

# Historic Hotels of Iowa Tour



# PRESIDENTS' CORNER



### Dear Club Members,

Your board has asked Tom Hazen to become an Honorary Member of our club and he has graciously accepted.

If you participate in many of our activities you already recognize why we made this offer. Tom has donated his time and effort to organize numerous driving events locally, and quite a few for our club including our last sponsored Rendezvous. An article in this newsletter bares testimony to a more recent collaboration.

Please extend your appreciation and welcome Tom to Jaguar Minnesota the next time you see him.

We're also pleased to add two new memberships this past year: Bill and Terry Jacobs from Burnsville with their 1961 Mark 2, and their 1955 XK140MC roadster. We also welcome Justin Paur from downtown Minneapolis and his 1994 XJS convertible.

Dick Bass Jaguar Club President

# The Royal British Car and Fashion Show

Almost certainly destined to become an annual event, The British Car and Fashion Show on August 18, 2012 brought out scores of British automobiles. The current and classic Jaguar brands, were well represented. The event was held as a fund-raiser for the Wilder Foundation and its charity for homeless children.

Fun aspects of participating included wearing vintage clothes that reflected the era of your car. Certainly Barbara Martin might have been mistaken for the "Duchess of Stillwater" with that so-British hat and outfit poised in front of a vintage Rolls Royce. "Sir Eric and Lady Amanda Hawkinson" also got into the spirit of the event, posed as a classic rock star and a staid British banker along with their silver 1963 E-Type. And Terry Jacobs searched out a period outfit that matched the 1961 Mark 2 saloon car that she and Bill own.

Let's do it again next year, so start looking around for outfits to match the era of your cars: 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, 2000s.

And many thanks are owed to Carol and John Shorrock for putting so much time and effort into launching this event, and providing a very regal Queen Kathy.

# Coming to a showroom near you (hopefully) soon ...



What you'll see in your rear-view mirror

The view from your helicopter

The spiritual successor to the E-Type, the new F-Type two-person Jaguar sports car was shown to an enthusiastic audience at the Paris show in September. There have been several sports car prototypes since the E-Type ceased manufacture in 1975, but nothing ever actually went into production. This new sports car will be built in an aluminum architecture bringing a new platform and tortional stiffness with a "cockpit-like interior along with two new V6 supercharged engines:

 $\sqrt{\text{delivering 340 hp}}$  $\sqrt{\text{delivering 380 hp}}$  $\sqrt{A}$  Also available will be the supercharged V8 engine with 495 hp

Adding an active valve to the exhaust system creates a "natural and authentic sound that the human ear finds attractive". Brakes are upgraded and the cars will be fitted with "our fastest ever steering rack". In addition to the new Quickshift 8-speed automatic transmission, a 6-speed manual transmission will also be available.

### **JAGUAR'S PREVIOUS SPORTS CARS HERITAGE**

SS-100: built 1936 – 1940, only less than 350 were built because in 1939 and 1940 the factory began to manufacture Spitfire airplanes for the Battle of Britain. Initially the SS100 had a 2.5 litre inline 6 engine of 100 hp, later as a 3.5 litre 16 developing 125 hp. Following the end of WW2, SS was dropped from the name because of its association with the German SS military units.





XK120: built 1948 – 1954, initially crowned as the "fastest production car in the world" (at the time). It had a 3.4 litre inline dual overhead cam 6 cylinder engine developing up to 160 hp, had leaf springs, lever shocks, and four-wheel drum brakes.

XK140: built 1955 – 1957, again a 3.4 litre inline DOHC 6 engine, but now developing up to 210 hp, and was modernized with telescopic shocks, rack-and-pinion steering, and better brakes.

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XK150: built 1957 – 1960, again a 3.4 litre inline 6 DOHC engine, but now developing up to 250 hp, and when furnished with a 3.8 litre DOHC developing up to 265 hp, both models were updated with one-piece windshields and an option of 4-wheel disc brakes.

E-Type: built 1961 – 1974 with a 3.8 litre DOHC developing up to 265 hp, and when furnished with a 5.3 litre single overhead cam engine V12 engine it developed up to 295 hp. The E-Type became what was the quintessential British sports car and one of the most beautiful designs of all time (one is still in the collection of the Museum of Modern Art in New York City). Four-wheel disc brakes



were standard, and both automatic and manual transmissions were available.

### XJ220: Built 1992 – 1994 with a 3.5 litre twin-turbo V6 engine that developed 542 hp.



It was seen as a "supercar", but economic winds had shifted and by the time the car was readily available, Jaguar struggled to sell (and be paid for) less than 300 units. Since the factory did not run crash tests on the car, it cannot be sold and licensed for road use in the U.S. (though one can be licensed to only be shown at car show displays and was often seen when the Wisconsin Jaguar club had their annual concours).

### JAG CLUB AT THE TWIN CITIES POLO CLUB MATCH

On August 12 the Twin City Polo Club played a live match benefit for the University of Minnesota's Leatherdale Equine Center. It was a day of heart pounding excitement filled with non-stop entertainment. Several members from the Minnesota Jaguar club attended. The attendees included John and Carol Shorrock, Eric and Amanda Hawkinson, Barb and Dale Martin, Jeff and Beth Flynn, Dan Buchen, and Mike and Gloria Lynch.



Summarizing the day, Mike Lynch said: "Eric Hawkinson was in-

volved in the event through his business and promoted the car show. Several of us attended and displayed our cars. The impending bad weather kept most of the invited cars away, but many nice ones showed up. Several cars were worth over a million dollars. My 'Henry' (MK IX) was parked next to a 1965 Rolls Royce. The field was set up with bleachers on the east side for paying fans. The west side was for VIP only. There were approximately 12 corporate-sponsored food



and beverage tents, and we ate and drank our way through. The food was gourmet magnificent along with every type of beer/wine/whiskey you can imagine. Barb Martin and Gloria Lynch really liked the Mimosas. Having never seen polo we were all astounded at the performance level of both riders and horses. Much of their play seemed almost physically impossible and really dangerous. I think it's a sport you are born into along with trust funds to afford it. A rare combination and surely the reason why there is not more polo being played."

# HISTORIC HOTELS OF IOWA TOUR aka...Survivor Iowa 2012

Possibly the last title documenting their well planned 2012 tour that Brent and Kari could have imagined... and none of their making. Of the original seven signups, only two cars made the last official lap back into Minnesota together. (More as we go). But, what a great excursion it was!!

Brent Poppenhagen and Kari Berg put on their third (annual we hope!) excursion starting out October 2nd and returning the 5th. It was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by those lucky enough to be participating. Kari knows Iowa, and this year's objective was to help the rest of us appreciate it. She was successful.

Our first stop and gathering point was the wonderful little town of Northfield Minnesota. Lunch was at the 1877 Archer House River Inn. An intriguing gift shop and a surprising street front curry buffet were the first impressions. However, we settled into their comfortable American menu dining room. Northfield is a wonderful and picturesque little settlement only 40 miles south of the Twins. Most of us had never been there.

On to Mason City. One of the trip's highlights...we were booked in at the last existing Frank Lloyd Wright hotel, the Historic Park Inn. Originally constructed in 1910, left to rack and ruin, but now a National Register location. A recent and well executed \$20 million dollar renovation was evident. Our friendly docent entertained us right up to cocktails, then a fine dinner at the hotel's 1910 Grille. The common areas and rooms were delightful. Prairie architecture never seems to get drab or dated.



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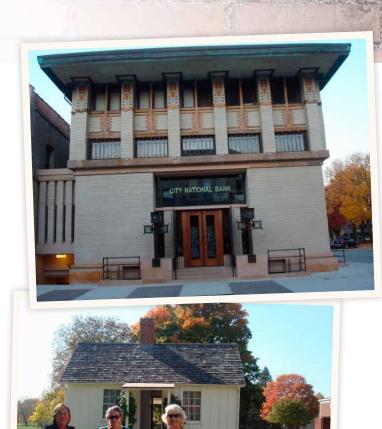
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After a drive-by of other local FLW homes our first stop the next day was only 100 miles later... somewhere around Toledo Iowa... and unplanned. Glenn and Gwen's '68 E-type pulled its annual Iowan snit freezing it's water pump. What now? Kari immediately recalled a shop within a short ride that was owned by someone who use to drive an E-type. What?! The ride was possible only after Glenn relieved the 4.2 of its accessory belt. A quick call to Jeff Flynn and one of the responsive Jaguar suppliers and parts were on their way...and we continued on our way...the Nickleski kids now occupying the back seat of William and Diane's now commissioned Chase Chevy.

Next stop after a ride through the Amana Colonies was the interesting Ox Yoke Inn in Amana for lunch. Then on to West Branch and a visit to the Herbert Hoover Library. If you have never done one of the twelve presidential libraries you owe yourself a treat. Iowa, Missouri and Kansas all have great ones. This one, in its 50th year, includes many historic buildings one of which was Hoover's teeny tiny birth place. Could have spent more time there sopping up history.

Away again. After blowing through Lost Nation Iowa we settled in at the Decker Hotel in Maquoketa. Once the hardnosed innkeeper got used to us she was a delight...when you could find her. Anyway, the cook was excellent even though there was only one of some menu items. These places are interesting anytime, especially at season's end.

It was evident the next morning that several of our crew were later lured into the Mexican restaurant up the street. They had obliviously consumed most of Taco Pet's margarita ingredients.





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Regardless, we were off to our next stop...lunch at the Franklin Hotel in Strawberry Point, pretty much unchanged since built 110 years ago. Then up to the north east corner of the state to Decorah and the historic Hotel Winneshiek. Decorah is also home to Luther College.

We arrived early, so before checking in we visited the Vesterheim (Western home) Norwegian-American Museum founded in 1877. Twenty four thousand artifacts and twelve buildings! Having recently visited Norway Sandi and I could hardly drag ourselves away from the place. But drag ourselves away we did as it was another beautiful day and the group was going to visit a nearby falls.

That visit was brief. Sandi wandered out on the rocks to sample the cold water, and with one misstep into a cavernous leaf filled hole she was down. Broken wrist bones obvious. We followed Brent to a very nice hospital for the positive conformation and missed dinner with our crew. They were joined by Allan and Janie Dahl from Mabel (Harmony). Great to see them. After returning from the hospital, and briefly visiting those eating in the hotel's lovely dining room, we settled into our upgraded suit...that was occupied by our nation's president fourteen months prior. Good room service. The next morning we were all Minnesota bound, one way or another.

So, let's sum up. Two cars did not get to the starting point due to circumstances beyond control, the Martins and our president and first lady....one Jaguar left behind in central Iowa had to be retrieved by the Nickleskis and the gracious owners of the chase car...and one Mercedes ambled back a few hours early with three normal and one newly set arm. That leaves only our wonderful hosts with Elaine and John to finish the scheduled route.





What a interesting adventure! Brent and Kari do a bang up job with these excursions. Their organizational skills, handouts, and selected points of interest suit to a tee. And this year the fall colors were again wonderful.

Iowa is an interesting state. It's not all corn.

George Arthur

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# Jaguar Club Community Service Project FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

### November 3

Once again, the Jaguar Club along with the Austin Healey Club hosted a Saturday morning community service project at Feed My Starving Children in Eagan. FMSC is located in an industrial complex on Lone Oak Road. How many years have these two clubs been at FMSC now? Quite a few, maybe 10 or more. Does anyone recall how many?

As most of you know, FMSC involves America's adults and youths working together to produce packets of food, called manna packs which are then sent to any one of 70 countries worldwide to combat hunger. FMC partners with orphanages, schools, clinics, refugee camps and others to distribute these manna packs. The packets are specially designed by food experts from Cargill and General Mills, targeting undernourished children.

Both car clubs fielded about 2 dozen volunteers for a few hours in the morning to help with manna pack making. Both clubs also make a \$300 donation to FMSC. This year the Jaguar Club felt sorry for the poor Austin Healey folks and let then out donate us by \$5. We will get back at them next year, no doubt.

### Glenn Nickleski



A nice contingent of Jaguar Club volunteers



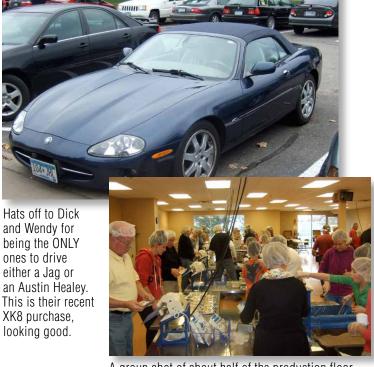
Relaxing after a tough mornings work. And yes, Dick did down all those beers!





Donna Chadfield and her 2 grandsons hard at task





A group shot of about half of the production floor.

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### JAGUAR LAND ROVER OPENS NEW WINTER TEST FACILITY IN MINNESOTA!

Jaguar Land Rover officially opened its new winter test facility in International Falls, Minnesota on December 11, 2012. This facility includes cold testing chambers, snow covered test surfaces, a frozen lake, and a concrete test track. Andy Goss, President, Jaguar Land Rover, North America noted "This facility joins a growing list of Jaguar Land Rover facilities in the United States and reflects the company's commercial aspirations in the U.S. Having such a facility also underscores our dedication to the all weather capabilities of Jaguar and Land Rover vehicles." International Falls is known as one of the coldest locations in the Continental United States, with temperatures as low as -55 F (-48 C). This extreme weather testing will further allow Jaguar Land Rover engineers to meet the harshest environmental conditions our vehicles will face, no matter where they are driven. Jaguar Land Rover Engineering Director Martyn Hollingsworth said "The United States is one of our largest global markets, and investing in a world class winter testing facility here is imperative to the success of Jaguar Land Rover in North America." The recently introduced Jaguar Instinctive All Wheel Drive technology was developed primarily for the North American market.

# Jaguar Club City Drive





When that gleaming bronze Healey 3000 roadster in the foreground pulled up, the passenger seat was filled with Bruno, the giant German Shepard dog wearing enormous yellow framed sunglasses! Alas, this photographer missed the shot!

Coffee, snacks, and chats before taking off.

September 9th, a beautiful sunny day brought a blended city drive with the glittering jewel-like cars of both our Jaguar club and the Austin Healey club through 40 miles of the parks and scenic neighborhoods of Minneapolis and Saint Paul. Meeting at the overlook on east River Road (across from the former Ford Plant), for the next two and half hours the "parade" (at least the gaping and astonished onlookers we passed thought it was) wound through the parkways, along the lakes, creeks, and through some very nice residential neighborhoods, and included a rest stop on a Minneapolis golf course. We ended up at Joseph's Grill on south Wabasha in Saint Paul for a welcome menu of drinks and snacks. Thanks once again to Barb and Dale Martin for their leadership, and that glistening black 1958 XK150 coupé which brought so many waves and cheers from those it passed on the tour.



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# The Last Summer Day...September 16th

As I write this September 16th may very well have been the last day of summer. And how better spent than on a spirited romp into Wisconsin with eighteen interesting vehicles and a great group of people!

Brent and Kari, again with impeccable organization, put this luncheon drive together. They have joined the list of legendary hostesses for our club's events.

Their trigger man for this outing was none other than Tom Hazen. Tom is somewhat of a legend himself (don't go there), and a local producer of competitive automotive venues. The road was his. The man is defined as spirited and that's how it went. He was crisp and only marginally respectful of speed postings while narrating scenery, points of interest, and traffic obstructions over walkie-talkies he provided.

Just before arriving at our destination Mr. Hazen took us up the course to be used for his upcoming hill climb event. I only briefly glimpsed the rear of his bad a\_\_\_ Mitsubishi as it ascended the course, but was hoping Robert Nordin and his Porsche kept him company.

Soon after we arrived at Kate and Gracie's in the lonesome little town of Alma Wisconsin. Not unknown to Jaguar Minnesota travelers. Kate and Gracie's is a fine establishment. Food, service, atmosphere...all in spades.

After lunch we all went our own way home, many via the local vineyards. All in, a wonderful day.

George Arthur





We filled the place. cleaned out the kitchen.

Trigger man Tom, evidently enjoying lunch and companion Jane.



John talking to Terry Jacobs, a renewing member from roughly 25 years ago. You never get Jaguars out of your system, evidently.

Jeff and Beth Flynn caught up with us in Alma. They were visiting Callie at Winona State University. Here Jeff and Callie are chatting with Bill Loe.



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### All's Well With the Nordwalls!

George Arthur and Sandi Land were recently visiting her brother and his wife at The Villages in Florida when George's amazing recall recalled that Ron and Mary Jo were residents in that small metropolis. A dinner was quickly arranged and an evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all! As you can see, Ron and Mary Jo look simply fabulous...as does their MK 7. The life style agrees. There are, after all, 504 golf greens on the plantation. Go figure.



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