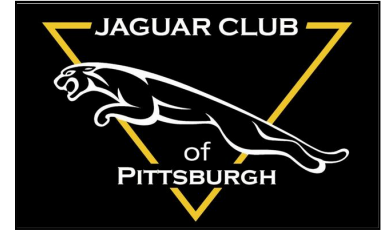


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JCOP's 2024 Concours September 14 at Fox Chapel Yacht Club

By Bryan Williams, Chief Concours Judge

The Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh will hold its 2024 Concours d'Elegance on Saturday, September 14 at the Fox Chapel Yacht Club, 1366 Old Freeport Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238. Although due to unprecedented demand registration had to be closed early, you can still attend the show, talk with entrants, view the Jaguars and enjoy lunch at the Yacht Club's Baja Grill. (Lunch is not provided by JCOP.)

The schedule is as follows:

8:00 AM The show field will be opened for participants parking.

8:00 – 10:00 AM Cleaning and preparation of Jaguars

10:00 AM All cleaning of cars must stop (This is known as "Rags Down").

10:00 – Noon Teams of JCNA-certified Judges will evaluate the cars using JCNA rules.

Noon – At approximately noon, or as soon as the scores are tabulated, the awards ceremony will start.

After the awards ceremony, many participants, judges and other show helpers will gather at the club's Baja Grill for lunch. This is a great time to talk with participants to learn about not only our concours but other shows like Susquehanna Valley Jaguar Club in York, PA and the Jaguar Club of Ohio. **Please call Bryan (412-996-2416) with any questions.**



JCOP judges Bryan Williams, Bill Cooper and Dan Herrmann evaluate Dave Gamret's 1967 E-Type FHC at the 2023 Concours.



Celebrate the Season with Two JCOP Fall Leaf Events

Join the Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh on **Sunday, October 20** for a Fall Foliage Cruise to Tara-A Country Inn in Clark, PA for a gourmet brunch. John Putzier is organizing the event. For details, **see page 10** in this issue and make your reservations early!

Pete and Janet Galinowski are planning another fun Fall Leaf Tour set for **Saturday, October 26**. This annual event is always a popular club activity that includes plenty of great adventures and some surprises along the way. **See page 11** in this issue for details and sign up soon!!

Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh 2024 Events Calendar



Saturday, September 14 - Pittsburgh Concours d'Elegance, Fox Chapel Yacht Club
Bryan Williams, 412-751-2355

Sunday, October 20 - Fall Foliage Cruise to Tara

John Putzier 724-991-0361
jputzier1025@gmail.com

Saturday, October 26 - Fall Leaf Tour

Pete and Janet Galinowski 412-301-5535

Saturday, December 7 - JCOP Holiday Party, Edgeworth Club Ken and Linda Como 412-849-0719
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JCOP Opens Nominations for Board of Directors

By Ken Como

It's that time of year again, and the nominating committee is looking for fun-loving Jaguar enthusiasts who would like to be involved in planning events, organizing adventures and helping direct the future of our organization for the upcoming year.

Anyone who enjoys their Jaguar and wants to be involved in working with like-minded enthusiasts to plan events and share ideas for our group, please contact anyone on the nominating committee (listed below) so we can add you to the fall ballot for officers and directors.

Your participation can be considered at any level of Director or Associate Director slots. Contact:

Ken Como kjcomo17@gmail.com

Bill Cooper xj61975@aol.com

Craig Gestler Craig.Gestler@Gmail.com



Members of JCOP's current board of directors at work during a recent meeting led by President Stu Benson. (in photo at left)

Photos by Candy Williams

Shifting Gears: **President's Perspective** **Stu Benson**



What an August the Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh enjoyed. We had a great turnout over the two days of the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix at Schenley Park where on Saturday, August 3 so many of us participated in British Car Day (Jim Southwood's 1956 XK140 SE/MC OTS was one of the prize winners) and then on Sunday, August 4 we saw some of our most talented JCOP members all do very well in their vintage races. John Ross raced beautifully, as always, and got a podium finish (second place driving his Datsun Z-car), Mike Zappa passed just about everyone in his class in his TVR (he unfortunately had problems with no brakes during qualifying so he had to start at the back of the field so he missed out on a podium finish) and Joe Mendel, driving his silver # 22 Lotus in the Axis v. Allies Race, was part of one of the best races most of us had ever witnessed with he, Brian Dolan (driving a white Group 66 GT 6) and Peter Dolan (driving a yellow Alfa Romeo) fighting side by side, nose to tail, throughout the race where Joe undertook an inside turn pass at the last corner to capture a podium finish by a nose. Many of us were watching the race at the multiple Patron Parking spaces by Turn 17 obtained by Dave Murray for which he welcomed all of us. I would commend your watching the video of the race: Go to YouTube, enter 2024 PVGP Schenley Park, Axis v. Allies Race Alfa Romero driven by Peter Dolan. John Ross and Mike Zappa announced after that race that after many years, they each are retiring from vintage racing; they certainly went out "on top" and we are all so proud of them; their sons will continue racing and our guys will still be involved in that regard.

We enjoyed a day of gorgeous weather at our Sewickley Car Show for Exceptional Cars along with a super turnout of most special vehicles and what seemed like record attendance by the public as we paid to shut down Broad Street between Beaver Street and Thorn Street in the heart of the business district. Everyone enjoyed the experience, including going to lunch at one of the local restaurants with so many of us eating at The Sewickley Hotel & Rosa's Cantina, one of our show sponsors. You can read more about that in the separate article in this Jaguar Jargon. Thank you, Show Director Chuck Pipich and all our sponsors and participants.

Jaguars at Jacksons on Saturday evening, August 24 was superlative with a record turnout of Jaguars in the lot

(where we hung out and enjoyed cocktail hour for more than an hour) and then crossed "the street" and enjoyed a super dinner on the patio. See the separate article on that but thanks again to Karen & Dave Gamret for organizing this 9th annual event.

The following day some JCOP members attended the Bentley International Car Show (a fund-raiser to benefit the charities of the PVGP) and also the Ashton Commons Car Show. Great events.

The coming months will continue to provide a menu of opportunities for our JCOP members to show and drive their Jaguars. Our Annual Concours d'Elegance will be held on September 14 at the Fox Chapel Yacht Club in the morning. If you have not registered to show your car, please come anyway to enjoy the show and then have lunch at the Baja Bar & Grill right on the Allegheny River. Awards will be presented around Noon and lunch will follow. Some of us have to leave to attend a WVU @ Pitt Football game that afternoon but it promises to be a day of jam-packed enjoyment.

On October 12 the Laurel Highlands British Car Club is having an Oktoberfest party in Greensburg; please see the accompanying article with details.

On Sunday, October 20, John & Loriann Putzier are reprising their JCOP Tara Fall Leaf Brunch. Please see the accompanying article; it was a blast last year.

On Saturday, October 26, Pete Galinowski is returning to lead another of his nonpareil Fall Leaf Tours. See the accompanying article for details but you really need to come along and have a day of scenery, cars, candy, ice cream, food, camaraderie, and whatever other treats Pete has planned.

For anyone who missed it, check out the April, 2024 edition of Sports Car Magazine where on page 168 there is a great article about our own Amy Beck. (*See my photo of the article on page 4.*) Amy, c/o Hahn Auto Restoration, hosted a tent at the PVGP for customers & friends and welcomed JCOP members who stopped by.

The JCOP Holiday Party will be on Saturday afternoon, December 7, 2024 at the Edgeworth Club in Sewickley, PA so put it on your calendars now!
 Zoom, Zoom, GRRROWWWLL .

Shifting Gears: President's Perspective

Stu Benson



DRIVEN TO ASK

The Sweet Smells of Success

Childhood memories fuel Amy Beck's career in restoration

by Nicole Wakelin

Amy Beck is the owner of Hahn Auto Restoration in Renfrew, PA, a business her father, Bill Hahn, started 45 years ago. Many of her childhood memories revolve around the shop, but it's only recently that she took over running it. We spoke with Amy about what it's like to be at the helm of her family business — and why the smells of paint and fuel warm her heart.

Have you always been interested in cars?

When we were little, my sister and I went to car shows — whether we wanted to or not! Usually in the heat, saying, "Dad, can we go?" I've seen cars, admired cars, and watched vintage racing since I was a little kid. My sister and I picked our favorite color cars, all that stuff.

But I did have a life before. I was a stay-at-home mom, and I was manager of a couple of clinics in Pittsburgh. When I left that line of work, my dad asked me to come here. That was 10 years ago. Very quickly people started looking at me like, "Wow, you must really love this," because they didn't see me in this light.

Tell us about Hahn Auto Restoration.

We restore collector automobiles to concours level. If someone needs a repair, we will do a repair, because my dad started this, and he's been restoring cars for 45 years. People say, "Well, Bill, you worked on my car, and I don't want anybody else." So, we'll do some repairs, but what we specialize in and what we love and what excites us is restoring them to concours level. Every nut and bolt, we do all the research.

What was it like taking over the business?

My dad won awards for decades. As a family, we got very used to it. Dad comes home from a show, he won first place. We were all like, "Yeah, of course he did." Not in an arrogant way, it's just what my dad did and who he was. It was cool, but I didn't know the extent of it until I started working here and reading the articles that you guys have done on my dad. I was like, "Wow, my dad's really something!"

All the guys here are amazing. They've all been with my dad anywhere from five to 17 years. These guys know my dad inside and out, know exactly how they're supposed to restore a car, what level we do things at. It was just perfect timing. Everyone knows what they're doing. I'm at a completely different level than I was when I came into it 10 years ago. So, my dad said, "Okay, it's time," and passed on the company to me January 1, 2023.

How long does it take to restore a car?

It's months or years. It depends on where it's at. I have some customers who want us to fix items so they can get to another level. They'll have a laundry list, so it might just be here for a few months. Then there's other people who say, "Here's how bad it is. We want it all the way to better than the showroom."

What was your first car?

I drove my dad's car and whatever he gave me! Then I got married at a young age and my husband had a Geo Metro. I did not hold it against him. I really looked past the car at his person. I drove that for a long time. It was embarrassing. When my oldest was graduating high school, I got a Pontiac G6 convertible hard top and I'm like, "I have



Amy Beck loves the scents that accompany auto restoration

arrived." I do not want to drive mom-mobiles any longer! It took me a long time to get there. Now I drive a 2016 Jaguar F-type, red with a nice hint of metallic.

Do you have your own collection?

I have a list of what I want. There's a 1972 Corvette. I'm a 1970s person. Most of the time we go back to when we were young and what we saw on the roads and that's what we connect with the most. The '72 I just really love. They changed after that, and I just love the earlier ones.

At the very top would be Ferrari. Corvette is a first love, but there's a Ferrari Lusso that my dad restored. It's on our website and it's not red. Ferraris have to be red. But it's a gorgeous blue and it is my most favorite blue that my dad's ever done on a car.

What's the toughest part of your job?

The waiting. You might be searching for the part, then you finally find the part, but it's back ordered. I am not one for waiting. I am a McDonald's drive-thru, Amazon one-day-shipping kind of person. If you say backorder to me, ugh! Chromers take a long time to chrome. Sanding takes a long time.

What's the best part of your job?

My favorite is when the car gets painted, that fresh coat of paint and it's still got to be wet-sanded and buffed. I love even smelling the paint. Any of the car smells, because of my dad. It's your childhood. It's what you remember growing up. All of the smells: fuel, paint, the soap that he washed his hands on. They're all smells from the shop that I love. ♦

Saturday August 10, 2024, Broad Street, Sewickley

By Chuck Pipich, Chairman



**1912 and 1925 Rolls Royce Silver Ghost
(The 1912 sets a new record this year)**



**View of Broad St. with
our Show in Progress**



**Tom Nuhfer & Bob Grove
with Bob's 1953 XK120**

(Above photos by Chuck Pipich)

Hi Everyone ... I hope you were among those of us who were able to come to this year's edition of the JCOP Annual Sewickley Show. If you did, you were not disappointed. Yes, these past spring/ summer months, we've had some days that were either "moist", dead dry, or stiflingly hot and humid. But the show however had none of that. It was one of those ideal days, where it is so comfortable that the air felt like there is no temperature, neither hot nor cold, and of course, no sense of humidity. And then to compliment that, we had what I like to call, Skies ala the "Blue and White of Penn State". I.e., the sky and clouds in center picture at the top of this page IS as it was, and not "photo-shopped". And then we were blessed with 44 examples of awesome cars, (note 47 registrations, 3 no shows), in no shortage of interesting marques. See the little table at the bottom of the page after the next. Yes there were quite a number of new examples, that either have never been there before, plus some that haven't been seen at Sewickley in a few years. Certainly enough for a day's worth of curious perusing, and then some! How much more could be asked for? And then there was more, quite the choice of great eateries for lunch, and shade along the sidewalks to suit. It is typical for this show to be "rich in spades" in all these things, but to have been graced with such amazing weather and not a lick of possible rain, well that was a healthy dose of icing on the cake. I am very grateful as to how well everything turned out, and want to especially thank you to all of you, who came and brought your favorite pieces of "alloy and steel", to make this day one for the record books. Let's hope and pray for the same next year, but until then, let's do a run down of the day's highlights

This year, 2024, marks a special milestone for this show (whose roots originate back to about 1982 when I gave the forerunner of this show its start, and had no hint at the time, of how it would evolve thru today). We broke a record! Previously the "oldest" car we've ever had was back in 2019, with Terri Dakan's (then it was Terri Hohmann), 1920 Ford Model T. This year we out did ourselves, with David Campbell's 1912 Rolls Royce Silver Ghost, "Roi De Belges" body Style. He actually registered it for the 2023 show, but didn't make last year, as it was in Connecticut at the time for other reasons. But this year the 1912 made it, and what a sight it was. It was a truly amazing vehicle to see, all flawlessly prepared, and BTW, is pictured in the upper left corner of this page. You can't imagine (or maybe you can), how many people were awestruck, or maybe I should say "floored". Aside from its sheer good looks, there were so many little features and things about it, i.e. relevant "in the day," that now just spark our curiosity as we take for granted how much features, capabilities, and amenities have evolved. Remember, though RR was a special car in the day (1912), it still was highly functional back then, and just looking at it, strikes up thoughts of how one managed to deal with travel in the day. Just think about wind, rain, snow, dark, and more cars of that era went thru, with largely "Open" body styles. It wasn't just RR's, but all the cars of that era, and even the Model T that Terri showed back in 2019. It also evokes the same reminders. We take things (read "progress") for granted, and looking at the 1912, you get a real, hands-on flavor for this. And Oh BTW, all those things are also echoed as well, for the 1925 RR Silver ghost, which Dave also showed brought. A two for one! So I say a special congrats (and thanks) to Dave Campbell, you set a new record for our show! One other thing you should know, all 3 of the Rolls Royces (plus a "more modern" 2019 RR), were DRIVEN IN and NOT TRAILED. Not just museum pieces, but real working restorations.

We also had quite a few other very provoking and special cars to see. See the table on the next page that shows all of the entries. As you look thru pictures (herewith and on our club website), take special note of the 1953 XK0120C (John Ross), though a very high quality and thorough replica, it was very inspiring as the rarity of the originals is quite over the top. In looking at it during the show, you got to see and appreciate what was the standard of the day, especially considering it was a race car. We actually had two more 1953's, another beautiful XK-120 (Bob Grove's car, see the upper right corner of first page of this report), and a 1953 Rolls Royce (Rick Murphy). Plus there were 1937 (John Babson) and 1946 (Deb Davis) Bentley's, and three examples of the impressively huge 1960s/ 1970s Detroit Iron (3 Cadillacs), of which, many of us of a "certain age" will still remember when in daily use. And if that's not enough, we had 6 amazing Ferrari's (1978 thru 2019), Maserati, 9 Rolls Royce/ Bentleys, and a wonderful plethora of Jaguars, a scarce 1973 Triumph Stag, 3 Corvettes (1960 and two 2023), and a scarce BMW and Mercedes McClaren SLR to whet your appetite. So much good stuff. Be sure to peruse all the pictures on the next page(s), but that's not all of them. You can see ALL OF THEM at the JCOP club website, click on the following link, (or manually type it in if that doesn't work) <https://www.jaguarclubofpittsburgh.org/photogallery> Then scroll down to 2024, and then click on "Sewickley Show". Pictures were taken by 3 of us in the club, Chuck Pipich, Ken Como and Stu Benson (name at the bottom of each web site picture is that of the photo credit).

Aside from the variety of really neat cars that show up, the other really pleasing part of the day for me was seeing how much of a good time everyone was having, perusing the cars, catching up with friends, making connections, and more. I am always very delighted to see the many passersby, have such a good time moving about and really enjoy taking in all the cars. We've frequently said the following among board members, as well as to Sewickley Boro personnel, that putting on the show is not only for our people, but very much for the enjoyment and curiosity of the community at large. Aside from getting "eye-stains" all over the cars, the pleasure of the visitors at large, is actually our real purpose, and quite simply, "what it's all about". And no, it was not troubled with being "crowded", but rather, pleasantly circulating with a gentle flow of people with great curiosity. It was all one could ask for.

Now before I finish up in this report, I want to express our thanks to the Borough of Sewickley, the members of Council for approving the use of the Broad Street venue, and all the Boro personnel (Boro Manager Donna Kaib, Admin Assistant & Treasurer Sherry Clarke, Public Works people, Parking Authority, the Police Dept, Dave Mazza (Chief) and his officers, and more!). This area, commonly known as "the Village", is normally a very busy and vibrant area on a Saturday afternoon, with its ideal flow of foot traffic during the show. We very much appreciate being able to use the venue, and all the excellent support of Boro people provided in the days leading up to, and on the day of the show to make it all happen. Many thanks!

Next I want to give a special "shout-out of thanks", to Bobby Rahal Jaguar, for their generous support of the show, and for having their people bring two new Jaguars for all to peruse, and being a sponsor of the show. While on sponsors, I also want to say thanks to Rosa's Cantina for their financial support. I can't express how much we really appreciate their support, as it truly does, "make the show possible", especially in terms of meeting expenses of Boro fees for the venue.

But that's not all, I want to say thanks to all of those who pitched in the day of the show, and more, to help with all the various things to physically put on the event. Thanks to the team of guys that helped me park all the cars as they "paraded" in ... Chris Davis (President of the RROC club), Stu Benson (our JCOP president, Marc Buzzelli (President Ferrari Club) ... (WOW! 3 presidents parking cars with me!). But there's more, thanks to Charlie and Shirley Roberts for their help, bringing the canopy, table, chairs, coolers of water, plus thanks to Charlie for "manning" the gate with his good friend Bob Scheall, and thanks to Shirley and Missy Sanfilippo for "woman'ing" the registration table, checking everybody in and counting all the People's Choice Ballots (and yes there were a lot!), plus whatever else came up.

For me as chairman, I just can't convey how much of a thrill it was for me to see all of you, and the random passersby, smiling, talking, and just having such a relaxing good time. That, and all of your kind remarks (much appreciated), make it all worthwhile. So I very much say to ALL of you, participants, visitors, and passersby alike... Many thanks!

Table of Cars - 2024 Sewickley Show

2019	Ferrari	488 Spider	1956	Ford	Thunderbird
1946	Bentley	Mk VI Drophead	1968	Jaguar	E-Type OTS
2007	Bentley	Continental GT Coupe	2016	Jaguar	F-Type R
1987	Ferrari	Mondial Convertible	1967	Jaguar	E-Type OTS
1960	Jaguar	Mk 2 Saloon	1991	Jaguar	XJ6 Vanden Plas
1953	Jaguar	XK-120C	2009	Mercedes	McClaren SLR
1912	Rolls Royce	Silver Ghost, "Roi De Belges" body Style	2004	Jaguar	XKR Convertible
1925	Rolls Royce	Silver Ghost, "Pell Mall" body style	2006	Jaguar	XJ Vanden Plas Sedan
2019	Rolls Royce	Silver Ghost, Series II	1953	Rolls Royce	Silver Wraith - Touring Limo
2011	Maserati	GranTurismo S	1967	Jaguar	E-Type FHC
2007	Ferrari	F430 Spider	1966	Cadillac	DeVille Convertible
2020	Ford	Mustang Shelby GT350	2023	Chevrolet	Corvette Z06 HTC :
1978	Ferrari	512 BB Coupe			(Hard Top Convertible) ^
1968	Maserati	Ghibli Coupe	1982	Rolls Royce	Corniche Drop Head Coupe
1999	Jaguar	XK-8 Convertible	2007	Jaguar	XKR Convertible
1953	Jaguar	XK-120 FHC	1972	Cadillac	Sedan deVille 4-Door Hardtop
1960	Jaguar	Mark 2 Sedan	2017	Ferrari	488 Spider Convertible
1967	Jaguar	E-Type FHC	1980	Rolls Royce	Silver Shadow II Sedan
1986	Jaguar	XJ-6 SIII	1937	Bentley	4 ¼ Litre Convertible
2020	Jaguar	F-Type "R" Convertible	1973	Triumph	Stag T-Top Convertible
1960	Chevrolet	Corvette Convertible	2008	Ferrari	599 Fiorano GTB
1976	Cadillac	Eldorado Convertible	1967	Jaguar	E-Type 2+2
2025	Jaguar	F-Pace R Dynamic S (by Rahal Jaguar)	2023	Chevrolet	Corvette Z06 Coupe
2024	Jaguar	XF R-Dynamic SE (by Rahal Jaguar)	2009	BMW	335 Cabrio

2024 Sewickley Show - People's Choice Awards:

BEST of SHOW (Overall) :

#6 1953 Jaguar XK-120C John Ross

Best Jaguar : (Tie)

#6 1953 Jaguar XK-120C John Ross
 #16 1953 Jaguar XK-120 FHC Bob Grove

Best Rolls Royce/Bentley:

#7 1912 Rolls Royce Silver Ghost, "Roi De Belges" body Style
 David Campbell

Best of USA:

#21 1960 Chevrolet Corvette Convertible Terri Dakan

Best of Italy:

#1 2019 Ferrari 488 Spider Victor Nardini

Best in Class: (Best of All Other Marques)

#41 1973 Triumph Stag T-Top Convertible Fred Segal

The "Car Count" by Marques:

- 19 Jaguar
- 6 Ferrari
- 6 Rolls Royce
- 3 Bentley
- 3 Cadillac
- 3 Chevrolet
- 2 Maserati
- 2 Ford
- 1 Mercedes
- 1 BMW
- 1 Triumph

Sewickley Show 2024 Collage of Pictures

To see them all, see live link on the second page, or go to <https://www.jaguarclubofpittsburgh.org/photogallery>
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SEE ALL of the PICTURES at the JCOP Club website:

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TARA FALL LEAF BRUNCH CRUISE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024

By Stu Benson

Join the Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh on **Sunday, October 20** for a Fall Foliage Cruise to Tara-A Country Inn in Clark, PA for a gourmet brunch and get home in plenty of time for the Jets at Steelers game at 8:20 PM! Last year's Tara Fall Leaf Brunch was most enjoyable.

There is no ordering off the menu. Cost for the outstanding Sunday Brunch buffet is \$32.95 for Adults (\$28.95 for Seniors).

We will stage at Northgate Plaza at 116 US-19, Harmony, PA 16037 (restrooms available) at 10:45 AM, depart at 11:00 AM. and arrive at Tara at 2844 Lake Road, Clark, PA 16113

for a Noon brunch in the Stonewall Tavern, which seats a maximum of 30 people. The first 30 RSVPs will be seated in the Tavern area as a group.

If we get at least 20 people to commit, we can get a one hour tour of Tara at 1:00 PM for a cost of \$4 per person.

Please RSVP to John Putzier, who is organizing the cruise: jputzier1025@gmail.com, or call 724-991-0361 **no later than Wednesday, October 16** so we have an accurate head and car count for our reservation at Tara; **please be specific in advising how many intend to come just for Brunch or for Brunch and the tour.** We will have a section cordoned off in the parking lot for the Jags. **Please also specify if you are joining the caravan or if you are meeting us at Tara so we don't wait for you at Northgate Plaza.**

10:45 AM – Stage at Northgate Plaza (116 US 19, Harmony, PA 16037)

11:00AM – Depart for Tara – We will caravan, but in case someone gets lost or is running late, here are the non-interstate directions:

Take US 19N for 31 miles

Left on US 62 (W. Market St.) for 0.2 miles

Right on PA 258 (N. Maple St.) for 0.6 miles

Continue on PA 258 (Clarksville Rd.) for 0.8 miles

Continue of PA 258 (S. Lake Rd.) for 9.7 miles

Turn left into Tara (2844 Lake Rd.) Clark, PA

Noon - Arrive at Tara – A Country Inn for brunch

Everyone departs on their own.



JCOP members Scott and Beverly O'Mara and Bryan Williams at the entrance to Tara during our club's fall foliage cruise last year.

Photo by Candy Williams

Fall Leaf Tour Saturday, October 26 Promises A Day Filled With Fun

Pete and Janet Galinowski are making final arrangements for this year's Fall Leaf Tour set for **Saturday, October 26**. This annual event is always a popular club activity that includes plenty of great adventures and some surprises along the way.

The starting point will be at the McDonald's on Route 65, Ohio River Blvd. (next to a Shell gas station) at 8:30 a.m., where Pete will provide details and instructions for the day's festivities.

Pete says the tour will take most of the day and will include lunch at an Amish restaurant and several other stops along the way, including more than one candy shop (always a popular destination for our members and guests).

The deadline to participate in this year's Fall Leaf Tour will be October 21, but please let Pete and Janet know as soon as you can if you're planning to attend. Text or call Pete at 412-301-5535. JCOP members that have participated in our Fall Leaf Tour in past years know that Pete and Janet always plan a great adventure that you won't want to miss!



A few scenes from past fall leaf tours organized by Pete and Janet Galinowski.

Photos by Candy Williams

JAGUARS AT JACKSONS

By Dave Gamret

It was Year #9 at Jacksons with another evening of perfect weather to drive our Jaguars for display during dinner. The patio provides a perfect setting for our meal with the cars close at hand. But the real enjoyment occurs as our members arrive to park and socialize around the cars in the hour beforehand with our favorite beverages. We were happy to welcome some new members for their first year to participate with us as this is a golden opportunity to spend time with them and learn of their affinity for the Jaguar marque. Traditions continued as Karen provided her usual Jaguar-themed place cards for the meals and Ruth maintained her perfect record as one of our servers since the very first outing.

We may have set a record for number of cars attending this year since we completely filled the front row and began parking cars in the spaces behind. We also had a tremendous variety in our display with Jaguar models spanning eight decades of production.

The star of the show this year was Rich Aronson's fantastic XK120 as a first-time attendee. This car has won multiple awards over the years in Championship competition. Yet Rich actually drove the car to the dinner and, even more courageously, back home again after dark. We're glad to report that the Prince of Darkness enabled him to return safely with no issues. Once again, the entire array of our Jaguars attracted numerous patrons from Jacksons with questions and comments while on display.

Karen and I are already looking forward to a 10th Anniversary event next year. We hope to set an attendance record for both members and their cars to celebrate this milestone. Jacksons has reserved the tentative date of Saturday, August 23 for us and confirmation will follow when our 2025 club event calendar is finalized. If you are new to the club, or have never joined us for this evening of dinner and display, we encourage you to circle the date for next year and come with us for the socializing and fine dining that JCOP continues to offer for its members.



JAGUARS AT JACKSONS



Photos by Candy Williams



JCOP's Tony Bardelli (at right in photo at left) receiving his award from Mike Meyer, JCO's co-chief judge. Photo at top right shows some of the JCO Jaguar show field. Photos by Irene Perri



Tony Bardelli, his daughter Isabella and wife Helene with their silicon silver 2018 Jaguar XF-S Sport Brake
Photo by Bryan Williams

JCOP's Rich Aronson's 2019 VW Golf R
Photo by Rich Aronson

JCOP Members Participate in Jaguar Club of Ohio Concours d'Elegance

By Bryan Williams

The Jaguar Club of Ohio (JCO) held their 51st annual Concours at Ursuline College on Saturday, August 3. With the threat of rain looming, there were at least 6 no shows but there were approximately 26 judged Jaguars, around the same number of "display only" cars for a very outstanding show of Jaguars. Also, for the second year, the show had a European contingent with even more cars than Jaguars. The cars in this area had an impressive display of Rolls Royces, Aston Martins, Bentleys, a Ferrari in red, of course, and other European cars.

JCOP members Rich Aronson, Dan Herrmann and I helped with the judging duties.

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Rich Aronson also showed his 2019 VW Golf R, All Wheel Drive, 2.0 L, 300 horsepower, limited production vehicle and received a perfect score of 100. The person judging his car said it was the best VW engine compartment he'd seen while judging.

Tony Bardelli, of our Pittsburgh club, showed his silver 2018 Jaguar XF-S Sport Brake in the Champion division and received a Best in Class award for his efforts. (I think his wife Helene and daughter Isabella who accompanied him to the show did most of the cleaning.)

Irene Perri again created a very attractive poster of Robert Seyler's 1956 XK140 Drop Head Coupe in black. Each owner that registered their car to be judged received a poster at no charge. Posters could be purchased for \$5. Irene's husband, Dominic Perri, Concours Chairperson, had all of the endless details covered, to produce another great show. Co-Chief Judges Mike Meyer and Pat Geary covered the rule changes since 2023, updating everyone on these changes and reviewed the judging assignments. Each judge, scorekeepers, runners and helpers received a custom commemorative T-shirt. This year's shirt was red with the rear emblem of Mr. Seyler's XK140 which states Jaguar Le Mans wins in 1951 and 1953. On the shirt's back were the sponsors. (I am not sure, but I think Irene had a hand in the design of the T-shirt.)

As you might have already guessed, I am a real fan of this show. A scenic venue, a lot of fabulous cars and most importantly, great people who quickly become friends.

JCOP Members Invited to Laurel Highlands British Car Club's Oktoberfest

By Stu Benson

Ken Patterson, a Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh member as well as a Western Pennsylvania Triumph Association member and a leader of the Laurel Highlands British Car Club, wishes to invite all members of JCOP and other British marques to The Laurel Highlands British Car Club Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 12 from noon to 5 p.m. at his Garage which is located just south of Greensburg off of Rt. 119.

Pizza, beverages, beer, brats and snacks will be provided.

Bring your classic ride for an informal British Car Cruise and enjoy some camaraderie, cornhole, and bocce.

If there are enough advance responses there will be a few awards voted on and given out.

There will be plenty of parking. Bring your favorite chair. Spouses and friends are invited.

Please RSVP by October 8 to Ken Patterson so he can get a count for food/beverages needed.

There will be a \$5 per car fee to offset the food/beverage expenses.

In case of poor weather, the party will still go on inside the garage.

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Jaguar Mk2 restoration – Part 9

By Craig Gestler

It was bound to happen. That first heart-stopping, how-could-this-possibly-be moment occurred this past weekend. I pushed the starter button, the starter motor went zing but did not engage the ring gear on the flywheel. This is bad.... Really, really bad, I thought.

Backing up a moment, Saturday was designated fluids day in anticipation of the first turn-over of the completely rebuilt engine on the starter motor. My goal was to spin then engine long enough to see oil pressure on a temporary mechanical gage that I have installed. I was not about to believe the electric oil pressure gage.

I sourced the oil, power steering fluid, transmission fluid and differential oil Saturday morning. As it turns out, power steering “fluid” is actually automatic transmission “fluid” which is really just a modified oil dyed red. It is also ironic that the manual transmission requires Dexron automatic transmission fluid. All fluids/oils/lubricants were added and, so far, only the power steering fluid leaked out. As luck would have it, there is a small “filler” bolt on the top of the power steering box that I neglected to tighten. Fortunately, it was accessible once the generator was loosened and pushed out of the way.

Finding a battery for the car proved to be much more difficult than I had anticipated. There are several classic “Lucas” branded batteries out there but no one seems to have them in stock so I turned to standard “modern” automotive batteries, at one-third the cost, which are sized by a “group” number. I identified a few battery group sizes that should fit the Mk2 battery tray (from the surprisingly long list), should work with the firewall-mounted retaining strap and not be so tall as to short out on the underside of the bonnet. Group 64 was the perfect answer but that is far from a popular battery and there is no stock that I could find. Choice number two was a Group 27 battery, which is locally stocked. Armed with a tape measure, I visited the local Batteries + store and after a few measurements, determined that it would work very well. For reference, 1966 Jaguar Mk2 owners, a group 27F battery seems to be a perfect fit.

Back to the heart-stopping moment. The new battery was installed, charged, connected and, as noted above, the starter motor ran but did not engage the flywheel to turn over the engine. Naturally, I pushed the button several more times since doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results is good engineering practice. My thoughts turned to having to take the engine back out of the car, finding another bell housing, replacing the flywheel, etc. All the worst stuff. I had to walk away. *Continued on next page*



Jaguar Mk2 restoration – Part 9 (continued)

By Craig Gestler

When Mrs. G got home later that evening, I had her push the starter button while I was under the car. It is just possible to see up into the bell housing to watch the pinion gear on the starter. The pinion gear was being “thrown out” to engage the ring gear but was just missing. After some research, I’m pretty sure that I bought the wrong starter. The bell housing supplied with the transmission kit takes 4.2L engine components but the flywheel is still a 3.8L unit. The starter for the 3.8L flywheel has a larger diameter pinion gear, which should engage. At least for now, crisis averted. Removing the starter motor is no treat but certainly easier than removing the entire engine.

Elsewhere on the car, the driver’s side dash, complete with speedo, tach and lights, has been installed and wired. With the battery in place, I can see all the lights come on as they should. The turn signals are working, the fuel pump is ticking, and the warning lights are on. The fuel gauge is pegging at full when it is actually bone dry and the turn signal indicators on the dash are reversed but otherwise, I’m pretty happy. Nothing went up in smoke.

I really need to turn my attention to figuring out how the rear of the transmission will be mounted and how I am going to get the power from the transmission to the rear axle. I’m somewhat dreading this since I really do not see a clear path. Mk2’s with automatic transmissions, which was my car, came with a two-piece drive shaft that uses a body mounted bearing. I am going to see if there is something that can be done with that. The current geometry under the car is not going to produce a smooth-running drive shaft, according to what I have watched and read. Hopefully a solution to this problem is the subject of the next installment.



Photos submitted by Craig Gestler

FOR SALE: 1956 Jaguar XK 140 SE/MC OTS

FOR SALE: 1956 Jack Mancuso's Jaguar that I purchased a couple months ago. 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 1980's 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 viewed by appointment. In October, car will be at Dave Ley's Exoticars for detailing prior to the national listing in November.



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