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THE INTERNATIONAL JAGUAR FESTIVAL IS CALLING. WE NEED YOU!

By Stu Benson, IJF Chairman

The International Jaguar Festival is coming to Pittsburgh! This exciting event is integrated into the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix, with IJF-specific activities running from Thursday, July 16 through Saturday, July 18, 2026.

To view the full schedule, visit: jaguarclubofpittsburgh.org and select "International Jaguar Festival" from the top menu, or go directly to: <https://www.jaguarclubofpittsburgh.org/ijf>. While the IJF officially runs Thursday through Saturday—culminating Saturday afternoon at the Bob O'Connor Golf Course in Schenley Park—guests will begin arriving as early as Tuesday or Wednesday. Because of this, we need volunteers beginning Wednesday, July 15 through Saturday, July 18. We appreciate the response to the request in last month's Jaguar Jargon for volunteers but we are still in need of more.

JCOP members are encouraged to volunteer where even just a couple of hours makes a big difference! Many roles involving staffing Hospitality Tables at one of three locations have been filled but we need some for Friday morning at the DoubleTree Pittsburgh Cranberry. **Needed volunteer roles to fill include:**

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1WSjx3vNSJo1HQQCjebPkjmzizCvDWvZO/edit?usp=sharing&oid=115816466048478272484&rtfpof=true&sd=>



We need at least three volunteers (not necessarily JCOP members) to direct parking coordination on the golf course next to the Pittsburgh Golf Club for Friday's dinner.

Helping to gather materials for, and assemble, "Welcome Bags" for each IJF registrant family and helping to transport these to various locations for distribution.

Helping print and assemble name badges for each IJF registrant.

Saturday morning early:

Assistance with tablecloth set-up in the IJF Tent

Saturday morning early: Checking in cars and trailers entering Schenley Drive and directing trailer parking and directing vehicles to their assigned show positions

Baking cookies for the JCOP "Pittsburgh Cookie Table" in the Saturday IJF Tent (No chocolate, please, due to the likelihood of high temperature weather).

How to Volunteer:

To volunteer for Hospitality-related assistance you can use the link at the bottom of this page Or contact Cecile Canales to volunteer for Hospitality assistance: Phone/Text: 412-526-6490 or Email: ccanales2@comcast.net

For those interested in checking in Saturday trailer and vehicle placement, please call Stu Benson directly at 412-491-1586 or email him @ stubenson3@gmail.com. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out. We look forward to seeing you there—as both guests and volunteers.

WE WANT YOU! WE NEED YOU!

Want to Register for the IJF? There are Two Easy Ways:

1. Register through the JCOP website

Go to jaguarcclubofpittsburgh.org and click on *International Jaguar Festival*, or use this direct link:

<https://www.jaguarcclubofpittsburgh.org/ijf>

• Scroll down and click the green “**Register for IJF**” button. This will take you to the PVGP website’s IJF page.

Click one of the blue **Vivenu** buttons labeled “*Register and pay through the PVGP Vivenu portal.*”

a. The Vivenu portal has two pages:

i. First page (Event Listings):

This page lists all available events, including:

- Concours d’Elegance
- Marque of the Year Display (for Display-only entries, not JCNA judging)
- Slalom
- Rally
- Friday night IJF Dinner

Related PVGP events (e.g., Garden Party at Phipps, Sewickley Stampede)

The first four of the above events includes a link to download the required registration forms (e.g., “*Download the IJF Concours d’Elegance Form*” and similar links for Display, Rally, and Slalom that need to be completed and sent to each Event Chair).

ii. Second page (Payment):

Click the blue “**Details and Registration**” button to proceed to payment.

- You can pay here for the Concours and the other IJF (and some PVGP) events.
- Completing payment and information entry through Vivenu counts as **pre-registration only**.
- To finalize your registration, you must also complete and submit the required forms to each Event Chair for Concours, Display, Rally, and Slalom via email or USPS.

You should receive a confirmation email from the Event Chair once your registration is complete. If you do not receive a confirming email, please reach out to the Event Chair.

iii. Trailer Information Requirement:

Registration forms for the Concours, Display, and Slalom include a **Trailer Information Form**, which must be completed and submitted.

Trailer parking is by **pre-registration only**.

If this form is not submitted, you will **not** be able to park a trailer on Saturday using IJF locations and assistance. .

iv. Questions:

If you have questions, contact the Event Chair(s) using the provided information, or call Stu Benson at 412-491-1586.



2. Register directly through the PVGP website

You can also go directly to the IJF page on the PVGP website:

<https://pvgp.org/car-show-overview/jaguar2026/>

Then follow the same steps outlined above using the Vivenu portal.

View the IJF video on the PVGP website: <https://pvgp.org/car-show-overview/jaguar2026/> You can also watch the IJF video – along with a video about Ian Callum – on the JCOP IJF page: <https://www.jaguarcclubofpittsburgh.org/>

Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh 2026 Events Calendar

Saturday, May 30	JCOP Veterans Car Show, Southwestern Veterans Center (Tom Nuhfer)
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)
Saturday, September 19	Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh Concours d'Elegance (Bryan Williams) Fox Chapel Yacht Club, 1366 Old Freeport Road, O'Hara Twp.
Sunday, September 27	British Cars at Hartwood
Sunday, December 13	Holiday Party, Edgeworth Club (Ken and Linda Como)

Jaguar Clubs of North America Upcoming Events

- May 23, 2026:** Susquehanna Valley Jaguar Club will hold its 19th annual JCNA sanctioned Concours d'Elegance on Saturday, May 23, 2026, at Sunset Lane Park, York, Pennsylvania. Trophies awarded in Champion, Driven and Special classes. Trailer parking and caterer available, with a pavilion and picnic tables. Contact: Dave Hershey, 717-846-0642, email: ivestrainboy@aol.com
- June 6, 2026** Delaware Valley Jaguar Club Concours d'Elegance, Historic Hope Lodge

(See details on page 10)

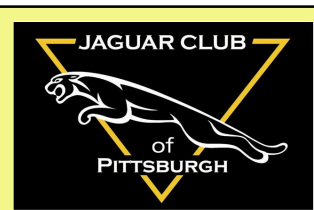
<https://delvaljaguarclub.com/events/dvjc-concours-delegance-4/>
- August 1, 2026:** Jaguar Club of Ohio's 53rd Concours d'Elegance and 7th Annual European Auto Show will be held Saturday, August 1, 2026 at Ursuline College, 2550 Lander Road, Pepper Pike, Ohio 44124 . Contact: Dominic R. Perri, 8661 Melody Lane, Macedonia, Ohio 44056. Phone: 216-644-0393. email: dperri6699@aol.com
<http://www.jaguarclubofohio.com>



“Double Clutching and Rev Matching”

President’s Perspective

Rich Aronson



Jaguar 00 Prototype Rigorous Road Test on Ice - Have You Seen This?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hUM636-qHPM>

Jaguar is describing their new high-performance large saloon EV as “The XJ for the 21st Century.” That very much captured my attention in this piece which explains and demonstrates effectively.

This Autocar introductory road test by Editor Matt Prior of a still camouflage-wrapped prototype (one of 150 built) is with Jaguar’s Head of Driving Dynamics engineer James Hazelhurst, who describes exactly what went in to the design of the car to make it feel very close to a sophisticated, updated version of previous Jaguar models from the Heritage Foundation. The design crew drove all previous vintage saloons during development, design and tuning, focusing on the classic 3.8 litre Mark II. Such an approach is unique for Jaguar which I think is reassuring to all of us vintage Jag owners! As you’ll see, the Autocar driver exclaims repeatedly as he puts the car through its paces that this car captures traditional Jaguar handling and control/performance feel in an astonishing way!

Please check out this unusual test/conversation by clicking the link to the nine minute You Tube visual. It goes into greater discussion about the character and high-performance character of the new car summarized below:

- **Performance:** Features a tri-motor setup expected to produce over 1,000 bhp, enabling a 0-62 mph time of roughly 3.3 seconds.
- **Handling:** The car is designed with a rear-biased, all-wheel-drive system designed to offer controlled, engaging slides, particularly in dynamic mode.
- **Ride Comfort:** Despite using large 23-inch wheels, the prototype offers high levels of refinement, with some testers calling it exceptionally well-balanced and comfortable.
- **Design & Structure:** The 2.7-ton vehicle operates with a low center of gravity. The design features a long bonnet with a centrally located seating position, designed for a true 2+2 GT feel.
- **Steering:** Features a responsive variable ratio system that is comfortable at the center but becomes faster, paired with rear-axle steering for stability.
- **Testing Conditions:** Intensive development is taking place in Arjeplog, Sweden, testing in sub-zero conditions to refine traction and stability control on ice. This is the scene of the captured drive.

The JCNA AGM is Coming Mid-April

Stu Benson, Craig Gestler and I will be at the JCNA Annual General Meeting coming this month in Mexico City. Besides getting a chance to see some amazing, dramatic historic sites, fine dining and an extraordinary concours sponsored by the Mexico City Jaguar Club, Stu and I will be your JCOP delegates for business meetings, vote for JCNA officers and take part the discussion of proposed new rules for 2027 JCNA-sanctioned Concours including our own next year.

Although already previewed comprehensively by Stu Benson, JCNA whose Board voted for our sponsorship of the International Jaguar Festival here in Pittsburgh within the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix and all member clubs will hear a short but exciting presentation about the July International Jaguar Festival events.

Stu has already authored articles that appeared and will be appearing in The Jaguar Journal, (March-April issue which went over well and about to be published for the May-June issue).

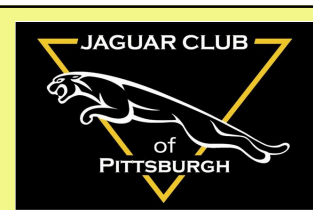
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“Double Clutching and Rev Matching”

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The JCNA AGM is Coming Mid-April

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Likewise, Stu sent PVGP programs from 2025 to all Presidents and others in close-by clubs to help inform folks about the PVGP/Festival. Included since their publication were trifold for the 2026 PVGP season.

Our regional directors, on a recent call have already previewed that not too much in the way of new judging rules are on the horizon other than a reclassification of the show class for Series 1.5 E-Type cars. Simply put, there is a recommendation coming before the voting delegates to place those cars into the same class for judging as the Series 1 E-Types for the 2027 season (rather than the current rules grouping those Series 1.5 entrants into the later Series II class).

I will make a full highlight report in the May Jargon after the meeting when all has transpired.

Update on Pittsburgh Grand Prix/ International Jaguar Festival Committee Meeting

Stu Benson chaired the recent Committee meeting held Friday, March 27 where all the contemplated events were reviewed for PVGP and IJF week of July 11 – 17.

Please see Stu’s column *on page 2* of this issue detailing much information about the status of all IJF events which are rapidly developing on schedule which will make the week unprecedented and outstanding, not only for Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Marque of the Year but also the International Jaguar Festival histories.

Bryan Williams, Chair of the IJF Concours, is looking for more club volunteers to assist with car and trailer parking to the Concours.

Jake Zoller, Chair of the IJF PVGP Marque of the Year Display is looking for more club volunteers to assist with

car and trailer parking to the Marque of the Year display area.

Glenn Morgan, Chair of the Trailer Committee, is looking for assistance to work with him and his crew to position, unload show or display cars, park and move trailers to and from Schenley and non-Schenley sites that are more remote locations which may be used to store trailers during the show once cars are unloaded since parking space room for trailers near the field is not sufficient for everyone expected.

Craig Gestler, Chair of the Slalom Committee, is looking for help to be at the course, course set-up, participants and others to operate that event which is a first for JCOP to sponsor.

Shadrach Jones, Chair of the Rally Committee, is looking for folks to sign up for the rally and the more casual related “scenic cruise,” so consider the pleasure of this unique driving event if you wish to compete in the rally or simply view a gorgeous route of western PA.

Cecile Canales, Chair of the Hospitality Committee (assisted by **Amy Beck** and **Dolly Taskey**), are looking for help to create a folder for every participant of key documents, goody bags and lanyards with name badges for IJF participants showing which events a registrant will be attending.

This creative team will also oversee support, guidance and information at the hotel and certain events for out of town and our own club visitors.

In summary, though the IJF Committee and the JCOP Board of Directors are proud of progress planning and set-up so far, there are not enough of us to do everything required to plan for and operate each activity and opportunity for fun of the upcoming festivities!

Please see Stu’s article in this Jargon about how to sign up to assist as you may be able to do or contact me or Stu if you’ve questions and wish to discuss further as Spring “springs.” We indeed need you!!

1966 Jaguar Mk2 Restoration – Part 21

By Craig Gestler

Lest we forget that our classic Jaguars are closer to coach-built than automated assembly line built, we are occasionally provided with a reminder from the most unlikely source. Last month I shared my progress with the restoration of the factory tool kit for my 1966 Mk 2. At that point I was ready to finish painting and start the reassembly.

Since then, I have completed the reassembly, which is really just reattaching the two metal side “bumpers”, the lid and the formed piece of steel that serves as the latch that keeps the lid closed when not in use. The latch was pulled from a second parts-only tool kit and I noticed that the doner latch did not match the latch on the restored tool kit.

(See photo at right.)

I had assumed that the latch on the restored kit had suffered metal fatigue and broken off, which seemed like a reasonable assumption given the number of times a classic Jaguar tool kit was likely needed. The more I stared at the two tool kits, the less sense this was making since there was no way the doner latch could work with my restored kit.

It was then that I realized that the recess in the tool tray that allowed the latch to move was on the wrong side of the tool kit.



Photos by Craig Gestler

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1966 Jaguar Mk2 Restoration – Part 21 (continued)

By Craig Gestler

Studying further, I realized that the entire tool tray was reversed 180 degrees. Hmmmmmm..... The tray could be reversed back but then the wood blocks that support the spare spark plug would be on the wrong side since they are a part of the base.

(See photo at right.)

Here is my theory, which may or may not have any basis in truth. I'm imagining young Trevor, the new Jaguar factory apprentice, has been given the task of assembling tool kits that day. He accidentally assembled the base backward and rather than having to admit to Sir William Lyon, who may or may not have been touring the factory that day, that he assembled it backward, he found a solution. To avoid calling it scrap and having his pay docked for the day, he simply cut off the part of the latch that prevented the lid from fully closing and passed it along. I decided to leave it backward and simply cut a recess into the tray to match the useless cutout on the other side of the tray. Let's see if the concours judges notice that my tool kit is assembled backward.



I'm about to declare my war on leaks to be over. Another cold start with the repositioned oil filter canister has produced no oil leaks. The cardboard under the car does not have any new coolant leakage and my leaking brake caliper fitting seems to have been fixed with some high-tech pipe thread sealant recommended by Wilwood for this very situation. Since it does seem that I will be able to drive the car within the next few months, I started the registration process. The insurance requirement was easy enough and I just added the car to an existing collector car policy. I learned that you can receive a significant discount if you don't drive the car during the winter months (December through February for the Pittsburgh area). I will not be driving my older Jaguars during those months so I may as well get the discount.

When I purchased the Mk2 in 2018, I received a regular vehicle title from the state. Now that it is time to get the car on the road, I want to rebrand the title as an antique and I want to display my eBay-sourced and period correct 1966 Pennsylvania license plate. I think this looks a lot better than the state-issued antique plates and Pennsylvania has a process that allows you to do that. The PENNDOT web page allows you to enter the digits on the vintage plate and if the sequence is not currently in use, you are free to use the plate. There is an upcharge for the Antique title and for the bring-your-own plate program but in the end you get a cool, old-style plate for the car. Just make sure you understand the PA forms (MV-11 and MV-11V) and be prepared to do battle with the AAA service provider who will initially tell you that "you can't do that". Be persistent. You CAN do that. Anything is better than a purple plate with a picture of a Model T on the back of a classic Jaaaaag.

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Delaware Valley Jaguar Club Jaguar Concours d'Elegance Saturday June 6, 2026



The Delaware Valley Jaguar Club (DVJC) warmly invites members of our neighboring Jaguar clubs to participate in our **JCNA-sanctioned Concours d'Elegance** on **June 6, 2026**.

Held in conjunction with the **annual Cars and Motorcycles of England, Ales and Petals Celebration** and hosted by the **Friends of Hope Lodge**, this event offers something for everyone—including special activities for children. With **over 1,200 spectators** and more than **50 stunning Jaguars** on display, it promises to be a fantastic day for enthusiasts and families alike.

The DVJC has a **limited number of openings** available for visiting entries in **all JCNA-judged and display categories**. Don't miss your chance to compete for **category trophies**, including Champion, Driven, Preservation, Special Divisions, and Longest Distance Traveled.

Full details and **registration**: <https://delvaljaguarclub.com/events/dvjc-concours-delegance-4/>

Special Accommodations:

- Ample space for **trailed Jaguars**
- Arrangements with a **nearby hotel** for overnight guests and tow rigs (space is limited— register early!)
- A great opportunity to judge with a different club to the same JCNA standards. If you would like to participate as a judge and are already JCNA-certified, please contact me before May 6, 2026.

For any additional information, please contact our Concours Chairman Ed Petrow at Concours@delvaljaguarclub.com



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2026 Membership Form

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Occupation:		
Please list Jaguars owned* (not required for membership)		
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*Include additional Jaguars on a separate sheet.

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