



# YORKSHIRE OF EDINA FIFTIES PARTY

# PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Dear Jaguar Club Members,

I know we are all waiting to get back to some semblance of normal or as close to feeling a bit safer to gather as a group once again.

In the spirit of keeping everyone as safe as possible our Annual Picnic had to be postponed this year. We have been able to conduct a few small events that had no impact on our bottom line. We are hoping to sponsor a few more this fall.

Fall Banquet at the Auto Motor Plex towards the end of September - In need of a new caterer as our lovely lady we have had for a few years was forced to close her business.

Fall Color Tour and Luncheon in October - We are looking for a new facilitator to set up the drive and a location for the lunch.

Planning Breakfast in December is in the plan. Hoping to go back to the Machine Shed in Woodbury.

Suggestions and volunteers for events are most welcome and necessary to keep our club active and our members engaged. The whole club benefits from all our members participating.

Britfest in Hudson was a very nice show this year. 18 Jaguars attended so we had great representation of our club and a few possible new members.

The Osseo Spring Kick Off was also a wonderful success. 250 cars overall and 20 plus Jaguars. Best attendance for this one that I have seen. The Intermarque group did a wonderful job of organizing and hosting this event. Thank you to all the guys and gals who worked to make it another great show.

# STONE ARCH BRIDGE FESTIVAL

2021 finally had a Stone Arch Bridge Festival again. Here is how MPR describes the festival: “For a family-friendly experience complete with art, food, music and a cool car show, make your way over to the Minneapolis Riverfront (...) [for] a weekend-long celebration. You can check out local vendor booths, enter a sampling tent for some tasty beer or bring your little ones to the family activities area. (...) Most events are free.”

This year the festival moved from the East side to the West side of the Mississippi to add a little variety to the parking chaos. All joking aside, there are plenty of parking decks in Minneapolis.

The car show featured six different Jaguar models, XK140, E-Type, XJ-S, XJ6, XK8 and XK, as well as about three dozen other cars. Three potential new club members inquired about joining the club. (It could have been seven Jaguar models, but the Paralympics Track and Field Trials in Minneapolis happened on the same day and Andy Schmiege had to sniff some Paralympics air.)

<https://stonearchbridgefestival.com/>  
<https://www.paralympic.org/tokyo-2020>



# X-GOLF WOODBURY CRUISE IN

On Sunday July 11th 2021, X-Golf in Woodbury invited to an open Cruise In car show in their parking lot at the South end of the Tamarack Village shopping center. Besides a handful of Jaguars there were Cadillacs, Lamborghinis, Ferraris, Corvettes, Fords, Chevrolet and even an Alfa Romeo. A few club members found a spot in the shade right next to a stand with Argentinian treats. X-Golf also sold brats and burgers for a small fee. What else would you do on a Sunday morning?

X-Golf offers indoor golfing with real golf clubs and real golf balls simulating a golf course on a large interactive screen. The simulation offers full video and data analysis of your shots (instead of your friends' silly comments) which makes the venue perfect for golf lessons and team events. Don't worry, the food and beverages are real.

<https://www.xgolfwoodbury.com/>



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On July 21st 2021 the Jaguar Club of Minnesota was invited to visit Yorkshire of Edina Senior Living for their 50s Party. Seven Jaguars perfectly filled the roundabout at the main entrance and brought lots of good smiles and memories to local residents. And smiles and memories are important in life.

Yorkshire of Edina is one of over 40 Lifesprk Living communities located all across the country. The facility offers memory care services, independent living options, and assisted living options to provide you with the lifestyle you need and deserve. Their compassionate staff redefines “caring” and offers exciting programs and events (like this one) to help make your stay some of the most rewarding years of your life!



The club also received a personal Thank You note from Christine Olson: “I can’t thank you and the other members enough for appearing at the Yorkshire 50s Party last evening! Your cars gave a classy splash to the event and the club members were so gracious to all the residents and families. I especially appreciated the new hat you brought for my husband and all the attention he received from the club members. I know he loved seeing the cars! You went out of your way for a group of people who don’t have a lot of special events to attend. Your efforts and kindness warmed all of our hearts. Thank you again! Christine Olson”

<https://yorkshireofedina.com/>



# CARS N CAVES AT THE CHANHASSEN AUTOPLEX



Also on July 21, 2021, the Chanhassen AutoPlex had its July Cars and Caves event. Besides select Jaguars and lots of other interesting cars this month featured woodfired pizza made right on site (and sight) - with a long wait - and the weirdest Chrysler PT Cruiser known to mankind.

<https://chanhassenautoplex.com/>



# BRITFEST CAR SHOW IN HUDSON

July 31st 2021 brought us Britfest in Hudson, Wisconsin, the steepest car show in the Midwest. At least fifty British cars trying to park uphill on one city block of Walnut Street without hitting each other or losing their brakes or overheating. Challenge accepted. And since that sounds way too easy with a modern Jaguar, someone actually dared to do it in a beautifully customized Morgan Three Wheeler.

The new trick this year was to first park all the Jaguars and then get the tickets, freebie bags and voting buckets. After breakfast at Dick's Bar & Grill and meeting some old friends, lunch at the German Winzer Stube provided a very tasty opportunity to blow the daily calorie budget with Schnitzel and real Black Forest Cake.

Down the hill at the Lakefront Park there was an American Car Show to admire with a special presentation by the Ford Model A Club featuring just about every variation of the Model A ever made.

<https://justbritish.com/event/britfest-2021-hudson-wisconsin/>



# MINNESOTA AUSTIN HEALEY CLUB TRACK DAY

On August 6th 2021, the Minnesota Austin Healey Club invited the Jaguar Club of Minnesota to Track Day at the Dakota County Technical College in Rosemount Minnesota. Getting to race around a track alone multiple times a day for just forty bucks was a steal. It was unfortunate that nobody dared to race their Jaguar around the track.

The Austin Healeys, MGs and Triumphs did some serious racing and made plenty of noise for all of us. Modern cars like a Corvette and a Porsche were also welcome, but had no chance against the top Austin Healey. The only damage was a stuck throttle which was quickly repaired on the track.

Caution! If you get too close (like I did), you get volunteered as a runner between the time-keeping tent and the scoreboard. You have been warned. My personal highlight was the sophisticated German Shepherd alarm system installed at one of the racing trailers.

<https://www.mnhealey.com/>





# AROUND THE LAKES SUNDAY DRIVE

A few select Jaguars met on Sunday morning August 8th at the Hiawatha Golf Course in South Minneapolis for a very enjoyable and very curvy drive around the lakes. The cruise started around Lake Nokomis, continued down East Minnehaha Parkway (going West), along the shores of Lake Harriet (not renamed yet), around Bd Maka Ska (renamed), around Lake of The Isles and then back on the other side of the lakes to the Hiawatha Golf Course.

With many attractions along the route, this would make a nice Sunday cruise (or bike ride or run) on any sunny weekend. My personal highlights along the lakes are the historic Como-Harriet Streetcar Line and the Bakken Museum, a very unique place created by the inventor of the battery-operated pacemaker. And for foodies 'A Baker's Wife's Pastry Shop' just off Lake Hiawatha is open on Sundays.

<https://vrroom-rallies.com/>

<https://trolleyride.org/como-harriet-streetcar/>

<https://thebakken.org/>

<https://www.bakers-wife.com/>



# AWARD AT THE MINNEAPOLIS MILE CAR SHOW

At the Minneapolis Mile Car Show on August 21st 2021 at the Minneapolis Convention Center our very own Dennis DeGroot won an award for First Place Euro Classic with his 1970 Jaguar E-Type in British Racing Green. Congratulations!!! Instead of the usual golden trophies the beautiful award plaque is almost three feet wide which makes it a great conversation piece on a wall of the living room or garage. Well done!

The Minneapolis Mile Car Show was organized by the Minnesota Car Enthusiast Club (MNCEC) and had hundreds of cars on display at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

<https://www.themncec.org/minneapolis-mile-2021>



# ARUNDEL CASTLE UK JAGUAR SHOW

On August 8th 2021 our traveling reporter John Shorrock visited a Jaguar car show at Arundel Castle at the very Southern tip of England. Arundel Castle is a restored and remodelled medieval castle in Arundel, West Sussex, England (close to Southampton for Americans, not close at all for British people). It was established by Roger de Montgomery on Christmas Day 1067 (or about five hundred years before anything ever happened in the U.S.). Roger became the first to hold the earldom of Arundel by the graces of William the Conqueror.

At the car show on castle grounds there were lots of Jaguars and a few Daimlers to see and it did not rain - that's a success in my book. Plus you could take a picture of your Jaguar with a real castle in the background - something you can not easily do in the United States unless you want to drive all the way to Biltmore Estate in North Carolina.

<https://www.arundelcastle.org/>

<https://www.biltmore.com/>



# BRITISH RACE TRACKS

Our racing reporter John Shorrock visited two British race tracks this summer, Goodwood and Brands Hatch. While there were no Jaguars there at the time, there were plenty of other attractive and fast vehicles to admire.

Goodwood Circuit is a historic venue for both two- and four-wheeled motorsport in the United Kingdom. The 2.37-mile circuit is situated near Chichester, West Sussex, close to the south coast of England, on the estate of Goodwood House, and completely encircles Chichester/Goodwood Airport. (For Americans, it is close to Southampton ...)

Brands Hatch Circuit is a motor racing circuit in West Kingsdown, Kent, England, United Kingdom (South East of London). Originally used as a grasstrack motorcycle circuit on farmland, it hosted 12 runnings of the British Grand Prix between 1964 and 1986 and currently hosts many British and International racing events.

<https://www.goodwood.com/>

<https://www.brandshatch.co.uk/>



Goodwood Circuit



Brands Hatch Circuit



# CAR SHOWS WITH JAGUAR DEFICIT

There are plenty of beautiful car shows in the Twin Cities over the summer like the Shoreview Days Car Show or the Anoka Car Show, usually accompanied by tasty food trucks and other entertainment. (No idea what the 401(k) financial advisor did with a booth in Shoreview, but he looked pretty lonely.)

What is often missing is a splash of Britishness or British Leyland or at least motor oil leaking from a Jaguar. So don't be shy or intimidated by all the American cars. Just park your Jaguar right in the middle of it. Highlight at the Anoka Car Show was a 1978 MG Midget with 2,300 original miles.



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