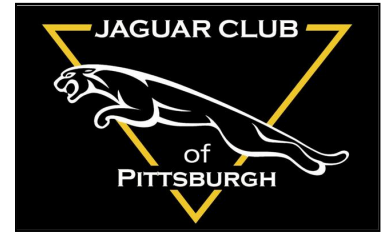


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Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh Tech Session Saturday, April 15, 2023 9:00/9:30 AM to Noon

Location: Gary Kincel's garage building, 101 Park Way, White Oak, PA 15131
Gary's Mobile Tele: 412-638-2715 email: gkincel64@gmail.com

Come one, come all to a great tech session the morning of Saturday, April 15, 2023 at Gary Kincel's garage in White Oak, PA. Mike Zappa will be presenting "Tech Tips" for Jaguars, from vintage vehicles to the most up to date modern Jags. Mike has owned many of all of these.

Mike has put together a multi-page set of notes that he will be using for his presentation as well as handing out a set to everyone in attendance. Therefore please RSVP to Gary Kincel ASAP so he can let Mike know how many people to expect so he can make the necessary amount of handouts. Please also advise Gary as to what model of Jaguar you currently have or would wish Mike (or others) to offer comments upon. Gary will share this information with Mike ahead of the Tech Session. If there is something specific you would like to have discussed, please contact Mike Zappa ahead of time (zappa@bakeryoung.com or M: 412-292-5506) to discuss it with him or let Stu Benson know (stubenson3@gmail.com or M: 412-491-1586). There will be a wealth of knowledge and experience present at the Tech Session to also provide input to supplement Mike's commentary. If you have a vehicle with a specific issue, you could even consider driving it to the Tech Session and if there is sufficient time, perhaps it can be "looked at" but at a minimum there will be multiple people with whom you can talk about your "situation".

Plan on arriving around 9:00 AM if you want donuts and coffee before the formal session gets going sometime after 9:30 AM.

Before we start the "Tech" portion of the day, Gary Kincel will provide updates to everyone about the Coventry Foundation and the British Car Hall of Fame, including the likelihood that by our Tech Session we will be able to view a Mk II that is being donated to the Coventry Foundation and will likely have been transported to Gary's garage for safekeeping and temporary storage.

Following the Tech Session, plans are being explored about a possible short cruise and going to lunch somewhere. Therefore, when you RSVP to Gary Kincel, please also share if you are interested in staying for lunch, the cost of which would be each person's responsibility. There is no charge for attending the Tech Session. A headcount will be necessary in order to make reservations for lunch for our JCOP group.

Please contact Gary Kincel by April 9, 2023 to: (1) advise if you are planning to attend the April 15 Tech Session, and; (2) what Jaguar model(s) you have, and/or any specific subject you would like to have addressed, and; (3) whether you plan to stay for lunch afterwards if the same can be arranged. (Bring a chair if you can.)

The JCOP Lunchbox Third Thursdays

Hosted by Chuck Pipich

April 20, 2023 – 12:30 PM
DeNunzio's Italian Trattoria
2644 Mosside Blvd.
Monroeville, PA 15146

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Call 412-373-7090

Email chuckp212@gmail.com



Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh 2023 Events Calendar



Saturday, April 15	JCOP Tech Session, 9:30 a.m. to noon Gary Kincel's garage, 101 Park Way, White Oak	Gary Kincel 412-638-2715 gkincel64@gmail.com
Thursday, April 20	JCOP Lunchbox, 12:30 p.m. DeNunzio's Italian Trattoria, Monroeville	Chuck Pipich 412-373-7090
Friday, April 21	Second Chance Prom Cruise, Gateway Clipper	Mike Zappa 412-292-5506
Saturday, May 13	Hahn XK-120 Restoration Issues Session	Rich Aronson 412-561-5390
Thursday, May 18	JCOP Lunchbox, 12:30 p.m., BJs Restaurant & Brewhouse	Dave Gamret 734-645-5864
Sunday, May 21	JCOP Picnic North Park, Roosevelt Shelter	Stu Benson 412-491-1586
Sunday, June 18	Mountain Playhouse cruise, lunch, play	Amanda Lawson 412-414-9976
Saturday, June 24	Veterans Car Show, Southwestern Veterans Center, Highland Park	
Saturday, Aug. 12	Sewickley Car Show	Chuck Pipich 412-373-7090
Saturday, Aug. 26	Jaguars at Jacksons	Dave Gamret 734-645-5864
Saturday, Sept. 16	Pittsburgh Concours d'Elegance Fox Chapel Yacht Club	Bryan Williams 412-751-2355

Jaguar Clubs of North America Upcoming Events

May 27, 2023	Susquehanna Valley Jaguar Club's 16th annual Concours d'Elegance, at Sunset Lane Park, York, PA. Contact Dave Hershey, 717-846-0642, ivestrainboy@aol.com.
Aug. 5, 2023	Jaguar Club of Ohio Concours d'Elegance, Ursuline College, Pepper Pike, Ohio. Contact Juan Becerra, 440-320-9873.
October 22-25, 2023	— 2023 JCNA International Jaguar Festival, Santa Barbara, California

Other Events of Interest to JCOP Members

Friday, April 14	Cars & Coffee Breakfast, W PA Triumph Assoc, Dick's Diner, 9 a.m. (see pg. 9)
July 22 and 23	Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix British Car weekend, Schenley Park, pvgp.org

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Spring is here, at least according to the Calendar and Daylight Savings Time now being in effect. And JCOP is springing, if not leaping like our organization's namesake, into a panoply of upcoming events that it is hoped will get all of you coming out and attending.

Your Board of Directors has had meetings in January, February, and March that have helped to get events on our club calendar for enjoyment. As can be seen in this April edition of Jaguar Jargon, we have three calendars: one for JCOP planned events, one for JCNA-sanctioned events, and one for other events of interest to JCOP members. We also have possible events with other club where at present JCOP might be interested by the other club has not yet fully firmed up all the details of their events. In the near future, we hope to include in the calendar events being planned by other car clubs with which we will join, depending on the level of interest of our members. The idea is to provide an expansive "menu" of opportunities for car-themed opportunities but as the discussions evolve, it is becoming more like a "smorgasbord" from which to choose. All JCOP members should be reminded that the next meeting of your Board of Directors will be on Monday, May 15 at 6:00 PM Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery at The Waterfront in Homestead, PA. The Board of Directors has extended an open invitation to all JCOP members to come to the Board of Directors meetings. The company and camaraderie is excellent as are the food and libations, which are reasonably priced. Try us. You can even arrive around 5:30 PM and order food or libations early. We do handle our business in an organized fashion but do so with input from all, recognizing the job is to maintain the great things JCOP has done for many years under many great leaders but also recognizing we can use our experience and legacy to provide satisfying reasons to be a JCOP member and have fun with super people and super vehicles and explore new ideas and opportunities as well.

On March 16 we enjoyed the first of JCOP's new "Lunchbox" Series of "Third Thursdays of the Month" luncheons under the coordination by Dolly Taskey. Those that turned out to Firebird's Wood Fired Grill in Cranberry Township enjoyed a lunch hour-plus of good food in a purely social gathering. Let's see many of you enjoy the upcoming Lunchbox events and feel free to bring your significant other or a friend with you. No set agenda other than enjoying getting together. On April 20, Chuck and Ellen Pipich are hosting the Lunchbox at DeNunzio's in Monroeville and please RSVP to Chuck per the article in this current edition of the Jargon. In May, Dave and Karen Gamret are going to host the Lunchbox on May 18 somewhere south of Pittsburgh where they promise enjoyable food. Come one, come all to two nice restaurants with reasonable luncheon menu pricing.

Mike Zappa's idea of JCOP members going to the Second Chance Prom Night Cruise on the Gateway Clipper has come to fruition with the event coming up on Friday night, April 21. Details have been circulated by email to all members but for new members, or those that missed the earlier advices, in order to obtain tickets – which are going fast and the event is more than ¾ sold out – you can call the Gateway Clipper (412-355-7980) and order tickets over the phone or you can purchase tickets by going on line to gatewayclipper.com, scroll down to featured cruises, look for "Second Chance Prom Cruise" (<https://www.gatewayclipper.com/second-chance-prom/>) and follow the prompts for ordering. You can also obtain information about the cruise, how to dress, what's included, how to order a photograph of you coming onto the cruise, etc. A number of JCOP members and friends are looking forward to attending so if this is of interest, check it out and don't wait since the cruise is filling up quickly. Those coming will look forward to having a fun evening.

- On Friday, March 10, Jack Terrick, Fred Segal, and Peter Hutchinson attended the Western Pennsylvania Triumph Association "Cars and Coffee" breakfast at Dick's Diner on Rt. 22 in Murrysville and, as in February, they enjoyed a wonderful time. Fred Segal is our liaison to WPTA and he will be updating us on the upcoming events of the WPTA that could be of interest to JCOP members.

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I have already interacted personally with the Triumph Club director of activities and cruises and while we have been given an extensive list of the cruises they have planned and who is the organizer for each, the details are not yet firmed up and Fred will be getting us the information – once available - on those final details for those of us that wish to enjoy drives with Triumphs, MGs, TVRs, and other British marques. Fred says the Triumph club driving events have something for everyone, with one group of cars liking to drive quickly and the other group wanting a more leisurely drive, but with both groups ultimately ending at the same place to have “refreshment” for both the driver and vehicle. What Fun!

Your President will be sharing driving events to which we will be welcome to attend with the Steel Town Corvette Club and the Pittsburgh Tri-State Chapter of the National Corvette Restorers Society when they travel to places that are not “Corvette-specific” or they have drives that do not conflict with our already -scheduled JCOP-sanctioned events. For example, on April 15 a Corvette contingent is going to the ACAA Museum in Hershey, PA but that date conflicts with our first Tech Session. And it is still too early in the year for the driving events or activities of the Cadillac/LaSalle Car Club, the Rolls Royce/Bentley Club (Chuck Pipich is our liaison for these two clubs) and the Western PA Chapter of the Ferrari Club of America (for which I am the liaison) with whom we hope to partner but we will report when things are organized. And the West Penn Miata Club has invited us to consider partnering with them one or more times this year on their cruising events. More on that shortly.

JCOP has scheduled two “Tech Sessions” for this spring that we promise will be educational and enjoyable.

The first will be on Saturday, April 15, hosted by Gary Kincel at his garage in White Oak, PA. Please see the details in the article in this edition of Jaguar Jargon. A short cruise and lunch opportunities will follow the morning of Mike Zappa providing a wealth of information to educate us about Jaguars, vintage and modern. Everyone in attendance will take home a sheath of documents with Mike’s information and “tips’. Please RSVP to Gary ASAP since this session is just around the corner and promises to be a Home Run (yes, baseball season has also commenced).

The second will be on Saturday, May 13 at Hahn Auto Restoration in Harmony, PA where we will view two XK 120 vehicles side by side (Ken Como’s is in pieces being restored there and Rich Aronson will bring his XK 120 to be a comparison vehicle. Please see the accompanying article in this Jargon edition and RSVP. A short cruise will follow to the Harmony Inn for lunch.

The JCOP picnic at North Park will be on Sunday, May 21, 2023 at the Roosevelt Shelter where it was held last year. By popular demand, the same arrangements will be made for food and drink that everyone said they enjoyed in 2022. Mark your calendars but also please RSVP sooner rather than later. Mike & Beth Zappa and Stu & Ruth Benson will again be the hosts and making all arrangements. We have assigned “Mr. Weather “ - Dave Gamret – to arrange good weather for enjoyment by all and Dave has promised to get out his “weather hat” to do the job. Details on the picnic are shared in the accompanying article in this Jargon along with the Registration Form(did I mention how much it helps us for you to please try to get it back to me with dispatch, since that helps so much with making the necessary purchases?) and also directions to the Roosevelt Shelter in North Park. For those coming to North Park from the Rt.8 side, Wildwood Road is closed between Rt. 8 and North Park until November for a bridge replacement so please read the Directions enclosed or follow the Detour signs.

June promises to hold at least two sanctioned JCOP events. The Veterans’ Car Show at the Southwestern Veterans Center is going to be held on Saturday, June 24, 2023 and Tom and Lynn Nuhfer are again chairing this event. The veterans want to see a wider range of vehicles than just Jaguars so efforts will be made to recruit other car clubs as well as our members bringing some other cars of interest they

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might own. With regard to our wanting to do a playhouse cruise where we see a play and eat a meal and take a nice cruise to that location, the West Penn Miata Club has advised me that they are going to the Mountain Playhouse in Jennerstown, PA on Sunday, June 18 to see "Life Can Be a Dream Cruise". While that is Father's Day, your Board of Directors nonetheless thought we should explore seeing if JCOP can obtain tickets and join the cruise with the Miata Club to the Playhouse and wherever they are going to eat. Amanda Lawson is in the process of following up to see about such arrangements. Details will be forthcoming.

Now for the "business side" of things. I attended the Jaguar Clubs of North America Annual General Meeting in Burlingame, CA on behalf of JCOP from March 10 through 12, 2023. I actually arrived early in the morning of June 9, since I obtained the only non-stop flight from Pittsburgh to San Francisco and to do so on March 10 would have caused me to miss some scheduled events. I ended up volunteering with the Jaguar Associate Group (the San Francisco Bay Area Jaguar Club that hosted the SGM; they go by the acronym "JAG") to set up and help with any number of "busy-work" arrangements for all those arriving that night or the following day. The members of JAG were just the nicest and most welcoming folks you could ever meet and they certainly welcomed another set of hands, even if they were from some Western PA interloper. I am sure you are aware of the brutal weather out there in the San Francisco Bay area this winter and for the most part it rained, and rained some more, during the AGM. For example, the folks from the Jaguar Club two hours away in Sacramento, CA called on Saturday morning to say they could not be there due to flooding of roads, power outages, and such. One of the JCNA Directors (JCNA Past-President and JAG member), Les Hamilton, had to leave the AGM Hotel on Friday evening to drive back to his home in the Monterey area since they had a long power outage and Mrs. Hamilton was not comfortable trying to figure out how to obtain power with Les' generator. Les missed the AGM presentations he was to make on Saturday but we had his written materials to read and he returned for the Saturday night awards dinner. In any event, you can feel smug (if you wish) that our Pittsburgh winter weather was envied by everyone in the San Francisco Bay Area, if not most of California. With that said, one intrepid member of the San Antonio Jaguar Club drove his Jaguar more than two thousand miles to attend the AGM and he arrived without a problem !

Let me provide a report on the AGM.

It was important for JCOP to have at least one representative present, in person, at the AGM and I respectfully submit this is something that needs to be done indefinitely. There is no other way to both appreciate the "temperature" of what is going on with Jaguar and Jaguar clubs throughout North America as well as be able to provide input to JCNA from those of us at the club level.

With this being my third AGM and now understanding better how things work and what people are responsible for what tasks, I can share with you that I believe JCNA has a Board of Directors of wonderful people who are committed to doing the best they can do not only for JCNA but for all the member clubs. I am impressed with the Officers of JCNA, the Regional Directors for JCNA that I have met or from which I have heard, and those others that serve on Committees for JCNA. I heard from (and met) Jack Humphrey, a really nice (and impressive) fellow who is employed by JCNA and is responsible for a number of matters including IT. Jack presented as being completely devoted to being on call 24/7 for clubs who have questions, needs, or issues involving JCNA for which he may be of assistance. He is working to revamp the JCNA website to make it more modern and user-friendly at the same time.

JCNA dues from clubs are to be paid by February 15 of any given year; recognizing that all clubs may not have had all their members pay their dues to the clubs by then, the protocol is for the clubs to tender their Rosters with dues paid by those members by February 15 and then as additional dues come in, updated Rosters are to be sent by the clubs to JCNA with the additional dues. ***Continued on next page***



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In order for JCOP to provide an accurate Roster to JCNA, we need accurate names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses from you. These days Email addresses have become nearly as important as Social Security Numbers used to be in many regards. In terms of managing information to JCNA and JCOP members, please ensure your updated Contact Information is provided annually to our Treasurer, Cecile Canales, with your dues renewal every year. The Form is included in each edition of Jaguar Jargon and is also on the JCOP website jaguarclubofpittsburgh.org. If anyone needs the password to get into the Members-only section of the website, please call me.

After many years of Mike Meyer being our Regional Director (for the North Central Region of JCNA), Mike decided to stand down and Gary Cunningham from the Detroit, MI area is our new Regional Director along with John Boswell (who is also the President of JCNA and is from Wisconsin). We are at one end of the North Central Region and John Boswell is at the other end. Gary is in the middle. While we will miss Mike Meyer as our Regional Director, who served us so well, we feel confident we will continue to see him at our Concours. So many of the JCOP members consider Mike as a friend. Gary Cunningham is well known by Dave Gamret since they were in the Michigan Club together and during the AGM I spent some time getting to know Gary.

The issue of the financial health of JCNA is always a mainstay of every AGM and the 2023 AGM was no exception. JCNA does a five year financial projection every year. In 2019 the projection showed financial peril unless there was a \$10 per member dues increase, which the Board of Directors then did adopt after hearing from the clubs at the AGM (FYI: JCOP paid the entire dues increase to JCNA but did not impose that full dues increase on each of the JCOP members, instead we have been paying out of the JCOP Treasury for most of it these past years). It was projected that JCNA could not operate a breakeven level or better, let alone return to financial health needed. While the JCNA dues increase did improve the financial health of JCNA (and put them back on a projected target for having a reserve of one year of consolidated operating expenses by later in this decade), while the 2022 balance sheet of JCNA showed the first surplus since 2017, the 2023 financial projections showed that JCNA would be broke by 2028 without something changing. This contrast seemed striking and surprising to those of us receiving the large packet of information from JCNA to review before the AGM. Once at the AGM and hearing candid presentations and some line by line review of the financials we learned there are any number of reasons for this current projection and to the credit of JCNA they did not hide behind any of the reasons. I could take a page or two to itemize all the details but suffice it to say that even the most cold-hard scrutineer of the financials had to concur that "things had changed" in the world since the 2019 financial plan was put into effect. So JCNA either has to increase dues, or increase the number of members paying the current dues, or decrease expenses or do some or all of the above. And do so creatively, if possible..

Perhaps the largest and most obvious place to deal with expenses is the cost of printing and circulating by the USPS a hard copy of the outstanding Jaguar Journal magazine. But this issue is not as simple as it may seem on the surface. Sure, JCNA could (and probably will) go to electronic distribution some time sooner rather than later for Jaguar Journal. Doing so could save up to \$10 of dues per member, per annum. But this is only 1/3 of the cost of Jaguar Journal and the other 2/3 of the cost would still exist even in electronic format. Questions arise in this decision including: (1) will the advertisers still place the same ads if there is only electronic distribution? ; (2) if a small change in paper stock to a lesser paper is made (samples were passed around the room and very few people could tell the difference between the current paper stock and a lesser-cost proposed stock), it could save a not-insignificant amount of cost. Similarly, it is projected the cost of the paper will decrease this year whereas a couple years ago during the pandemic, Jaguar Journal locked in a rate for the current paper cost to be able to guarantee supply but this ended up not being a good deal through hindsight.

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There were many other relevant considerations to this issue and the Board of Directors of JCNA is going to have to make a decision on this entire matter. We will await the report in the next Jaguar Journal regarding the most recent meeting the JCNA Board of Directors had on Sunday, March 12, but my understanding from what I heard on Sunday after the JCNA Board of Directors meet all that morning (my flight home to Pittsburgh did not leave until 11:30 PM Pacific Time on Sunday so I had the whole day to kill after the AGM was over but the JCNA Board still had their meeting Sunday morning) is that the Board is going to see how things go with the costs over the next few months regarding supply issues and inflation and cost of new paper stock for the Jaguar Journal and then make a decision by August regarding any needed dues increase. John Boswell, President of JCNA, openly announced that he does not want to be the first President of JCNA to have dues double in amount during his tenure and he will work to do anything possible to have this not occur but, concomitantly, he would not be acting responsibly if he were to let JCNA not be on a path to be fiscally solvent so ultimately he cannot say a dues increase for 2024 is not possible. I can say I was impressed that the JCNA Board of Directors is going to explore every way to increase revenue and membership and we can be of assistance in that latter regard.

Fred Hammond, the JLRNA (Jaguar Land Rover North America) Liaison to JCNA, is always a pleasure to speak with and hear from. While affiliated with JLR, Fred always “tells it like it is” and he is a real car person, not to mention very knowledgeable. My takeaway from Fred’s presentation and my discussions with him outside the room is that JLR does not currently have a firm plan on how they are going forward. We know that recently their US President was let go. It is now known that JLR was just about ready to pull the wraps off of a brand new XJ model with many people predicting it was a gorgeous luxury automobile. Jaguar then, at the last minute, pulled the plug on the new XJ. Whether it is because so many people are now purchasing SUVs and not cars (except sports cars and Jaguar says they are going to cease producing the internal combustion engine F-Type despite it having been received so spectacularly by the automotive community) or whether due to other reasons, this action of no new XJ is symbolic of the unknown future, and direction, for the Jaguar brand. Jaguar seems to be becoming subservient to Land Rover in the JLR hierarchy and folks fear that if there are few, if any, new Jaguar automobiles being purchased or even being made, the Jaguar SUVs could become a warmed-over version of a Land Rover but with a Jaguar nameplate. Certainly, the consumer has the power of the purse in buying what they want and Jaguar is at risk of becoming second to Land Rover.

So this development also has a connection to JCNA since JCNA has a working group exploring the considerations applicable to whether to allow Land Rover owners to become members of JCNA. A review of corporate governance documents and many considerations are being investigated and a decision to allow Land Rover owners to join JCNA could provide impetus for them to join JCOP. More members so maybe not a bad idea as long as Jaguar remains extant as the organization. Something to ponder but for many of us, it seems “the more, the merrier” as long as we do not give up anything Jaguar.

In terms of Concours and judging rules, these have been contentious topics at AGMs. I have to say, however, that this AGM seemed different. The Judging and Concours Committee folks presented to the clubs in a fashion as though we were all partners and in the swimming pool together, rather than – as seemed to be in the previous two AGMs I attended - the committee people being like lifeguards trying to direct the clubs without doing what the clubs felt was best for all. The attitude of true camaraderie on judging and concours rules at this 2023 AGM really carried over into the many matters on the Agenda for discussion and voting. Yes, there is a new 2023 Chief Judges Rule Book. There is a primer of 143 pages on the JCNA website covering the many changes. There are 2023 Administrative Rule Changes. For example, instead of “Training Sessions” for judges the education will be called ‘Judging School’ and the sessions have to be held more than 30 days before any Concours in which the judge participates.

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There will be no Chief Judge Test In 2023 or 2024 but likely will be one in 2025; again, it is not to “test” the Chief Judge per se but to demonstrate to the Chief Judges what rule changes have been implemented and the “test” is not only open book but next to each question it directs the judge to the place(s) in the rule book where the answers lie. The thought process is this will help Chief Judges outline what to educate their Judges on at Judges School regarding new rules. For the first time the clubs at the AGM did not act as a tsunami in opposing this approach since so many concours results throughout the country were invalidated in the last two years because of stupid errors on very basic matters by Chief Judges. (FYI: JCOP has, in Bryan Williams, a Chief Judge of the highest caliber and he is most respected in JCNA and none of JCOP’s concours reports resulted in any changes or disqualifications at the JCNA level.)

Perhaps most emblematic of the attitude of the Judging and Concours committees were their replies to Bryan Williams’ comments to me in regard to a proposed rule change for Concours, in the Driven Class, requiring all owners to open the bonnets of the cars before any judging so that the judges could determine there was a Jaguar engine powering the vehicle. Bryan felt that requiring this be done, en mass, at the beginning of judging could cause problems such as on a windy day where the wind could blow the bonnet shut and perhaps cause damage or where there were weak bonnet struts where the bonnets could fall abruptly and cause damage. In speaking with the committee members about these concerns before the AGM started (remember, I was on site a day ahead of time when such committee typically arrive to meet as well as a Board of Directors meeting on Friday before, as well as on Sunday after, the AGM concludes on Saturday), to a person all members of the committee felt that Bryan was 100% correct in his concerns but they said that each Chief Judge was to use good judgment and discretion on how to implement the proposed rule change and rules are not to override common sense. When, during the AGM Agenda, the subject of the applicable rule changes arose, the committee heads referenced the conversation I had had with them so every club could hear this, it was emblematic, to me, of a real sense of the JCNA Judging and Concours Committee folks wanting to work with clubs, not necessarily just impose dumb mandates on the clubs. Follow the rules but use good sense in doing so. It was so stated “on the record” at the AGM. Not only the Clubs, but the JCNA Judging and Concours Committee members thanked JCOP for bringing a “common sense” interpretation of implementing rules to the forefront.

In summary, the San Francisco AGM was excellent. The Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh is a member club of the Jaguar Clubs of North America. I believe both organizations are focused and doing the best they can in addressing how to prosper in 2023. If JCNA makes a decision on a dues increase, I suggest let’s not kill the messenger since I am telling you the folks running the show are good and smart and honest and capable people.



Stu Benson, JCOP President and our club’s AGM delegate (3rd from left), with JCNA President John Boswell (2nd from left) and others at the AGM. *Photo credit: Jaguar Associate Group, jags.org, AGM host*

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The Host committee did a great job with arrangements to which they could control for the AGM. It is important JCOP was present in person and I stood and provided comments on any number of matters but where others had already said what I thought, I supported them but did not take unnecessary floor time to just repeat what was already presented. It is strongly recommended that any JCOP President, as well as the 1st and 2nd Vice-Presidents if possible, attend AGMs and use the opportunities to meet and talk with the people involved. With this being my third AGM I now felt fully comfortable and knowledgeable so as to be able to meaningfully participate on your behalf. Having attended two previous AGMs with Dave Gamret during his time as President really helped me represent JCOP with Dave having explained so many things to me at the AGM that I would not have fully understood if I had not been there in person. I hope to be able to commence reprising Dave's role at the next AGM or two.

The 2024 AGM will be in Charlotte, NC from March 14 through 17, 2024. This will make traveling to and from the AGM via car easier than having to fly and the cost structure promises to be more reasonable and affordable than the overall cost to attend the AGM in San Francisco. The Embassy Suite Hotel for the AGM will be across the street from the NASCAR Hall of Fame in downtown Charlotte, where at least one event, if not also a dinner, will be held.

Let's start getting those Jaguars out on the road. In the spring the sound of the "Grrroowwwlllll, Ggrrroowwwlllll" of the engines seems to resonate.

More Upcoming Events for JCOP Members

Reporting in on the Inaugural JCOP Lunchbox

By Dolly Taskey

Well, if lively conversation, laughter, and delicious food are indicators, the Inaugural JCOP Lunchbox was a big success. [Be sure to check out the photos here.](#)

There was a bonus. Karen and Dave Gamret offered to host May's Third Thursday. Thank you, Gamrets. We're on a roll!

Who will be the next volunteer? Hint. Hint. Contact me with details: 724-789-1132, dollytaskey@embarqmail.com

Have Breakfast with the W. PA Triumph Association

The Western Pennsylvania Triumph Association is having their next Cars & Coffee Breakfast at Dick's Diner, Murrysville, on Friday, April 14 @ 9:00 AM and, again, is inviting folks from JCOP to attend. If you'd like to join the group for some good food and conversation, please let Fred Segal know at 412-421-8602 or pittdaddy@aol.com.

The JCOP Lunchbox Third Thursday's

Hosted by Karen & Dave
Gamret

May 18, 2023 – 12:30 PM
BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse
1819 Washington Rd*
Upper St. Clair, PA 15241

(*address is Washington Rd / Rt 19,
but it's really on the ring road of
South Hills Village near Dick's)

RSVP

jaguareclubofpittsburgh.org/calendar

Click "RSVP Here" and sign up

- or -

Call / text 734-645-5864

Email dgamret@comcast.net



Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh Tech Seminar: XK-120 Restoration Panel Fit Challenges and Realities

Saturday, May 13, 2023 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Location: Hahn Restoration, 321 Perry Highway, Harmony PA 16037

Followed by Lunch at the Harmony Inn

RSVP requested by May 1, 2023

By Rich Aronson

The introduction of the XK-120 OTS made quite an immediate stir post-war on both sides of the Atlantic. The exhibition of a largely hand-built example of the first 242 wholly aluminum units at the 1949 Earl's Court Auto Show was displayed as a "halo" car for the XK engine to be fitted to the maker's production luxury Saloon.

But Bill Lyons and his colleagues realized very soon that production of the roadster would be necessary given demand across the world due to the car's exquisite style, mighty performance of that very XK engine mounted on a cut-down Mark V Saloon chassis, and ability to build it to a relatively "reasonable" price compared to other similarly attractive exotic sports cars. March 1950, the XK-120 went into "official" production. Aluminum doors, boot and bonnet remained but other core fender/cowl(s) body panels were switched to steel for unit volume production.

To this day, the original genius behind Jaguar's 120 design, performance and appeal are eternal. The car will always carry its reputation enjoyed from the beginning as a masterful achievement, perhaps the most important post-war sports car ever built.

However, the brilliant engineering behind the 120 doesn't mean its coachwork is particularly easy to restore. Even after "mass" production began in 1950, the combination of limited resources available, the relatively few OTS cars built (approximately 6750 for export) and the complexity of the cars' compound curved panels resulting in much hand-fitting and leading of body parts on the line, make reconstruction, panel fitting and operation (doors, boot and bonnet) extremely difficult to dial-in, whether using original or modern expertly made panels or patch panels.

The Hahn restoration crew, Ken Como and Rich Aronson are presenting their story of body-off frame restorations of their 120s – Ken's in current progress at Hahn's and Rich's completed many years ago and also maintained at Hahn's.

You will be intrigued with the XK's body dimension and shape "irregularity," once panels are removed and stripped leading to the challenges to "re-tailor" adjoining panels to fit together and to operate properly on the car. Rich and Ken have found, ironically, that both cars - an early 1951 and later 1954 steel models - both have ½" variances in their respective cars side-to-side.

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Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh Tech Seminar: XK-120 Restoration Panel Fit Challenges and Realities

Saturday, May 13, 2023 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Location: Hahn Restoration, 321 Perry Highway, Harmony PA 16037

Followed by Lunch at the Harmony Inn

RSVP requested by May 1, 2023

Come witness how these production cars are rebuilt by skilled crafts people much like a custom hand-made vs. off-the-rack suits. What are the implications and resourcefulness needed for a body off frame XK-120 restoration?

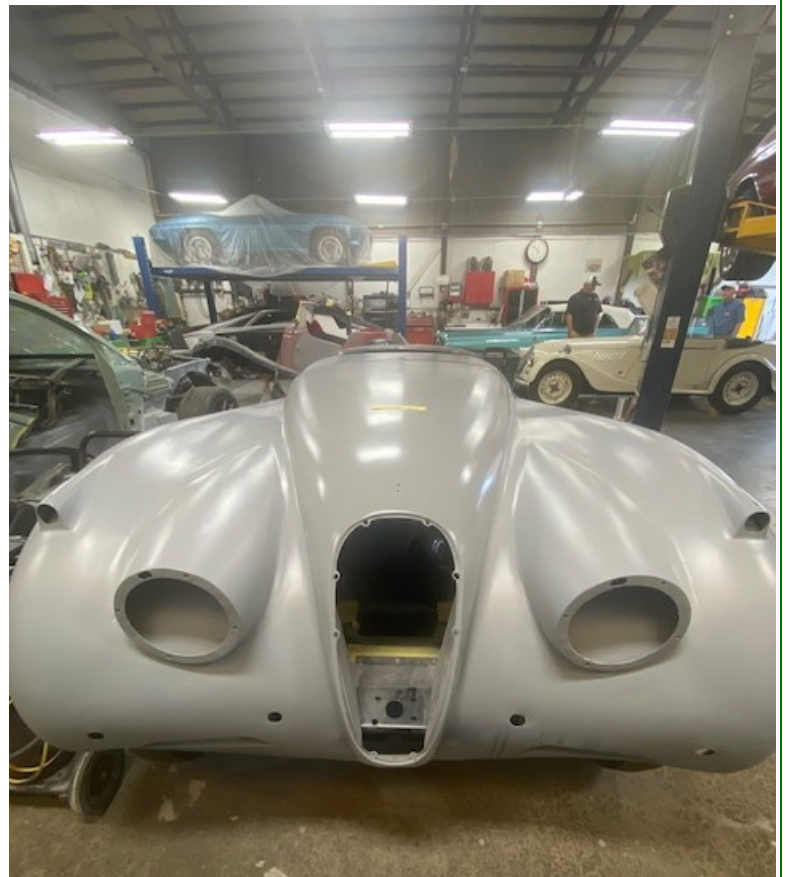
Our session will begin at 10 AM at Hahn's and adjourn in time for lunch at noon at the quaint and comfortable Harmony Inn 230 Mercer Street, Harmony, PA.

Come to Hahn's early at 9:30 (if you wish) and RSVP, either Ken or Rich before May 1 so we can let the Inn know our attendance for lunch. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided at Hahn's and lunch is on our own. **Rich Aronson – 412-551-8319 or Ken Como – 412-849-0719**

BELOW: Rich Aronson's 1951 XK-120 Restoration completed several years ago and maintained at Hahn's. THEN ...



**...AND
NOW**



**ABOVE:
Ken Como's 1951 XK-120 in current progress at Hahn's**

JCOP Picnic Sunday, May 21, 2023 @ 1:00 PM

By Stu Benson

Mike & Beth Zappa and Stu & Ruth Benson are planning another wonderful JCOP picnic for Sunday, May 21, 2023 starting at 1:00 PM. It will be held in North Park at the Roosevelt Shelter, which has been reserved for JCOP. There is excellent parking immediately adjacent to the shelter where our members can display their vehicles and everyone can convene. Real “running water” rest rooms are also adjacent to the parking area and this is the same location of the picnic from last year that everyone enjoyed so much. While the Board of Directors still needs to approve the proposed food and budget arrangements, it is promised the “picnic-type” food will be excellent and the charge to each member is most reasonable. The Club is helping to subsidize the cost such that any attendee will certainly get broad range of excellent food from which to choose that one could not even make yourself for what anyone would pay.

In order to best determine the budget and cost, you are being asked to RSVP to Stu Benson as soon as you reasonably can do so regarding your intentions. Stu and Mike need to know by the end of April or the first week of May how many people are coming in order to best have sufficient food and drink on hand. While the technical last date of registration is for Stu to have your picnic registration form in hand, with payment, by Monday, May 15, 2023 **it would be appreciated if everyone could respond sufficiently earlier.** Feel free to bring or invite guests. You are invited to bring anything of interest to show or discuss in addition to your Jaguar. For example, collector nonpareil Fred Segal may bring one or more of his model planes (although they cannot be flown in the hilly, wooded area of the picnic) or one or more of his antique clocks or something else from his diverse collections that would be of interest for others to see.

While Mike & Stu, Beth & Ruth promise excellent food similar in nature to that served last year, they have put JCOP Immediate Past-President Dave Gamret in charge of the weather and President Dave promises a nice day all around. Pre-payment will be necessary by mailing it to Stu Benson. The cost is only \$15 per adult with children under 12 year of age being able to attend for no charge. If someone has dietary restrictions, feel free to share them with Stu ASAP.

Members are being asked to bring a dessert if they can; please mark your name on the dessert so everyone knows who brought it. Last year there were some really tasty desserts and folks wanted to ask for the recipes but did not know who to ask.

Anyone who has ever been around the Zappas and Bensons know they love to eat - and eat well –and have a good time so everyone can rest assured they will not be disappointed with the picnic food being served and the camaraderie. A beautiful location, great parking, excellent food, wonderful company, Jaguars (or other marques as well), the end of May: what could be better? Your JCOP Board of Directors has agreed to underwrite a not-insubstantial cost of the picnic so even with inflation affecting food prices so much over the past two years, the price of only \$15 per adult is very reasonable for what will be able to be enjoyed. This year take-home containers will be available so folks can take home leftovers at the end of the picnic if they so desire.

So rev up those appetites and get your Registration form and payment to Stu Benson ASAP! Don't put doing this aside, in a pile to get to later, but do it now while your taste buds are salivating. You will be happy you did so.

Stu Benson (stubenson3@gmail.com or 412-491-1586) 2116 Grandeur Drive, Gibsonia, PA 15044
Mike Zappa (zappa@bakeryoung.com or 412-292-5506)

JCOP Sunday, May 21, 2023 PICNIC RESERVATION FORM

Location/Time: Roosevelt Shelter on Walter Road in North Park at 1:00 PM

Member's Name: _____

Phone: _____

Partner's/Guest Name(s), include ages of children:

Email Address: _____

Will you be bringing a dessert to share? If so, what will it be?

(Please put your name on the dessert so everyone knows its origin!)

Cost = \$15 per Adult, Children 12 and under no charge

of Adults @ \$15 each: (how many) _____

of Children 12 & under (how many) _____

Total \$\$ _____

Please return this completed form (by US Mail or by email) and send your check payable to JCOP via the US Postal Service so it is received by Stu by Monday, May 15, 2023 to:

Stu Benson, 2116 Grandeur Drive, Gibsonia, PA 15044-7498.

If you have any questions or the deadline is tight contact Stu at 412-491-1586 or stubenson3@gmail.com or Mike Zappa at 412-292-5506 or zappa@bakeryoung.com

We are looking forward to seeing you there! This promises to be a most enjoyable event with excellent food. We have arranged for magician Luke Robertson to be with us once again. Please bring a Jaguar if you can. The Parking site is excellent. Restrooms with running water are on site by the parking lot adjacent to the shelter.

DIRECTIONS TO JCOP MAY 21, 2023 PICNIC
@ ROOSEVELT SHELTER IN NORTH PARK

Roosevelt Shelter is located on Walter Road in North Park. While there are many ways to get there (one can use MapQuest or some other GPS navigation tool [although last year a couple folks said their GPS directions were awful] or access the North Park map on the Allegheny County Parks website), some suggested Directions are provided for convenience below but in all instances the Speed Limit in North Park is 25 mph unless marked lower and it is strongly recommended your obey the posted limit:

If you are coming from the North

If you are coming south down Rt. 8, please know that Wildwood Road has a bridge closed until at least November, 2023 so one cannot go directly on Wildwood Road into North Park. The official detour is that if you are coming south on Rt. 8 you want to turn to go West on Rt. 910 (that corner has the Gibsonia Post Office and a Giant Eagle. Go west for some miles until you come to Hardt Road (where there is a gas station and stop light) and turn left. Go south on Hardt Road until it ends at Wildwood Road. Turn right onto Wildwood Road and keep going straight into North Park where the name of the road changes to E. Ingomar Road right after an Exxon Gas Station on your right. Go straight past the stoplight at Babcock Boulevard (where the Lake will come into view). Proceed to the next stoplight and turn RIGHT onto Kummer Road. After only a few yards, take the first RIGHT Turn onto Lake Shore Drive. The road splits almost immediately and you will bear LEFT onto Walter Road. Go past the first few buildings and up a hill and when you come to what appears to be an old church on your left, Roosevelt Shelter will appear on your right. Pull into the parking area and park on the side of the lot by Roosevelt Shelter but not right next to it since we will want some open space to get in and out of the lot and for deliveries of food, etc.

If you are coming south down Rt. 19/McKnight Road, stay on McKnight Road where Rt. 19 splits off and you will immediately come to the Pine Creek Shopping Center on your right (where there is a Target Store and Giant Eagle). Go straight past the first light where there is a Walgreen's but get in the left lane and then the left turning lane for the next stoplight across from where there was a PNC Bank branch and there is the Giant Eagle and a KFC franchise. Turn LEFT onto Blazier Drive and follow that until it "T's" out at E. Ingomar Road. Turn LEFT onto E. Ingomar Road. Go until the stoplight at Kummer Road. Turn LEFT onto Kummer Road. After only a few yards, take the first RIGHT Turn onto Lake Shore Drive. The road splits almost immediately and you will bear LEFT onto Walter Road. Go past the first few buildings and up a hill and when you come to what appears to be an old church on your left, Roosevelt Shelter will appear on your right. Pull into the parking area and park on the side of the lot by Roosevelt Shelter but not right next to it since we will want some open space to get in and out of the lot and for deliveries of food, etc.

DIRECTIONS TO JCOP MAY 21, 2023 PICNIC
@ ROOSEVELT SHELTER IN NORTH PARK (Continued)

If you are coming from the South or East, get to either Rt. 8 or Rt19/McKnight Road.

If you are coming North on Rt. 8, go north *past* Wildwood Road (where there is a BP Gas Station and McDonalds on your right at the intersection). Keep going North until you come to Rt. 910, which is the official Detour for the Wildwood Road bridge closure. Turn LEFT onto Rt. 910 (you will also see the orange Detour Sign with directions). Go west for some miles until you come to Hardt Road (where there is a gas station and stop light) and turn left. Go south on Hardt Road until it ends at Wildwood Road. Turn right onto Wildwood Road and keep going into North Park where the name of the road changes to E. Ingomar Road right after an Exxon Gas Station on your right. Go straight past the stoplight at Babcock Boulevard (where the Lake will come into view). Proceed to the next stoplight and turn RIGHT onto Kummer Road. After only a few yards, take the first RIGHT Turn onto Lake Shore Drive. The road splits almost immediately and you will bear LEFT onto Walter Road. Go past the first few buildings and up a hill and when you come to what appears to be an old church on your left, Roosevelt Shelter will appear on your right. Pull into the parking area and park on the side of the lot by Roosevelt Shelter but not right next to it since we will want some open space to get in and out of the lot and for deliveries of food, etc.

If you are coming North on McKnight Road, go past all the shopping centers and such. When you pass the McCandless Crossings Shopping area, go straight past the stoplight at Cumberland Road. You will then come to one more stoplight and go straight past that and get in the right lane. In about a quarter mile or so, you will see a sign that says to bear right to Hampton Township. Take that ramp to the right and it will bring you onto E. Ingomar Road. Go to the second stoplight and that will be at the intersection of Kummer Road. Turn LEFT onto Kummer Road. After only a few yards, take the first RIGHT Turn onto Lake Shore Drive. The road splits almost immediately and you will bear LEFT onto Walter Road. Go past the first few buildings and up a hill and when you come to what appears to be an old church on your left, Roosevelt Shelter will appear on your right. Pull into the parking area and park on the side of the lot by Roosevelt Shelter but not right next to it since we will want some open space to get in and out of the lot and for deliveries of food, etc.

If you are coming from the West or any other area not specifically noted above, either check a map to see how to get to one of the above locations and then proceed per the directions or call Stu Benson ahead of time and he can tell you how to best get to the picnic location. For example, if one is North I-79, there is a right lane of the exit so as to then turn right onto Rt. 910 and immediately take the first RIGHT turn onto Brandt School Road. Follow this road until you turn left onto Pine Creek Road and take that until you get to the Pine Creek Shopping Center where you will turn left at a stop sign and immediately turn right onto McKnight Road. From there, follow the directions above “If you are coming south down Rt. 19/ McKnight Road”.

Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh Membership Matters



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Check Out JCOP's Facebook Page

JCOP member Ken Como invites fellow club members to join the JCOP Facebook page, designed for members to post favorite car photos and provide info of upcoming events and club news.

Join by searching for “Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh” on Facebook or by clicking on the QR Code at right. Thanks to Ken for creating the page and maintaining it for our members.
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2023 Membership Application / Renewal

Annual dues include membership in the Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh as well as in Jaguar Clubs of North America, the national organization. Membership is based on a calendar year.

- The JCOP newsletter, *Jaguar Jargon*, is emailed to members each month.
- The JCNA magazine, *Jaguar Journal*, is mailed to members bi-monthly.

New Membership Application

Current Membership Renewal – JCNA # ____ _

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Please list Jaguars owned (not required for membership)

Year	Model	Body Style (OTS, FHC, DHC, Saloon, Coupe, Convertible)

2023 JCOP / JCNA dues – \$50.00

Make check payable to **Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh** & mail with application to:

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If you have any questions, please contact Cecile:
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UPCOMING JCOP BOARD MEETING ... YOU'RE INVITED!

JCOP Board of Directors will hold a meeting on Monday, May 15 at 6 p.m. at Rock Bottom Restaurant and Brewery at The Waterfront, Homestead. JCOP members are welcome to attend Board meetings and see the Board at work conducting business matters and planning upcoming events.

Meetings start promptly at 6 p.m. in the restaurant's back room. JCOP members can arrive at 5:30 p.m. and order food and beverages off the restaurant menu, to be paid for individually.

Next Event:

See Page 2 for a Calendar of Upcoming Events



JCOP President Stu Benson represented our club at the 2023 JCNA Annual General Meeting (AGM) in San Francisco. Read his report in his "President's Perspective" column in this issue.

A poster for the Jaguar Club of North America, Inc. Annual General Meeting. The poster features a large red Jaguar car in the foreground, with a green silhouette of the Golden Gate Bridge in the background. The text on the poster includes: "ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING", "MARCH 2023 • SAN FRANCISCO", "SPONSORED BY MOTORCARS INCORPORATED S-N-G BARRATT GROUP", and a list of cars for sale with their VINs: 1966 51 OTS ROADSTER 1E11980, 1967 51 OTS ROADSTER 1E15444, 1963 51 FHC 885985, 1971 CUSTOM COUPE 1570669, 1968 51 OTS ROADSTER 1E16138, 1967 51 OTS ROADSTER 1E13831, 1974 S3 OTS ROADSTER UE1524753, 1968 FHC, WIDE BODY 1E35219, 1962 51 OTS ROADSTER 876642, 1971 S3 2+2 COUPE 1570056BW, and 1972 S3 2+2 COUPE 1570230. A QR code is also present at the bottom left of the poster.

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