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JAGM Wins National Awards and Supports Veterans

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Classified Ads

Radio Wanted: I am looking for an original radio for my '64 E-type 3.8. Perhaps someone has upgraded to a modern sound system and would like to sell the old one.

Call or text Al at 248-622-3300

Winter Storage Wanted: I need a new storage space for my XK8, starting in November. Within an hour of Dearborn; climate controlled would be nice, but not required. Have space? Know of space?

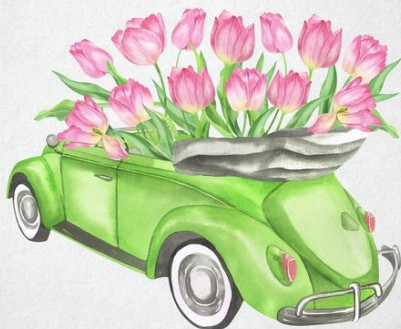
Contact Gary at 313-278-4206 or editor@jagm.org

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Welcome New Members

<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Jaguars Owned</u>
David Sillence	1974 E-Type Roadster
Kevin and Julie Brinkerhoff	1954 XK120 OTS 1967 E-Type OTS 1970 E-Type FHC
Martin and Judith Hannah	2004 XKR Convertible 2013 XF Sedan

JAGM welcomes our newest members. Please help us extend them a warm welcome.



the President's Purr...

Spring Up for JAGM!

Hopefully soon, all the wonderful colors of Springtime will be showing, and that's not just flowers, and birds I'm talking about...no...that includes all our wonderful JAGS and JAGM members!

Now that we are free to get out and about more, I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again at many of the great events that are in place and being planned. I'm excited for the future of our club as we continue our membership growth and welcome new and interesting individuals to our family.

And speaking of growth and family, I'm taking this opportunity once again to encourage all JAGM members to "Spring Up" and reach out and offer a helping hand with the many activities that are coming our way this year. Believe me, it is much appreciated, and it feels good to be a part of something fun and

entertaining! So check out the events section on the website and in the Indicator, and get involved and show your colors!

Happy Spring!

Until next we meet...

Teresa



Activities Calendar

	April	May	June
Meeting Activity	Zoom Membership meeting April 13 th @ 7:00 PM	Meeting 11 th @ 7:00 PM Brass Pointe, Farmington Hills	Zoom Membership Meeting June 8 th @ 7:00 PM
Outside Activity	Selfridge Military Air Museum River Rat Restaurant Harrison Twp, MI Postponed	Jags & Java at Lakeside Jaguar Macomb, MI Saturday, May 14 th	Jags & Java (Troy)/Lunch Date TBD
		British Car Corral at Baker's of Milford Sunday, May 22 nd	Taste of the Track/Waterford Hills Friday, June 17 th
		Meadowbrook Theater Classic Car Night Rochester, MI Friday, April 29 th	Mueller's Steak Fry Linden, MI Saturday, May 28 th
			Great Race stop in Perrysburg, OH Tuesday, 21 st
			Summer Drive Bay Harbor/Petoskey, MI Friday—Sunday, 24 th —26 th
			British Car Corral at Baker's of Milford Sunday, June 26 th

For the most up to date listing & schedule of events, go to: www.jagm.org/events

2022 JAGM Awards Banquet/Charity Auction

March 12 was an unusually cold, windy day, but the temperature and ambiance in Lee Jacobsen's garage was comfortable and festive as JAGM members got together for the annual presentation of awards and the return of our charity auction. Lee had the building set up perfectly for the event, with tables and chairs for the lunch and auction, a set of rolling carts to display all the donated auction items, and of course the great display of cars (40? 50?... I should have counted!).

We started out with Lee leading a quick tour around the garage, sharing stories about many of the cars he has collected over the years, primarily a mix of British cars (MG, Triumph, Lotus and Jaguar) and Packards, which looked very large amongst the Brits.

We moved into the awards presentations, starting with the JAGM "Most Active" trophy. This was won by Bob and Pat Matejek, edging out Chuck and Louise Diamond by just a few points. This trophy had been perched above our computer since March of 2020, when Ellie and I won it (JAGM didn't award the trophy last year because of all the COVID disruptions). We'll miss it!

Bob then announced two 2021 JCNA Newsletter Awards for articles in "The Indicator." First, in the category of Jaguar Heritage, the set of three Matt Nold tribute articles in the April issue took first place. The three authors were Gary Cunningham, Bob Matejek and Wayne Schultz. Congratulations to all!

The second JCNA award was in the Travel category, where Phil Crutchfield won first place for his article on the JAGM Summer Drive, which appeared in the



August issue. You can't go wrong starting with a quote from Robert Burns. Congratulations, Phil! Proof again that this club is blessed with a wealth of great writers and organizers.

Then the charity auction began, once again benefitting "Homes For Our Troops", an organization that provides houses for disabled veterans (see the sidebar below for more). We had not held this auction since December of 2019, and the selection of donations was most impressive. It took about two hours for our volunteer auctioneer, Gary



Cunningham, to work through the great quantity of books, car models, artwork, car parts, Jaguar clothing, posters and banners, a hand-crafted Jaguar stepstool and of course the final item, a 1960's Ford Thunderbird wheel cover that has been auctioned off each year. That wheel cover is then returned for the next year's auction,

JAGM Awards Banquet/Charity Auction (cont'd)

and as Gary Cunningham pointed out, this one item has generated several thousand dollars for charity over the years. Thanks to Wayne Schultz for his generous bid this year!



The 2022 Charity Auction raised almost \$1500 for Homes For



Our Troops. This is one of the traditions that makes JAGM such a special group.

Thanks to everyone



who attended, donated items, and bid and purchased them. And a huge thanks to Lee for hosting this event in his wonderful facility! It was great to have so much space and such fun and unique surroundings.

Gary Hillebrand



The mission of "Homes For Our Troops" is:

To build and donate specially adapted custom homes nationwide for severely injured post-9/11 Veterans to enable them to rebuild their lives.

JAGM has supported this charitable organization for several years through our auction. HFOT has been evaluated as one of America's top-rated veterans and military charities, with nearly 90 cents of every dollar going directly to their program services supporting veterans.



SCCA Saginaw Valley Region Ice Runs Beaverton, MI

When it comes to cars, I have to admit that Ellie is right – I’m kind of a nut. Every now and then, though, I run into people who are car-nutty enough to make me feel downright normal.

When you want to feel normal, it’s good to compare yourself to people who are way out on one of the flat ends of the bell curve. This is what I did on Sunday, February 27th, when Steve Myerscough and I drove up to see the SCCA Ice Run on Ross Lake, in Beaverton, Michigan.

An ice run is very much like an autocross or slalom event; the major difference is the track surface, which is ice on a lake. Also, autocross and slalom events typically happen in comfortable temperatures. An ice run requires cold temperatures; otherwise the competitors might end up very, very wet. Considering these two factors, I think it’s safe to say the 55 entries in the ice run on the 27th all reside toward the flat end of the car-nut bell curve.

JAGM’s own Tom Hudak is one of the organizers of



these ice runs and has been doing this since the 1960’s. Tom ran his Saab 900 in the front drive class, finishing a very nice 3rd in a field of 15 or so. He finished in the top three in his class in all four of the 2022 Ice Run

events, suggesting that over 50 years’ experience is probably a more important factor than the lightning-quick reflexes of youth in ice racing!

Tom even allowed Steve and I to ride along on two of his runs, which was very entertaining. On such a glare ice surface the direction the car is pointing and the direction it’s traveling are often quite different! But in the middle of a lake, there’s nothing (other than a few orange cones) to hit, so the penalty for losing control is only time, not sheet metal or mechanical damage.

Back to the subject of the degrees of car-nuttiness. Tom and the other drivers in the “stock” classes are somewhat “out there” on the bell curve. But even they appear pretty normal compared to the people who build cars specifically for ice racing. These include cars with modifications to lower weight and increase power, but also with studded tires. These studded tires are not the studded tires you might remember for street use (before they were banned for destroying pavement). No, these tires have studs about an inch long and were installed, one at a time, by the “way out there” car owners.



SCCA Saginaw Valley Region Ice Runs – Beaverton, MI (cont'd)

The car pictured here, originally a VW Rabbit, achieved the lowest times on this Sunday (roughly half the time posted by the best of the unmodified cars). It achieved this by a combination of extremely



low weight, enhanced power and aerodynamics, and of course the radically studded tires. Other interesting modified vehicles included a wild '81 Buick Regal and a Corvette-powered '89 Jeep Comanche pickup.

The 3-minute YouTube video at this location

[Saginaw Valley Region Car Ice Race Runs. Ross Lake, Barryton, Michigan. January 22 2022 - YouTube](#) is very illuminating and entertaining if you want a more dynamic look at ice racing. This was the last event on Ross Lake for this winter, but the Saginaw Valley Region of the SCCA will hold a new slate of Ice Runs next year. I can highly recommend it as a fun and different winter activity, even if you just want to reassure yourself (or your significant other) that you're not the nuttiest nut out there.

Gary Hillebrand



2022 Great Race—Perrysburg, Ohio

You may have heard of the Hemmings Motor News "Great Race", an annual, multi-day rally that is open only to cars from 1974 and older. This year's race runs from Warwick, Rhode Island to Fargo, North Dakota, and I was excited to see that there is an overnight stop in Perrysburg, Ohio on Tuesday, June 21.

I think this is a great opportunity for those of us in the southeast Michigan area to make a short mid-week drive to see some unique vehicles and meet their just-as-unique owners.

For those who are interested, we can meet in downtown Perrysburg around 5 pm, where the cars will arrive and park over about a



90 minute timespan. We'll have time to wander and visit with the rally participants, then we can meet at a local restaurant for a late dinner before we leave individually for home. I'll be able to get more precise times and information as the organizers develop it.

In the meantime, if you'd like to learn more about the Great Race, visit their web page: www.greatrace.com. Just to whet your appetite a bit, the 2021 Great Race was won by two young sisters in a 1932 Ford Coupe. Other entries ranged from a pair of 1916 Hudsons to a 1974 Peterbilt 359. There was even a 1963 Jaguar E-Type Coupe. Watch for more details on our June 21st event in future Indicators.

Gary Hillebrand

A Trio of Big Summer Events for JAGM

Planning is in progress for three big events this summer – save the dates and watch for more details as they are finalized. Here are the basics for now:

Bay Harbor Vintage Car and Boat Festival Petoskey, Michigan June 23 – 26, 2022

For the first time, JAGM will be participating in the **Vintage Car and Boat Festival in Bay Harbor** this year, from **June 23 thru 26, 2022**. A short description of this event may be found at the following website: <https://www.bayharbor.com/event-detail/vintage-car-boat-festival-1/>. So, save the dates now and book your reservations soon.

Two of the most exciting attractions for this year are: (1) a display area especially for JAGM cars on the field near the harbor, and (2) a couple of JAGM members will be bringing up their boats and will be giving other JAGM members free boat rides.

Here is an outline of the events for the weekend:

Thursday, June 23 – We will arrive at our own pace during the afternoon and check into the **Apple Tree Inn** or other hotel of your choice. A **cocktail reception will be held from 5:00 to 7:00**. The hotel website is here: [Appletree Inn | Boutique Hotel in Petoskey, Michigan](#). JAGM has a reserved block of 10 rooms with rates of \$129 for Thursday and \$244/night for Friday and Saturday.



Friday, June 24 – There will be a **scenic Motoring Tour** sponsored by the festival from **8:30 am to 3:30 pm**. No specific announcements have been made yet as to the details for this drive event. However, we have already assembled a team of individuals to support the Motoring Tour. In addition, we have made a reservation at **Vernales Restaurant at 7:00 pm**. Check out their menu here: [Welcome To Vernales - Vernales Restaurant](#).

Saturday, June 25 – Although the official opening of the Vintage Car and Boat Festival event is at 10:00 am, we need to be on the field not later than 9:00 to make sure our show cars are in proper form. A registration form will be sent to all JAGM members who request one.



Sunday, June 26 – We will all be heading home, again at our own pace.

Organizers - Domenic Federico (616-456-6706 or GoodFriendsAuto@yahoo.com), and Gary Cunningham (248-649-4959 or ghecunningham@comcast.net).

Mad Dogs & Englishman British Car Faire, Gilmore Museum Hickory Corners, Michigan July 9 - 10, 2022

This July event is centered around the **Mad Dogs & Englishmen car show at the famed Gilmore Museum** in Hickory Corners, near Kalamazoo. This year, we'll start with a Jags and Java event at **DeNooyer Jaguar** in Kalamazoo on Saturday before the Mad Dogs event.

A Trio of Big Summer Events for JAGM (cont'd)

Here is the outline for the weekend:

Friday, July 8 - We have reserved a block of rooms for Friday and/or Saturday night in Kalamazoo at the

Hilton Garden Inn, 303 N Rose Street, Kalamazoo. Please call 269-382-4000 to book your room, and mention JAGM for the discounted rate.



Saturday, July 9 - DeNooyer Jaguar is hosting a Jags and Java on Saturday morning followed by a scenic

cruise to the Gilmore Museum. After the cruise and taking in the fabulous collection at the museum we will gather

for a group dinner in the Kalamazoo area.



Sunday, July 10 - We will be at the Mad Dogs & Englishmen car show at the Gilmore Museum. Register your car with the Mad Dogs & Englishmen car show at www.maddogsandenglishmen.org. For more information on the Gilmore Museum go



to www.gilmorecarmuseum.org.

After the car show we will leave for home independently.

Organizer – Larry Taunt (616-340-8678 or ltaunt@regalfin.com).

54th Annual JAGM Concours d'Elegance August 19—20, 2022 Somerset Inn, Troy, Michigan

This year the JAGM Concours will return to the weekend of the Woodward Dream Cruise and the location of some of the club's earliest Concours events, the Somerset Inn in Troy.



Friday, August 19 – We'll have an informal welcome dinner and reception for out-of-town participants. A block of rooms will be available at the **Somerset Inn** for Friday and Saturday nights.



Saturday, August 20 – The Concours will take place in the back parking area of the Inn, next to the golf course. As in the previous two years, the other local British car clubs will be invited to display their cars.

Concours Chair – Mark Griffith (248-437-5442 or markgriffith50@yahoo.com).

For the latest information on all JAGM events, including these three, keep an eye on the "Upcoming Events" link at www.jagm.org and future issues of The Indicator.

Classic Car Night at Meadow Brook Theatre – Friday, April 29

Bring your classic car to **Meadow Brook Theatre** for a fun-filled Friday evening where you can show off your Jag (or other classic), socialize with fellow car enthusiasts and enjoy some great live theatre!

The featured play is **“The Pin-Up Girls.”**

From The Andrew Sisters to Hip Hop! From World War I to Afghanistan. The Pin-Up Girls sing a cavalcade of hits inspired by letters home from our troops overseas! While singing at their local VFW hall, Leanne and her friends stumble upon a huge stash of letters that go back a hundred years. Inspired by what they find funny, romantic, heartbreaking and...sexy, the ladies put on a show that celebrates the guys and gals who fight to defend our country.

Classic Car arrival: 6:30pm, Friday, April 29th

Feel free to bring refreshments and have a picnic in the parking lot before the show! (No alcohol, please)

Doors Open (for seating): 7:30pm

Performance: 8:00pm

Meadow Brook Theatre is located on the campus of Oakland University (on the corner of Walton Blvd. & Squirrel Rd.) **RM 207 Wilson Hall - 378 Meadow Brook Road - Rochester, MI 48309**

MBT attendants will be in the parking lot to keep an eye on the cars during the performance.

SPECIAL OFFER FOR PARTICIPANTS:

Theatre tickets only \$25 ea. & get one free ticket per classic car!

*****Note: For this special offer, your car must be at least 25 years old (1997 or earlier)*****

(Standard tickets are \$43 each)

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS IN ADVANCE:

For tickets, contact Lisa Marie in Group Sales: 248-370-3316

JAGM Organizer—Gary Hillebrand 313-278-4206

The Pin-Up Girls



April 13th Zoom Meeting

JAGM’s April membership meeting will be a Zoom meeting at **7 pm on Wednesday, April 13th**. Look for an email about a week in advance with the link to join in.

There is no guest speaker this month, so we’ll follow our typical Zoom format—introducing any new members, going over upcoming club events and an open segment for discussion of any technical issues, projects and challenges.

So, grab the beverage of your choice and a comfortable chair, bring in your ideas, questions, answers... whatever, and enjoy an hour or so with JAGM friends—new and old.

What are we going to put on page 11?

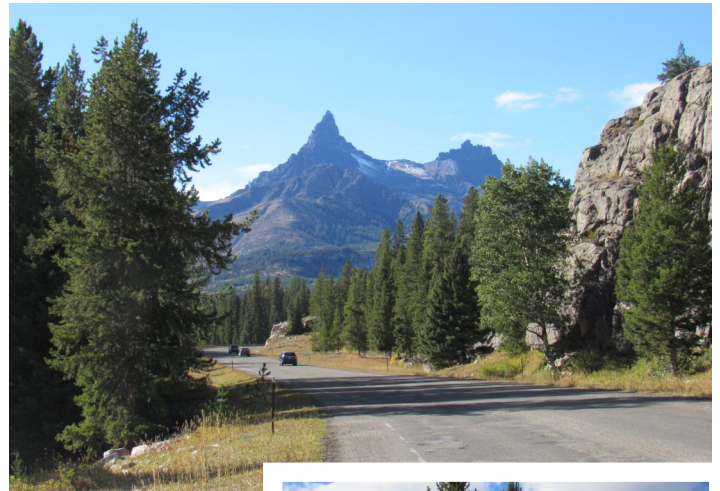
We originally created this page for the October 2021 Indicator, thinking we would have room for it right after our September road trip. It turned out that we didn't have space in that issue, but now we do. We drove to San Jose, California and back, taking three weeks to do it. What a country for a driving adventure!

We spent a week in San Jose, touring the San Francisco Bay area and visiting our son and daughter in law, then took our time coming back. On the return trip we spent time at waterfalls and Craters of the Moon National Monument in Idaho, the Grand Tetons and Yellowstone in

Wyoming, and the Black Hills and Badlands in South Dakota.

Along the way we travelled some really beautiful and interesting roads (in our Focus rather than the XK8, for practical, boring reasons). We drove a total of 6500 miles; here are a few sample pictures from the beautiful and interesting roads (there were also a few miles through corn-fields and prairies, not pictured here).

Gary and Ellie Hillebrand





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See You at the April 13th Zoom Membership Meeting!

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