



Barb Martin and Eileen Wetzel of the Healey club prepare their margaritas

Ya, it's hot out there! Dick Bass, Wendy Tweed, and Jim Condon relax in air-conditioned shade.



# Mexican Fiesta at the Lynch's!



# PRESIDENTS' CORNER



*Dear Club Members,*

We have an interim newsletter editor. Russ Colber will be doing the newsletter for this quarter.

We would like to thank Russ for taking on this task. Henceforth this job will be done on a rotating basis among the board members. If you as a member would like to take a turn, just let us know and we would be happy to let you do so. Glenn N. and George A. have put together a basic outline of the task to help whomever is doing it to have a better idea of what they need to do. Also, Eric Hawkinson has been in contact with the Jaguar Dealership and they have agreed to print our Directory. After much ado, hopefully soon we will have those to mail out to all the membership.

Recently we have concluded two of our bigger events for the year. Rendezvous in Kenora, Ont. and the Annual Picnic. Both were a great success. I think the Picnic went off really well and I think we had some fantastic food for all the members to partake. It was a hot day, but at least it wasn't one of the 90 plus days! We had nearly 200 beverages and went through almost all of it. We hope that everyone had a good time. It's always nice to have a parking lot full of beautiful cars to admire.

This appeal goes out to all the Jaguar owners and lovers that I have met over the first half of the year that are not yet members of the club: we would like to invite you to join us at an event so you can see what we do and how much we enjoy our club. Come check us out! Contact any one of the board members if you have a question.

It may be redundant, but again I would like to thank all the members that put on and help at our events. You are what makes our club tick. Also, I would like to encourage members to make use of the services offered by our advertisers.

*Dick Bass  
Jaguar Club President*

# Sunday Well Spent

Not a book report this time. Here's a theatre review by the guy who dozes through most stage productions.

On March 11, the last day before it was due to leave for Broadway, Dick Jones arranged a club visit to the Guthrie for lunch and to experience *End Of The Rainbow*. Twenty-one were smart enough to sign up. All were totally taken by the performance and grateful to Dick for his arrangements and scoring those most reasonable tickets.

We witnessed powerful performances and heard wonderful songs in a poignant story familiar to most. As the title implies, this was the tragic tale of Judy Garland's last months before her death in 1969. Minnesota's own Baby Gumm performing her final concert series at London's Talk of the Town cabaret.

After raves by the British press, Oliver award winning actress Tracie Bennett offered Minnesota her tour de force portrayal of Judy's troubled comeback in front of her beloved British audiences. This thing should crack New York just as it did London! We were lucky enough to get it in between.

Dick also brilliantly organized a pre-theatre lunch at the Guthrie's **Sea Change** restaurant. If you have not been to the new Guthrie yet...it's eatery, fine productions, architecture, and city views should be experienced. And, thank you Dr. D!

George Arthur



# SUMMERTIME and the Picnic was Breezy



Betsy and Roger Mehl, up from Rochester and Faribault in a three-hour excursion in the heat humidity look over the prize table.



Anticipation among the audience mounts as the raffle selection nears.

Summer showed up dry, hot, and heavy with humidity, but the annual club picnic found itself in cool and shady surroundings under the pavilion roof at Brookview Park in Golden Valley, right next to the golf course. The parking lot was filled with gussied up Jaguars, and even a Triumph roadster with its hood up—was it possibly gaping in admiration at the sparkling collection of Jaguars ranging from the 50s right through the 2012s (the latter models offering test drives thanks to John and Carol Shorrock). Master Chef Wizard Mike Lynch (often almost magically disappearing in a cloud of charcoal smoke) kept three different barbeque grills going to provide delicious ribs, pork chops, hamburgers, and brats. The tables groaned with the additional weight of both vegetable and fruit salads, plates of finger food veggies and sliced fruits, many cheeses, the beautifully decorated chocolate cake, plus a staggering variety of iced waters and sodas.



Ann and Dan Buchen are all smiles after winning a pair of embroidered club shirts.



Earlier, Don and Linda Messer are all attention as Jeff Flynn diagnoses their black XJS roadster's maladies.

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Elaine Brahms and John Gulickson seem to be wondering what that Triumph is "trying to say" with its "bonnet" up.



Bob Nordine's Carmen Red Mark 2 turns out a shapely new authentic English tube-type tire as if it were posing on a fashion show runway.

After introducing two new members, Beth and Neil Pursley, anticipation rose expectantly when President Dick Bass stood up first to read off club announcements. He and his two carrot-topped assistants then one-by-one drew the dozens of names of lucky winners to come up and select their choices from the table of prizes (including embroidered club shirts, caps, quartets of engraved wine glasses complete with a bottle of wine, useful automotive items, books, and more). Considering the economic conditions prevalent in Minnesota right now, this raffle seemed very bountiful indeed.



Mike Lynch, the BarBQ Wizard steps into a cloud of smoke to work his magic.

Many thanks also to the volunteers who showed up hours early to fancy-dress the picnic tables, cook and display the foods, and load up the prize table with donated goodies.

All in all, a very successful picnic indeed.



President Dick Bass reads announcements handed him by Wendy Tweed just before plunging his hand into the raffle bag (on the picnic table) as prize anticipation builds.

# Highlights from The Lynch's Annual (Totally Sold Out) MEXICAN FIESTA

One anonymous wag called the Chanhassen weather report to see if it coordinated with Mexican hot sauce served with the hand-made delicacies. The average temperature that bright sunny day outside was 90.2° F. with 50% humidity (which frankly felt more like 96°F). Lacking a scientific answer regarding the coordination of weather and hot sauce, the question was not resolved. But without exception, everyone agreed the splendid meal was delicious!!!"

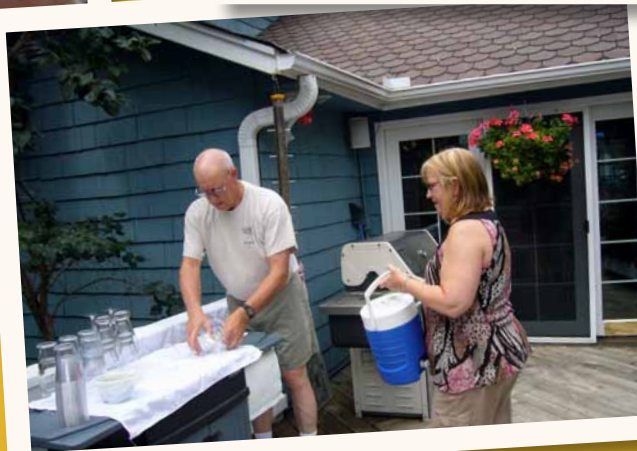


Theoretically used to riding in open-air roadsters, it seems quite a few members of the Healey club decided on the shaded porch area instead of under the full sun on the decking

The fiesta gathering included many members of the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club plus Bill Richards one of the organizers for the recent Northern Lights Rendezvous in Kenora, Ontario, Canada; he's in the process of filling his van with souvenirs and visiting numerous touring sites across the U.S.



Real cool shade after slaving over hot ovens and stoves! L-R, Coke Mulder, Gloria Lynch, Barb Martin, and Nancy Lauser demonstrate how to cool off



As Mike prepares the bar, Jana Berghoff is about to pass him a sizable quantity of Margarita mix

# Jaguar Club of Minnesota

## TECH SESSION

SATURDAY, JUNE 23 • 9 AM



Don's car missing a few pieces



Jeff Flynn and his able elves ready to work

The Tech Session on June 23 was held to replace the frame structure on a 1964 E-type coupe. It had at some time sustained damage in a front-end collision. The frames were apparently damaged and poorly repaired, and a fiberglass bonnet was installed in place of the original steel one. So Jeff Flynn's expertise was called upon to reassemble the front structure after all the damaged parts were removed and some cleaning and painting done. Four new frame units were installed, part of the front suspension was reattached, and the torsion bars were set to fix the ride height using Jeff's purpose-made measuring tool. The work went without a significant hitch, with insights and wrenching by the eleven attendees. Thanks to all for a successful day.



Lee Bowman and Jeff at task



Admiration of a job well done



**Northern Lights Rendezvous  
Kenora, Ontario, Canada, June 14-16**

A good group of Jaguar Club members attended this year's Rendezvous festivities, sponsored by our neighbors to the North. The Triumph Drivers Club of Manitoba, Mid-Canada Mini Group, Austin Healey Club of Manitoba, and the Jaguar Club of Manitoba banded together to put on an enjoyable weekend.

Kenora is really in a beautiful area. It is on the north side of the Lake of the Woods. The town itself reminded me of maybe Superior or Ashland, Wisconsin. Nothing fancy, but rugged with plenty of tradition. In addition to the usual automobile mode of transportation, boats and seaplanes were quite common. The local grocery store across from our motel also had a dock for aquatic shoppers. Lake of the Woods itself is massive, 90 miles long by 60 miles wide..... and dotted with a tremendous number of islands.

There was a Meet and Greet event on Thursday night. Friday was a big day. There was a group ride to nearby Rushing River Provincial Park for a hot dog (that would be smokie in the Canadian dialect) lunch, a funkhana, a foot rally around downtown, and for the smart early signups a great evening cruise on the lake.

Saturday's activities included a car rally out in the countryside, a car show under a tremendous tent right on the lakefront, and the event ending evening Banquet. The guest speaker at this event was Dennis Gage, star of SPEED TV's "My Classic Car".



A collection of cars under the tent on Saturday



Roger Gillette and Elaine's Honeymoon ride!



View from the stage in the tent. In the foreground is a Jaguar SS 100.





Nice view of Martin's XK-150



One of the hazards of the trip....Elaine and John's XK developed an issue which required duct tape to the rescue



Very nice E-Type V-12 Coupe for sale

Although Minnesota Jaguar was shut out this year on earning any car awards, we didn't come up empty. Gwen Nickleski won the foot rally event with a little help from yours truly. Perhaps the ultimate winners were Roger Gillette and Elaine Johnson. They won the Honeymoon Upgrade Package. Those that registered for the weekend via the on-line method before a give date were entered in a drawing for the honeymoon upgrade. Roger and Elaine were picked. No wonder we didn't see them a lot that weekend!!! (just kidding)

Next year's Rendezvous event will be held in Grand Rapids, Minnesota the Sugar Lake Lodge. It will be organized by the Minnesota Austin Healey Club. If you've never been to a Rendezvous, this would be one worth considering.

Glenn Nickleski

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## Drive and Luncheon

Sunday, September 16, 2012



Departure time promptly at 10:00 am  
at Point Douglas State Park just before the bridge across the St. Croix River  
at Prescott, Wisconsin (Highway 10).

This year's drive (including bathroom break) has been laid out and will be led by a good friend of the Jaguar Club, Mr. Tom Hazen. Nobody knows the roads and coulees of Western Wisconsin better than Tom and he assures us of a great drive and perhaps a few surprises as well.

Our Luncheon (at approx. 12:30 pm) will be at Kate and Gracie's Restaurant in Alma, Wisconsin. This newly remodeled restaurant is housed in an historic building overlooking the Mississippi River and Lock and Dam #4.

Chef Ed Nagle and Chef Laurie Farley will prepare a special menu for the Jaguar Club including soup or salad and several entrees from which to choose. Soft drinks, tea, and coffee are included. Full bar available at cost.

The cost including tax and gratuity is only \$16.00 per person.

**The event is hosted by Brent Poppenhagen and Kari Berg.**  
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# News Flash!

Jaguar is going to go ahead with building the F-Type roadster (again).

Some may recall that this car was going to be built back in the 90s but when things starting going bad for Ford it was cancelled, along with the closing and sale of the historic Brown's Lane factory among many other cost-cuttings. Rumors for the F-Type's revival periodically popped up for the next decade, but the current news from Tata and Jaguar Land Rover state the F-Type roadster will enter the product line in the next two years.

Speculative specifications call for an all-aluminum body and an all-new aluminum 3.0 litre supercharged direct injection engine with balance shafts, dual independent variable cam timing, and a Roots-type vortex supercharger mounted in the engine's "V". The engine will be offered in two states of tune:

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# Jaguar Club of Minnesota Calendar of Events (August-September)

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 16-18	Road America America LeManz	Road America Elkhart Lake, WI	Brent Poppenhagen Treasurer@jaguarminnesota.org (952) 906-1541
Saturday, August 25	**Tech Session	Edina, MN	John Palmer
September 7-9	Road America Fall Vintage Festival	Road America Elkhart Lake, WI	Brent Poppenhagen Treasurer@jaguarminnesota.org (952) 906-1541
Saturday, September 8	Wheels & Wings	Osceola, WI	
September 8-9	James J. Hill Days	Wayzata, MN	
Sunday, September 9	**City Tour Drive and Lunch	St. Paul and Minneapolis	Dale Martin dale.martin5@comcast.net (651) 436-5902
Sunday, September 16	**September Drive and Lunch	Prescott, WI	Brent Poppenhagen Treasurer@jaguarminnesota.org (952) 906-1541
September 20-23	Road America SCAA National Championship Run-Off	Road America Elkhart Lake, WI	Brent Poppenhagen Treasurer@jaguarminnesota.org (952) 906-1541

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## Note from a Member, Donald Caba

I was in MN for 9-months for a client. I joined the MN Jag club and through those connections bought a 1968 Jag XKE convertible. The Saturday morning breakfasts at the Square Peg restaurant were invaluable in helping me know what to look for and what to do for the refurbishment of my new mistress (as my wife refers to her).

My car needed a lot of work on the exterior. Through the club, I was directed to Babler's Collision Specialties in Mayer, MN. Mike Babler is a perfectionist and was the absolute right person for my car. The car was stripped and repainted from approximately the rear wheels forward. In addition to the stripping and painting, Mike welded body joints that were cracked, repaired rust spots, and then buffed out the rear of the car to perfectly match the new paint. The folks in the Jag club directed me to Jeff Flynn at Special Interests Auto Service, another quality person, who got the engine ready for me and installed an exhaust system. The car was shipped back to my home in North Carolina on July 28. I am now back in NC and am working on refurbishing/restoring my new mistress.

Please extend my sincerest thanks to everyone in the club for the help and camaraderie that was extended to me during my stay in MN.

