheese on English Muffins or Croissants) prepared on a grill along with assorted breakfast pastries and fresh fruit cups. For lunch chicken will be grilled and served either on a spring mix berry salad with choice of two vinaigrette dressings or served on brioche buns and there will be BBQ beef brisket served on brioche buns along with NY style cole slaw, bowtie pasta salad, and Viennese style potato salad with fresh dill. Coffee, hot tea, and cold drinks will be available all day. "First class all the way" so the way our stomachs feel will mirror how our eyes appreciate all the gorgeous Jaguars there. We can savor for the next six weeks of winter about these.

Call me, email me, with any questions, comments, suggestions, input - and hopefully – your becoming an IJF Volunteer.

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2026 AGM Registration Update

This year's JCNA Annual General Meeting is being held April 13-20 in Mexico City, Mexico. Events will include a Pyramids Tour, visit to the Anthropology Museum, a city tour and Mexican Style Dinner, AGM and Awards Banquet and a concours and other festivities. If you have a passport and you're interested in attending, visit the link below.



Host JCNA club Jaguar Mexico says registration is extended until February 28, 2026 by popular demand.

Rooms are booking quickly so availability is limited! Click this address and it will take you to the registration site:

Visit: agm-jaguar.miandm-services.com/

For more information, go to jcna.com/2026-agm-registration-update



A NEW CHAPTER AT JAGUAR NORTH HILLS & SOUTH HILLS

Jaguar North Hills & South Hills are excited to reconnect with the Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh, now as part of the Germain Family of Companies. We're proud to continue the tradition of supporting local Jaguar enthusiasts and being an active partner in the club community.

To say thank you, we're offering complimentary Pennsylvania State Inspections for JCOP members. Whether you drive a modern performance model or a cherished classic, our team is here to help keep your Jaguar road-ready for the season ahead.

We look forward to seeing you in the service drive and getting to know the JCOP community once again.

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We have received word that long-time JCOP member Henry VerValen III passed away on Feb 2, 2026. The following is the Memorial Services message from his son, Ted VerValen, for all JCOP members:

Date: 02/11/2026 3:04 PM EST
Subject: Memorial Service Details for Henry Clay Ver Valen III

Dear Friend(s) of Henry Ver Valen,

It is with a heavy heart that I must inform you that Henry Clay Ver Valen III passed away peacefully of natural causes just before midnight on February 2nd. Henry's family is making arrangements for a memorial service to honor him and having a function immediately afterwards to celebrate Henry's life in the Baltimore area on Friday, March 6th 2026.

Memorial Service Information

Henry's memorial service will begin at 10:00 a.m. on the morning of Friday, March 6th at:

Grace United Methodist Church of Baltimore
5407 North Charles Street # 2024
Baltimore, MD 211210

Any and all are welcome to attend Henry's memorial service. No response is necessary

Life Celebration Information

The celebration of Henry's Life will occur immediately after his memorial service at:

The Fire Museum of Maryland
1301-R York Rd.
Lutherville, MD 21093

An RSVP of is **necessary** for this event!

If you would like to attend this event, we **must** have your RSVP via **telephone** or **email** no later than February 27th so we can plan appropriately.

Via telephone on or before February 27th, please call: Ted Ver Valen at **(415) 717-0076**

Via email on or before February 27th, please email: tedvervalen@gmail.com

Please include the full name of each person that will be attending!

We hope you can make it for these events to honor Henry but if you can't, please keep him alive in your hearts and memories of good times shared with him.

All the best,

-Ted Ver Valen
415-717-0076 tedvervalen@gmail.com

*(Editor's Note: Jim Boffo passed away on Nov. 29, 2024.
JCOP member Mike Zappa wrote this special tribute to Jim.)*

James (Jim) Boffo: Mechanic - Racer - Friend

By Mike Zappa

Who do you know whose lives haven't been touched by the man that can fix anything? Jim had the ability and knowledge to confront any issue and come up with a solution.

He was a walking, talking automobile encyclopedia! All the years I've known Jim I have never seen him unable to come up with a solution that always works perfectly. I was not only a customer of Jim but a close friend of both him and Diane. Knowing Jim since 1974,

along with Leon his dad, Tom and Gary his brothers, I felt part of his family as much as he was a part of mine. I purchased a used 1972 Jaguar XJ6 from one of his then employees, Joe Swaitek. Jim always told me that the then new 1974 Jaguar XJ6L was the car to have. He was right, so I took the plunge and bought a new one from the best Jaguar dealer in the East, Boffo Motors of New Brighton PA. Leon was the founder of Boffo Motors and back then sold Jaguars, Austins, MG and Fiat (how that got into the mix I'll never know.)

Jim's interest in cars led him to his passion....Racing!!! Both Jim and Tom built Mini coopers in the early '70s. Jim had a British flag on the roof and Tom had the American flag on the roof. Little Yellow rockets. During the mid 70's Jim mastered the Mini and became the Northeast Regional division champion no less than 7 times. He went to the runoffs each of those years and finished 2nd in two of the runoffs and no less than 5th in the rest.

Like all racers Jim had several shunts (aka wrecks!). At Nelson Ledges Jim thought the Mini had wings and decided to fly over the tire wall! Jim was OK, the Mini wasn't! At Cumberland airport Jim decided to due some off track exploring and went down over the hill! If it wasn't for the tree that he hit dead center it would have been bad news for Jim.

Once I started racing, I found myself continually asking Jim for advice and solutions to issues or impossible parts. We truly began a special relationship with him and Diane from that point on. It got to the point that Jim became my head mechanic and racing compadre! Solving any and all problems at the track was Jim's specialty. He was so good that he received the golden wrench award from Zappa Racing that hangs on the wall in his office. Jim and Diane would travel to almost every race I entered in the following years. He was so good we would say to him when an issue arrived, "work you magic". He then became our Magician! One of my favorite memories is when we were racing at Summit Point and we lost the transmission in the MGB. Fortunately we had a spare. By 2 A.M. the transmission was in place but we could not get the input shaft on the transmission to seat in the clutch assembly. After many tries we decided to call it a night. We asked Jim to wave his magic wrench for which he complied. He also decided to kick the rear wheel of the car and we heard a "thud"! The transmission slid in on its own! Magic!!!

If things were good at the Zappa tent Jim would take upon himself walking around the paddock to see if he could help somebody else. He had a kind heart....and he would not charge anyone for his kindness.

Jim was willing to let me build my TVR race car in his shop. For the next six months I took orders from the 'Boss' on how to do things correctly! I wish I could tell you how many times I had to redo something. I learned an awful lot from Jim, most importantly how to kind to my fellow acquaintances.

Racing was one thing, but Jim's restorations were absolutely top notch. Terry Smith's E-Type is a testament to Jim's work....national concours winner at least 14 times!!!

Jim housed stray cats in his shop, taking care of them, feeding them and loving them. He was a man that had a huge heart, kind personality, soft spoken demeanor. He will be missed by me and everyone that came in contact with him.

When my days come to an end and I approach the finish line of life, I'm sure Jim will be there waving the checkered flag and carrying a wrench and flashlight in his shirt pocket for just in case!!





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