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October 8th Zoom Membership Meeting

Our October membership meeting will be via Zoom, on the 8th starting at 7 PM. In addition to our typical agenda items (new member introductions, recent and upcoming events, and members' projects) we'll spend some time talking about the 2026 Events Calendar. The 4th quarter is the time we start popu-

lating the next year's calendar, so think about events you've enjoyed and events you'd like to see. Think in the box, out of the box, even under the box! One of the great things about this club is the number and variety of activities—let's keep that going. Watch for an email with a link to join the meeting.

Welcome New Members

Member Name	Jaguars Owned	JAGM welcomes our newest members. Please help extend them a warm welcome.
John and Emily Testrake	1967 E-Type 2+2	
Patrick & Tamara Barber	1991 XJS Convertible	
Current JAGM Membership is 152		

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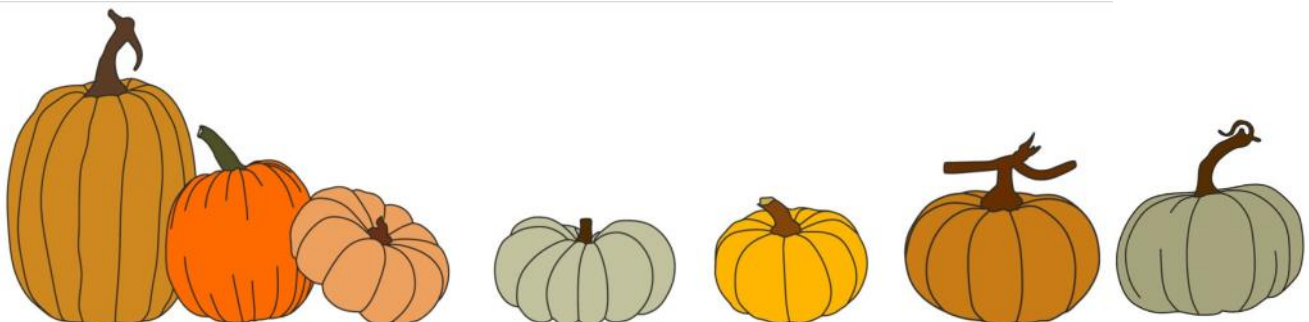
Detroit Princess River

Cruise

Steve Myerscough
Bob Matejek

Concours d'Elegance

Conrad Foster





If you made it to the 2025 JAGM Concours d'Elegance at the Packard Proving Grounds, I think you'll agree that this Concours was something special. The PPG is a fantastic place for a car show. Besides having lots of space, shade, facilities and a convenient location, the significant automotive history that is preserved there really gave our Concours a unique flavor. Also, being part of the PPG's annual fundraiser show, Cars'R'Stars, brought our cars and our club in front of a large new audience.

Of course, this all came with some challenges. Working our show into the bigger show meant that we weren't in control of everything, and it took some time to establish good

communication channels between our organizations. Even in the last week before the show we were putting together the plan to get our cars onto the front boulevard of the proving grounds without getting caught in the traffic jam of cars entering the big Cars'R'Stars show. Kudos to all our members who were up before first light to get their cars in and parked and ready to show!

See pages 4—11 for the big article and pictures of the Concours, and especially pay attention to the end of the article; it took the efforts and dedication of a lot of people to make this the super event that it was. And we on the organizing committee appreciate the cooperation and patience of all the JAGMers who attended, volunteered and participated.

Enjoying the Drive...

Right after the Concours, Ellie and I took off on a two week driving trip to Maine in our XJ8. I'll write up more of a report on it for next month, but just a teaser for now - it was great exploring this new part of the country (for us) and reminding ourselves what really great cars these Jaguars are!

Gary Hillebrand



2025 Activities Calendar

	October	November	December
Activity	Zoom Membership Meeting Wednesday 8 th @7:00 PM	In-Person Membership Meeting Craft Brew City Farmington Hills, MI Wednesday 12 th @ 5:30 PM	Holiday Party Filippa's Restaurant Shelby Township, MI Saturday, December 6 th
	Tour of Dom's Collection and West Michigan Color Drive Grand Rapids and Grand Haven, MI Saturday 11 th —Sunday 12 th Postponed to 2026		
	Fall Drive to Auburn, IN Auburn Cord Deussen Museum National Car and Truck Museum Saturday 18 th —Sunday 19 th	Pontiac Transportation Museum Pontiac Michigan Saturday 15 th	

For the most up to date listing & schedule of events, go to: www.jagm.org/events

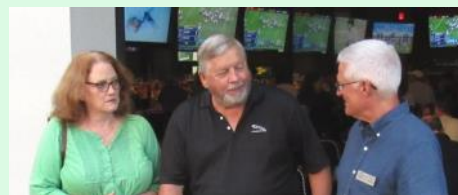
JAGMConcours d'Elegance

JAGM's 57th Annual Concours d'Elegance is in the books now, and what a great event it was! Highlighted by a beautiful venue, perfect weather, plentiful volunteers to keep things running smoothly, and of course a fantastic display of Jaguars on the field, it was a Concours to remember.

The festivities always begin with the Hospitality social gathering the evening before the Concours, generally held at the host hotel. This year we found out just a few days in advance



that the room we thought we had re-



served at the Cambria hotel was not reserved or available. A short panic ensued until Tim and Tina Moore donned their magician capes and pulled a rabbit out of their hat. Johnny Black's Taproom, just a couple miles from the Cambria, was ready and willing to host our group on Saturday evening! The weather also cooperated and about 25 of us enjoyed a pleasant time in the outdoor dining area, enjoying cocktails, pizza and lots of great conversation as we anticipated the next day's show.

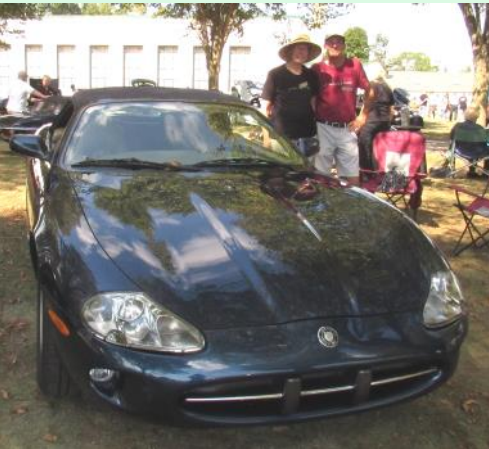
Early Sunday morning, the Jaguars began to congregate at an empty lot just north of the Packard Proving

Grounds so that we could send them in small groups to our designated entry and display area on the

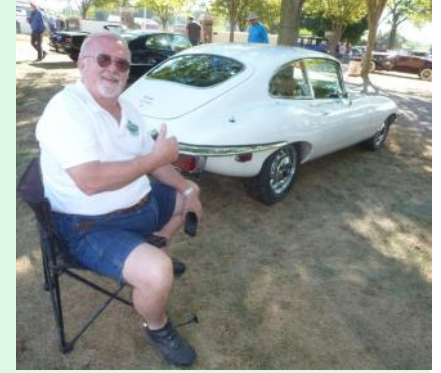


courses cars in their places, on the grassy section of the boulevard leading into the Proving Grounds.

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Around 7:30 the bigger, Cars'R'Stars show was also starting to fill the grassy areas around us and toward the back of the property. Cars for that show included everything from hot rods and muscle cars to



stock restored and preserved cars of all ages. The PPG also had its collection of Packards parked between a couple of the original buildings, and the buildings themselves were open for viewers to visit and enjoy.

Our Concours field was the largest in the past few years, with 28 cars in the judged classes (Championship, Driven



and Special) and another 12 in the Display class. Included in these numbers were 7 members who were participating in their first Concours.

At 11 AM, a distinctive sound emerged

JAGMConcours d'Elegance (cont'd)

from the building where the JAGM judges meeting had been held. Gary Cunningham and Dave Wathen had arranged for a bagpiper to lead our judges onto the field. This was a feature that was brought back from JAGM Concours in earlier years; if there was anyone on the PPG field who hadn't noticed that Jaguar was the featured marque at Cars'R'Stars, they certainly knew it now!

Our judged cars were all displayed prominently in the front boulevard area of the PPG, with Lee Jacobsen's newly restored 1932 Packard Roadster



facing the front entrance, welcoming all the visitors. The Display-only cars were just to the north of the boulevard, and all our cars were afforded well-appreciated shade from the trees along the roads (along with quite a few leaves dropping, but we took the bad with the good!).

As the judging was proceeding through the afternoon there was also a steady flow of spectators though our area, and it was great to hear many, many comments on what a great collection of



Jags was on display. The PPG staff and volunteers in particular had wonderful things to say about our cars.

The judging was wrapped up as expected by 3 PM, when the Concours and the Cars'R'Stars show were closing, so everyone packed up and about 50 of us got ready for the Concours Dinner

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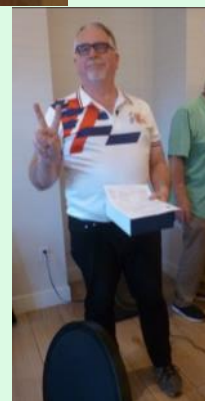


and Awards Presentation at the Cambria hotel's banquet room, Verona Inspired Italian.

This was a very nice location for our banquet, with plenty of space, excellent service and plentiful, delicious food and drinks. Once we were finished with dinner, Chief Judge Dave Wathen announced the scores for all the Championship and Driven class cars,

and the trophies were awarded. See page 11 for all the scores.

Three special trophies were also awarded. **Most Improved**, which goes to the



JAGMConcours d'Elegance (cont'd)

Championship class entry with the greatest improvement in score from the previous year, was won by Bill Jordan.

Murphy's Law, which goes to the participant judged to have been most unlucky during the weekend, also went to Bill Jordan. Bill's bad experience started out pretty scarily, as he suddenly felt weak and sluggish late Sunday morning. He was quickly attended to by club members and PPG staff and EMS was called. They assessed him and took him to a nearby hospital. Thankfully, within an hour or two they had treated his symptoms (which were recognized by his wife, Kay) and had Bill back to normal, although they did insist on keeping him in the hospital overnight for observation. Bill was released the next day and he and Kay were able to pick up his prize-winning XK and return home to Bay City. Again, a serious situation, but maybe softened just a bit by winning two of our three special awards!

The third special award, the **Prince of Darkness**, is awarded to the entrant who has the most troublesome electrical problem. Lee Jacobsen "won" this one, and for once, it couldn't be blamed on Lucas! Lee's Packard suffered a dead battery, discovered at the end of the show when it was time to load it onto the trailer. It was great to have this beautiful car displayed "at home" at PPG in the front of our Concours field. Thanks for bringing it, Lee!

We received prize items from Welsh Enterprises and Moss Motors which were given away as door prizes. Congratulations to the prize winners: the Gucfa's,

Conway's and Jacobson's!

Speaking of awards, JAGM's Dave Walmsley entered his 1939 Ford in the Cars'R'Stars show and won a Best in Class award (picture on page 7)!

Finally, it's obvious that an event like this takes the skills and efforts of a lot of people to make it work. So it's time for a bunch of Thank you's. By job title, and in no particular order, here they are:

- **Organizing committee** (with the co-chairs)—Loran Brooks, Tim Moore and Gary Cunningham.
- **Website, Membership and Registration Gurus**—Phil Crutchfield and Philip Wiltshire.
- **Past Concours chairs and Bringers of Stuff**—Mark Griffith and Bob Matejek.
- **Score Tabulators**—Margaret Brooks, Connie Myerscough and Deb Conway.
- **Score Runners**—Teresa Klotz and Daksha Gohil.
- **Sunday morning Car staging and Parking crew**—Philip Wiltshire, Ellie Hillebrand, Mark Griffith, Loran Brooks and Bob Matejek.
- **Judges**—Dave Wathen, Mark Sperduti, Chuck Diamond, Loran Brooks, Bob Matejek, Tom Shipley, Tim Moore, Mark Smith, John Boswell, Conrad Foster, Bob Klemmer, Rod Lindoo, Mark Griffith and Gary Cunningham.



We might be forgetting a few people, but even so, there are more than 20 names on this list! When we signed on as co-chairs we were told that when Concours time comes around, JAGM members step up. We have found that to be true, yet again.

Wait—what about all the members who brought their cars? A **big thanks** to all of you! As stated before, the collection of Jaguars on the field was remarkable, and the Oohs! and Aahs! from the spectators and entrants in the Cars'R'Stars show drove that home.

Concours Co-chairs Steve Myerscough and Gary Hillebrand



JAGMConcours d'Elegance (cont'd)

CONGRATULATIONS

Full Name	Year	Model	Body Style	JCNA Class	Score
JCNA Championship					
Patrick Hergenroeder	1949	XK120	Alloy	C2/120	100.000
Loran Brooks	1959	XK150S	OTS	C4/150	99.950
Al Jacobson	1964	E-Type	Convertible	C5/E1	100.000
Terry Gonser	1964	E-Type	Convertible	C5/E1	98.970
Sebastian Coppola	1966	E-Type	Convertible	C5/E1	98.080
Chuck Diamond	1970	E-Type	Coupe	C6/E2	99.940
Thomas Inwood	1973	E-Type	Convertible	C7/E3	99.400
Gary Hillebrand	1997	XK8	Convertible	C14/K8	99.240
David McWilliams	2013	XK	Coupe	C15/XK	100.000
Bill Jordan	2007	XK	Convertible	C15/XK	99.980
Dennis Weglarz	2010	XKR	Coupe	C15/XK	99.960
Philip Wiltshire	2017	F-Type R	Coupe	C20/F	99.940
Driven					
Jack Valentine	1954	XK120SE	Coupe	D1/PRE	9.998
Peter Conway	1955	XK140	OTS	D1/PRE	9.995
John Boswell II	1938	SS	DHC	D1/PRE	9.965
Conrad Foster	1966	E-Type	OTS	D2/E1	9.969
Mark Sperduti	1969	E-Type	Convertible	D3/E2	9.975
James Castellano	1974	E-Type	Convertible	D4/E3	9.889
Sebastian Coppola	1960	Mark IX	Saloon	D5/SLS	9.964
Gary Cunningham	1990	XJS	Coupe	D8/XJS	9.993
Ralf Pionke	1988	XJS-C	Cabriolet	D8/XJS	9.766
Bic Gohil	1996	XJS	Convertible	D9/XJS	9.987
Steven Myerscough	2001	XK8	Convertible	D10/K8	9.979
James Coleman	1999	XK8	Convertible	D10/K8	9.977
Mark Smith	2013	XKR	Coupe	D11/XK	9.991
Ronald Habermas	2010	XKR	Coupe	D11/XK	9.968
Allan Rae	2015	F-Type	Coupe	D15/F	9.988
Special					
Karl Robertson	1951	XK120	LeMans	S1/PD	9.993

Call for Nominations

If you want to help guide our club's future, please consider nominating yourself, either to be a Board Member or you could directly run for President. Or nominate a fellow member, providing of course they are interested in serving!

Contact Editor@JAGM.org or Webmaster@JAGM.org with any questions or if you have a nomination. Nominations are due October 20, 2025. Our board is large (currently 10 members), active and creative, and that makes the work very easy and enjoyable. Thank you for your consideration and desire to help us keep our momentum going.

Sincerely,

The JAGM Board of Directors and Officers.

North Central Region Jaguar Club Concours Events in 2025

The JCNA Events calendar lists 1 more Concours d'Elegance event in the North Central region this year :

- * October 4th—Jaguar Association of Greater Indiana 2025 Concours in Fishers, IN

Our members are welcome to attend, whether it's for additional JCNA championship judging points or just to meet more Jag enthusiasts and enjoy their cars.

For more details on this event and to see the full North American JCNA events schedule, go to: <https://www.jcna.com/all-upcoming-events>

Gary Hillebrand

JAGM Holiday Party— 12/06/2025

The always popular JAGM Holiday Party will be on Saturday, December 6th from 1 pm to 4 pm. The venue this year will once again be **Filippa's Italian Restaurant** in Shelby Township. Filippa's will be providing a fine buffet dinner – members who attended the last two years' parties have raved about the food.

Registration will open soon. Watch for more details at JAGM.org/events and in the November Indicator.

Filippa's address is: 45125 Mound Rd, Shelby Twp, MI 48317.



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Fall Color and Museum Drive—Auburn Indiana

October 18th-19th

If you haven't been to the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum and the National Automotive and Truck Museum, located right next to each other in Auburn, Indiana, you need to go! And if you have been there before, you'll want to go again.

Here is the outline of this opportunity for a nice (hopefully) fall color drive and a visit to the two great museums.

Saturday, October 18th

8:30 AM - meet at the Cracker Barrel in Belleville, MI for breakfast (45525 N Interstate 94 Service Drive)

10 - 11:30 AM - drive to the Sunoco Gas Station located at 716 W Main St., Morenci, MI for a rest stop

12 - 1:30 PM - drive to the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automotive Museum, 1600 Wayne St, Auburn, IN

2 - 4 PM - Guided tour

4 - 6 PM - check in at the Comfort Suites Auburn, located at 1137 W 15th St, Auburn, IN

6 - 8 PM - dinner at the Auburn City Steakhouse, 203 S Main St, Auburn, IN

Sunday, October 19th

8 - 9:30 AM - Breakfast at the hotel

9:30 AM - check out and drive to the National Automotive and Truck Museum, 1000 Gordon M Buehrig Pl, Auburn

10 AM - 12 PM - Guided tour

12 - 1 PM - Drive to Coldwater, MI for lunch at El Carrito, 74 W Chicago St.

2:30 - 4:30 PM - Drive home down M-12 (Michigan Ave.)

Note that the times and stops are listed so that if you decide to join the trip from another location you'll be able to do that.

Please register on the Events page at JAGM.org so we'll know you'll be participating. As the event gets closer we'll communicate with all participants so we know who is joining and where.



Organizers: Phil Crutchfield / Gary Hillebrand

Pontiac Transportation Museum—November 15, 2025

It is finally time to visit the newest automotive museum in the area. I have been watching the Pontiac Transportation Museum for several years. They just completed their phase 2 expansion early this past summer. It should be much more impressive now. **We will visit the Museum on Saturday, Nov 15. We will meet at 10 AM**, spend a couple of hours looking at the displays and then go out for a nice luncheon. Roughly, the museum is a few blocks west of downtown Pontiac.

Mark it down on your calendars and JAGM intends to keep you busy all year. **More details will be in the**

November Indicator. I hope to see you all there.

Bob Matejek



Detroit Princess River Boat Luncheon Cruise

On September 6th, about 25 of us went for a Luncheon Cruise on the Detroit Princess, sailing out of Hart Plaza in Detroit. They have been sailing for about 20 years and quite honestly, none of us even knew about it. The boat was huge, 222 feet long and 5 decks.

Both the first and second deck, held about 250 people seated for a meal. We happened to be on the second deck. There was a buffet food line serving some delicious food. They were well organized and all 250 people were served very quickly. You were welcome to return for seconds and thirds. There was a big beautiful bar to add to the occasion with reasonable prices.

Entertainment started shortly after we were through with lunch. It started with an entertainer telling a few jokes and stories and one way or another did entertain the audience. Following him, the Motown Band started playing and I think they went on for a full hour non stop. On our trip, no one happened to get up and dance, although that is usually what happens on the cruises. They were good and had music from all genres. At any time, we were welcome to wander around all five floors of the boat. We got some great views of Detroit and Windsor that we have never seen before. At one

point, the Captain opened up his pilot house and a bunch of us went in to take some photos and a group photo. Everyone on the staff was extremely friendly and accommodating.

Everyone had a great time and wanted to return again. We'll give it a while to rest for now and will probably repeat the trip in 2027.

Bob Matejek



Classified Ads

For Sale: 1967 Jaguar, E Type Coupe, British Racing Green w/ Light Tan Interior. 81,216 miles. Owned since 1990. 4.2 Litre Engine, 4 speed Transmission. Body & Interior re-done in 2009-10. Paint is excellent, Interior only shows minor wear on driver's side. 2" SSTL exhaust from headers back, 6" tubeless wire wheels, includes 5" wheels as well. Gaz adjustable shocks, heavy duty front sway bar. Excellent back roads driver. No rust on car when restored and none now.

Please call or email for any further information.



Tom Hudak
tjhudak@tir.com or 989-695-6141 Landline

For Sale: Five original 1963 E-Type wheels 16" approx. diameter. Not damaged but will need cleaning and probably re-finishing.

Asking \$500 with pickup or plus shipping. Stored in Grosse Pointe Farms and available to examine by appointment.



Call Howard at 586-242-8661.

For Sale: 2000 XK8 V8 Convertible. Very good condition and well maintained. Clean title and no accidents. Stored in heated garage during the winter months.

55,000 mi.

Asking \$10,500 or best offer.



Contact Eileen Martin at eam7272@gmail.com

Free to JCNA member: Jaguar 3.8 engine with auto transmission, spare head, starter, generator, spare crankshaft, oil pan, and engine lift. Sedan gas tanks, new stainless exhaust for E-type and sedans.

Text Jeff Simpson at 248-652-6741

For Sale: Jaguar Hats with Correct Logo for 1945 to 1952. The hats are available in Black and are of the "Fitted" variety. They are available in Sizes—Small/ Medium and Large/X Large.

\$35 each.

Call Karl @ 248-766-9141



Wanted: JAGM Concours dash plaques from the past (pre-1999). Will pay any reasonable price.

Contact Tim Moore at 586-945-4509
tfm0719@live.com

For Sale: Jaguar XK Radiator Hoses with Stockinette Finish. The XK120, XK140, E-Type, and various Sedans came with hoses with this finish; it has not been available for a number of years. They are making a reappearance now – I am making them. A comprehensive range for various cars – XK Sports and Sedans like the Mk4, Mk5, etc. Please contact me for the complete range and pricing.

Call Karl @
248-766-9141





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