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Welcome to 2025! A great year for ...



The return of British Cars at Hartwood



The annual Sewickley Show

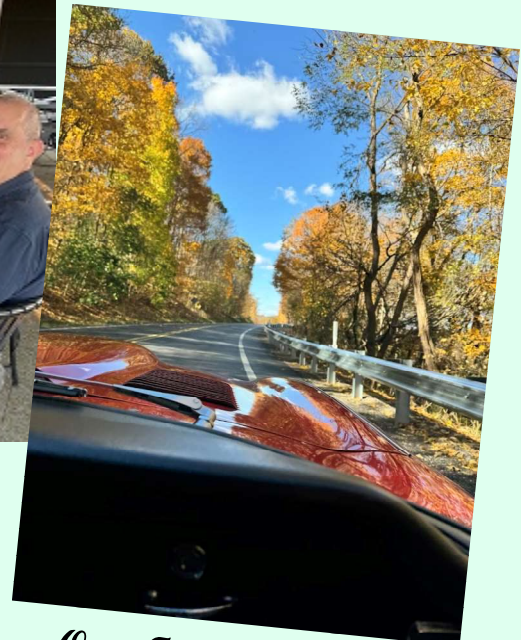


Our Picnic at North Park



Jaguars at Jacksons

*And Lots More Events!
Hope to See You
in 2025!*



Our Fall Leaf Tour

Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh 2025 Events Calendar



- May 18 JCOP Picnic at Roosevelt Shelter at North Park
(Hosted by Stu Benson and Mike Zappa)
- August 23 Jaguars at Jackson's
(Hosted by Dave and Karen Gamret)

Jaguar Clubs of North America Upcoming Events

April 24-27, 2025 JCNA Annual General Meeting (AGM)
King of Prussia, PA, Hosted by the Delaware Valley Jaguar Club

The Delaware Valley Jaguar Club invites JCNA members to participate in the 2025 JCNA Annual General Meeting, scheduled from April 24 through 27, 2025 at the Sheraton Valley Forge, 480 N. Gulph Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406.

This location is approximately 50 minutes from the Philadelphia International Airport. It is close to the Valley Forge National Historic Park, the King of Prussia Mall, and the Valley Forge Casino.

The leadership team of the Delaware Valley Jaguar Club and the administration of JCNA are working to make this an enjoyable experience. The event chairman is Bill Beible (president@delvaljaguarclub.com or 610-223-1051).



Save the date to attend this Annual General Meeting and share your time and experiences with fellow Jaguar enthusiasts.

For more information: www.jcna.com/events/2025-jcna-annual-general-meeting

May 24, 2025: Susquehanna Valley Jaguar Club will hold its 18th annual JCNA sanctioned Concours d'Elegance on Saturday, May 24, 2025, at Sunset Lane Park, York, Pennsylvania. Trophies awarded in Champion, Driven and Special classes. Trailer parking available. A caterer available, along with a pavilion and picnic tables for lunch. Contact: Dave Hershey, 717-846-0642, email: ivestrainboy@aol.com

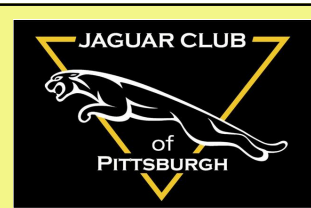
Other Events of Interest to JCOP Members

July 6-20, 2025 Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix
Website: www.pvgp.org



Double Clutching and Rev Matching **President's Perspective**

Rich Aronson



January 2025

Happy 2025

Greetings and Happy New Year, dear members from me as your new president and our 2025 Board of Directors!

Our best wishes for a healthy and happy year filled with enjoyment and camaraderie with your families, among each of us in JCOP at the various events we are planning for 2025 and with your vintage Jaguars – in project or already assembled and show/road worthy.

We hope that we can continue to help each other keep our cats purring and stirring – there is nothing like the thrill of their magic, sound of their athletic engines, baritone exhaust tones (except for the swishing I-PACE EV), beauty in motion and excitement even in static display! Admit it - it's always worth strolling down to your garage even during winter storage to remove car covers just to look at their sheer beauty, no matter the model/vintage.

Amazing 2025 Events Set and in Planning

And we have just the opportunities to take advantage of - for those interested in diverse events covering social, driving, show and technical themes to interest everyone. Simply keep track of the events section of the *Jargon* and our on-line club site jaguarclubofpittsburgh.org as the year progresses and announcements are published.

Teaser: Already, we have definitive dates for several 2025 events locked in such as the ever-popular **JCOP Picnic at Roosevelt Shelter** at North Park (Hosted by Stu Benson and Mike Zappa May 18), the **Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix** with events to be announced soon for early in July culminating with the International Car Show – with British Car Day simultaneously held July 19; vintage racing July 20, **Jaguars at Jackson's** (Hosted by Dave and Karen Gamret August 23), after many years absence the famous display of **British Cars at Hartwood Acres** organized by our club (Coordinated by Jack Terrick, Stu Benson and Mike Zappa September 28.

We're particularly proud of the dedicated efforts of past president Stu Benson, now our new Treasurer. Stu worked hard to resurrect Hartwood and will continue to iron out details with JCOP colleagues and county officials in 2025 for this grand event so stay tuned.

We will continue to keep you informed as many events are suggested and approved by the Board as we move through the year with monthly *Jargon* updates.

We are working successfully to plan our exciting multi-marque annual Sewickley Show (Chuck Pipich) in August as well as our well-planned JCNA-sanctioned official judging Concours (Chief Judge Bryan Williams) in September. Dates will be announced soon.

We would be pleased to hear from you, our members, as to what you'd like to see, assist with or sponsor in the way of events so you may contact me or any Board member to discuss or suggest same.

Changes for Jaguar Cars

You are likely hearing about Jaguar Cars' plans to begin their conversion from internal combustion powered cars to EVs for 2025 and beyond. Our two dealer sponsors, Jaguar Monroeville and Rahal Jaguar South along with the motoring press are keeping us informed of the fascinating specifics of two new luxury sport EVs scheduled for 2025/2026 roll-out, the swoopy and elegant GT sedan and avant-garde 00 Sport Coupe. After over \$1 billion dollars in development investment, these initial offerings have been pictured in leading enthusiast magazines and blogs with highly individualized styling, sophisticated battery technology and terrific performance, handling and operating range. Our dealerships are excited about what they've heard and so are we – please stay tuned!

For those of you who I have not met, I look forward to doing so sometime this year at one of our events. I've been a member of JCOP since 1986 when I acquired my 1951 XK-120 OTS from California.

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I've enjoyed and greatly appreciated all the assistance I've received from expert fellow-members all these years. The title I selected for this column represents how that historic XK-120 "feels best" communicating to me behind the wheel given its partly non-synchro "Moss box" moving between third and second gears in particular and first to second.

I had plenty of guidance through a serious five-year body-off-frame resto in the eighties/nineties followed by preservation and high-level maintenance for the past 38 years leading to wonderful decades long concours experiences/awards as well as selective driving.

In November, I picked up a lovely new 2024 XF, one of the very last of Jaguar's IC combustion engine cars and am looking forward to nice weather to cruise it to some club events.

Thanks to our Past Presidents – Stu Benson and Dave Gamret

Thank-you Stu! Thank-you Dave! Both of you have been awesome friends and with generous coaching as our two most recent past presidents helping me with encouraging tips and material for the transition. It's been a while for me. My last term as JCOP President was the 2000-2001 two-year term!

By popular demand, we're printing my poetic tribute to our able, hard-working and highly skilled outgoing immediate past president, Stu Benson, that was delivered to him at our elegant, lovely Holiday Party hosted at the Edgeworth Club by Linda and Ken Como entitled "The Art of Stu," on the next page.

See you next month and once again, Happy New Year!



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Newly elected JCOP President Rich Aronson paid tribute to outgoing President Stu Benson with this creative poem which he composed and read at the club's annual holiday party.

The "Art" of "Stu" (Stuart)

A powerhouse of talent, that's our President Stu
 Massive preparation and judgment, informs what to
 do

Great presence with people, not limited to club
 Almost indispensable, cannot easily sub

Does homework a plenty and communicates well
 Writes much in our Jargon, in JCOP events he's
 happy to dwell

Strong outreach to members and communities - to
 tell

Our club story – he's ringing our bell

Persistent and firm, helps bring back events almost
 lost

Sewickley and Hartwood, at reasonable cost
 Has kept our club vital, adds much with no loss
 Stu's caring and "right there" - an outstanding boss

A Board that's assembled creative and good
 That shares Stu's grand mission – steps up as we should
 No wonder his shoes are so large to be filled
 At least our next Treasurer – it's Stu and we're thrilled

So let's give our guy, a leader real strong
 A round of applause – Stu, we're glad you're still along!

R Aronson 12/7/2024



Photo by Ken Como

Jaguar Mk2 restoration – Part 13

By Craig Gestler

I had several days off between Christmas and New Years, the weather was unseasonably nice, and I made the best of it. I got more done than I had expected, mostly by rationalizing that it was only going to get colder and the kitchen refresh project would be best done when it is really cold outside. My biggest concern from the last update turned out to be a trivial matter. The hood latch lever can be easily released by poking a big screwdriver through the openings in the grill and pushing it at the same time as the bonnet is lightly bounced. It took all of two minutes. What didn't take two minutes was getting the cable back into the clamp. As with many other things, connecting the cable was a lot easier with things like an engine, radiator and grill not in the way. Fortunately, I was able to reach up from the bottom to make the repair. A third arm, about four feet long and two inches in diameter would have helped but I got by with what I have. The set screw holding the cable is now good and tight.

As mentioned last month, any further progress on the brakes and suspension was being delayed by a lack of tires. After much research, I decided on Vredestein Sprint Classics. They have the look of a period-correct tire but with a modern construction and rubber compound. They are also merely expensive as compared to the period Michelin XWX or Dunlop Sport tires, which are ridiculously expensive. *(See photo at right)*

My new wire wheels, which have been in the basement for a few years, are slightly wider than stock at six inches versus 5.5 inches. This allows a slightly wider 205 width tire, which gives the car a slightly more aggressive look. The wider wheel and tire would not fit on the rear if I did not opt to replace the factory "spats" with the lower profile "Coombs" style spats. As with the wider tires, the Coombs spats give the car a racier, more aggressive look which I really like. It is a pretty common conversion with Mk2 Jags as the original spats don't appeal to everyone.

The tires were ordered from Tire Rack and shipped to Foreign Traffic which is one of the few places that can still mound and balance a tire on a spline drive wire wheel. Once home, I was able to start the process of swapping out the bolt-on wheel hubs for the spline drive wheel hubs.



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Jaguar Mk2 restoration – Part 13 (continued)

By Craig Gestler

The rear hubs, which had been previously removed via a task that nearly brought me to tears, came off easily. The brake caliper must come back off to clear the brake rotor attached to the hub. Once the new hubs were in place, the final brake plumbing could be completed.

The front hubs are very easy to replace. As with the rears, the brake calipers need to be removed to clear the brake rotors, and then replaced.



Many articles ago I mentioned that I am replacing the front, stock brakes with aftermarket Willwood brakes. This, too, is a common conversion and provides improved stopping power. As with any aftermarket “upgrade” things did not fit perfectly and some modifications were necessary. One thing I really did not like was that the rigid feed pipe into the caliper is not supported where it connects to the flexible brake hose. I was afraid that over time, the stress on the feed pipe could cause it to fatigue and fail. I mocked up a bracket using thin gauge metal that I could easily cut and bend. Once satisfied with the fit, I bought a sheet of a much thicker 16-gauge steel and fabricated the brackets. As with some of my other metal fabrication efforts, they are functional but maybe a little funny looking. *(See photo at left)*

The final accomplishment was to drop off my old drive shaft at a shop in Lawrenceville so that they could scavenge the Jaguar specific flanges to make me a new, longer driveshaft on account of my non-original Tremec 5-speed gearbox. *(See photo at right)*

The place is a throwback to a time before Lawrenceville became overrun with \$12 a cup coffee shops. They have my complete confidence.



FOR SALE: 1956 Jaguar XK 140 SE/MC OTS

FOR SALE: I am offering this award-winning XK 140 SE/MC OTS (in photo at right) for sale to JCOP members (and your friends) before listing on Bring a Trailer.

The Hagerty price guide has the 1956 XK 140 MC Roadster between \$75,000 (condition #3) and \$122,000 (condition #2).

History from the 1980s Pebble Beach Concours d' Elegance to 2024 PVGP British Car Day is available on request.

The Car is in storage at Dan Fowler's FAST Company location in Glenshaw, PA and can be easily viewed by appointment. Jim Southwood jsouthwood@southwoodpartners-llc.com Mobile: 724-494-7475



FOR SALE: 1969 Jaguar E-Type Coupe

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London Blue

Miami Pink

Inception Silver Blue. Dubbed ‘London Blue’ in honor of British creativity. Inspired by the Opalescent Silver Blue of the 1960s Jaguar E-type.

Satin Rhodon Rose. Dubbed ‘Miami Pink’ in honor of the city’s iconic architecture. Inspired by the distinctive rose color of brass as it ages.

- Jaguar is recapturing its original ethos to ‘Copy Nothing’. Following the debut of its bold new visual identity last month, the next step on its transformational journey has been revealed in the form of a distinctive design vision concept
- Jaguar Type 00 is an example of Jaguar at its best. A fearless statement. An object of desire. A concept with bold forms and exuberant proportions to inspire future Jaguars
- Unique and different to the norm. Visionary design defies electric vehicle convention, featuring a long bonnet, sweeping roofline, fastback profile and 23-inch alloy wheels for a dramatic silhouette
- Type 00 showcases Jaguar’s vibrant new identity. Symbols of change highlight the transformation, inspired by Jaguar’s rich heritage, including the leaper – a precious mark of provenance
- A fearless new face for Jaguar. Flush surfaces. Glassless rear tailgate and panoramic roof with body-harmonised glazing create a sense of sculpture
- Type 00 is presented in two colours, dubbed Miami Pink and London Blue – the former reflects the iconic Art Deco surroundings of its reveal, the latter references its British heritage
- Jaguar’s first reimagined production car will be an electric four door GT – to be revealed in late 2025 and built in the UK. See: www.jaguar.com/copy-nothing



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2024 – 2025 Membership Form

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Name:		
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Occupation:		
Please list Jaguars owned* (not required for membership)		
Year	Model	Body Style (OTS, FHC, DHC, Sedan, Coupe, Conv, SUV)

*Include additional Jaguars on a separate sheet.

Dues (check one)		
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\$103.75	JOIN between Oct. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024 15-month Membership through 12/31/25 (JCOP \$35, JCNA \$68.75)	
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