



Goodwood Comes to Minnetonka



PRESIDENTS' CORNER



Greetings to all Jag Members,

Our first outing of the spring was the Sweetheart Luncheon. It was a great success thanks to Glenn and Gwen Nickleski. We had a short 50 mile drive through that St. Croix River area ending in Afton for lunch. The sky was clear and free from rain just long enough for our outing and it started raining as soon as we all headed for home. It was nice to be able to have the top down for the first time of the year. The food and company was outstanding. How can you spend time with your Jaguar friends and not have it be great?

Remember the monsoon rains of May! Well the weather broke just long enough for us to have three enjoyable days at Sugar Lake Lodge in Grand Rapids for Rendezvous 2013. There was a great turn out for the event. Over 200 cars were in attendance. Jags, MGs, Austin Healeys, and some none-British cars. There were two cars shows, one in Downtown Grand Rapids and one at the resort. We needed sun for those and the old boy came through for us. I think a good time was had by all. We are all looking forward to next years Rendezvous which will be in Thunder Bay, Ontario. We encourage everyone to try to work it into your calendar next summer and get your room reservations in soon.

Again we are making a call to action for our members. We are in need of members to step up and take an active role in helping us run the club. Wendy and I will be done at the end of this year and so not only will we need a new President, but we also need someone to take over the job of Membership, help with the Newsletters and Directory and also Advertising. A small number of the members have maintained these jobs for extended periods of time and are now looking for a break. We would be happy to hear from anyone who would like to become more active in the operation of this club. Call me, or any board member if you can be of help to us.

In closing I hope to see good turn outs at our Summer and Fall events.

See you soon!

Dick Bass

Jaguar Club President

The Annual Jaguar Club Picnic



Sunny Sunday, July 14th and attendees discovered a brand new picnic location at Carver Park in Woodbury. Our master chefs, Dick Bass and Mike Lynch tended their familiar smoking grills for the ribs, pork chops, hamburgers, and brats. The ladies filled the tables with assorted salads, fruits, cheese & crackers, plus the traditional Ken Smith cake, all washed down by a huge array of ice-cold beverages.



Half of the Jaguar parking lot



The other half of the Jaguar parking lot



Mike Lynch does burgers and brats



Dick Bass does the chops

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This great new site included a swimming beach, walking trails, a fishing pier, and volleyball courts. The long lines of Jaguars took up half of the big parking lot, and the opposite side was packed with a Japanese car club.

Names were drawn for a large variety of prizes, and President Dick Bass appealed to the membership to attend the very important December 7th "2014" events planning session — a significant get together which will determine our upcoming club programs, events, and future activity.



Shared recollections



You're kidding!



Conversations

Landing in Paradise



Sunday, October 20th the intrepid group gathered in the parking lot of the conjunction of Hwy. 95 North and Hwy. 94 East, just across the river from Hudson, WI for our many car caravan to Paradise Landing on the shores of Balsam Lake, WI.

It began to rain ... and rain ... and rain some more, and then the rain began to magically transform into light snow. (Keep in mind that this was more than a week prior to Halloween.) Thankfully, our leaders Dick Jones and George Arthur provided turn-by-turn directions and there were no lost "caravaners" due to the unexpected weather on our trip through the highways, byways, and richly colorful autumn woods of Wisconsin.

Paradise Landing turned out to be a truly exceptional restaurant and everyone seemed pleased with the food, the service, the outstanding décor, the beautiful fall foliage, and the splendid lakeside setting.

Definitely a "do-again" next year!



Love this place!



Snow????!!!



Jaguar club members John and Carol Shorrock put a recreation of the famed annual Royal Goodwood Festival in England together. This festival filled the Jaguar Land Rover dealership acreage in Minnetonka with a massive field of assorted British cars. As in the overseas English event, a great many attendees attired themselves in costumes of the period of their cars. The prize-costuming award surely must have been awarded to Eric and Amanda Hawkinson for outfits and true-to-the-era hair styling suited to their own 1963 Jaguar XKE.

Mike Lynch planned and directed a delicious array of Irish-styled outdoor cooking which attracted a continuous line of hungry fans seated and sprawled on the grass verge, picnic style.

There were Jaguars of all vintages that included a truly splendid Jaguar SS100 of the early 30s-40s eras, all the way up to a colorful display of the present 2013 models. Cars grouped by manufacturer included an absolute rainbow of colors comprised of MGs, Rolls Royce, Hillman, Austin Healey, Aston Martin, Lotus, Triumphs, and even a (Nash) Metropolitan.

We'll be looking forward to another outstanding festival in 2014.



Goodwood MGs



Classics at Goodwood



Eric and Amanda Hawkinson's Halloween costumes are perfect for their 1963 XKE



Goodwood Triumphs



VINO IN THE VALLEY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2013

Hats off to Brent Poppenhagen and Kari Berg for once again hosting a great fall driving and eating event, culminating with dinner at VINO in the Valley Restaurant in Maiden Rock, Wisconsin. The Poppenbergs (as I call them, anyway) have been organizing fall drives for quite a few years now, and they all have been great! This one was no exception. Their ability to come up with fun drives is phenomenal.

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Some of the Jaguars assembled at Pt. Douglas Park



Tour organizer Brent Poppenhagen explaining the day's proceedings



Tour leader Tom Hazen getting into the details



1990 XJX, Bill & Alice Loe



2000 XK8, Greg "Smitty" & Mary Jo Smith



2000 XJR, Jim & Donna Oricchio

A nice assortment of 18 cars assembled for the journey, meeting at Pt. Douglas Park on the Minnesota side of the St. Croix River, just across the bridge from Prescott, Wisconsin. This year our tour guide was the one and only Tom Hazen, known in the local sports car world as Mr. Speed. Tom organizes speed runs and rallies throughout the summer in a variety of venues. His knowledge of western Wisconsin roads is second to none.

In true fashion, the tour started out with an emphasis slanted towards “spirited” driving. After a missed turn and a couple of “which way did he go, Kemosabe?”, the group blended into a more harmonious state of motion. We covered 80 miles of mostly deserted country 2 lane roads and cruised into the restaurant parking lot (read field) as if it was rehearsed. Plus, we were able to all park as a group, creating quite a nice stir for the other guests at the restaurant.

If you’ve never been to Vino in the Valley, you might want to visit someday. It is outdoor dining, nestled amidst 5 acres of vineyards, plopped right down in the Rush River Valley. The views are spectacular. Everyone dines in a big tent, open on all sides. The restaurant had a special Italian selection menu set up for us, and the food was great. I had a Whey Good Pizza, and the description was right

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2000 XK8, Phil Swenson & Roxanne Krause



2002 XK8, John Gulickson & Elaine Brahms



???? XJ, Mark Harris & Maggie Freutel



1961 Mark II, Kenn & Karen Kopitzke



1968 E-Type, Glenn & Gwen Nickleski



1991 XJS, Warren Erickson & Maxine Rossini

on. Also, if you like Dean Martin crooning in the background, you get it at Vino on the loudspeakers. Oh yes, did I mention the Emcee? Somehow he managed to raffle off Phil Swenson's XK convertible to some lucky (planted) employee. Everyone knew it was a setup, but Phil had some doubt in his eyes nonetheless.

Looking forward to more Poppenberg Jaguar Club adventures.

Ciao,
Glenn Nickleski



2004 Maserati, Orrichio's



2000 Corvette, Joe & Sue Werner



2006 GTO, Russ Colber



1990 XJS, Beth & Neil Pursley



2002 XK8, Al & Mary Kaeding



1994 XJS, Rich Leistico & Kathy Adamek



1994 XJS, Brent Poppenhagen & Kari Berg



2013 Porsche Boxster, George Arthur & Sandi Land



2012 Mitsubishi EVO 10, Tom Hazen & Sarah Rentz

the LYNCH'S ANNUAL MEXICAN FIESTA

For anyone who missed it on July 28th, the invitation invited members of the Jaguar and Austin Healy car clubs to "arrive hungry" on Horseshoe Curve, just a few stands of trees from the shores of Lotus Lake. And the many who did arrive hungry enjoyed fabulous tacos, enchiladas, tamales, authentic sides and salads, and Wendy Tweed's sopapillas. All of this washed down with a seemingly bottomless selection of chilled Mexican beers, Margaritas, and Sangria.

A special feature of the event was the arrival of John Shorrock in a brand-new sparkling white Jaguar F-Type roadster. He then took many of the excited crowd of attendees for their first ride in Jaguar's newest arrival and long awaited successor to the famed E-Type. Upon returning from her inaugural ride, hostess Gloria Lynch, grinning ear-to-ear said: "I love this car!! It's just right for me ... anyone want my XKE?"

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KOPITZKE ANNUAL PICNIC

August 11



When was the last time you saw not 1, not 2, but 3 Mark II's at one time? It was a fine happening at Kopitzke's!

This was the first time Gloria and I were able to make the event and we did stumble a bit in locating their country manse. We drove 'Henry' with the Flynns along and I received some spirited advice on directions, but a kindly neighbor finally got us straight.

The weather was perfect and nineteen people attended, plus the Kopitzke clan. I was reminded of events in my Kentucky family gatherings: eat, drink something, and move your chair when you lost the shade.

Ken and Karen did a great job with the food, Ken's XK replica got started and run up the road, and we almost solved most of the world's problems. Gloria and I especially enjoyed the grand kids running about, which offset the massive amount of inactivity by the rest of us.

Thanks to Ken and Karen and we'll look forward to next year.

Mike Lynch






It looks like the Nickleskis and the Gulickson-Brahms agree...there's nothing better than a mid-summer picnic!



A significant amount of the club membership enjoy the Kenn Kopitzke's annual picnic!



Dick Bass standing by as Kenn Kopitzke checks the roast

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