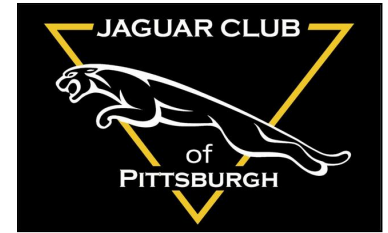


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Outgoing JCOP President Cecile Canales, at left with husband Carl, with club members at our Holiday Brunch at Grand Concourse restaurant, Station Square.

Members Toast the Holidays at Annual Brunch

At the last event on the JCOP calendar on December 2, Bryan Williams presented Cecile Canales with an engraved glass clock on behalf of the members of the Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh for her guidance and service to the club as President for the past two years. Thanks to Chuck Pipich for organizing the brunch, providing a perfect start to the holiday season.



JCOP to Uncork New Year with New Leadership

JCOP's 2019 officers and board members will meet in January to work on the club calendar of events and activities for the coming year.

Leaders include:

- President** R. Pete Galinowski
- First Vice President** Dave Gamret
- Second Vice President** Dolly Taskey
- Treasurer** Jack Terrick
- Secretary** Don Johnson

- Voting Directors:** Rich Aronson, Bill Cooper, Scott Drab, Jack Mancuso, Dave Murray, Bryan Williams
- Non Voting Directors:** Linda Drago, Dan Herrmann, Chuck Pipich, Keith Wiggins

Your ideas are most welcome!

Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh 2019 Events Calendar



JCOP Events

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>
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(A tentative schedule of events will be posted here in the February issue of the Jargon.)

Events that may be of interest to JCOP Members:

March 22-23 - JCNA Annual General Meeting, Mahwah, NJ	See jcna.com for details
May 25 - Susquehanna Valley Concours d'Elegance	Contact David Hershey 717-846-0642
June 1 - Delaware Valley Jaguar Club Concours d'Elegance	Contact Jim Sjoreen 610-989-3860
August 3 - Jaguar Club of Ohio Concours	Contact Dominic Perri 216-644-7066

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My First Jaguar by Henry Ver Valen

(Last of a series)



My new 1954 Jaguar XK 120 M OTS was a wonderful experience to drive. Generally, people had never seen such a gleaming jewel of an engine like the twin-cam Jaguar six, let alone a car with that form and style. There was nothing like a Jaguar sports car! People loved seeing and talking about it.

My three year tour of duty with the Navy was completed and I had a great engineering job in Baltimore. I met some other sports car enthusiasts, joined the local "Motor Sports Car Club of America", learned about and participated in local car rallies, gymkhanas, tours, etc. There seemed to be some kind of local sports car event every weekend. I was advised and decided that my Jaguar and I needed seat belts. I had no tools, so I left my Jaguar with a new set of seat belts at an automobile mechanics shop near where I worked and asked them to install the seat belts that day while I was working. After work, I walked to the shop to pick up my now "safe" car and found that the belts had been sturdily installed with a very professional appearance. BUT, as I drove away, I checked the odometer to find that it required 50 miles of "testing" to install the seat belts!! At that moment, I decided that I had better learn to do this Jaguar work myself.

I had started to purchase some Craftsman tools which was fortunate because I noticed an occasional stumbling of the engine, traced finally to a strange looking electric fuel pump which did not always pump. After several occasions at pounding on the pump to get it "clicking" again (in order to continue driving), I decided that it had to be repaired. Shall I try it? Yes! I had purchased a small, general book "Tuning for Speed and Economy" by Philip H. Smith, about typical English engine-related equipment which could be adjusted/repared by the home mechanic. Sections included valve adjusting, spark plugs, ignition equipment, SU carburetors, fuel supply (SU electric fuel pumps) and so on. Shall I try it? Why not! So, I purchased the required parts (electric flip-over contacts and a diaphragm). I was at the beginning of the learning curve so it was a mess. Just stopping the siphoned fuel pouring out was a panic! I followed the general instructions, reinstalled mouthful of fuel to get the pump primed, etc, and it worked! I was hooked. I began to learn that there were things that I could do and things that I could not do with my Jaguar, it I could learn!

My new skills got to the point that I had confidence in my mechanical abilities and some knowledge of how the internal combustion engine works. So when a consistent "miss" developed in the running engine, my mechanic friend who had a "compression gauge" determined that the fault was a leaking and/or valve seat. The top (head) of the engine had to be removed for access to the repair. At the time if you brought an assembled head to a Jaguar repair facility, they would replace valves, reseal and assemble the head with the cams installed, proper cam-to-valve clearances, ready for reassembly for about \$100 in 1957, up to \$200 in 1961. I reinstalled the hood and while I was very worried about getting the cams with their driving chains timed right, I managed to complete the reassembly! I even used many tools from the tool kit supplied with the car!

I had a very warm feeling when the Jaguar started running again and purred so smoothly. I repeated this work many times over the years so that it became a routine exercise.

In general, the XK 120 purchased in M was very reliable (it always got me home). I liked the running gear forgings, the rugged, innovative suspension, the heavy boxed frames and plenty of power. It would take the road rally abuses, gymkhana torture, fender benders and camping trips always in stride. The engine would always start (sluggishly) on cold winter mornings to get me to my workplace. It was a winner.

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My First Jaguar by Henry Ver Valen

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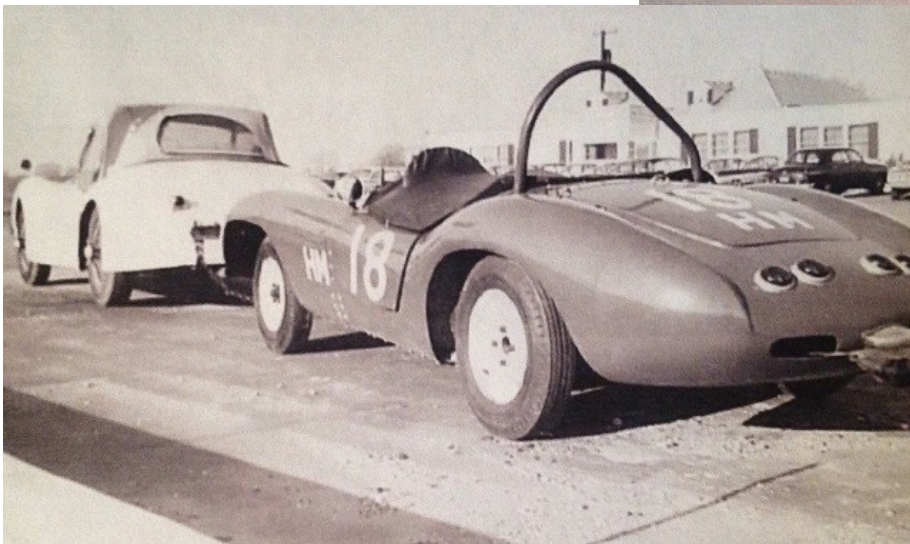


I enjoyed Jaguars over the next 50+ years, with purchases of used Jaguars: a 1962 XK 150S in 1962; a 1957 XK 140MC in 1972; a 1953 XK120MFHC in 1973 and a 1967 E-Type FHC in 1977. I restored and maintained them all. The only work that I didn't do was wheel alignment and body painting.

I thought that I would sneak in a note regarding the frequent ribbing we got about "those unreliable Jaguars". I believe that our main problem was that we could not get "original replacements". Jaguar had no spares. All parts were used to build new cars. All we could get were high-priced, lousy, after-market parts.

Also regarding "unreliable" Lucas equipment. During various restorations I have determined that many Jaguar electrical problems were the result of poor or no proper "ground" connections. A tip on replacement or new installation of all electrical components, make sure that both the "ground" connector lugs and "ground" surfaces are clean to bright metal and that they are heavily coated with silicone/dielectric grease on assembly.

Henry Ver Valen 2018



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MEMBER NEWS

Membership Matters

By Jack Terrick
JCOP Treasurer

Happy New Year to all! Hope you had a great holiday season and have wonderful adventures planned for 2019.

A shout out to our newest member, John Parker from Venetia, PA, the proud owner of a 2014 F-Type Convertible. Welcome, John!

To date, the following members are paid through 2019:

Bailey, Barran, Cooper, Creese, Daniele, Davis, Drab, Felts, Fike, Geary, Gelfand, Gestler (Dave), Giordano, Glick, Grant, Johnson, Mancuso, Meyers, Parker, Pipich, Putzier, Robbbaro, Rubin, Sanfilippo, Segal (Fred), Sopiak X 2, Steinberg, Terrick, Trebel, VerValen, Walton, Whitfield, Wiggins, and Yonker.

Thank you all for sending in your dues early.

We need to submit our club roster to the JCNA in early February, so if your name is not on the list please send your dues payment in by the end of January. If you have any questions please contact Jack Terrick at jht66e@comcast.net.

Also, a JCOP membership directory is available in PDF format.

Just email Jack at jht66e@comcast.net to request your copy.

Member submissions are welcome on this page - Share your news items, opinions, details of a favorite road trip and photos.

Send to allwrite2@aol.com .

Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh / Jaguar Clubs of North America



2019 Renewal / New Member Application



Membership in the Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh includes membership in the national organization, Jaguar Clubs of North America.

NOTE: The JCOP newsletter, *Jaguar Jargon*, is sent to members via email in PDF format. If you do not have access to email, please indicate below in the space provided and we will make other arrangements to accommodate you.

The JCNA magazine, *Jaguar Journal*, is mailed on a bi-monthly basis.

2019 JCOP/JCNA dues: \$45.00

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Please list any Jaguars currently owned (not required for membership)

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JCOP Fun Times in 2018



Spoonwood Brewing Co — March 22



The Sewickley Show — August 11



Spring Tech Session — April 28



Jaguars at Jacksons — August 25



US Steel Plaza Display — June 5



Hartwood — Sept. 23



Pittsburgh Concours — Sept. 29



Jennerstown Lunch, Theater — June 24



Fall Leaf Tour — October 20

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Happy New Year!



It's time for renewals!
Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh 2019 dues
are now being accepted.

See pages 7-8 for details.

