

Car Shows!



We Are Back!!!



PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Dear JCM Members,

Slowly but surely some normal is starting to show in our daily lives. Seems like we have had a very long, long, lonely winter.

I send all the best thoughts and prayers to you and your family and friends that you have gotten through this difficult time. My heartfelt sympathies go out to all of you that have had losses and hardships.

Working on planning more events as we are able. Not an easy task so please bear with us. Getting back to a full schedule of events is a challenge.

Watch your email and our wonderful web site for updates and new information.

A few events have already happened so hope for the future is strong.
Fair winds and following roads to you all!

Cheers,
Holly
President
Jaguar Club of Minnesota

SPRING KICK-OFF CAR SHOW IN OSSEO MINNESOTA

During a regular year the Spring Kick-Off Car Show in Osseo Minnesota is a treat. Well-organized, in the middle of town, arranged around a city park, and multiple restaurants within walking distance. Plus there are usually over two dozen foreign car brands, some of which are rarely shown anywhere else.

However, this year was different. After twelve months of mask, no mask, mask, this mask, but not that mask, no toilet paper, too much toilet paper, stay home, vaccinate or not, lumber shortage and a tumultuous election, it was time to get the heck out of the house and into a car.

Any car and any car show would have done the trick. But starting the season in Osseo was even better.



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The weather was exactly as pre-ordered on Amazon Prime, sunny and warm, but not too hot. Over two dozen Jaguars (and a Morgan with a missing wheel) were lined up along Central Avenue taking up an entire city block and then some. By now it is a tradition that at least one car (usually a V12) will start overheating while in line to get in. Luckily there was no damage.

There were two restored Jaguar Mark II on display, several E-Types, and a surprising number of modern Jaguars. Down the street were Mercedes, Triumphs, MGs, Austin Healeys, Nash Metropolitans, Lotuses, Saabs, Borgwards and many more.

And as every year, visitors were able to buy tickets for charity and vote for their favorite cars. If I was only allowed to go to a single car show each year, this one would definitely be in the top three.

This year's show was a refreshing breeze of normal in an attempt to get our lives back.

A quick video of the car show can be found here: <https://youtu.be/MX-FUO7Uarw>

CARS AND CAVES OPENER

If you wanted to make a statement after a year without official events you would not just have a Cars and Caves season opener at the Chanhassen AutoPlex. You would invite the military with an honor guard, raise our flag, play taps and have military airplanes fly over the entire show.

And that is exactly what happened. There were classic and modern exotic cars everywhere, garages - sorry personal museums and shrines - were open for viewing to the public, the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile made everyone hungry, a food truck prevented major starvation, and the honor guard reminded us that while this car show was entirely free, the freedom we enjoy is not free, but takes sacrifice.

The airplanes above flew over the complex multiple times in all kinds of directions and ensured that this will be a memorable event.

For upcoming events at the AutoPlex, visit https://chanhassenautoplex.com/?tribe_events_cat=public.



SPRING INTO SUMMER CAR SHOW AT BMC

Where the heck is Isanti???

If you leave the Twin Cities going Northbound on highway 65 and keep driving until you are sure you left the endless suburbia of the cities behind you, then wonder where the heck you are now and decide to turn left at the first sight of comforting McDonald's arches, there is Isanti.

Thirty years ago people moved out here to get away from the cities. Today people move here because you can get a lot more house for your money. Or simply because home prices closer to the cities have gone nuts.

Down Dual Boulevard behind a brand-new Kwik Trip truck stop is BMC, a shop for classic British automobile restorations and conversions. Every spring they host a small car show and open house.

Eight new and classic Jaguars accompanied various other British classic cars outside. The inside was lined with British cars in various stages of repair and restoration.

As usual, all food and drinks were provided for free. Donations to a local charity were encouraged. As a regular attendee I still learned three new things this year:

1. A Series I Saturn coupe parked in the very back of the yard is technically a classic car now. (Hard to believe they came out thirty years ago.)
2. Cylinder Head Express, one of the best cylinder head shops is just down the street. (I inspected a freshly rebuilt Jaguar XK 4.2 Litre cylinder head in detail and it is as good as new.)
- And 3. Three root beer floats and an unspecified number of cookies make one heck of a stomach ache (courtesy of my son).

Already last year in October 2020, BMC lost John Petro, one of their own at the very young age of 49. He was a very active fellow at work, home, church and in his community.



MEMBER CORNER

Within the last year we gained a few new members. Let me introduce you to two of them in their own words.

William Graham

I was born in the UK and spent my teenage years there until I went to the States at age 24. Unfortunately the draft was in effort and I was drafted and ordered to Vietnam, I instead joined the US navy and spent 4 years on aircraft carriers. A friend of mine had a 1971 S type convertible and I always wanted one. As the years passed I lost interest as they were out of my budget. I settled for a Rover Discovery and owned it for 10 years.

I retired from the airline industry (Northwest/Delta) in 2015. During the pandemic last year, I was looking for a used vehicle for my granddaughter and came across a 2006 Mini Cooper S in an auction. It was in bad shape but gave me a good project to keep me busy during COVID-19, I replaced the AC pump and changed all belts, also solved a loss of compression in one of the cylinders. It was too sporty for my granddaughter, so it went on E-Bay and sold immediately, I also came across a 2001 XK8 convertible on line in pristine condition with only 60,000 miles, after a short bartering session the deal was closed, I've had the vehicle for 8 months and by the way I did find a 2010 Honda Accord for my granddaughter.

I will be looking forward to meeting and trading stories with the club members when future socializing is permitted.

Bill Graham

David Hidgens

I've been an enthusiast of automobiles since I was old enough to play with toy cars and appreciate them. My F Type R is the latest in my collection of garage toys, and I am definitely not disappointed with the car. I tend to keep my cars for a long time before I move on to the next one, but now I have two summer toys. The Jag is one, and a 1983 Datsun 280ZX is the other. I've shown up to Steve Olson's garage with both before. I've also owned Porsche 911/997, a Nissan 350Z, a Datsun 260Z, a Nissan 300ZX, and a few other cars I won't mention. I appreciate most cars and enjoy their unique heritage. The Jag has been gracing my garage for a year now. It's a 2017 that is all stock. It's been maintained very well, and I am the second owner.

David Hidgens



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Submitted by Dennis DeGroodt, Jaguar Club of Minnesota liaison to the Coventry Foundation

P.S. A quick video about the Coventry Foundation can be found here: <https://vimeo.com/539349417>

FIRST JAGUAR BREAKFAST CLUB 2021

The Jaguar Breakfast Club in England is the world's largest regular Jaguar meet. On May 22nd 2021 the Jaguar Breakfast Club celebrated the official end of the Do Nothing - Stay Home Phase with their first Saturday meet at the British Motor Museum in Gaydon (add to bucket list: gotta go!).

But would they come? After an entire year? In the rain? They did! Over 200 of them. And the British Motor Museum reopened its doors again with regular business hours.

One question remains: Where is the actual breakfast??? The name alone makes people hungry (especially me). Would there be room for some good old Minnesota-style food trucks? Nevermind, I will just bring a gas station sandwich and a Snickers.



CAMP CHAOS CHRONICLES

I have been watching technical videos about Jaguars, XJ-S and V12 engines for a while. On a warm day in April 2021 I had the opportunity to visit one of the video channel authors.

Robert Knodt - Captain Chaos, as he named himself - is a technically gifted Jaguar XJ-S enthusiast in Rosemount, Minnesota. Several buildings full of Jaguars, parts, tools, shelves, and work benches bring the name Camp Chaos to life.

Bob is always working on some really interesting projects, most of them involving a Jaguar XJ-S with a V12 engine. Everyone's favorite is 'Der Frankenkar', a V12 race car fueled by six double Weber carburetors. The only thing wider than a quarter-mile tornado is the grin of a teenager with Aspergers sitting in an XJ-S race car (see picture).

There is also Ol'Tex, an XJ-S that got a really low cost engine overhaul. And an XJ6/XJ40 racecar that just got its roll cage and fender flares. And a 1978 Jaguar XJ6. And a customer's V12 HE engine. And a whole steel barn full of additional projects. You get the name now.

If you enjoy watching car shows over Kardashians, Bob recorded over 70 Jaguar videos on YouTube:
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