# JAGUAR CLUB Picnic



Lunch bell rings

Stars and cars of the parking lot

Bob Nordin's Classic 1963 Mark 2



JAGUAR CLUB OF MINNESOTA NEWSLETTER

# PRESIDENTS' CORNER



#### Greetings Jaguarpiles,

Autumn is upon us and, continuing my racing metaphors, we are approaching the finish-line of the driving season with our Fall Color Tour and Luncheon on October 19. This is always a dramatic way to end the season no matter if it's in sunshine or snow flurries.

The summer was filled with successful events. Several of these events are covered elsewhere in the Newsletter. The

Annual Picnic was held in perfect weather with an impressive turnout of club members with their Jaguars. We were able to distribute the new 2014 Directory to those attending the Picnic to save on mailing costs. Thanks to all the people behind the scenes that worked so hard to make the Picnic and the Directory available for all to enjoy.

There were also a number of InterMarque events that appeared on the Jaguar Club Calendar and Website. The MN Triumphs British Car Display at the Woodland Hills Winery in Delano, MN MG Group Britfest in Hudson, and the MN Austin-Healey Waumandee Hillclimb were all well planned events in perfect weather. There were a couple of Jags at Britfest, but no Jaguars at the other events. I encourage our members to participate in InterMarque events to represent our Club. The British car enthusiast community is a fun and welcoming group, they need to get to know us better.

Our Membership Chair, Beth Pursley, with the help of others, has increased our membership significantly. This year the membership drive for 2015 will begin in the Fall to enable us to get the Membership Directory and Events Calendar distributed earlier in the year. We still have the Lynch's Wine and Cheese Party to look forward to. At the Planning Breakfast in early December, we will elect officers and start to build the schedule for next year. I encourage all members to attend and to consider volunteering to sponsor an event or serve in a leadership position. The tradition for many years in the Club was a one year term for president. I would like to return to that system. The past President then assists the newly elected person for a smooth transition. This distributes responsibility among more of the members and creates and ongoing continuity. Please consider serving as president or in another club office in 2015.

Daniel Buchen (aka Pres. Chumley)

# THE NEW JAGUAR XE— LIGHT, STIFF, SAFE



Following development of the aluminum XJ in 2003, the XK, the current XJ and the F-TYPE, Jaguar's experience comes to us in the new XE's aluminum-intensive monocoque. The XE is the most rigid saloon that Jaguar has ever built and no other vehicle in the midsize segment contains more aluminum.

Dr Mark White, Jaguar Chief Technical Specialist, Lightweight Vehicle Technologies says: "The Jaguar XE body uses over 75% aluminum content, which far exceeds any other car in its class. This gives us a body structure with unrivalled low weight: it's light but also immensely strong with extremely high levels of torsional stiffness and safety without compromising on vehicle design or refinement."

The XE is the first model designed using Jaguar's all-new modular vehicle architecture. This advanced structure will underpin a range of different models in a number of different segments. It is engineered to utilize the most intelligent mix of materials, including aluminum, high-strength steel and magnesium, providing exceptional manufacturing flexibility.

For the XE, satisfying the demanding targets for ride, handling, fuel economy and safety dictated an intensive-monocoque. When Jaguar started work on the original aluminum XJ, the luxury saloon's body comprised around 70 per cent conventional grades and 30 per cent high-strength alloys. In the new XE, these proportions have been reversed. Highstrength aluminum alloys, including AC300 and AC600 grades, are also used in areas such as the A-pillars, front and rear crash structures, and the cant rail. The B-pillars are high-strength aluminum reinforced with ultra-high strength steel, with a layer of high-density foam between.

All of this makes the passenger compartment exceptionally stiff, limiting intrusions in the event of a collision. The new XE is engineered to meet the most stringent legislative and consumer crash test requirements worldwide, including U.S. and Euro NCAP. Pedestrian protection reaches new levels too; the energy absorbing properties of the aluminum bonnet are enhanced by a deployable hinge system, which creates additional clearance between the underside and stiff structures such as the power train suspension towers and the bulkhead.

# JAGUAR CLUB ANNUAL Summer Picnic

#### JULY 13, 2014 – BROOKVIEW PARK – GOLDEN VALLEY, MINNESOTA

It was a full house seated in the shady pavilion while drifting BBQ smoke promised a hearty lunch with Mike Lynch and Dick Bass tending the grilles. Following the meal of many great courses and selections, plus the traditional cake dessert, many prizes were raffled off. President Dan Buchan then spoke of the previous events during the year and looked forward to the coming months with an overview for the many new members attending their first annual picnic.

Prior to lunch photos were taken of members and their cars. Our thanks go to Neil Pursley for this series of interesting picnic photos.



Lining up the glitterati

F-Type Coupe





Mike Lynch and one of his smokin' grills

Eatin' time!



# ROYAL BRITISH CAR SHOW 16 AUGUST 2014

Once again the Royal British Car Show lived up to it name. The weather was perfect and there was a large turnout with many marques represented. The event was held at the Jaguar Dealership as a charity fundraiser. This year the donations went to Courage Center. Funds were raised at various stations for photos of participants' cars, food, Crispen Cider tastings, automobile art by Michael Jekot, and rides in classic cars from the dealership's vintage stock. The classic car rides were popular as club members Jim Easton and Jeff Cotter chauffeured passengers. An E-type OTS and a 1949 Triumph 2000 with a Dickey seat for extra riders were a hit. The event is designed after the Goodwood Festival in England and participants are encouraged to wear period costumes. This year the fashion prize (a Brits Pub gift certificate) went to Jack and Kataren Schneider whose attire was perfectly suited to their 1932 MG J2 Midget.

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Jack & Kataren Schneider dressed for touring in their '32 MG



Jeff Cotter at the entrance with his XK140 and the Club's Jag Flag



Classic car rides in an E-Type or a Triumph 2000

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There were also awards for 10 show favorite cars including three Jaguars: Russ Colber's Mark IX, Jeff Cotter's XK140 and Bob Nordin's Mark II. Triumphs, MGs, a Morgan, a Lotus and a Metropolitan rounded out the winners. Each of the owners received an entry pass sponsored by the Jaguar Dealership to the Wayzata Rotary Charity Motorsport Show at the James J Hill Days event September 7th. There were also raffle prizes of Jag regalia donated by the Jaguar Dealership and gift from 2 Gingers Whiskey. If you missed the Royal British show this year, be sure to attend next year.



Russ Colber's Mark IX and Scott McQueen's E-type



Variety of different marque cars at the show



Bob Reed's Morgan +4 / 4 seat

# INVASION OF PARADISE

Another beautiful autumn day in Minnesota and Wisconsin! Perfect for forty-eight enthusiasts in twenty-seven mostly Jaguar vehicles to descend on Paradise Landing on the shores of Balsam Lake, October 19th.

They were ready! Another superb event. Certainly the largest drive in years for your Club.

Cars strung out as far back as Sandi and I in the lead car (yes, a Porsche) could see. Couldn't even stop at our north Stillwater collection site because of our size, but miraculously we all pulled into the Landing together. Try that some time! Dick and Leila Jones, fellow organizers for the event again, ran caboose and kept it connected. Give Dick the credit for the various information packages as well.

"Henry" (Mike Lynch's 1959 MK IX) was running on one inhaler (or "carburetter" as they call it in England), but with Jeff Flynn along and Mike as El Capitan of the Lynch party they kept "ol' Henry" going fine.

Most all bypassed the directional handout to the cheese factory stop on the way home. Many, however, somehow landed at one of the local wineries for further chat. Not sure they're all home yet.

George Arthur









#### FUN CLUB NIGHT OUT AT The galaxy drive in

June 26th brought us great weather as many of the club's new and "old" members brought their well-polished cars to the Galaxy Drive In (to the amazement of several members of the Minnesota Mercedes club). Everyone had fun and plenty to eat. Maybe this could become a regular thing! Thanks to Terry Jacobs for setting it up.

Holly Richmond discusses the upcoming Polo match with Eric Hawkinson as Beth Pursley does a "Hollywood" to avoid the photographer

#### YOUR IDEAS NEEDED At december planning meeting

Have some ideas for fun events or outings for the club next year? Have suggestions to help make the club grow, or skills you can share with your fellow members?

Our club is better for everyone when we all chip in to make it great! That's why each year we gather for our annual allmember planning meeting, a social brainstorming event.

This year's event will be held on Saturday, December 13. Arrive 9 to 9:15am at The Machine Shed Restaurant: 8515 Hudson Av N, Lake Elmo

From I 94 go North on 13 Radio Drive Take first right on Hudson Blvd Turn right into large parking lot Shed entrance on right

Breakfast Buffet is \$10.95 **Please RSVP so we know how many will participate!** RSVP to George Arthur garthur1660@comcast.net

As a special treat, everyone attending will receive a Jaguar Club of Minnesota window decal!

Please mark your calendars today, and check the main page, or the "calendar" link at www.jaguarminnesota.com for more details on where the event will be held.

# LAKE MICHIGAN FALL COLOR DRIVE

Where do I begin? Despite the fact that it rained almost the whole time we were driving, we had a great time. All cars running great, no major mishaps and spending time with fun people made for a very pleasurable experience.

We left the Twin Cities and headed due east to Manitowoc, WI. That was our first destination of the trip. We had a great dinner and enjoyed a few cocktails. In the morning we headed to the Maritime Museum, right next to our hotel. It was a very interesting place to make our first stop. We got to tour the inside of a World War II submarine.

It was tight quarters for the 14 of us, let alone the 80 or so men that served on the sub. You all would have found it quite entertaining watching all of us trying to get through the passage doors. Our tour guide was a wealth of information and the tour very educational. The museum itself was great and we highly recommend it if you are ever in the city of Manitowoc. We treated ourselves to another great meal at the Courthouse Pub. We then headed to the docks to board the Ferry - "The Badger"-for our four-hour ride across Lake Michigan. The thing I found the most interesting was at the end of our voyage, when the club members were called to go to



Maritime Museum

their vehicles and get ready to drive off once we were docked. There we were, packed in like sardines, in between semis and in the big metal hull of a ship. The hold had to be at least three stories high to accommodate the large trucks. It was just an odd feeling to feel that small. A new experience for most of us. We arrived in Ludington and had another great meal that evening. Most of the party was tempted by the extensive dessert selections. Over half decided they still had room for dessert.



A stone house of Charlevoix

Thursday we headed out on our trip round the upper half of Lake Michigan. Our destination that night was to be Petoskey. Along our route to Petoskey we took a little side jaunt to "the Stone Houses of Charlevoix," homes built from stone found in the area by Earl Young from 1918 through the 1950s. The area where the houses are built makes you feel a little like you are in the midst of a Hobbit movie. The gently curving and sloping roofs along with the stone structure of each house. It was beautiful.

We made it to our destination in Petoskey and it also was quite a sight. An old Victorian hotel, totally redone and gorgeous. The Bay View Inn was picture-postcard-perfect. We had a lovely dinner in the main dining room. Dinner concluded just in time for a lot of our part to head to the sitting room to watch the Packers vs. Vikings game on one

of the two TVs in the whole place. Here they were, a bunch of men sitting on white wicker furniture with floral cushions watching a 25" TV in a Victorian sitting room. Not your typical football party.

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Mackinac Bridge

In the morning we set out for our last leg around the lake. We were headed to cross over the Mackinac Bridge. We took the scenic route to get there. We drove through - I'm not sure how many miles - an area called "The Alley of Trees." Really dense woods along the shore of Lake Michigan. So dense that the trees formed a perfect arch over the road. There were many cabins along the way that appeared to have been there for decades, and then there would be a beautiful new home. Some looking like they could be a little pricey. With the fall color on the trees it was a spot that will stick in my memory as one of the most gorgeous spots on our trip. As I said earlier, it was raining most of the time. When we got to the bridge the rain was coming down fairly hard and made viewing anything from the bridge almost impossible. We could

see how big and expansive the bridge was, so it wasn't a total loss. Along we went and had lunch in Manistique in a little deli style place right by the water. Cute, and serving delicious stuff. It put the kaibash on being able to stop and do more sightseeing. Doesn't matter, we still were having a great time.

That afternoon we made it to our last resting place for the trip, Marinette, just north of Green Bay. We had a great time at dinner that night. Fish Fry Friday! Everyone ordered one of the many fish specials. All but Diane who doesn't eat meat. Whitefish, walleye, perch, salmon, you name it that had it. New to me was the typical Friday Night Fish Fry fare that includes bread and butter. Not rolls, just plain old bread. That was something I had not seen except when eating in rural farm area restaurants. Fish was great.

As they say, time really flies when you are having a good time. On Saturday morning we packed up to hit the road for home. One more stop for lunch together in a brew pub and restaurant in Wausau. On the way home of course, the sun decided to come out. The sun only emphasized the fall color on the trees as we drove through the Wisconsin countryside coming home.

Thanks to Brent and Kari for another well planned and well executed trip. Thanks so much and looking forward to the next one.

Wendy Tweed & Dick Bass

Participants: Kari Berg & Brent Poppenhagen, Dale & Barb Martin, Elaine Brahms John Gullickson, William Welter & Diane Jensen, Glenn & Gwen Nickleski, R.G. "Smitty" Smith, George Arthur, Dick Bass & Wendy Tweed.

# GET ONBOARD The club for 2015!

Next year is shaping up to be an active year, filled with fun social and driving events, tech sessions, rallies, Rendezvous getaways, events with fellow British car clubs, and more.

In order to get our membership directories and event schedule for 2015 to you in January, we're moving our membership drive up for next year, and offering an early renewal discount! Postmark your payment by December 15 and receive \$5 off your annual dues of \$45.

All members who sign up or renew by December 31, 2014, will be included in the 2015 directory.

For members who have paid their full dues after October 1, 2014, you're already paid for your 2015 membership!

Simply mail in a General Membership form, along with your check made out to "Jaguar Club of Minnesota." Membership forms are posted on our website, www.jaguarminnesota.org. Click on "Join Us," then click on "General Membership."

Forms and checks can be mailed to: Beth Pursley JCM Membership Coordinator 5300 Rogers Drive Minnetonka, MN 55343

Many new cars were added to member collections this year. Please be sure to include a list of all your current vehicles so we can update our directory (either on your membership form, or a note enclosed with your check).

If you know someone under that age of 30 who is a Jag enthusiast, please encourage them to sign up for a free, oneyear Associate Membership with the form posted online.

For questions on memberships, contact Beth Pursley at membership@jaguarminnesota.org, or call 952-221-4717.

#### APPLE ORCHARD LAND ROVER/JAGUAR EVENT

Sunday October 5th was a special event put on by the Twin Cities Jaguar Land Rover dealership to bring us to an apple orchard and a deep woods trail to showcase the Land Rover in rough terrain. And scary it was! We went in to the woods and witnessed the incredible abilities of the Land Rovers diving down into crevices, slipping between towering trees, and sure-footedly creeping through (and down) rough terrain with no foot on the gas, no foot on the brake, and letting the Rover's incredible computer power safely transport us through terrain that would have been a challenge on foot, much less a large vehicle. The dealership also showcased several classic Jaguars from their collection: a green C-Type open two seater, a XK120 Coupe, and an XKE roadster (all driven by club member volunteers).

Russ Colber, Newsletter Editor

# JAGS, ICE CREAM, AND FRESH SWEET Corn at Kopitzke's afton farm.



The weather was perfect for our club event at Ken and Karen's farm on Sunday August 10th.

The Afton area is rich in early Minnesota history so at the drivers meeting Ken described some interesting historical sites we would see. Ken led the way in his Mark II. Some cars stopped at the site of the Fahlstrom mission and cemetery (circa 1842). Others made haste to Bolles Creek where, in about 1839, Minnesota's first commercial flour mill was built. Myself and several others could not pass up Selma's Ice Cream Parlor set in the quaint village of Afton. Selma's site was originally built up as a civil war arsenal. The foundation was constructed from large blocks of limestone so it could contain explosive black gunpowder. A saloon was built there (1913) by Selma and husband Ed. During prohibition it was a "candy store".

After our exhilarating cruise through the St. Croix Valley we all met back at the farm. Conversation included Jag projects big and small. The Lynches 3.8S will be on the road soon (maybe). Several new members attended the picnic. New member cars include a '94 XJS V12 6.0 and a well preserved 69 E-Type. Both convertibles.

Ken offered club president Dan and I a test drive of his Mark II and what a thrill! This car is classic Jag in every way. It has a 3.8 litre high compression motor with a 4 speed/overdrive tranny. The cozy leather and wood interior is wrapped in arguably Jaguars best, most spirited, classic small sedan. Easy to see why this model has wide appeal and is highly sought after.

Of course no club event can be complete without a meal. Karen managed a feast of summer picnic fare including fresh picked sweet corn from local farmer Gordy Herman. Add in some burgers, brats, potato salad, summer tea, and several pot luck side dishes. Son Kent pitched in as the grill master. Scrumptious!

There's absolutely nothing better on a rare Minnesota summer Sunday than a cruise with friends, unmatched down on the farm hospitality, and lazy talk.

Many thanks to Kopitzkes for hosting this event!!

By Rich Leistico



July 20th was a perfect day for the annual fest put on by Gloria and Mike Lynch. Both outdoor decks and indoor tables were filled with eager members of both the Jaguar and Austin Healey clubs. The driveway was filled with brightly polished cars as well as the tree-lined road leading to and from the Lynch household.

Photos are courtesy of Betsy Rockwell and Tim Keseluk.



Out of the hot sun and enjoying the shade



Mary Kaeding brings Dick Bass up to date on the XK8



Tim's scarlet Ferrari gets attention



John and Misuk Palmer enjoy the balmy breezes

# bits 'n pieces

#### Members: Important!

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#### "HENRY" GOES TO THE WEDDING



Mike Lynch's 1959 Mark IX ("Henry")

Bob Duddy, JCNA St. Louis contacted us about a car forhis daughters wedding. She wanted his but he didn't want to trailer it up.

Dick Bass and I took "Henry" down to the Calhoun Beach Hotel on September 28 for the photo shoot. Really nice folks, all told. I'm going to get Bob and his wife to some of our events when they are up visiting their kids.

#### NEW FACES AND Wheels in Our club!

The Jaguar Club of Minnesota has been on the go and in the "grow" this year, with many new enthusiasts joining our club. We're pleased to welcome the following new members!

-Bob & Cheryl Anderson Andrew Carter Johnny Colton John Colton, Sr. Dennis and Anne DeGroodt Geoff and Deb Hollimon -Adam & Vicki Leistico Deb Leppo & Jim Jeronimus Nick Mason John & Judy Neiss F. Todd Warner & Susan Tenney

For those of you who have not received name badges, we are in the process of mailing them out for new members who joined prior to July.

If you have not received a directory, please email Beth Pursley to let her know: membership@jaguarminnesota.org

Additional copies of the directory will also be available at the Wine and Cheese Party on November 9 at Mike & Gloria Lynch's.





### KEEP THE FAITHFUL COMING ...Share your moments!

Dear George,

My name is Matthew Johnson, a new member of JCNA (the Jaguar Association of Greater St. Louis). I am hopeful that you're the George Arthur who at one point lived on Chateaugay Ave. in Naperville (I lived nearby on Jaipur), and whose daughter's name is Liz (with whom I went to school, a couple of years behind her). If indeed I am reaching that particular George Arthur, I have a story to tell you and I am absolutely delighted to have reached you. If you're not that George Arthur, my apologies for disturbing you -- please feel free to disregard this email.

If you are the George Arthur who I am trying to find, then I periodically took care of your dog while your family was away and I knew you through your daughter who I did not know particularly well, but more through others. Anyway, that's who I am, and you may not remember that at all, which would offend me not a bit.

Regardless, approximately 20-25 years ago you stopped by my father's house while I was mowing his lawn. The day was hot, and I was, due to the heat and lawn-mowing, in a rather unappealing state ... but no matter. You said that you wanted to show me something, and that I should follow you to your place. So I did. When I arrived, you opened the garage, and there was an E-Type. It was British Racing Green, a coupe, and with a beautiful tan leather interior. It was like nothing I had ever seen... sure, I knew about E-Types, or at least what they were, but I had certainly never seen one this close up. Never experienced one. You were painting the garage floor, so you couldn't move the Jaguar or take me for a spin, a fact about which you expressed regret, but, E-Type directly before me, who could complain? You told me to sit in it. I protested given my sorry state of dress. But you insisted. I sat in your E-Type, and I was, well, never really quite the same. Been thinking about E-Types since that day, started researching them casually two years ago. I started getting serious approximately six months ago. And I purchased my own two months ago... having thus fulfilled a rather long-lasting dream.

I found myself, as I shared my E-Type with those around me, telling and retelling the story that I just briefly composed to you, above. Then I wondered whether I'd be able to contact you ... so I started searching, and, interestingly enough, found the name, George Arthur, associated with a Jaguar Club. I admit, I hope it's you. I should love to swap tales. I figured that if you were as smitten with your E-Type as I was all those years ago ... and as smitten as I am with mine, now ... then you may in fact still be in the Jag scene.

And I hope all is well with you and yours.

Best, Matthew Johnson



Matthew Johnson is a professor at Southern Illinois University.



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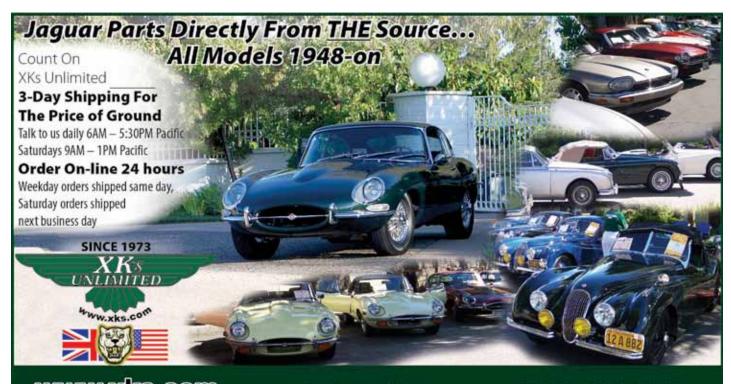




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