

# JAG CLUB ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING



Back to the wall...  
couldn't get everyone in.  
Were you there?



# PRESIDENTS' CORNER



## Happy New Year Fellow Jaguar Enthusiasts,

The Annual Planning Breakfast in December was well attended and productive. In 2014 we had increased membership and treasury mainly due to the efforts of our Membership Director, Beth Pursley and our Marketing Director, Terry Jacobs. The current slate of officers was reinstalled by unanimous consent. Several newer members were elected to serve on the Club Board of Directors for 2015. Rich Leistico, Tom LaClare and Holly Richmond will join the Board. Please join me in thanking them for volunteering their time to serve the Club. We completed the early planning for the 2015 Calendar of Jaguar Club events. Details of these events will be published in the Newsletter, on the website and in the new Directory. Many favorite events will return and some interesting new additions will debut.

The Wisconsin Jaguar Club has invited us to participate in a national Jaguar event they are hosting September 17-20, 2015 at Elkhart Lake, WI. This coincides with the Road America Fall Vintage Race Festival. This will be a rare opportunity to see some beautiful and unusual Jaguars from around the country. We hope to put together a Jaguar Minnesota contingent to represent the Club. Over the past year a few old friends in our Club have passed away. We will miss John Gulickson and George Gleeson and the friendship they brought to the club. As new members join us in the future, please welcome them at events and share that friendship that this club brings to all of us.

We are marshaling on the starting grid to make 2015 the best year ever for the Jaguar Club of Minnesota. Prepare to start your engines.

Daniel Buchen (aka Pres. Chumley)

# STEP UP TO THE NEW YEAR!

On December 13th thirty members (were you there?), gathered to gauge the health and future of your Club.



Ken and Lynn looking quite satisfied after the Quizmaster forked over for their breakfast.



Daniel looking mildly despondent when no one would nominate anyone to be his successor.

Good news. All is well! The financials are great thanks to membership growth and excellent advertising revenues. Organization is improving thanks to your president, the board, AND contributions from new(ish) members who have gainfully stepped forward donating time and talent. Thanks! You know who you are!

After a nice breakfast at The Machine Shed in Woodbury, Daniel opened the meeting presenting our positive State of the Union. Then Mike Lynch made a good case for including our Club in the national organization. There are certainly benefits, but it would essentially double the dues for all members...and that has never been popular. Individual members can and do join on their own, and it appears that will remain the situation for now. Good to look at this regularly.

I put up my Win-Your-Breakfast Quiz again this year, and was personally amazed that only two people correctly answered just six of the eleven questions. OK, good fun...but you people are supposed to know this stuff!!! Lynn Ault and Ken Kopitzke tied with the six correct replies. We grade "on the curve," and they had a delicious repast on the Club treasury.

Daniel also recognized the new board members and their contributions. As expected he offered up his position as president for new nominations. There weren't any. Guess what Daniel?! You have the Game of Thrones, or is it Thorns for another year! All gleefully concurred.

In scheduling events we didn't go through each month of the new year as we usually do. Your events coordinator Jeff Cotter had filled in the repeat events leaving only a few floating. He requested their organizers respond directly to him for inclusion. I think that will work. If you have an event idea or want to volunteer for any please contact Jeff directly (952)401-0085. He will secure approval from the board and get our calendar finalized. The complete 2015 Club calendar will be published on our website [www.jaguarminnesota.org](http://www.jaguarminnesota.org)

Another year for the history books, another bunch of opportunities ahead!

# 2016 F-TYPES GET NEW GOODIES



The Jaguar F-Type has quickly become a worthy successor to the iconic E-Type. And Jaguar is continuing to refine and enhance the F-Type with significant enhancements. The 2016 model will be standard with all-wheel drive on 550-horsepower F-Type R models. AWD will be optional on mid-level F-Type S models, which run the 380-hp V6.

The system sends all of the supercharged engine torque to the rear axle in default mode, but it can also be split with up to 50 percent going to the front axle when needed. Jaguar will add subtle visual differentiators, fitting them with body-colored sills and a new hood design. The AWD system adds about 176 pounds to the curb weight.

The F-Type also gets an available six-speed manual transmission for 2016 on V6 variants with rear-wheel drive. While adding a more interactive driving character, the close-ratio manual is also about 22 pounds lighter than the automatic gearbox. Jaguar will provide all F-Type models with electric power steering, using a stiffer steering shaft to maintain the hydraulic setup's connected feel with the road.



# WILL JAGUAR GO BACK TO BIG TIME RACING? THAT IS THE QUESTION.



Jaguar is evaluating the prospect of building a GT3-spec racer based on the F-Type. The Jaguar program would need an established racing outfit to help develop the car and field it, and the automaker is said to be evaluating three potential partners.

The development of the GT3 racer would allow Jaguar to compete (or sell cars for others to compete) in a variety of racing series around the world, including the Blancpain Endurance Series, the European Le Mans Series and, if properly adapted, other series like the United SportsCar Championship and the 24 hours of LeMans. Jaguar's car would have to compete with such rivals as the Aston Martin Vantage GTE, Audi R8 LMS, Ferrari 458 GT, Mercedes-Benz SLS AMG GT3 and Porsche 911 GT3 R.

Current FIA GT3 regulations use a Balance of Performance equation that allows for a curb weight between 2,645 to 2,866 pounds and produce between 500 and 600 horsepower. A more cost-effective GT4 racer could follow. But the best part is that Jaguar is rumored to be developing a road-going version even more focused similar to what Bentley did with the Continental GT3R.

Jaguar has had a rich history with racing, reaching back to its dominance at Le Mans in the 1950s with the C-Type and D-Type, extending through the TWR partnership in touring car and endurance racing in the 1980s and 90s.

# THE JAGUAR XK, GONE . . . BUT IS IT?



With the F-Type taking the lion's—or Jaguar's—share of attention lately, it's all too easy to forget all about a Jaguar once known as the XK.

It existed, and it could once again.

First introduced in 1996 as the XK8 to replace the previous XJS, the XK survived for two generations. It was available as a 2+2 coupe or convertible and was powered by Jaguar's signature AJ-V8 engine. By the time it was discontinued just this past summer, the ultimate XKR-S packed as much as 542 horsepower. But though it had two more seats, the XK was rendered largely obsolete by the arrival of the nimbler, newer and arguably more stylish F-Type.

According to Autocar, the XK could be reinstated with a more GT-like approach. "The XK as we've known it," said Jaguar's Ross Varney, "straddled the GT and sports car segment, with more of an emphasis on the GT side but probably not enough." Varney was in charge of the F-Type project and was also responsible for a new project to replace the XK until it was shut down earlier this year. "We have plans to do lots more with the F-Type," said Varney, "but there will still be other areas we want to cover. We need to find the right way to deliver on them, and the XK could be one way of doing that."

What Varney is saying, essentially, is that while the XK project may not be moving forward just yet, it could be revived in the near future. If it did, we'd be looking at a more accommodating and luxurious grand tourer, different from the F-Type that's more of a focused sports car. Think of it, then, as more of a Bentley Continental GT, but probably less expensive. Put another way, if the Jaguar F-Type is a junior Aston Martin V8 Vantage, the new Jaguar XK would be a more accessible Aston Martin DB9.

Hope is still alive for those interested in a two-door Jaguar—with room for the kids in the back.

# THE DIESELS ARE COMING . . .

Virtually all Jaguar and Land Rover vehicles (except the F-Type sports car) could get a diesel engine option in the next three years. The blitz begins this fall, when the 2016 Range Rover and Range Rover Sport will launch available turbo-charged 3.0-liter V6 diesel engines. Diesel engines (previously available in the UK for several years) will push out 254 horsepower and 440 pound-feet of torque, returning fuel economy of up to 28 miles per gallon on the highway. The combined rating in city and highway driving will be 25 mpg.

Rovers will be followed in 2016 by the Jaguar XE sedan and the new F-Pace crossover, which will offer the 2.0-liter turbodiesel four-cylinder engines in addition to gasoline units. The diesel-powered XE is expected to get at least 40 mpg on the highway. These diesels are expected to offer 20-to-30 percent improvements in fuel economy compared with gasoline engines, depending on the vehicle.

While gasoline prices have presently plummeted here in the United States, still low octane regular fuel costs about \$1 less than a gallon of diesel, according to AAA research. But due to the massive torque of diesels and their increased load and towing capacity, Jaguar expects about 20 percent of its customers will opt for diesel engines.



## JAGUAR F-PACE: AN ALL-NEW PERFOR- MANCE CROSSOVER TO JOIN LINE-UP IN 2016

F-PACE – the production version of the breakthrough C-X17 concept car—  
Ian Callum, Jaguar’s Director of Design, commented, “We received such an overwhelmingly positive response to the C-X17 concept car last year that we just had to make it a reality. The Jaguar F-PACE, inspired by the F-TYPE, represents a perfectly judged balance of style, performance and practicality. It offers a unique combination of Jaguar sports car inspired exterior design, fused beautifully with a thoroughly practical and spacious luxury interior. The F-PACE is our family sports car.”

The F-PACE combines leading interior space and exceptional on-road dynamics with five-seat functionality, producing a true performance crossover. It will encapsulate everything that Jaguar stands for: beautiful design, precise handling, a supple ride, luxurious interior finishes and cutting-edge technology.

Andy Goss, Jaguar Land Rover Global Sales Director said, “In 2015 we celebrate the 80th year of Jaguar. We start it by announcing our first performance crossover which we consider to be the ultimate practical sports car—a car that builds on the brand’s founding ideals of Grace, Pace and Space to become one of the most innovative Jaguar vehicles.

Designed and engineered in the UK, the F-PACE has begun its rigorous real world testing at Jaguar Land Rover’s extensive global test facilities. The F-PACE will be manufactured in Solihull, UK.



# COMING EVENTS:



JEFF COTTER REVIEWS COMING EVENTS IN THE FIRST HALF OF 2015:

Happy New Year for 2015! Once again, looking out over the frozen tundra we call 'Home', I can't help but think that I am in good company when I start looking at the exciting Jaguar Club events we have scheduled for the coming year. While it is always difficult to imagine waking the "Cats" up when it is so cold out that you don't want to wake yourself up, it is, as Peggy (my wife) always reminds me, "like this every year, and it does pass". Trusting that she is correct, I think it is a good idea to start to think about our upcoming events.

By the time you read this, we have already had a couple of the calendar events pass by. Of course, January is Scottsdale auction time. This year, the Jags performed pretty well, and the values continue to astound! Top performing E-Type was an early flat floor 61 roadster that sold at the RM auction for \$440,000! All in all, I read in an SCM report that early totals for all cars sold in this years' Arizona auctions were up to \$270 million, beating last years' \$253 million. As in the past few years, club member Tim Kesluk hosted a Barrett-Jackson party at his home on January 17th to watch the action.

Also in January, Mike and Gloria Lynch are once again hosting the annual JCM Holiday party at their home on Saturday the 24th. By the time you read this, the wine beer, and pop bottles will have been recycled, and Mike and Gloria will have cleaned up the mess, but make sure you make this event next year. It is always a good time at the Lynch's. Speaking of Mike and Gloria, we are invited back to Mike's garage for a tech session in February. As work continues on the re-birth of the 3.8S on Mike's lift, he is graciously offered to share the fun with us on Saturday the 14th. More hospitality and wrench-knowledge besides. It can't get much better during the February doldrums. Make sure you get in touch with Mike and RSVP to this one.

March is a transition month, when we shake off the icicles of winter and start warming up for the car season, (except for last year, of course)! We have two events so far in March:

March 7th is the next tech session, with Jeff Flynn hosting an open house at Special Interest Auto Service, showing off his shop in St. Louis Park. His address is 3855 Edgewood Ave. So, Unit #103, which is just off Louisiana Ave, between Highway 7 and Excelsior Blvd. Jeff is the doctor for many of our Jags, so be sure to listen to the doc and follow orders! Hope to see many of you there. Jeff's phone is 952-934-4049.

Elaine Brahms will host the annual Soup Dinner on Saturday, March 28th. Of course, we lost long-time member John Gulickson in January, but John and Elaine have hosted this event for several years. It is very gracious of Elaine to carry on. We will get a flyer out, but details are available from Elaine at (651) 454-0626, or via email at elaineb4385@gmail.com.

In April, the Cars & Coffee season kicks off on the 4th. It is held at the AutoMotorplex in Chanhassen. The Motorplex is located at 8150 Audubon Rd, between Highways 5 and 212. Check out the website for pictures at [www.mncandc.com](http://www.mncandc.com). C&C is a recurring event, happening between 8 and 11 AM on the first Saturday of every month throughout the season, April through October. Free for all, bring your Jag out and show it off! Yours truly, Jeff Cotter, has a garage there, and is happy to host any and all Jaguars (and other Brits). Look for the big Union Jack flag, and arrive early, the place usually fills up fast!

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## COMING EVENTS:



Also in April, on the 25th, club member and expert “wrench” Dan Iburg is hosting a tech session/open house at his shop from 10 AM through lunch, which is included. Dan’s shop is located at Midwest Motor Sports in Salk Rapids, MN, just a short, easy spring-time Saturday drive up the road on the way to St. Cloud. His address is 728 8th Ave. S., in Sauk Rapids, MN. He can be reached by phone at (320) 251-0676 or email at [danielmms@aol.com](mailto:danielmms@aol.com).

Saturday morning, May 2 is the second C&C event at the AutoMotorplex. Usually a beautiful spring morning to drool over a bunch of great cars!

The InterMarque Spring Kick Off marks the official opening of the Twin City’s car show season with their annual show on Saturday, May 16. The InterMarque is back once again this year in beautiful downtown Osseo, MN, which graciously closes the entire downtown for the event. The restaurants and bars, as well as the local vendors all act as great hosts for this event. Contact our president, Daniel Buchen for details at (651) 431-8833, or email him at [daniel.buchen@results.net](mailto:daniel.buchen@results.net) for details. Our club generally has a great group location, and we gather and come as a parade! It is a great event, and not one to miss!

We are very fortunate to have a track of the quality of RoadAmerica as close as we have to us. Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin is only a short 330 mile drive (5 hours, more or less if you drive your Jag). This year’s events start off with the Spring Vintage Weekend on May 15-17. See the website at [www.roadamerica.com](http://www.roadamerica.com) for details, but RoadAmerica puts on a great event, and should be on your summer events calendar. If you can’t make the Spring event, the Hawk event in July on the 16-19th has major Jaguar sponsorship this year, and will be a must-see event! Long-time member Gene Berghoff makes this event an annual pilgrimage. More on that in the next issue.

June is always a big month, and 2015 is no exception! The first weekend has the June Cars & Coffee at the Auto Motorplex on Saturday the 6th.

All day Sunday June 7th is the third annual 10,000 Lakes Concourse Event in the Excelsior Commons. This year, the 10,000 Lakes event is sponsored by our very own Jaguar and Land Rover Dealership. The first two years have been great events, even with last year dealing with some tough weather. A lot of very fine automobiles show up, however, even in the rain! Check out the website at [www.10000lakesconcours.com](http://www.10000lakesconcours.com). I am told that this year they are encouraging period costumes as well, and we will have several club members showing off their Jaguars. Make sure you get to this premier local car event.

A major summer event is the Lake Superior Circle Tour that starts on June 6. Running through the 11th, and followed immediately by the South Beach Rendezvous in Ashland, WI. The event is sponsored by the MN Triumph Club. Contact Andy Lindberg for details at [andyrlind@gmail.com](mailto:andyrlind@gmail.com)

The fourth annual Walleye 1000 is scheduled for June 6-7, 2015. Originally a 1000 KM rally, the distance has been shortened by popular request. Dave Tobin is the organizer, and he has a website at [www.walleye1000.com](http://www.walleye1000.com). His phone is (651) 216-1265 and his email is [daveknowscars.com](mailto:daveknowscars.com). The driving tour is a 500 mile route kept secret until departure, and includes an overnight in LaCrosse, WI. There is an award function at the end, with “dubious awards” for the finishers. This is a fun event, according to club member Terry Jacobs, who went last year.

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# COMING EVENTS:



Currently scheduled for the evening of June 18th, we are planning a reprise of the very successful joint-club meeting between the Benz and Jag Clubs at the Galaxy Drive-Inn in St. Louis Park. This event premiered last year and was so much fun that we overflowed the drive inn's lot and out into the street. Originally sponsored by the Benz club, we had more British cars there than the Germans could muster. Hail Britannia once more! Be there or be square!

On the weekend of June 19-21 you have your pick of two big events. The Minnesota Stone Arch Bridge Festival and Car Show happens on Father's Day weekend at the Stone Arch Bridge overlooking the Mississippi River in downtown Minneapolis. Club member Russ Colber coordinated this event for us. A very picturesque location full of artists, craftsmen, as well as motorcycles and cars. The website is at [www.stonearchbridgefestival.com](http://www.stonearchbridgefestival.com).

The same weekend, if you prefer more steel and rubber, and less arts and crafts, the MN Hot Rod Association's very popular "Back to the 50's" event takes place at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds in St. Paul on June 19-21. More info is available at the website at [www.msrabacktothe50s.com](http://www.msrabacktothe50s.com).

Finally, just as an early "heads-up", make sure you hold the date for the Jaguar club's annual picnic. The date is Sunday, July 12, and the location is not final yet, but as usual, it will be a great event, and one of the best opportunities of the year to tag up with your fellow JCM members! Stay tuned for details.

Details, and updates for all events are made available on the club's website at [www.jaguarminnesota.org](http://www.jaguarminnesota.org). We hope to see you often at the club's events.

## NEW YEAR, NEW MEMBERS!

It's a new year, and we're kicking it off with new members who are joining in the fun for 2015. Please welcome the following recent, and brand new members at the next event you see them at!

Bob & Cheryl Anderson  
Judith Barren-Maciag  
Jeffrey & Susan Bemel  
Andrew Carter  
Dennis & Ann DeGroot

Suzy Feine  
Geoff & Deb Hollimon  
Deb Leppo & Jim Jeronimus  
Mark & Laine Langenwalter  
Jim & Jean McDonnell

John & Judy Neiss  
Bill Taylor & Leigh Wight  
F. Todd Warner & Susan Tenney

Be sure to spread the word to everyone you see who owns a Jag -- let them know about our Club.

Remember, members don't have to own a Jag to join, they just need to appreciate the Marque! And for younger members under the age of 30, we offer a free one-year Associate Membership to get them involved with the club.

Please direct all interested future members to our website, [www.jaguarminnesota.org](http://www.jaguarminnesota.org), and have them click on "Join Us," where they will find all information and membership application forms.

For any questions about membership, contact Beth Pursley at 952-221-4717, or [Ontargt@aol.com](mailto:Ontargt@aol.com).



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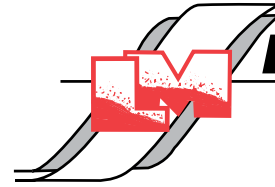


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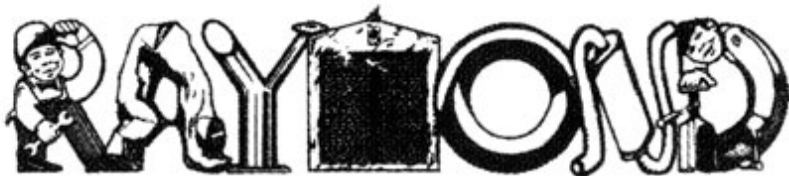
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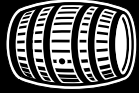
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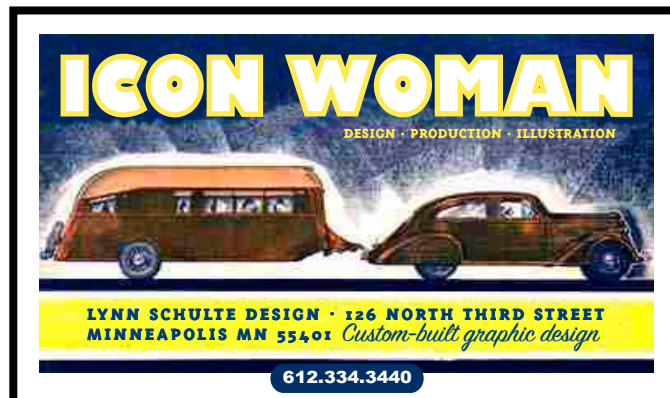


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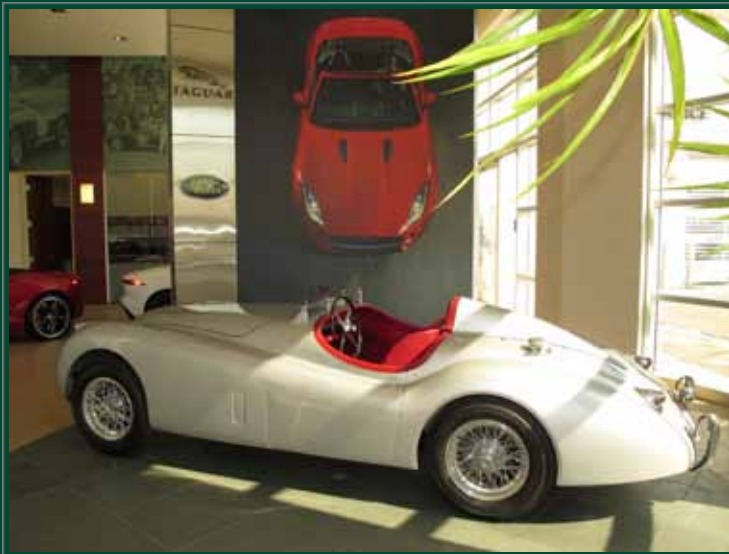
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