

Anniversary Picnic



PRESIDENTS' CORNER



Hello Again . . .

We've had some grand times already this summer.

June was a very busy month starting with the wonderful city drive. No one got lost this year and, what difference does it make if it rains? We all stayed dry for the most part. The following week-end several couples drove to Ashland, Wisconsin for Rendezvous 2009. It was really nice to see so many of the club members at this event. Dinner on Friday night at this little Bistro was quite an event. I think we started out saying maybe twelve people will be attending and we had at least 30 and took over most of the seating. The Healey Club showed us a great time and I'm sure everyone had a fabulous time. On Father's Day we drove those wonderful roads in Wisconsin. I do enjoy all of the drives we've had that take us through Wisconsin. We ended our journey at a farm in Glenwood City with a few of us going on a stage coach ride. You need to watch that first step! And should I mention that this was another rainy day, but it didn't stop the fun we had. The people that owned the farm had a wonderful collection of horse drawn vehicles.

It was great to see all of you at the 32nd Annual Anniversary Picnic. The weather was just wonderful. Many of us commented that this was the first time in many years that it wasn't 95 degrees with the humidity to match. I want to thank again everyone that helped to make this a success. Mike and Gloria had an amazing group at the Mexican Fiesta. This year they invited the Healey Club to join us and I believe we had at least 50 people. Maybe you'll want to think about joining us next year.

What you need to do is check out our website for the events to come. We have more drives scheduled, and our Golf outing and BBQ. So if you are able to join us in the next couple of months we would be happy to see you. I know you'll have a great time!

Please stay safe, in good health and hope to see you at some of the upcoming events.

Elaine Brahms President Jaguar Club of Minnesota



If you're ever looking for a nice drive, but something a little different, look no more. It would be a great thing to retrace the Jaguar Club's City Drive 2009. Actually, that would be City Drive 2008 and 2009, as our tour guides Dale and Barb Martin repeated again this year. What was a great event in 2008 proved to be equally as fantastic this year. Even a steady downpour didn't damper spirits.

The group met at the Ford Dam on East River Road. For the next 2+ hours the group toured the parks and parkways of Minneapolis and through the neighborhoods of St. Paul. There was a lot of activity going in during the tour! Bikers, walkers, runners, skateboarders abound on the



"Smitty" and Jan Smith's XK8

Jim and Donna Oricchio's 94 XJS



A mid-journey R & R stop

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paths along the Mississippi. Lots of people and things to gawk at. It would be even greater in a convertible with good weather!

And, of course, what's a Jaguar drive without the required lunch stop for some well earned rest and refreshment. The group ended the day at the Joseph's Grill on South Wabasha for lunch.

This is really a good tour. If the Martin's are interested in a "3-Peat" next year, just go sign up and do it!

Glenn Nickleski

Joe and Sue Werner's

red corvette

Bob and Donna Chadfield's 1961 Mk IX

Lynch's "Henry" makes an appearance complete with low budget chauffeur



Bill Ersland, carriage enthusiast and former Triumph guy, donated this sketch to the Jaguar Newsletter. If anyone is interested in more of his drawings, talk to Jaguar Club Member Kenn Kopitzke.



I have always loved sports cars. In college I wanted a MGTF but in those days coming up with \$1200 was out of the question. So no sports cars until about 15 years ago when I started a search for a Morgan +8. That was great for an open car but I started looking for a coupe about 10 years ago. After seeing what was available and what was in my budget I zeroed in on a Jaguar XK-150. It's big enough and the lines are almost as nice as a Series 1 e-type.

About that time Barb and I were at Wheals and Wings in Osceola and late in the afternoon a black 150 drove by and parked on the street. We went over to see the car. The exterior looked great but the interior was a little ragged. The owner had brought his kids to see the car show. We chatted briefly but he was not at all interested in selling the car. So that ended the issue.

For several months after that I tracked several cars on line even having independent inspectors look at four different cars. No success in finding a nice car at a reasonable price. At an open house at GT cars I asked John Natolie if he knew of any 150 coupes that might be for sale. He said that he thought there might be one available. So he gave me Roland's phone number. Roland was the guy from Wheels and Wings, but he never gave me his number. I called and reintroduced myself and inquired if he was interested in selling the car. He said no, so I gave him my number and said if here changed his mind please give me a call.

Six months later he called and said that he would be willing to sell it. He suggested that I take the car for a couple days to have a chance to drive it. It was a rainy Memorial Day weekend so I didn't drive it much but when I did I wasn't at all impressed. It was a heavy car that rode like a lumber truck. My leg kept falling asleep and the steering wheel was in an uncomfortable location. So I took it back and said I was not going to buy it.

Six months later he called and told me he was going to sell the car and he was going to sell it to me. His original price was reasonable but he made me an offer I couldn't refuse. I paid him cash (no paper trail). Two years later after a new interior and several mechanical repairs it was a nice 150 FHC. Not perfect but, but a nice road car.

Dale Martin

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FATHER'S DAY DRIVE

A hearty thanks to Kenn and Karen Kopitzke for organizing a fine Father's Day drive on June 17. The group met at the Kopitzke's residence in Afton and caravanned about 60 miles to a farm near Glenwood City in Wisconsin. Once again, rain dampened the ride but not our spirits. Of additional interest. Kenn and Karen are and have been active in the carriage community (as in horse drawn) for many years. Kenn does carriage restoration at his home shop. He arranged our visit with farm owners Scott and Kristi Tiegen. The Tiegens have dedicated an entire outbuilding for the display of many restored carriages. They have turned the building into their own private museum, not only complete with a great carriage assortment, but nice party room too. Just what the Jag Club likes. If you are at all interested in horse drawn carriages, you should definitely call the Kopitzke's.

Glenn Nickleski



Kopitzke's also have horses. This one made a new friend in Diane Jensen.





It's Father's Day weekend. Hot Rods are a necessity.



Jag Club members in an Old West adventure.





Cobblers on hand doing leather work



Another nice carriage.



This carriage is called a Bronson. It was manufactured by Brewster Company. Henry Ford used these as the base for his Model A station wagon.

RENDEZVOUS 2009



Another of my unknowns...from Wisconsin



What's a car show without Double Six?



Roger Gillette with his ever popular E coupe.

Bashful Elaine is inside.

Although officially not a Jaguar sponsored event, a good Jaguar crowd attended this year's Rendezvous '09 in Ashland, Wisconsin. There a few Jag people with dual citizenship of sorts, also being members of the Austin Healey Club. Gwen and I couldn't make the whole weekend, but we managed to get up there for one night. We did manage to make it to the restaurant on Friday night and the car show on Saturday.



Rumor has it Joe Soucheray is one of these bikers



Mike and Gloria left Henry behind this time



New Members "Smitty" and Jan Smith



Ron Nordwall looking proud. How's your golf game?



Not sure who this is



John & Janet Ruggeberg's 73 E Coupe

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Kari Berg and the Jaguar Club Treasurer himself, Brent Poppenhagen



A collection of R'09 organizers....can you pick out the Jag Club members?



John Shorrock looking dapper

The Austin Healey Club sponsored this year's event. All told it was very successful. The townfolk of Ashland really put out the welcome mats for the sports car crowd. If you've never been to a Rendezvous event, you should make a point of attending one of these unique happenings. Next year it will be held in Thunder Bay, Ontario, organized by the Thunder Bay Sports Car club. As information is available it will be posted on the Jaguar Club's website, www.jaguarminnesota.org.

Glenn Nickleski



William Welter, Diane Jensen, and the famous XJ12L



Saturday's car show lineup



Dick Matthews in his AC







Dale and Barb Martin

Anniversary Picnic



32nd Annual Anniversary cake supplied by Ken & Ruth Smith. Grandson Cohen always helps.

70 plus attendees...Jag Club members, Officers and Board members, children and grandchildren, and friends gathered at the pavilion at Brookview Park in Golden Valley for our 32nd Annual Minnesota Jaguar Club Picnic.

Ruth, Ken, and Grandson brought our traditional anniversary cake. BBQ Masters Gloria and Mike Lynch, Wendy Tweed and Dick Bass prepared with much love those succulent ribs and spicy chops (secret recipe) Beth Flynn flipped those burgers and rolled those





brats. Our thanks to you for a job well done! Our other food was efficiently and beautifully catered by Simple To Grand.

Ron and Mary Jo shopped till they dropped to gather all our door prizes and we had a few donations from Jim Oricchio (Twins tickets) Eric Hawkinson (golf balls) John Shorrock (items from Jaguar Land Rover Minneapolis), and Wendy Tweed (secret spice recipe).

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We had so many items that Ron had to put the name back in the hat and start over again. Thank you all!!!

Our busy beaver photographers were Peggy Harlander and Richard Jones - great job and CONGRATS to Beth and Jeff Flynn's son Dan on his pending Eagle Scout rank!!

As always OUR CARS WERE THE STARS and we counted at least 14 kats out in the parking lot. Bob Tirrell's white '66 3.8S sedan restored from baskets of parts and sporting a Chevy six under the bonnet deserves some extra talk as does



Mary Jo & Ron Nordwall intent at food selection







Great food does bring out a crowd!



Leila Jones and son Allen striking happy poses



President Elaine imparting her words of wisdom.





A small selection of the door prizes, organized by the Nordwdalls. Great Job!

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Are you hearing any parking lot purring?

Robert Nordin's red '63 MK II sedan (his personal restoration). Eric and Amanda Hawkinson's awesome silver bullet '63 SR I E Type coupe (crammed with Ford power) was a big hit.

Thanks to all the famous Minnesota Jaguars that showed up and special kudos to John Shorrock for the luxurious F Demo. What a treat.

John Gulickson



Ron Nordwall at his finest hour. Will hosting a game show be in the future?

Where's that bottle of Elixir?

John Gulickson, Randi Beale, Bob Tirrell, Reg & Sharon Costigan



The boys are back in town.



Finally it's time for cake!



Mexican Fiesta

The day was glorious. The location was lovely. The crowd was delightfully diverse...so were the automobiles. Photocomposition was somehow the same this year. How could all this be?

First, this was the forth year for our Mexican Fiesta, the second year at the Lynches, and the first year that the Healey Club participated. We seemed to get along quite nicely, thank you.

Last year Glenn made a comment about seating arrangements at the tables pictured. I made the exact same observation this year. Check the first two photos. Look at last years. What is it about Mexican Fiestas? They seem to bring out the Junior-High social mixer in us! Or, maybe it's the beans.

Major thanks to Mike, Gloria and their crew for the great effort chalking up another successful event. This year for about fifty.

Mike's appetizers were prepared perfectamente. (You don't go to Mike's without him fixin' something!). Diane Cruz catered again this year. Her south-of-the-boarder entrees es muy sabroso.

Besides the hosts, those that spent most of their time in the cocina or serving were Coke (Gloria's sister), the Meeks, all the Flynns, Jana Berghoff and Barb Martin. Others got involved as well.

Recognition again to Elaine and John for starting this great tradicion! They sponsored the first two Fiestas in '06 and '07. Not easy coming up with new event themes, especially when ours all seem to involve getting somewhere, then eating.

No complaints mind you.

George Arthur

(JULY 19TH - THE INTERCLUB VERSION)

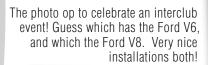


All the ladies are at table #1.





Later arrivals had to share a table.





Before the swarm swarmed. Mike, Gloria and Coke... always ready!



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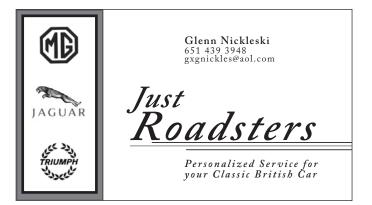
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Your President and First Gentleman, (Jake & John), journeyed to Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin for to join our son Dan and David Cheng for the Skip Barber Racing regional car races.

David is a former student of Dan's, currently pursuing dual career paths – Mechanical Engineering at the University of Washington, and a career in professional auto racing. Dan is David's personal trainer and the Operations Manager for the recently organized

David Cheng Racing.



David is 19 years old, and a citizen of both the U.S. and Republic of China, which as you can imagine opens many incredible opportunities. He has been involved in some form of motorsports

since age 11, racing spec-Rotax and shifter karts, autocross, and Skip Barber Series. In his first season with the Barber series, David has raced at Laguna Seca, Infineon, V.I.R., and Watkins Glen, consistently finishing in the top five with a podium at Watkins Glen. At Road America, he again finished on the podium. Next on the schedule is Mont Tremblant, Quebec.

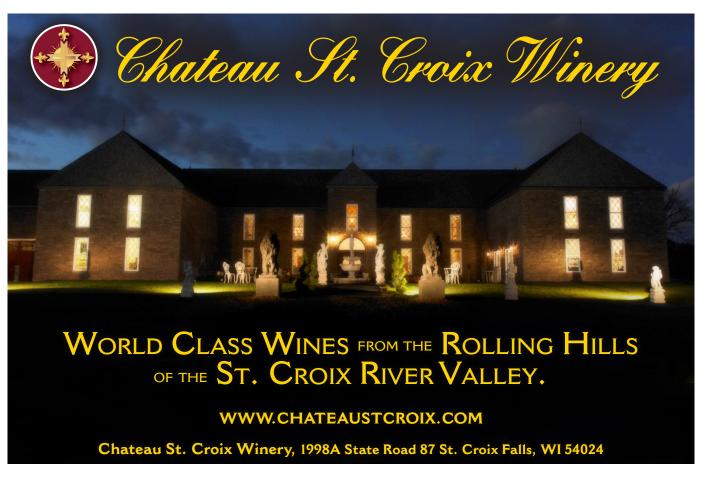


David will be testing a For-

mula Ford for the 2nd time with PIR at Laguna Seca in August for a possible ride for next year. He is also testing a Mustang for the 24-hour race at Portland, Oregon, and the 25 hour race at Thunderhill Raceway, in California.

Watch for David Cheng Racing. They are a vibrant force, destined for success in the international motorsports scene ... MARK MY WORDS!!!

John



InterMarque 2009

The InterMarque event always is a good time for me, but nevertheless leaves its mark on my psyche. Two years ago I aggressively campaigned for the highly prestigious "Uncultured Pearl" award for my 1964 E-Type Coupe (EPOSSUM). I readied the car for the ride from Stillwater to Plymouth, the longest ride it had undertaken in 20 years. As the ride was greatly successful, I was hopeful luck was on my side that day. Surely I would walk away with the Uncultured Pearl award. Well, it was not to be as a Jensen Healey took the top prize.

So here comes InterMarque 2009 with a new venue at Como Park. A lot closer for me living in Stillwater. Plus, EPOSSUM had a new set of tires. Gotta try it again. This time though, I'm not campaigning for anything.

So now comes the Saturday morning of InterMarque. As I woke up the outside temperature read 39 degrees. Plus wind. Not great weather, but fine for a coupe. Then I remembered I intentionally left EPOSSUM outside overnight. "I wonder if it will start" was on my mind as I walked outside. It did, but only after some serious coaxing for 45 minutes. InterMarque strikes again! Upon arriving at the InterMarque entrance, a worker pointed to the right....go park up the hill he says. I agreed but not EPOSSUM. Died right there and wouldn't start. So he called for help and pushed the car to the parking lot. After sitting for 30 seconds EPOSSUM decides that NOW it's time to start. Off we go towards picnic hill, but something still isn't right. 1st and 2nd gear have disappeared. Up the hill anyway in 3rd and park next to the Lynch's Henry, only to discover that reverse is also gone. We made it to InterMarque and the adventures continue.

The car show itself was great. Despite the weather there was quite a collection of machines of all makes and models. A lot to look at. As far as awards, only one was given out.... Best of Show. Dick Matthew's modified XK-120 Roadster took the prize. Hooray for the Jaguar Club!

And my ride home was just fine. No starting problems, the car felt good, 1st, 2nd, and even reverse came back as if nothing happened. This car has a personality. Wouldn't have it any other way.



Arthur's lovely 67 E-Coupe



The overall winner! Dick Matthews stunning XK 120 Roadster. How about an article, Dick?



Easton's Morgan 8

Glenn Nickleski

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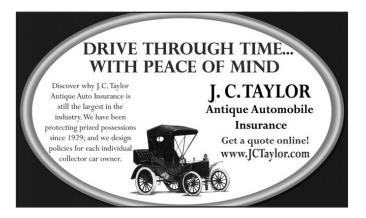


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DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	INFORMATION
Every Saturday: 8:30 AM	InterMarque Breakfast	Square Peg Restaurant, Minneapolis, MN	Daniel Buchen: 651.222.3899 dwbuch@hotmail.com
August 1	Coulee Classic	Maiden Rock Village Park	Ed Solstad 612.822.0569
August 6-9	Rally in the Valley	Wisconsin Roads	Diane Rindt Drindt5953@hotmail.com
August 15	Ellingston's All-British Car Show & Swap Meet	Ellingston's Car Museum Rogers, MN	Brian McCullough 715.832.8316
August 22 Rain Day August 23	Amery Airport Speed Run Austin Healey Club	Amery Airport Amery, WI	Tom Hazen myliberty@comcast.net
August 23	Wheels of Italy	Lake Calhoun Minneapolis, MN	wheelsofitaly.com
August 29	**Lake Minnetonka Tour & Picnic	2105 Pinto Drive Medina, Mn 55391	Robert Nordin & William Lo 612 377 0656
September 12	Wings & Wheels Car & Plane Show	Classic Motorbooks Osceola, WI	Bill Hohn and Daniel Bucher jhohn1190@comcast.net dwbuch@hotmail.comink.ne
September TBD	Lake Elmo Aviation Day	Lake Elmo Airport Lake Elmo, MN	John & Jake: 651.454.0626 elaineb@dakcom.org
September 11-13	Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival (VSCDA)	Road America Elkhart Lake, WI	Brent Poppenhagen:952.906.15 bwpoppenhagen@yahoo.com www.roadamerica.com
September 13	**BBQ	Brookview Park Golden Valley, MN	Dick Bass & Wendy Tweed 952.933.2490 wmarkuson@comcast.net
September 20	**September Drive and Brunch	Starting at Point Douglas State Park	Brent & Kari and Jim Oricch 952.906.1541 bwpoppenhagen@yahoo.com
October 10	Fall Color Tour with Healey Club	TBD	
October 17	Last Fall Tour with MG Club	TBD	

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