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Yes, we have a Facebook page. Look up Illinois Jaguar Club on Facebook and join the group. If you have trouble finding it thru Facebook, you can also get to it by going to our www.ijc.clubexpress.com site and clicking the link there.

Done something interesting with your Jag or taking a drive, post it on Facebook.

Cover Photo

20 years ago the 2006 Spring Drive to Wisconsin.

This photo won a JCNA award for photography, I received a plaque!

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The Official 2026 Club Calendar

Watch www.ijc.clubexpress.com and your emails for updated information on these coming events.

Month / Date / Time	Event	Location / Contact
March 28th: 9:15 am	Belier Museum	Romeoville, Illinois Glenn Barickmann 630-364-8568
April 18th: 8:30 am	JK Restorations & the Old Joliet Prison	Oswego to Joliet, Illinois Glenn Barickmann 630-364-8568
May 29– 31st	Champagne British Car Festival	Champagne, Illinois www.iflbcc.club
June 13th 9 am	Track Day at Blackhawk Farms.	South Beloit, Illinois Glen Barickmann 630-364-8568
July 16-19	International Jaguar Festival	Pittsburg, PA
July 25th	Annual Concours d’ Elegance	St James Farm, Winfield Illinois Rick Gunther
August 22nd	North Shore Architectural Drive	Greg Korak
September 7th	British Car Festival www.britishcarunion.com	Harper College, Palatine
October	Fall Drive	TBA
November		
December	Holiday Party	TBA

Other Events You Might Be Interested In: See www.ijc@clubexpress for more info.

June 13th 9 am: British Car Show/Scottish Games: DuPage County Fairgrounds.

July 12th: Maddogs & Englishman Car Show, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

August : Heartland British Auto fest: LaClaire, Iowa.

Spring Drive Photos from 20 years ago. “Spring Green, WI” 2006



Champagne British Car Festival, May 29th – 31st

This Weekend! Great Weather: Highs in the mid 70's, partly cloudy, no rain expected.

What's happening at the Champagne British Car Festival THIS YEAR?

Welcome Reception & Event Packet Pickup – Friday, May 29, 2026, 5:00 to 8:00 PM – We'll be keeping the popular Friday evening Welcome Reception & Event Packet Pickup sponsored by the Illinois Flat Land British Car Club ([IFLBCC](#)) at The Chateau Hotel and Conference Center. Pre-Registered entrants will have the opportunity to pick up their weekend information packet and stay for our British Pub Mixer. Along with the cash bar, we'll be providing a variety of sandwiches and snacks to enjoy as you renew old friendships and make new ones. We'll have lots of group parking outside the Conference Center where an impromptu car show is sure to develop.

Cars & Coffee at the Davis Lodge, Lake Bloomington – Scavenger Hunt and Boot Sale – Saturday, May 30, 2026 – 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM – The [Davis Lodge](#), will be the hub for all of Saturday's activities until the sit-down banquet at the Chateau Conference Center. [Davis Lodge](#), Davis Lodge Rd., Hudson, IL ([Directions](#))

Our 2026 **Scavenger Hunt** and other Special Activities will take advantage of the area's lake roads, small town sights and area restaurants. Participants will pick up their Route instructions at the **9:45 am Driver's Meeting** ****MUST ATTEND to receive your route instructions.***

The Boot Sale/Swap Meet IS BACK with a twist! Boot Sale items can now be displayed **ALL DAY** at Lake Bloomington's [Davis Lodge](#). The Lodge will accommodate items in both the parking lot and in the Boot Sale room of the lodge.

Got some extra parts? New? Used? Memorabilia? Shop Manuals? Here's your chance to sell or swap them. Tuck them into the boot of your car and bring them along!!

Watch the [What's New?](#) section of the www.IFLBCC.club website for more details.

CBCF Banquet & Silent Auction – Saturday May 30, 2026 – 5:30 PM – Saturday's activities will be capped off with our traditional CBCF Banquet. The sit-down banquet will again be held in the renovated Chateau Hotel and Conference Center's ballroom. We'll have designated parking to display our cars and provide lots of opportunities for mixing with fellow enthusiasts before dinner.

Plan to enjoy a presentation by local Route 66 experts on the cultural and historical importance of this storied highway. From kitschy roadside attractions such as Atlanta's Giants Museum to one of Route 66's finest examples of a 1930's era service station. Central IL offers visitors the very best of America's heartland right here in Illinois.

Our Charity Silent Auction will be BACK for 2026! The CBCF British Car oriented Silent Auction

will also be available throughout the evening.

CBCF Car Show – Sunday May 31, 2026 – 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM – The weekend culminates with the Champagne British Car Show on beautiful Clover Lawn of David Davis Mansion, Bloomington, IL. The David Davis Mansion provides a wonderful backdrop to display over 125 British cars at this popular annual event, organized by members of the [Illinois Flat Land British Car Club](#). The festival includes music, vendors, food and beverage options, tables and chairs to enjoy your meal and drinks.

Track Day at Blackhawk Farms Raceway

Saturday June 13th:

The Chicago Chapter of the Alfa Romeo Owners Club has invited the Jaguar Club to join them for their annual Track Day at Blackhawk Farms Raceway in South Beloit, Illinois.

BFR is a 1.95-mile private circuit on the grounds of a 216-acre farm located on the Wisconsin-Illinois border. Novices and first timers will receive classroom instruction with some in-car instructors available upon request.

Blackhawk Farms has helmets for rent - a balaclava (fire retardant face mask) must be purchased at time of rental.

Registration includes 1.5 hours of total track time in five sessions in one of three groups: Novice, Intermediate, Experienced.

It is a favorite of SCCA, Midwestern Council, CCS, NESBA, VSCA and other local and national racing organizations.

First, go to CAROC.com, the Chicago Alfa Romeo Owners Club website to check out the registration form and process. Click on the “2026 Track Day” short cut for event details, options, pricing, FAQ and more. The CAROC coordinator for the event is Wayne Seeley at vhorizon74@gmail.com. Feel free to contact him for more information and technical advice.

Here is the link to the Blackhawk Farms Raceway website for track days:
<https://blackhawkfarms.com/track-days/automotive-track-days/> .

There's lots more information about

ground rules, tech sheet/inspection, helmets, the classroom training and more. It looks a little overwhelming, but it's not as complicated as it appears.



July 16-18th, International Jaguar Festival

Host Hotel – The DoubleTree Hotel in Cranberry

Thursday, July 16th:

Drive, Rally, and Garden Party

A morning Rally and afternoon lunch are planned with the guidance of John Corey, JCNA Rally Committee Chair. Participants can either join in the time-and-distance rally or drive the same route as an enjoyable tour. A lunch stop (at each person's own expense) will be scheduled halfway. This event will end early enough in the day for attendees who choose to attend the Garden Party at Phipps to have time to clean up and travel to Phipps Conservatory in Schenley Park. \$15 per car, prizes will be awarded.

Friday, July 17th:

Slalom and a Night to Remember...

The International Jaguar Festival Dinner

An IJF slalom is planned to be conducted at the Manheim-Butler Auto Auction, which is only 4 miles from the DoubleTree Hotel where IJF guests are staying.

This event will conclude early enough in the day for participants to clean up and travel to the Pittsburgh Golf Club in Schenley Park for the Friday evening IJF Dinner. \$35 entry per car. Jaguars of all years are eligible. Prizes will be awarded. More details to follow.

Friday evening is one of the crown jewels of the IJF: a Dinner Reception at the historic Pittsburgh Golf Club. Set in an elegant clubhouse, the evening will feature superb cuisine and a keynote address by Ian Callum. Parking will be on the adjacent golf course, which becomes the heart of the PVGP International Car Show the following day.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to hear directly from, and interact personally with, one of the most influential automotive designers of our era in an intimate and refined setting.

Saturday, July 18th:

The Heart of the Festival

Saturday is where everything comes together.

More than 3,000 vehicles will fill the Bob

O'Connor Golf Course for the PVGP International Car Show. Jaguars, as Marque of the Year, will be prominently featured as IJF Concours d'Elegance and Display vehicles. Vintage race cars will thunder past throughout the day as Concours judging takes place, creating an atmosphere unlike any other concours in the world.

The IJF tent will serve as mission control—strategically located, well-appointed, and staffed throughout the day. Registrants may purchase a Saturday food package in advance, providing everything from morning coffee to cold drinks all day, plus breakfast and lunch options. Meals will include freshly grilled chicken and BBQ beef brisket, served on salads or brioche buns, along with appropriate side dishes.

Concours and other Display entrants are encouraged to arrive early—between 7:00 and 8:00 a.m.—to avoid congestion. Trailer parking will be available on a nearby street. Chief Judge Bryan Williams welcomes judges from across JCNA to participate. Due to anticipated demand, concours entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis by class.

Awards will be presented Saturday afternoon at the IJF tent, with Ian Callum personally presenting the trophies.

For those wishing to have a Jaguar autographed by Ian Callum—provided it is one of his designs—bring your preferred marker and plan ahead. Ian will be available throughout much of Saturday when not performing Grand Marshal duties.

Sunday and Beyond

While the IJF officially concludes Saturday afternoon, registered display and concours vehicles are welcome to return to the golf course

on Sunday as vintage racing continues. IJF registrants will receive wristbands granting access both days.

Sunday is an ideal time to explore the paddock areas and start-finish line via PVGP shuttle buses. Food and beverage vendors will be plentiful, and attendees are also welcome to bring their own provisions. JCOP members can provide recommendations for excellent local food options for those visiting from out of town.

For more information and registration details go to:

www.jaguarclubofpittsburgh.org/ijf



July 25th, Illinois Jaguar Clubs Concours

Saturday, July 25, 2026
8:00 am to 3:00 pm

St James Farm
2 S.451 Winfield Rd
Warrenville, IL 60555

The Illinois Jaguar Club is pleased to host our 2026 Concours d'Élegance at this historic Nature Preserve in Warrenville, IL.

We are excited to celebrate the Marque of Jaguar and the enduring enthusiasm of our members once again this year.

Evening Reception & Award
5:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Adelle's Modern Kitchen & Bar
535 W Liberty Dr
Wheaton, IL 60187

Hotel

Hyatt Place Warrenville
27576 Maecliff Drive
Warrenville, IL 60555

Location:

St James Farm & Nature Preserve
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Heartland British Autofest, August 1st

The Quad City British Auto Club is renowned for hosting the premier British car show in the Quad Cities, attracting enthusiasts and spectators alike with its impressive display of iconic British automobiles.

Each year, the event showcases a stunning array of classic British cars, including elegant Jaguars, Land Rovers, MGs, Triumphs, Mini Coopers, among others. The meticulous attention to detail and the passion for British automotive heritage are evident, making it a must-visit event for the family and car enthusiast. More information at:

www.qcbac.com/autofest



Geneva Concours, August 24th

The Geneva Concours Committee is inviting the members of local collector car clubs to take advantage of our special display area reserved for car clubs and their members' collector cars. This reserved display area is located behind the Old Kane County Court House on Third Street and is adjacent to the official Concours site.

Must register at www.genevaconcours.net



Photos from 2017 Concours, Geneva, Illinois.

May 2nd, our drive to Cedarberg, Wi.

Glenn and Jan Barickman put together a very pleasant drive to Cedarburg, WI. The backroads and suburbs with everything in spring bloom were very enjoyable and, although we did shuffle the Jags around a bit, everyone arrived on schedule.



The tour of Cedar Creek Winery was informative and tasty! There is a lot of history in Cedarburg and the winery is in one of the largest textile mills in the midwest. Lunch at the Anvil was very good and I'm sure some Jaguar boots were a little fuller after shopping in town.



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