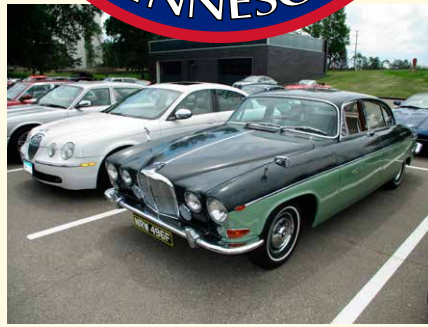
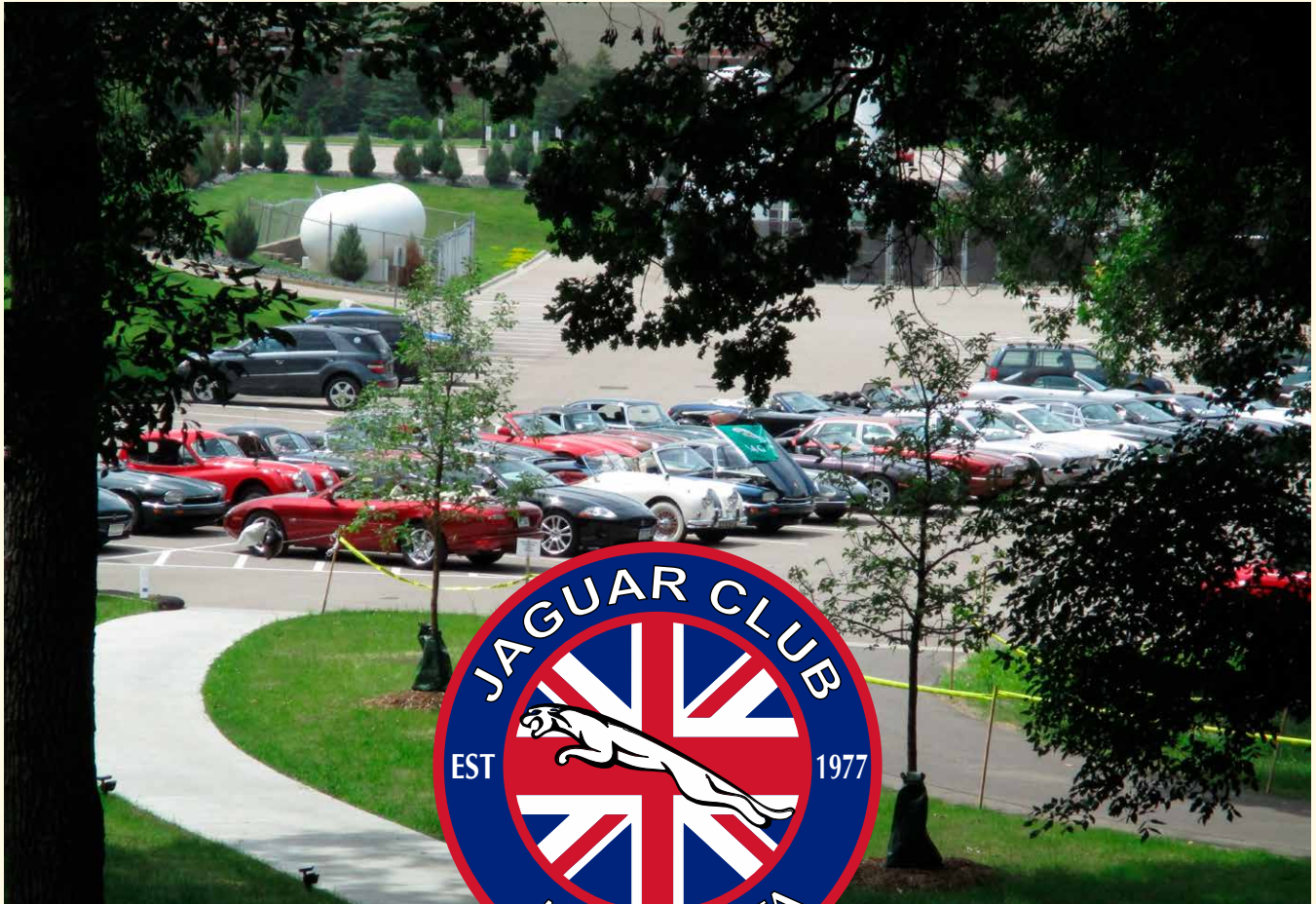


# 2019 JAGUAR CLUB PICNIC



# PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Greetings to all Jaguar Lovers!

What a wonderful and busy summer this has been. A very warm welcome to all our new members. To say our Club just keeps getting better is an understatement.

The highlight of my season has to be the BBQ I hosted at my home. If you ever find yourself with a long list of projects around your house you have been putting off, just host a big event and you will find that list will get taken care of. I surprised myself with how many tasks I was able to complete on my own, but without the help of family and friends I would still have many more to-dos.

A momentous thank you to Brent Poppenhagen for planning our drive and finding the location of the superb half way point of our event. The Belle Vinez Winery was a lovely location to gather and visit.

Our picnic this year was another resounding success thanks to the dedication and organization skills of Mike & Gloria Lynch and company. I do hope our members appreciate everything your team does to create this event every year. I know I do!

Our year is far from over and there are many more opportunities to gather and spend time with each other. Our annual Banquet at the Chanhassen AutoPlex is fast approaching. This is another not to be missed event.

I look forward to the future of our Club and all the long time and new members participation in the planning and execution of our activities. It takes all of you to continue our success.

Fair Winds and Following Roads to you ALL!

Sincerely,  
Holly Richmond  
President  
Jaguar Club of Minnesota

# 2019 JAGUAR CLUB PICNIC

On July 7th 2019 Emerson Automation Solutions in Eden Prairie once again allowed us to use their beautiful glass-walled event building and park for our annual Jaguar Club picnic. With the light rail station under construction right adjacent to it, the site featured a new driveway, new grass and a few other upgrades.

As every year, the event came together beautifully thanks to Mike Lynch's project management and culinary skills as well as a dozen hard-working helpers. After the smoke cleared there was plenty of food: chicken, ribs, burgers, brats and bacon, sides like rice with shrimp, and Jaguar-branded cake.



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Door prizes included car wash kits, pottery, apparel, books, magazines, home goods, Jaguar souvenirs, and a stay at Home Sweet Home, Negril's most charming resort in Jamaica courtesy of Charlie Rossley. There was something for everyone, literally. We had exactly as many prizes as members. Not even a dust bunny was left over.

Apart from good company and great conversations, the parking lot offered a Jaguar car show with vehicles from the 1940s to today with models like an SS Jaguar, XK120, XK140, E-Type, 420G, XJ6, XJ-S, XK8, XK, and F-Type to name a few.

Almost a hundred club members conquered the food and enjoyed a relaxing sunny day.



# BRITFEST IN HUDSON WISCONSIN



On September 3rd 1783, the British Empire lost all property East of the Mississippi river and South of Lake Superior to the United States of America in the Peace of Paris. This included a small area at the mouth of the Willow River that was settled in 1840 and later renamed to Hudson, Wisconsin.

To commemorate this devastating loss, the British conquer one block of Walnut Street in Hudson in August of every year. Just instead of rifles, they bring their classic cars like Bentley, Rolls Royce, Lotus, Austin Healey, Mini, Triumph and eleven Jaguars. Welcome to Britfest 2019!

Besides a British car show, the city offers plenty of shopping for apparel, shoes, antiques, candy, chocolate, and ice cream (in real stores, without Prime!) as well as several tasty restaurants. Steep Walnut street and a long pier into the St. Croix river offer plenty of opportunity for a little exercise.

So far nobody dared to drive a Morgan or Reliant three wheeler up Walnut street. Maybe we can find one next year.



# WINERY AND BBQ CRUISE

Any club event is already a winner if you don't have to be there until 11:30am. :-) The meeting point at Birkmose Park provided the perfect staging area for all our Jaguars and breathtaking views of Lake Saint Croix and the I-94 interstate bridge.

From there the well-mapped out cruise wound through South Hudson, then went through the countryside across all-paved roads and turned into well-hidden Belle Vinez winery just outside River Falls, Wisconsin. At Belle Vinez, various wines and cheeses offered a variety of tastes and flavors. Then the line of over a dozen Jaguars found its way back to Hudson.

At Holly Richmond's home, a few volunteers had already started preparing the BBQ ribs and sides and drinks, including a few bottles of Belle Vinez wine. In the backyard Jaguar Club members filled almost every seat available while outside Jaguar cars filled the entire cul-de-sac.

A big Thank You to Holly and all the invisible helpers that made this Winery and BBQ Cruise a success!



# JAGUAR NEWS

## A New Jaguar XJ

The new all electric Jaguar XJ will come sometime in 2021 and will be built at the Castle Bromwich plant. A first teaser at the Frankfurt Motor Show on September 10th 2019 showed a bold rear end with slender taillights that span the entire width of the vehicle. The model also has prominent Jaguar badging and what appears to be a trunk with an integrated spoiler. The overall design appears to be an evolution of the styling language used on the facelifted XE.



## Advanced Production Creation Centre Open

Jaguar Land Rover has unveiled a new Advanced Product Creation Centre at its Gaydon headquarters. The new £500 million centre, widely known as the Gaydon Triangle, be a base for almost 13,000 engineers and becomes by far the largest car creation centre in the UK. According to JLR CEO Sir Ralf Speth, the new centre will bring new efficiencies by combining the design, engineering and production purchasing functions of the company — all necessary for current and next-generation Jaguar and Land Rover models — under one roof for the first time in history.

## Massive Global Logistics Hub Planned

Jaguar Land Rover plans to build a new gigantic warehouse in Leicestershire, UK. The facility will serve as a global logistics hub for sending spare parts to customers in 80 countries around the world. If the project moves forward the distribution center will have 2.9 million square feet and employ up to 3,500 people when it is fully operational by 2023. (No word yet on how many classic Jaguar XJ-S parts will be reproduced and distributed from there.)



## Brexit Safeguard: Close Plants for a Week

Jaguar Land Rover plans to close its U.K. factories for a week in November 2019 to guard against disruption to supply chains from a possible no-deal Brexit, Chief Executive Officer Ralf Speth said. The shutdown will go ahead whether or not Britain seeks an extension to the October 31 deadline for leaving the European Union.

# JAGUAR NEWS



## BMW vs. Jaguar

In mid August 2019 a 22-year-old man in India pushed a brand-new BMW into a river because he didn't like the car he received as a birthday gift. *The Times of India* reports the man wanted a Jaguar instead. According to the report, an Indian man named Akash was so upset upon being gifted a BMW 3 Series two months ago that he deliberately moved the luxury vehicle into the Western Yamuna Canal. Unofficial response from Jaguar: " We do not condone this behavior, but we understand."

## New Project 8 Record

The Jaguar XE SV Project 8 just broke its own Nurburgring record. In 2017, the Project 8 set the record for quickest sedan around the 12.9-mile Nordschleife, with a lap time of 7:21. In July 2019, thanks to a new tire compound, Jaguar broke its own record, setting a time of 7:18.361. So the quickest four-door at the 'Ring' just got even quicker. Watch it in 360 degree video here: <https://youtu.be/8fDwCaAgb3Q>



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### October 5 @ 4 - 9 pm

JCM Annual Banquet  
Chanhassen AutoPlex  
8150 Audobon Rd  
Chanhassen, MN

### October 19 @ 11 am - 3 pm

Jag Club Fall Color Tour  
Lakeland Park and Ride  
1450 Rivercrest Rd. N, Lakeland, MN  
Meet at Lakeland Park and Ride.  
RSVP to Horace by 11-10.

### November 9 @ 3 - 6 pm

Wine & Cheese Party, Lynch Residence,  
6630 Horseshoe Curve, Chanhassen, MN  
RSVP to the Lynch's at 952-474-5642  
or [mikegloria.lynych@gmail.com](mailto:mikegloria.lynych@gmail.com)

### November 30 @ 8:30 am - 12 pm

Planning Breakfast for 2020  
Machine Shed  
8515 Hudson blvd  
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# WAPPENBURY HALL



During the Victorian age Wappenbury Hall was just a small farmhouse. Every owner since the 1800s expanded the building to make it their own. Today the manor features an oak-paneled reception hall, a drawing room, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, breakfast room, music room, game room, office, utility, two restrooms, two cellars, and a boot room. Outside the estate includes a swimming pool, two tennis courts, formal gardens, and green houses.

In 1937 Sir William Lyons, the founder of the Swallow Sidecar Company and later Jaguar Cars, moved from Gibbet Hill Road, on the outskirts of Coventry, to Wappenbury Hall. During the 1950s and 60s, the Hall appeared in a number of publicity shots for Jaguar Cars. Lyons would have every prototype delivered to the house so that he could get his wife Greta's final opinion before production. Sir William Lyons died at Wappenbury Hall in 1985. His wife, Lady Greta, died the following year. They are both buried in the churchyard of St John the Baptist, Wappenbury, a short distance from the Hall.

In 2016, Wappenbury Hall was on the market for \$9.8 million. Today, the layout of the house is exactly the same as when Sir William owned it with a few tasteful upgrades that match the character of the place. Continuing a long-standing tradition, once a year the current owner allows members of the Jaguar Drivers Club to take pictures of their Jaguars in front of Wappenbury Hall.

More pictures of this beautiful manor can be found on the website of the *Wall Street Journal*. <https://www.wsj.com/articles/inside-the-former-estate-of-jaguar-founder-william-lyons-1471859009>



# JAGUAR XJ-SC VS. TRIUMPH STAG

In the 1970s the United States considered outlawing all convertibles due to crash safety concerns. A few select automakers launched an attempt to design a new safer convertible that would withstand a rollover crash. Of course the new U.S. regulation never made it into law and today these supposedly safer convertibles look like oddballs to some and like rare collector cars to others.

Triumph introduced the Stag 2+2 convertible in 1970. Envisioned as a luxury sports car, all Stags were four-seater convertible coupés, but for structural rigidity – and to meet proposed American rollover standards of the time – the Stag required a B-pillar “roll bar” hoop connected to the windscreen frame by a T-bar. A body color removable hard top with defrost wires on the rear window, full headliner and lever operated quarter windows was a popular factory option for the early Stags, and was later supplied as a standard fitment.

The engine compartment featured a beautiful but controversial 3.0L Triumph V8 with a cast iron block, aluminum heads and one overhead cam per bank. Naturally aspirated with twin Zenith-Stromberg carburetors, the small V8 provided 145 bhp (108 kW) of power and 170 lb ft (230 N m) of torque. Plagued by cooling and reliability issues, some people dubbed it the worst engine ever made. Since then nifty Stag enthusiasts solved every single problem with a few simple aftermarket upgrades. In nine years, 25,939 Stags were made with only 3,000 sold in the U.S..

Jaguar introduced the Jaguar XJ-SC targa cabriolet in 1983. The car was a fixed profile convertible with removable targa panels and a rear soft top. The coupe’s rather small rear seats were removed in order to make space for the removable soft top, making it a 2-seat car. To this date it is one of very few convertibles that you can enjoy open while sitting in the shade (with the targa panels in and the soft top down).

Initially the ‘cabby’ was available with a new 3.6-litre Jaguar AJ6 straight-six engine and a manual Getrag transmission. In 1985 Jaguar introduced a V12 powered XJ-SC and started offering it in the United States. Despite being a quality reliable convertible, only 5,013 were made. In 1986 coach builder Hess & Eisenhardt started offering convertible conversions and in 1988 Jaguar started offering a full convertible.

Both, the Triumph Stag and the Jaguar XJ-SC offer exclusive targa convertible fun for a fraction of the price of a similar Porsche 911 targa soft top (\$10-20,000 vs. \$100,000+). So if you like convertibles with a roll bar, one of these could be for you.



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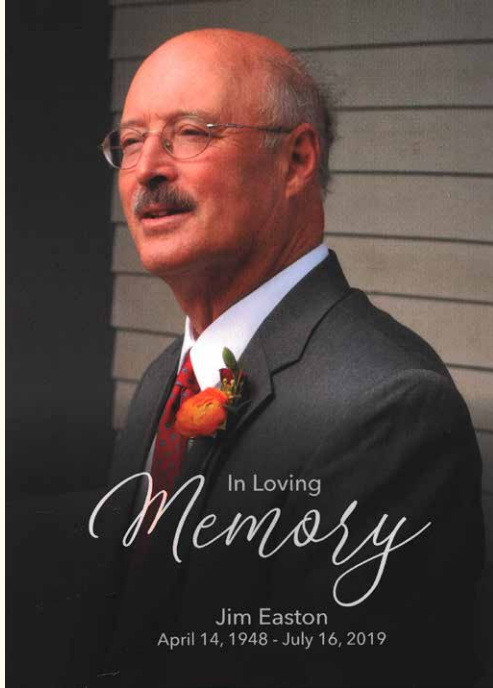
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# OBITUARY-JIM EASTON



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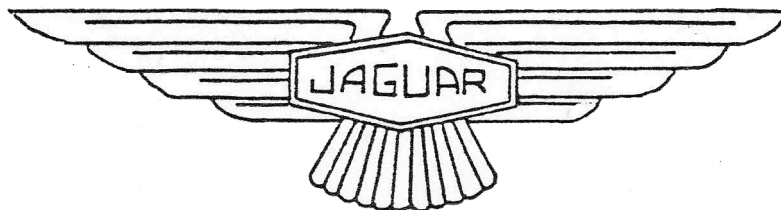
Jim owned Easton's Volvo Repair for 35 years and was a passionate car collector. He was an avid bicyclist with the Hiawatha Bike Club and TBBC, and traveled extensively the last 20 years of his life.

Jim always loved a good story while having a cup of coffee or glass of wine with friends or family. His back was always a source of aches from his intense work as a mechanic plus he figures riding bareback as a youth didn't help his back.

His wife of 48 years, Marcia, helped him to explore the world. His dying wish was to have his ashes scattered in some of his favorite locations, such as Tahiti.

## **Highlights of His Life**

- Born in Manhattan, NY, grew up, and passed away in St. Paul, MN.
- Enjoyed sailing, bicycling, exotic cars, and world traveling.
- Family included three children: Jim V (Denise), Melissa (Brian), and Emily (Shawn); and four grandchildren: Eddie VI, Ella, Owen, and Ava.
- Lived on a hobby farm in Eagan, MN for 34 years.
- Enjoyed the people he met in life and hearing their interesting stories.



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