

# JAGUAR CLUB HOLIDAY POTLUCK SOCIAL

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Spring is here! It's our 45th anniversary! Time for Jaguars to roar!

What's that Bunkie? You say now that covid and winter are waning it's time to dust off your car, finish up that brake job, apply a little polish and go for a cruise? Then you've come to the right place my friend!

Jaguar Club has events planned for every Saturday in May and June. Our annual picnic is on July 17 at the Emerson shelter with plans being made for events the rest of the summer/fall. Check the website <a href="https://www.jaguarminnesota.com">www.jaguarminnesota.com</a>

Most important for you to save the date July 17 for the annual picnic. Our big celebration of the 45th anniversary will need every member and their family so we can recognize the legacy of our club. We want trailer queens, daily drivers, half-finished projects. And, if you're a member who doesn't have a Jag you should come anyway to see what you're missing.

EVE project is beginning. EVE (EV-E) is a coordinated project of car owner John Kroska and some members of Jaguar Club of Minnesota to professionally electrify a classic Jag. Want to be involved? Contact me, Jeff Flynn, or John Kroska.

The JCM board meets almost every month. Currently, we meet the third Tuesday of each month sometimes at the Richfield dealership and sometimes at other spots around the Twin Cities. Any member can attend. Please check to confirm location and time. You can email me rich@4redroadsters.com or call/text me at 651-308-7571.

KEEP CALM AND DRIVE ON. Very Best Regards, Rich Leistico

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This sounds like such a great recipe for success: Meet at a location that everyone is familiar with and ask everyone to bring something to eat. Done! Well, it probably wasn't quite *thaaat* simple. But this year's Holiday Potluck Social was so well organized, it sure looked that easy.

On Saturday, March 12th 2022 around 4pm Jaguar club members started to pour into the clubroom at the Chanhassen AutoPlex. Everyone brought something, either cooked, baked, or acquired. The club provided lots of chicken fingers to complement all the other tasty food choices. Over thirty people enjoyed a fun evening with good food, good beverages, and good conversations.











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As a very organized and structured person, it always amazes me that a potluck always seems to work out without much planning and you never end up with thirty containers of potato salad and nothing else. I snuck in a few Ukrainian delights as a reminder that a) Ukrainians do know how to make good chocolates and b) how insane this world has become.

Around 8pm everyone participated in a reenactment of the expression 'many hands make light work' and within minutes all the tables and chairs quickly went back to where they belong. Thank you to the organizers and to the AutoPlex car condo owners for a fun start to the season!











# CARS AND CAVES – GENE KELLY EDITION

Cars and Caves 2022 at the AutoPlex in Chanhassen is back this year with a car show every last Saturday of the month from April through September from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. The first show of the season on April 30th 2022 was dedicated to Gene Kelly with 'Singin' in the Rain.' That's at least what the weather thought.

People showed up anyways, just in trucks and SUVs in the visitor parking lot. A few brave souls drove their Jaguars anyways. And the classic food truck was open for business. The featured charity this month was Cars Against Crime. *Two Guys and a Ride* live streamed from the AutoPlex to introduce this charity. Unfortunately, the streaming quality is a little choppy. Hey, in the 1970s people watched choppy TV using rabbit ears and nobody was bothered by it. Watch the chopp-opp-eeeee live stream here: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FKmvmf5c5Cc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FKmvmf5c5Cc</a>. Or check out more car videos from *Two Guys and a Ride*: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/c/TwoGuysandaRide">https://www.youtube.com/c/TwoGuysandaRide</a> And if you think about having a car condo, consider the Chanhassen AutoPlex: <a href="https://chanhassenautoplex.com/">https://chanhassenautoplex.com/</a>













### RENDEZVOUZ 2022

Fellow Jaguar Owners, 3/30/22

Too much time has eroded our socialization time in the past 3 years. Last year, four Mark 2's were able to get out and kick around but now we have a better virus outlook and no excuses (I hope). I am writing this newsletter note to encourage all Jaguar owners to get out and enjoy the cars and each other at the Rendezvous'22. Members who have gone on the Rendezvous in the past know what good times happen and for those who have not attended one, perhaps a history and description of this year's events will trigger you to join in the event.

The first Rendezvous was in 1991 and was hosted by The Thunder Bay Sports Car Club. That meeting had 29 cars registered. At the end of the event, a breakfast meeting took place where the Austin Healey Club of Minnesota agreed to host the event in Duluth. Since then, a club rotated being the host and the country, either Canada or US, would be the venue location. The 30th meet takes place this June!

The hosts this year, the InterMarque Council, an amalgamation of all foreign made sports cars, took on the event and has planned events for all. The base will be at Fortune Bay Resort Casino. We have scheduled: a Poker Run, a Fish Fry, a Can/AM Poker Playoff, an Autocross organized by the Austin Healey Club, a self directed Golf tournament, a Valve Cover race provided by the Triumph Club, live Bluegrass music, adult beverages, a publicly advertised Car Show to benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Lake Vermillion, a Banquet and farewell breakfast ... of course then there is the Casino and aquatics center.

Next year it will be the 75th anniversary of the XK and last year, it was the 60th anniversary of the E-Type. Is it possible you XK and E-Type owners can call each other and lead a group up to Fortune Bay in Tower? I'm sure a number of sedan owners of Mark2 and S types will show up but what would the event be like with just a few Jaguars?

There is time to sign up and reservations are open. We have 85 cars registered. Our Canadian friends are coming for sure as they signed up early.

The Gold Sponsor of our event is Morrie's Auto Group with their Mercedes and Jaguar Land Rover dealerships. The Silver Sponsors are Heacock Classic Car Insurance and Moss Motors.

See you there!

Terry Jacobs '61 Mark 2 952-567-4708

For more info and registration forms: www.intermarque.org

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### YOUNGTIMERS

Five thousand Dollars does not buy a whole lot when it comes to highly collectible classic Jaguars. Maybe a set of wire wheels and decent tires for an E-Type. Maybe. However, five thousand dollars does buy a whole lot of car when you look at younger Jaguars. If you keep an open mind and know how to search online marketplaces nationwide, you can find a decent desirable 'Youngtimer' Jaguar almost every week. There are enough desirable rust-free younger Jaguars out there to fill a 60 x 80 storage solid in less than a year. I wonder whether a two story 60 x 80 storage would work better. (A hoarder's mind is a fascinating thing.)

Here are two very desirable Youngtimers in good condition and under five thousand dollars, both found here in Minnesota. By the time you read this article, they might be long sold, maybe even to a club member.

The Jaguar XJ40 has a controversial image due to its departure from quad headlights and wavy curves. However, the straight-line boxy shape with the glass brick headlights ages well and slowly catches the interest of collectors. Excellent examples with full service history are finally over \$10,000. This 1994





Jaguar XJ12 was listed on Craigslist for \$3,900. The 6.0 litre V12 engine (improved by Ford) with only 85,000 miles is a smooth and reliable powerhouse. The black exterior and tan interior serve the car well (until you try to keep it clean). A real steal in my book.

The Jaguar XK8 was a very well received successor to the Jaguar XJS. Excellent low mileage examples trade above \$10,000. The supercharged XKR version even higher. This 2000 Jaguar XK8 Coupe looks well maintained and clean. Even the cupholder still seems to work (really terrible design). The topaz beige exterior and tan interior is one of the most eye-pleasing color combinations. The large wooden dashboard has the right swirls and seems to be in great condition without major fading or cracks. The higher mileage of 146,000 explains the low price of \$3,850 on Facebook Marketplace. A great driver for a great price.





As a smart Jaguar enthusiast, you should expect some deferred maintenance at these prices. So write down the name of your favorite Jaguar mechanic, go to the bank, and open a savings account with \$3,000 in his name. You might need it. No, you will eventually need it. But if you are like me, you will never regret a penny you spent on the maintenance of a good Jaguar.



Maybe we will see one of these two at a car show this summer.

### AUTOMOTIVE RESTORATION PROGRAM AT MCPHERSON COLLEGE

"Lern was G'scheits!" – German for "Learn something clever" still rings in my ears over thirty years after trying to decide what to do after high school. It was a common advice in my region of Germany to learn a trade that will provide a decent living income for decades to come. No wonder that a scene from the 1993 movie Groundhog Day always resonated with me: "I studied 19th-century French poetry." – "What a waste of time!"

McPherson College in McPherson, Kansas provides a very special opportunity to "Lern was G'scheits!". The city of McPherson lies in the middle of rural Kansas. Dorothy Gale and Toto would feel at home here and maybe the Tin Man too. McPherson College is not visually impressive with multi-million dollar buildings, fancy arches, and overpriced stadiums. The college motto is a 'Future Made By Hand'.

What sets this college apart is its Automotive Restoration Program. Possibly the only one in the country. The Automotive Restoration Technology Program at McPherson College was established in 1976 through the generosity and foresight of local entrepreneur Gaines H. "Smokey" Billue. His gift of over 125 classic and antique cars provided initial funds for the program. In 1997 this unique automotive restoration program attracted the attention of classic car enthusiast Jay Leno who established the Fred S. Duesenberg Scholarship and the Jay Leno Popular Mechanics scholarship.

Today, with industry connections spanning the country and internship opportunities in a broad range of automotive settings, McPherson College stands alone as the only school to provide a bachelor's degree in Restoration Technology. By 2023 they aim at restoring a vehicle to compete to win at Pebble Beach Concours d' Elegance with a 1953 Mercedes-Benz 300 S Cabriolet.

If you are familiar with the challenges of finding a good classic car repair shop, competing with other classic car enthusiasts for the same few highly skilled mechanics, and the long wait times to get your classic car serviced, you know that demand by far exceeds supply. So a career in automotive restoration seems to be a very smart career choice for the future. Learn more about the program at: <a href="https://www.mcpherson.edu/autorestoration/">https://www.mcpherson.edu/autorestoration/</a>





# JEC TRACKSPORT DAY AT MALLORY PARK IN ENGLAND

Mallory Park is a motor racing circuit situated in the village of Kirkby Mallory in central England. Originally used for grass-track until 1955, a new, basically oval hard-surfaced course was constructed for 1956, with a later extension forming a loop with a hairpin bend.

On April 6th 2022 Mallory Park played host to the first of this year's JEC TrackSport events. The day gave Jaguar Enthusiasts' Club members a unique chance to experience this iconic circuit, both in their own cars, but also as passengers in famous heritage vehicles and race cars from Jaguar's history.

The day began with the briefing for the morning session followed by an open pitlane taking attendees through to lunch. There was a huge variety of cars, from the Tom Lenthall Mark 2 through to XJS models, XKs, and F-types. The saloons were well represented with XFs, XJ6s and S-types taking to the circuit alongside the XJR6 race car of Tom Robinson.

The Jaguar Daimler Heritage Trust cars put on a superb demonstration during lunch break and included the famous 'Ring Taxi' XJ and XK180 prototype. The TWR built Jaguar XJR-15 of Andrew Maynard always draws a crowd and Neal Mugglestone's XK180 replica braved the circuit as well. Alongside the many members' road cars were a

strong field of Swallows Racing supported championship race cars and, in keeping with the very ethos of JEC Tracksport, the racers were only too happy to give thrilling passenger rides for those present.









As much as the day gave an opportunity for an adrenaline hit, the Mallory Park Circuit is also a great place to learn race craft through JEC TrackSport. The event attracted a tremendous number of novices, and all took the advantage of training sessions with the JEC's very own ARDS instructor, Ray Ingman. Ray was able to build drivers' confidence and pass on some more advanced tips to those more experienced track day fans as well, who wanted to get that little bit more pace from their Jaguar, safely.

The weather overall was fine and sunny, but there were several very heavy downpours as the event headed towards the afternoon sessions. Despite the challenging track conditions that this presented, such was the support and guidance on hand for everyone, we are pleased to report that all cars got home safely and still in the pristine condition that their enthusiastic owners arrived with them in. Everyone who attended left with very wide smiles and excitement for the next event to come.

For more about the Jaguar Enthusiasts' Club visit: <a href="https://jec.org.uk/">https://jec.org.uk/</a> Article written by JEC.

## VISION GRAN TURISMO CAR



It used to be that car manufacturers would build brand loyalty with fans by creating halo models, like the XJ220, that would grace posters and artwork on bedroom and office walls alike - building a lifetime of aspiration for owning a Jaguar. However, in current times, it's increasingly important to encourage new generations to aspire to owning a Jaguar through having exciting concept cars featured in computer games and the digital space. As such, Jaguar has unveiled its third all-electric virtual gaming sports car – the Jaguar Vision Gran Turismo Roadster.

Following the success of the original Jaguar Vision Gran Turismo Coupé and the extreme Vision Gran Turismo SV endurance racer, Jaguar's latest all-electric virtual race car joins the grid for the launch of Gran Turismo 7 – the latest and most immersive iteration yet of the world-renowned racing game.

In recognition of Jaguar's trilogy of cars in the Vision GT series, Jaguar's Design team have developed new bespoke





livery for each one. The specially-developed black and grey paints and subtle graphics emphasize the cars' inherently dramatic, beautiful designs – and are unique to the cars' in-game liveries.

The Jaguar Vision Gran Turismo Roadster is an all-electric single-seater which combines the race-proven powertrain from the Coupé with a taut, sculpted form inspired by the iconic, timeless Jaguar D-type.

The Roadster is designed to bring gamers the pure, visceral driving experience of an open-cockpit Jaguar sports car powered by three electric motors generating a total power output of more than 1,020PS (750kW) and instant, maximum torque of 1,200Nm. Acceleration from 0-60mph in under two seconds and a maximum speed in excess of 200mph together with outstanding ride, handling and agility will deliver a truly unforgettable drive.



The flowing surfaces, dramatic lines and perfect proportions of the first two Jaguar Gran Turismo Vision cars are instantly recognizable, but in place of a deployable canopy the Roadster features a swept-back aero screen directly in front of the driver.

Read more at: https://jec.org.uk/news/2022/jaguar-celebrates-release-of-its-third-vision-gran-turismo-car Article written by JEC.

# BRITISH TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM





Nope. It is not in Coventry. Or in London. Not even in England. The British Transportation Museum is in Dayton Ohio, the same city where Orville and Wilbur Wright once built an insane contraption out of spruce and ash wood covered in duck canvas that actually flew.

The museum has a display area for about 40 British vehicles, 15 bicycles, memorabilia, a library, and an art gallery. An actual repair shop allows for the sharing of technical, historical, and cultural knowledge. It is open Saturdays and Mondays and got 4 ½ stars on Tripadvisor.

If you enjoy small cozy museums, this might be a fun stop on a future roadtrip.

Learn more about it here: <a href="https://www.britishtransportationmuseum.org/">https://www.britishtransportationmuseum.org/</a>



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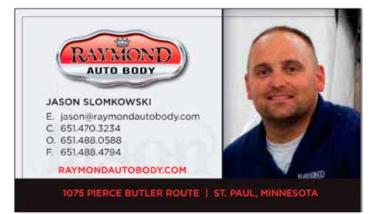
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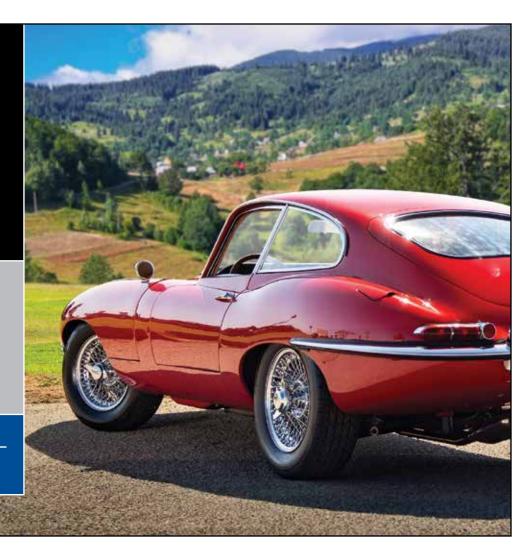
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