



A fine crowd at the luncheon.



Pre-run meeting at the Dan Patch Coffee Depot

# Sweetheart Luncheon



Close up view of Hruby's blacksmith shop museum



John giving directions to Lynn and Jack Crane

# PRESIDENTS' CORNER



*Hello to Everyone . . .*

We want to send out our Congratulation to Jill (Our Web Mistress) and Andy Bean on the birth of their daughter Marietta Sue. She arrived into this world on April 1st at a weight of 5lbs, 8oz. I've been told that mother and daughter are doing fine. The wee one is gaining weight. The proud grandparents are Glenn (yes our very own Newsletter Editor) and Gwen Nickleski.

We've had some fun this winter with the fun on the ice with Land Rover, Jaguar. Our Pizza night ended at the garage of Tim Keseluk and what a garage. Dick took us back to the Artists' Quarters for an evening of fabulous jazz. If you haven't been to this place you should go, it's a great place to listen to music. We had a smaller group at our Go Kart Challenge, but I know that everyone had a great time thanks to Dave. This year it didn't snow for our Sweetheart Drive and Luncheon. The trees were starting to bud out which is always great to see. John must have had a conversation with someone regarding the weather.

Please remember to check out our website and the Calendar of Events. We have a few drives in our future. If you haven't already dusted off your Jaguar please do and join us. We want you to be ready for a fun summer of events.

Don't forget the InterMarque Spring Kick-off which is at Como Park this year. If you haven't registered for the 2009 Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous please do remember to go to the website for the registration form. This event is June 11-14 in Ashland, Wisconsin. Then the following weekend Kenn and Karen have a Father's Day Drive already planned which should be a lot of fun.

Be safe and in good health and I hope to see you at an upcoming event.

*Elaine Brahms  
President  
Jaguar Club of Minnesota*

# JAGUAR ICE PERFORMANCE DRIVE : FEB 7

*Submitted by Mike Lynch*

Organized again this year by the Jaguar dealer as an exercise in a safe ice driving experience and off road for the Land Rovers. This year they moved the event to the old Sweat Estate at the northwest corner of Gray's Bay on Lake Minnetonka. The estate has been developed with "to die for" homes which I'd estimate start somewhere between \$1-2 million and escalate rapidly.

We were all vectored to the parking lot and shuttled to the neighborhood activity center which would make a large resort proud. They had sweets, great chili, cornbread, and hot drinks (non-alcoholic).

Dave Meek was having at a young home development salesman last I saw him. The young man asked Dave if he had children and Dave replied he had but they were a hassle and he got rid of them. The salesman hesitated but didn't miss a beat and kept right on with his sales pitch.

Dick Bass and I were the only other Jag Club members in attendance. We both drove the XF which is amazing. The car has three handling/safety modes: regular, traction control, and snow. In regular, a driver could do loops on the ice without really trying due to the rear wheel drive and high horsepower. Traction control mode was a major improvement with some loss of feel and a sense that the car was starting to make some decisions. In snow mode it was "fly by wire" and the car would not let you mess up. If you got into a corner too hot, it sequentially braked different wheels as necessary and took the throttle away from you. Absolutely amazing! I tried to fool that car for 20 minutes and failed completely. It just would not allow me to be stupid.

On the way back, I was asked to ferry some other visitors in the top Land Rover model. I was a little unimpressed being a longtime Suburban driver. It handled well enough, but felt small and insubstantial even though it outweighed a Suburban by almost a ½ ton.

The outing was great fun in all and I would recommend it next year to all members of the club.

# SETTLING IN FOR ANOTHER JAGUAR JAZZ NIGHT!



Alto Sax Virtuoso Jim Snidero...now that's talent!

time around. Most likely it will never be played the same way twice. You have to be there.

Doctor D's carefully chosen annual excursion to one of the Twins few jazz spots is offered each spring as a refreshing change of pace for our Jaguar club.

Dr. D is, of course, Dick Jones. And the best place in the Twins for the experience is the Artists' Quarters...right downtown, St Paul.

Jim Snidero's Quartet was performing on March 27th. Just Goggle the guy. This level of talent guarantees you're getting the right stuff...and, you want it at the Artists' Quarters. Yes,

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I'm starting to like jazz. Heretofore only hits from the sixties, good classical and Wagnerian stuff, big bands, show tunes, and something called Soundscapes have held my attention. Pretty eclectic, considering.

Jazz? It has strictly American origins. It's improvisational. It reflects the mood and the collaboration of the performers. It responds to the audience. Seems everyone gets a solo every



Dick and Leila Jones collect their well deserved 2008 Service Award that was announced at our annual awards event in January.



John explains the fine points of Jazz to Gene and Jana.

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it's in the cellar, yes it looks and feels like a jazz spot, and yes...it's affordable. The New York experience for Minnesota coin.

The first set started at 9:15...close to my bedtime. No one said there wouldn't be sacrifice involved.

So, who availed themselves? Dick, Leila and Allen Jones; Lynn, Linda and Amy Ault; Jim and Sharon Condon; Elaine and John; Glenn and Gwen Nickleski, Gene and Jana Berghoff, Robert Hanson, and yours truly.

Photo and photo enhancement credits belong to Dick Jones.

George Arthur  
Jaguar Club of Minnesota



Capturing a front row table...Glenn, George and Gwen.



The Condons are regular Jazz fans.



The Aults certainly enjoyed the evening.

# GO KART CHALLENGE, 2009

This year I decided to take a breather from racing in the 9th Annual Go Kart Challenge, again orchestrated by Dave Meek from the Jaguar Club. I had a bit of a knee problem that certainly would interfere with my ability to control those quick little machines...

at least that's my excuse, and I'm sticking to it.



Dave Meek at work during registration. Thanks again, Dave!

Four groups of 8 racers each vied for that number one position. The Go Kart Challenge is open to all sports car clubs in the area. The Jaguar Club team consisted of Andy Staebell, Allen Jones, Matt Bass, Dave Meek, Andre Valdez, Johnny Meier, Dick Bass, and Michael Watson. Dave Meek and Matt Bass made the cut into the final race, with Matt Bass coming in 4th overall. Good Show! Overall the Jaguar team came in 3rd.

Ready to go



Solitary racer at task

The carts are powered by Honda 6.5 hp engines on a twisty indoor track at Pro Kart Indoors in Burnsville. One lap with these little machines takes less than 30 seconds, but it is intense, especially with all the turns in the track. After two hours, everyone is completely worn out. No better time though than to retreat to story telling at the nearby Buffalo Tap for well earned food and drink.



Cudos again to Dave Meek for another job well done. Next year will make it 10 years for this event.

Thunder at Turn 7



Glenn Nickleski

# sweetheart luncheon & drive

APRIL 25, 2009



A cloudy, cool day did not damper the fun at this years Sweetheart Luncheon. John and Jake once again put on a great event for the 26 Jaguar Club members in attendance.

We started out by meeting at the Dan Patch Coffee Depot at 4800 W 123rd St in Savage, right off Hwy 13. Good coffee and muffins! Nice place, plenty of room, and the new owners were car people. They were interested in hosting some car shows/ meets in the future. Hmmmm.

Promptly at 11, John and Jakes XJ “Double Six” led the group of Jags? (I noticed Jaguar, Mercedes, Chevrolet, GMC, Toyota, even an MG in the tour group) down south. We two laned it through farm country, through New Prague, and a historical stop in Montgomery, MN. What is historical in Montgomery, MN? Well, Clarence and Dorothy Hruby, long time Montgomery residents have created a family museum of sorts. Clarence’s father, Joe Hrusby was prominent in Montgomerys past, opening its first Blacksmith shop in 1922, as well as a John Deere dealership in 1931.

Both the Blacksmith shop and the John Deere dealership (Hruby’s Implements) were important parts of Montgomery’s financial as well as social past. During winter town dances, Joe Hrusby would open up the blacksmith shop to keep the horses warm.



Close up view of Hruby's blacksmith shop museum



Miniature Jags on display

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After the implement dealership closed years later, the blacksmith shop was removed to allow space for other businesses. Not wanting to see their important family history disappear, the Hrubys embarked in building a replica of Joe's blacksmith shop next to their house. Most of the original tools are on display. If you are ever in Montgomery, I'd recommend checking out the Hrusby Museum. Pretty cool. Oh yes, the rumor is that the Kolachky pastries in town are just great. We didn't have time to taste, but I certainly plan to someday compare them to what my grandmother used to make.



Lynchs and visiting friends Bob and Wil Elcan

After our museum stop we made our way down to Owatonna for lunch at Torey's Restaurant and Bar. I believe this was at least the 2nd year at Torey's, if not more. This year we were also treated to groups of high school prom kids. Apparently the thing to do is have a meal early, then go to a prom dance held somewhere in the cities. Scary thought. John brought along his collection of miniature cars as table decorations. I thought these cars would make great door prizes, but John felt otherwise. But John came through in the "free stuff" category, by presenting a red rose to the ladies, and a limited print to each couple of one of his original paintings. Worthy of framing!!



John displaying his original art

As Torey's Restaurant is about a quarter mile from the Hwy 35, the trip home was boring but quick.

Thanks again to John and Jake for hosting this nice event.

Glenn Nickleski



# Pizza Party!!!

The Jaguar Club held its spring pizza party on March 25 at the Green Mill in Bloomington. Tim Keseluk and Betsy Rockwell were out hosts. Although the weather really wasn't really conducive to leaving the warm comforts of home, about a dozen club members were in attendance. The Green Mill accommodated us well. Newer member Chuck Follen brought pictures of his recent XK-140 purchase and Ken Smith is talking about another circle tour around Lake Superior this year. We all talked up Rendezvous this coming June.



Tim Keseluk (in background) holding court

Since it was "Italian Night" so to speak, Tim invited all to tour his home shop after we dined. Tim was formerly employed by GT Cars, and now operates a one man auto repair shop specializing in exotic Italian species. Nice shop! On display was a 1969 Lamborghini Miura S that he is bringing back to life. I always liked the looks of this model. Of particular note here is the Girling and Lucas components used throughout the vehicle. Exotic cross-breeding so to speak. Sometimes I think I should divest myself of my ragtag assortment of British iron and replace them all with one exotic.....and the Miura would be a nice choice here. And the 4 cam, V-12 powerplant would be quite the fun deal, don't you think? Probably too much car for me, though.....and I would probably need to sell the house to finance.....and my normally understanding wife surely wouldn't approve.....and I don't speak Italian..... and.....(fill in the blanks).

British hydraulics



1969 Lamborghini Miura S. You didn't know it also doubles as a hovercraft.

Arrivederci

Glenn Nickleski

# Save The Date!

## Saturday June 6th 2009



The 2009 Mid-Iowa Brit/Euro Car Classic is rapidly approaching. Make plans now to attend. This year's extravaganza will take place on the first Saturday in June. Formerly known as the Beavertdale Brit/Euro Auto Fest, the show attracts over 120 fine sports cars every year. Make plans now to spend June 6th with us as we celebrate our passion for British and European automobile craftsmanship.

This year's show promises to be bigger and better than ever. The destination will be the beautiful West Glenn Town Center in West Des Moines, Iowa. Truly a premiere location that compliments the style and grace of this year's featured marquee: Triumph.

See the map on our website for directions. There's more room for more cars and people. Our classic car show will be surrounded by many shops, restaurants, hotels and entertainment. Everything to make your trip to beautiful central Iowa exciting and memory filled.

A new year brings exciting new changes to The Mid-Iowa Brit/Euro Car Classic. Friday night June 5th features an outdoor concert and party at The West Glenn Town Center. Automobiles from our show will be featured during this event. Maybe yours could be one.

Another exciting change this year is the addition of judging classes. Wax your car. Polish the wheels. Make her shine nice and bright. Impress the judges and you could go home a winner with a trophy from the largest British and European car show in the Midwest.

Don't miss the best car show in the Midwest. The 2009 Mid-Iowa Brit/Euro Car Classic will be the premier event for all enthusiasts of fine British and European automobiles. Register early for this exciting show. All the information is easily found on our web site listed below. We are always adding new information so check back often.

Feel free to forward this information to all of your car club friends. We would love to see them and their classic car at the show. We look forward to seeing you on June 6th at The 2009 Mid-Iowa Brit/Euro Car Classic.

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As always, if you wish to no longer receive notifications about The 2009 Mid-Iowa Brit/Euro Car Classic, please reply to this email with the word "remove" in the subject line. We respect your privacy almost as much as we respect your passion for classic automobiles. Seriously though, just ask and we will remove your name from our list. Thank you.

# CARS AND COFFEE

*First Saturday of each Month*

*by Gene Berghoff*

It's tough to roll out of bed on Saturday mornings, but AutoMotorPlex in Chanhassen Minnesota has made it easier. They provide a wake-up-call that most car enthusiasts love to hear; the fierce roar of a Jaguar, the shriek of a Ferrari, the smooth clatter of a Maserati, the grumble of assorted muscle cars, and other mechanical melodies played by any number of vehicles (including motorcycles) built over the past 100 years.

Known as "Cars and Coffee", an event that is rapidly becoming popular across the US, is growing in large numbers at AutoMotorPlex in Chanhassen, Minnesota on the first Saturday of every month. The automotive collectors come in early to get a parking spot, a cup of coffee and donuts, and unite with other automotive and motorcycle collectors.

On April 4, 2009, several hundred cars showed up even though the weather was cool, cloudy and questionable. Bruno Silikowski, of AutoMotorPlex, displayed his newly constructed club house. Many of the auto condo owners opened their garages displaying their toys and beautifully constructed spaces (wide screen TV's, video games, bathrooms, kitchens, fireplaces, etc). It's the most comprehensive free-form car show anywhere in Minnesota; and what's cool is that it happens every month and with each show it gets better; nice people, nice cars and interesting garages to tour where you see even more toys.

I of course showed up in an XKE Jaguar roadster. As I drove down the crowded roadway to get to my favorite parking spot the crowd came to a standstill and people rapidly pulled out their



cameras. I could hear the silent cry "It's a Jaguar". I always find it interesting that among a sea of expensive exotic sports cars, many of them newer and much more exotic than an XKE, the classic Jaguars continue to demand the utmost respect from collectors of all ages. As I pulled in to park the Jag a stream of people approached the car to take a look. People continued to wander over to take pictures of Dave Meeks beautiful XK 150 and my XKE the entire time I was there.

In the coming months, with much warmer weather, there will be further opportunities for those of you who missed prior events to see (and hear) cars that would be only fables elsewhere. Dust off that Jaguar of yours, and join the rest of us next month (June 6) for an exciting Saturday morning. The cars begin to gather about 8-8:30AM and stick around until about 10:30 – 11:AM; just long enough to create a little excitement, grab a cup of coffee, and talk to a few folks.

For more information, and photos, go to [www.automotorplex.com](http://www.automotorplex.com). Their contact information is:

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## Future Jag Club Member

Please excuse the graphic designer, Jill Bean, if this newsletter issue isn't quite up to her usual quality standards . . . she just had a baby! Marietta Sue Bean was born on April 1, four weeks premature.



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# *UPGRADE of the 4.0L XJS*

*Submitted by Mike Lynch*

Gloria's 1994 XJS proved to be one of the best all around driving cars I've ever been in. As most of you know, we drove down to the '07 Jaguar Nationals in Indy. We did freeways, back roads at speed, and the Brickyard. My only complaint was the lack of snap. The 230 hp book value spreads thinly across a generally heavy car, but boy did it handle well with a super smooth ride and tight cornering with no side slip.

So then, what to do about extra horses. After my due diligence research there was only one avenue to follow. AJ6 Engineering in England is the platform which Roger Bywater established after he left Jaguar/Ford. He developed upgrade packages for both the 6 and 12 cyl engine built in the 80's & 90's.

We initially tried to work through a "dealer" in Texas who turned out to be bogus. The short story (you don't want to hear the long one) was that the deal was consummated directly with Roger.

Dave Meek and I, of course, consider ourselves quite a team, and we approached the mass of wires, tubes and pipe with tools, camera and scratch pad. Out came the air box, air flowmeter body, throttle body, injectors, injector rail, intake manifold, and all associated appurtenances. What a puzzle! Everything then went off to England for modification.

AJ6 offers their packages in pieces, each assigned a horsepower increase. I went whole hog which included a new complete exhaust system.

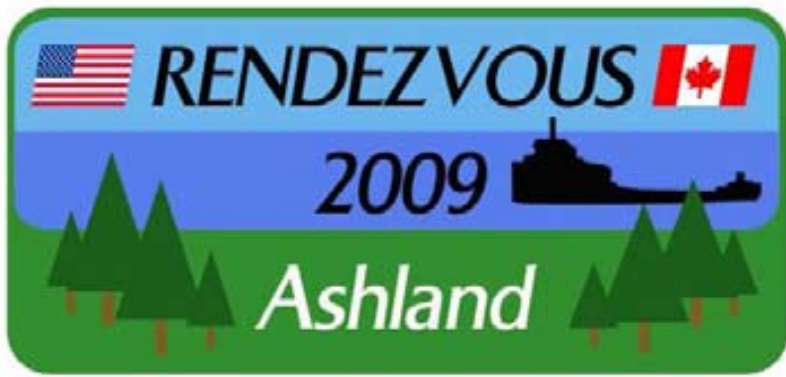
The project seemed rather straight forward but the amount of disassembly and reassembly had us worried. "Lo & behold" when back together, one key turn produced a smoothly running engine. I won't claim Dave and I weren't a little surprised, but we'd had a few beers by that point and just shrugged and said "Well, sure".

Technical details include new high flow air filter, new air meter logic chip, highly modified internals on the intake manifold, and free flow exhaust system w/o catalytic. The addition is 75 hp which adds up to 305 hp total.

Obviously, the power is felt. Performance at speed is really neat. Mileage is up 2 mpg and the car now rumbles. Gene Berghoff, upon first hearing it run, was all smiles.

Did we like it? Was it worth the dollars and time? Would I do it again? Absolutely! If any in the club would like a test drive, just give us a call. I recommend however that they wait for the summer roads. Even with it in "snow mode" selection, there's a bit much horsepower for questionable road conditions.

Dave decided that it would be just the thing for Kim's (ex John Gareau) 4.0 I she recently acquired. Her answer was "NO" in that tone of voice that men revere and obey. We haven't exactly given up but are holding back for a better day and perhaps a bottle or two of wine judiciously applied.



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## A NOTE FROM INTERMARQUEMONTHLY:

*To Members of the....Vintage Foreign Marque Clubs of the  
Upper Midwest Inter-Marque Council*

In the April issue of the InterMarque newsletter - Andy Lindberg announced that he has stepped down as Editor of the InterMarqueMonthly. Going forward the Inter-Marque Monthly will be published by the Inter-Marque Council. As "temporary guardian" of the InterMarque-Monthly and current Chair of the Inter-Marque Council... I am on a quest to find people who are interested in filling the following positions on the InterMarque-Monthly newsletter team: Editor, Production Coordinators, Contributing Writers and Photographers – In this area we have had excellent response from the Vintage Foreign community.

The people who fill the positions of Editor and Production Coordinators will not be alone in this endeavor. There are people in the Vintage Foreign motoring community that cannot commit to the open positions at this time but have offered their expertise in the areas of

layout/design, copy editing, photography, creating event calendars and more. These people will be available to assist the new editor and production coordinators continue this outstanding publication founded by Andy Lindberg in 2001.

As Andy stated in his last editorial: "there are many competent people in the motoring clubs that will be able to fill the positions on the newsletter team. Change is good sometimes and new stewardship may be just what the monthly needs right now."

Please contact me as soon as possible if you or any members of your club are interested in the open positions on the InterMarqueMonthly newsletter Team.

Thank you,  
Phyllis Galberth  
CHAIR, INTER-MARQUE COUNCIL  
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May 9	British Car Show MN Scottish Fair & Highland Games	Dakota County Fair Grounds 4008 220th Street West Farmington, MN 55024	Jim Harris: 612 803 5530 JHarris@MNScottishFair.org
May 16	InterMarque Spring Kick-off	Como Park	Daniel Buchen: 651 222 3899 dwbuch@hotmail.com
May 15-17	SVRA Vintage Racing Road America	Road America Elkhart Lake, WI	Brent Poppenhagen: 952 906 1541 bwpoppenhagen@yahoo.com
June 6	**City Drive	TBD	Dale Martin: 651 436 5902 dale.martin5@comcast.net
June 11-14	Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous 2009	AmericInn of Ashland, WI	Minnesota Austin Healey Club
June 21	**Father's Day Drive - Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Kenn & Karen Kopitzke: 651 436 1181 KAKopitzke@earthlink.net
June TBD	Stone Arch Bridge Art Festival	East Hennepin @ Main St Minneapolis, MN	Daniel Buchen: 651 222 3899 dwbuch@hotmail.com
June 20 Rain Date June 21	Amery Airport Speed Run	Amery, WI	Tom Hazen myliberty@comcast.net
July 11	Gymkhana Austin Healey	TBD	Tom Hazen myliberty@comcast.net
July 12	**32nd Annual Anniversary and Golf Outing	Brookview Park Golden Valley, MN	Jaguar Officers and Board Members
July 16-19	Vintage Sports Car Racing Kohler International Challenge	Road American Elkhart Lake, WI	Brent Poppenhagen: 952 906 1541 bwpoppenhagen@yahoo.com
July 19	Mexican Fiesta with the Healey Club	Mike & Gloria Lynch 6630 Horseshoe Curve Chanhassen, MN 55317	Mike & Gloria Lynch 952 474 5642


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