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KARTING COMPETITION: JAGUAR v. AUDI v. MERCEDES-BENZ

By Stu Benson

On March 29, 2025 while the weather outside in Pittsburgh seemed like March was “going out like a lamb”, indoors at Full Throttle Adrenaline Park (in Monroeville, PA) the action was anything but lamb-like out on the Karting track where members from the Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh joined with members of the

Audi Club of North America Western Pennsylvania Chapter and the Mercedes-Benz Club of America-Pittsburgh Section in an afternoon of spirited driving sessions, followed by a most enjoyable and tasty dinner at Anthony’s Coal-Fired Pizza Restaurant nearby.

JCOP has tried to provide at least one off-season club activity that was something new and different for various members. The past

few years we went curling and learned how that really is a sport where athleticism and skill really do matter. This year we decided to “go karting” at one of the local indoor karting tracks that provide electric powered karts. They go faster than they look from afar when you are operating one, sitting mere inches off of the ground just as most sports look to many spectators as something they can perform until they get out on the athletic court or field or in our case, track.

Thirty drivers were signed up from the three clubs with JCOP having the most. However, two of the JCOP drivers encountered last minute issues that precluded their participation in the driving although Ken Como gets the “Spirit Award” for arriving late in the day with Linda after his office underwent moving to another building that day when the move was at first pushed back a week and while the new date conflicted with our karting date it was thought maybe Ken could be there because we did not start until 3:30 PM; however, elevators in both the building his office was moving out of and the building he was moving into malfunctioned, making it a long day at the office so to speak. Coming to watch the last drivers do their last of three runs and then going to dinner with all three clubs was certainly a show of spirit, as well as so many enjoying the different alcoholic spirits at the restaurant.



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All the JCOP Drivers did well on the track even though some had never kartered before or if they had, they had never operated an electric vehicle. The competition between the clubs was for a trophy going to the club with the single fastest driver; this competition was started a couple years ago by the Audi and Mercedes-Benz Clubs so JCOP's first year of being with them did not give us standing to try to alter the methodology of who won the trophy (e.g. we could take the top five best lap times from each club and use that total as a determinate for who had was the fastest club). The way karting works is that each kart has a GPS system and the electronic timing at the track provides a printout for the eight or nine drivers in each heat as to each driver's best single lap, a chart graph showing how the driver's lap times changed over the course of each lap, and how the driver finished, time wise, against the other drivers throughout the race. Every driver got three sessions on the track so unless a driver was behind a very slow driver in front of them that would not move over to allow passing, everyone got a chance to progressively improve. And improve we all did throughout the afternoon.



While an Audi Club maintained the trophy due to a fellow who had the single fastest lap followed by a woman from the M-B Club that was a hot-shoe and only a couple hundredths of a second slower, Dave Gamret from JCOP had the third best lap time of the day very close to them. And the best lap times of Jack Terrick, Bill Cooper, Craig Gestler, Stu Benson, Gary Kincel, Rick Caufman, and Chuck Pipich (named here in no particular order) were all good. Dawn DePasquale had a helmet issue so she got a rain check to return and drive another day; instead, she became the primary JCOP photographer.

In terms of awards for JCOP, we all won at dinner with banter between the drivers and those spouses who attended and watched the gallant drivers waste three and a half hours of the spouses' time. We could have given Becca and Rick Caufman the award for longest drive to the event (two and half hours from Corry, PA). We could have entertained giving an award for the least elegant exit from a kart but that would have been challenging to determine since it is just darned challenging to get up on one's feet from an almost prone position stretched out in these karts. We could have given an award for the driver who had the most fun but that would have been an all-around tie. We could have given an award for the driver who improved their time the most over the day but at the end, everyone was pretty competitive and it really does not matter how anyone started out since this was a day of a learning experience and intended to be fun. And since we all like driving cars, it was apropos for JCOP to have such an event.

Or we could follow up the "Racing tips" provided by JCOP First VP Mike Zappa, shared by JCOP President Rich Aronson, in the March Jaguar Jargon.

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Suffice it to say everyone learned that driving an electric vehicle is different from an ICE such that one does not need to use the brake except in an emergency stopping situation; it is important to maintain momentum just as in any race car and it is important to learn the best “racing line” through the perpetual turns of the track. And everyone did get a taste, albeit a minor taste, of feeling all strapped in tightly as to what it is like driving a real race car except for the fact that while we wore foam horse collars to help protect against whiplash and everyone felt the constraints of having to wear a racing helmet, it is nothing like wearing a Hans-device in a real race car and being unable to turn one’s head and just be able to move arms and legs a bit in a real race car. Mike’s admonition of “Don’t crash” was apropos as well. Twenty-five drivers ended up on the track and most of them, accompanied by significant others, came to dinner as a large group. We met and enjoyed a lot of nice, interesting people from the other clubs.

Your writer can say that having coordinated the JCOP attendance with those from the Audi and M-B Clubs, he was told many times by the organizers and respected members of both clubs how much the other two clubs enjoyed meeting such wonderful JCOP’ers. They want to do more activities with JCOP and both Presidents of the Audi and M-B clubs, when we all finally were leaving Anthony’s Coal-Fired Pizza after firing up ourselves with food and libations, said to your reporter: “We look forward to getting the clubs together again and you will be sure to hear from us!” That, it is submitted, is the nicest award/reward JCOP could have received.

Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh 2025 Events Calendar



- May 18 JCOP Picnic at Roosevelt Shelter at North Park
(Hosted by Stu Benson and Mike Zappa)
- June 1 Sunday Afternoon North Hills Car Road Tour & Dinner at Middle Road Inn
(Hosted by Stu Benson with the West Penn Miata Club invited to join JCOP)
- June 28 Veterans Car Show at Southwestern Veterans Center with Steel Town Corvette Club
- August 9 Sewickley Car Show for Exceptional Cars (Chuck Pipich)
- August 23 Jaguars at Jacksons (Hosted by Dave and Karen Gamret)
- September 20 Pittsburgh Concours d'Elegance at Fox Chapel Yacht Club (Bryan Williams)
- September 28 British Cars at Hartwood (Coordinated by Jack Terrick, Stu Benson, Mike Zappa)

Jaguar Clubs of North America Upcoming Events

The Delaware Valley Jaguar Club invites JCNA members to participate in the 2025 JCNA Annual General Meeting, scheduled from April 24 through 27, 2025 at the Sheraton Valley Forge, 480 N. Gulph Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406.

This location is approximately 50 minutes from the Philadelphia International Airport. It is close to the Valley Forge National Historic Park, the King of Prussia Mall, and the Valley Forge Casino.



The event chairman is Bill Beible (president@delvaljaguarclub.com or 610-223-1051).

For more information: www.jcna.com/events/2025-jcna-annual-general-meeting

- May 24, 2025: Susquehanna Valley Jaguar Club will hold its 18th annual JCNA sanctioned Concours d'Elegance on Saturday, May 24, 2025, at Sunset Lane Park, York, Pennsylvania. Trailer parking available. A caterer available, along with a pavilion and picnic tables for lunch. Contact: Dave Hershey, 717-846-0642, email: ivestrainboy@aol.com Application is in this issue of the Jargon.

Other Events of Interest to JCOP Members

- July 6-20, 2025 Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix
Website: www.pvgrp.org



“Double Clutching and Rev Matching”

President’s Perspective

Rich Aronson



I’ve been thinking about what it takes for us members at a much more advanced age to keep our cats purring and looking great for drives or shows – and what it takes to keep in shape to do so.

I thought I’d ask several members their routines and focus areas for safe wrenching and high-level detailing to keep them fit for club event driving, concours vintage competition and even racing (yes, some do so competitively and are still having a blast out there).

My recollection is that when I first joined JCOP 30 years ago, most folks were selling their pride and joy E-Types and XKs once they hit age 70 or so for (mostly) physical or health reasons. By contrast, many of us are still lucky enough to be going strong maintaining and driving our collectibles at that age and older!

It certainly helps, of course, to have local children or grandchildren who may have the interest and the inclination to provide a helping hand with our Jaguars but many of us do not have the good fortune to be in those circumstances but want to continue our passion with our Jags. (By contrast, we certainly featured Craig Gestler’s tribute to his dad lovingly illustrating in our last issue how they worked together on David’s cars throughout David’s lifetime – true father and son enthusiasts).

Rich Aronson kicks off comments below:

One thing is for sure, my XK-120 poses true challenges given its tight cabin to even pilot it if you're my size let alone pulling wheels, lifting out twin batteries located deep in the back of the seats/floor area, reaching down into the engine compartment over wide fender distances, detailing or adjusting underneath etc. All of these factors make working with and operating my car more challenging as a mid-decade septuagenary.

I have noticeably benefited by regular Pilates sessions which develops core fitness (human, not radiator)

overall strength, balance, coordination and flexibility. I make sure I do three sessions per week along with separate weight training, Peloton biking, walking and yard work to stay fit enough to enjoy working comfortably and somewhat capability on the old Jag as well as my other vintage cars. Can't say much about my diet limitations but vitamins help too.

Bill Cooper is a veteran member who works long hours on his Jaguars and TVRs who reflects:

As I have aged, I have to be more careful about how I do things in the shop. I used to crawl under a car without hesitation, but only if absolutely necessary these days. I would be severely limited without my 2 post lift, which allows me to access undercar areas while standing or even sitting. I also use lifting tools instead of muscle power most of the time. I won't consider lifting a gearbox into position without my hydraulic transmission jack, for example. Picking up a Salisbury 4HU is out of the question without the engine crane. If a new tool makes things easier, I'm interested. As I get older I try to keep busy with projects, both in the shop and around the property. It gives me something to look forward to and it's satisfying to check another item off the list.

Chuck Pipich, an avid and active member reflects on mustering psychological energy and determination:

I say the biggest thing is to not stop fixing anything, just keep doing, and though that might sound trite and simplistic, take literally is true, what you don't use, you lose. If you decide to "take it easy" and just not do as much, then you WILL lose that skill, and from disuse it WILL disappear. The only way to prevent these things from going away is to make sure you keep doing it, no matter what the skill or procedure. Find whatever tool needed, take as long as you need, brace your body in whatever way is needed to not hurt something, and do not let seemingly "things taking longer" to do XYZ, defer you from doing XYZ. There is no complicated answer to keeping up. The biggest hurdle is to decide to keep doing (whatever) the task, and never stop practicing the focus of your passion.



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This also applies to everything, not just cars, wood building projects, yard projects, and more, ... but for the conversation right now, ... definitely cars (and/ or whatever else you work on !). The power is in what you decide to NOT stop doing. That's your super-power.

Mike Zappa, a serious vintage racer and notable collector weighs in below:

Soon to be 76 (my mind thinks 36!!!) I find myself doing things differently. Going to the gym almost daily in the morning, I spend 30 minutes on the treadmill, 15 minutes on nautilus machines and 10-15 minutes with free weights.

Before I used to lift a transmission out by brute strength! Now I use a transmission jack.

Before I would lay on the ground and muscle whatever required attention. Now I utilize a lift and find what breaker bar suits the task!

Being retired with a collection of 10 cars, my daily routine requires at least 6 hours in the shop. With race season approaching more time is necessary.

I also walk the pathways of Hartwood acres. Taking the huge hill at a quick step is gut wrenching. I try to do this at least once a week.

I eat a Mediterranean diet, supplement with D3, B12 and Ocuvite (for the eyes). 7 hours of sleep a night and my daily glass of vino! It also helps if your dad lived to 93 and grandfather to 98!!

Craig Gestler, who’s documenting his complete restoration of a 1966 Mark II in the Jargon notes:

I do find myself being much more careful with lifting things. Someone mentioned removing and installing wheels. I personally injured my back lifting a wheel into place.

I also find myself reaching for the safety glasses more often. I have had enough rust and dirt fall into my eyes while under a car. I also can’t move fast enough to get out of the way of the falling wrench/bolt/ whatever. While it may still hit my face, at least my eyes are safe!

Gary Kincel keeps it basic. His response below is axiomatic:

Probably an oversimplification. But, a healthy diet and regular exercise routine for the body and engaging in activities that challenge the mind to keep as sharp as possible.

Shadrach Jones reminds us:

Keeping yourself physically conditioned is crucial - every professional athlete trains before playing - and all skills are highly perishable. Patience and pacing yourself is important at any age, but more important as we age. As we get older, some accommodation is reasonable and often necessary to stay in the game. For instance, I changed out all of the lighting in my garage and almost always wear a headlamp as I work. My old eyes really appreciate the added lumens. I also sit now instead of kneeling or squatting whenever I can and avoid working on the floor when that is possible. You get the idea, and I am sure that many club members have a host of other suggestions for wrenching in advanced adulthood. I found an article from *Classic Motorsports* to be of value, especially when it comes to understanding that I am not alone in confronting the challenges of maintaining my hobby and passion as I get older. (<https://classicmotorsports.com/articles/how-to-extend-your-wrenching-years/>)

Hope that this helps.

In summary, our members reflect on gaining wisdom through experience and keeping fit when it comes to self-care. Many of our folks focus on a good diet, supplements, strategic use of tools rather than “muscle,” discipline, eye/body protection, motivation and reasonable pacing to get superior results maintaining their vintage Jaguars as well as other marques in their collections.

Thus, we’ve been successful keeping our cats in prime condition better and longer!



Shifting Gears: **The Treasurer's Perspective** **Stu Benson**



As the newest Treasurer of JCOP, I have been learning a lot about a lot of things.

Being the JCOP Treasurer is sort of like M&M's. No, not the candy but "Money" and "Membership".

Rest assured that JCOP's Board of Directors has approved a tight, but fair, budget for this year. The club is committed to supporting worthy events and causes and this includes providing financial subsidies so members can enjoy events at some discounted cost where reasonably possible. As Treasurer, I have been keeping detailed records and providing the Board of Directors with detailed financial and membership reports.

In terms of the Money, while I have received a lot of membership renewals with dues payments, there remain any number of folks who want to continue to be, and know others who wish to be become, JCOP members but just have not gotten off the snide to tender the \$90 dues. Please, if you are unsure if you have or have not yet paid your 2025 dues, email me or give me a call and I can quickly advise you as to your status.

I have heard from a few members that they just haven't gotten around to reading the most recent Jaguar Jargon monthly newsletters and while that is unfortunate since Candy Williams is a newsletter editor nonpareil and our monthly newsletter has been nominated for a Jaguar Clubs of North America Award this year, some folks have asked me to send them an email with an Invoice so that they can print it out and pay it along with completing the Membership Form that is both on the website and included with each Jaguar Jargon newsletter. So I will be doing this in the near future and if you get an email from me about unpaid dues and you think you did pay them, please call or email me, please. Sometimes mail does not get delivered or your Treasurer could mess up. But as a judge in Westmorland County told me once when I was making an argument asking him to change his ruling: "Mr. Benson, I thought I made a mistake once but it turned out I was mistaken." Of course, he was joking around and a little humor helps in situations that involve someone asking for something so please appreciate I am not entirely comfortable reprising this refrain of asking for dues payments. Please help me,

and you, out by paying the dues. Don't get left at the curb while the others drive off down the road.

That way you will not have your JCNA Jaguar Journal bimonthly magazine cease to arrive in the mail (because if you do not pay dues, I cannot send JCNA their \$55 portion and they will stop sending you the magazine) and JCOP will have to cease sending you the electronic Jaguar Jargon (not because of expense to JCOP but because it is not fair to those who paid dues to have others getting something for which they did not pay). Fair is fair.

But the Membership part of the JCOP Treasurer position has been a learning experience as well. As I receive dues, I record them numerous places, including on a master spread sheet maintained for years by JCOP as well as on a spreadsheet I send to JCNA with dues as they come in from members. I would remind our members who do not do so, to please complete and send me a completed Membership Form with every dues payment for membership. Why do I need a form when your contact information has not changed? Reasons exist. One is that I use the form to double check and triple check the accuracy of information recorded about each member over the years on each spreadsheet and to ensure JCNA has correct contact information about every member. Secondly, having a completed Membership Form makes the process easier than going back and forth, back and forth, between spreadsheets, which is where and how clerical input errors occur.

So for those who take advantage of the ability to now pay your dues via a credit card on our jaguarclubofpittsburgh.org website, please remember to also send me your completed Membership form. It can be sent via the USPS, or you can scan and email it to me or you can even just send me an email where you type in the information requested on the Membership Form. Doing this REALLY is helpful in ways you cannot imagine on my end.

If you have any Membership questions or inquiries such as regarding payment of your 2025 dues or needing the password for the secure Member portion of the website, just reach out to me (M:412-491-1586 or stubenson3@gmail.com).

Zoom, Zoom. GRROWLL

JCOP Picnic Sunday, May 18, 2025 @ 1:00 PM



Roosevelt Shelter photo by Ken Como

Another wonderful JCOP picnic will occur on Sunday, May 18, 2025 starting at 1:00 PM. **It will be again held in North Park at the Roosevelt Shelter**, which has been reserved for JCOP. There is excellent parking immediately adjacent to the shelter where our members can display their vehicles and everyone can convene. Real “running water” rest rooms are also adjacent to the parking area and this is the same location of the picnic from last year that everyone enjoyed so much.

It is promised the food will be excellent and the charge to each member is most reasonable. The Club is going to subsidize the cost such that any attendee will certainly get a broad range of excellent food from which to choose that one could not even make themselves for what anyone would pay.

In order to assist with the planning, you are being asked to RSVP to Stu Benson as soon as you reasonably can do so regarding your intentions. Stu needs to know by May 10, 2024 how many people are coming in order to best have sufficient food and drink on hand. Feel free to bring or invite guests. You are invited to bring anything of interest to show or discuss in addition to your Jaguar. For example, collector nonpareil Fred Segal has brought model planes and an antique radio for which he provided educational talks.

Pre-payment will be necessary by mailing it to Stu Benson. The cost is only \$18.50 per adult with children under 12 years of age being able to attend for no charge. If someone has dietary restrictions, feel free to share them with Stu ASAP.

Members are being asked to bring a dessert if they can; please mark your name on the dessert and identify what it is so everyone knows who brought it if anyone has any questions about what it contains. Last year we enjoyed a spectacular Dessert Table and we hope to reprise it since there were some really tasty desserts and folks wanted to ask for the recipes so the names on the desserts helped track down from whom to get the recipes.

Everyone can rest assured they will not be disappointed with the picnic food being served and the camaraderie. A beautiful location, great parking, excellent food, wonderful company, Jaguars (or other marques as well), the end of May: what could be better? Take home containers will again be available so folks can take home leftovers at the end of the picnic if they so desire.

So rev up those appetites and get your Registration form and payment to Stu Benson ASAP! Don't put doing this aside, in a pile to get to later, but do it now while your taste buds are salivating so Stu has your reservations by May 10. Call or email Stu if you are mailing near the deadline so he knows what is coming. You will be happy you did so.

Stu Benson (stubenson3@gmail.com or 412-491-1586) 2116 Grandeur Drive, Gibsonia, PA 15044

JCOP Sunday, May 18, 2025 PICNIC RESERVATION FORM

Location/Time: Roosevelt Shelter on Walter Road in North Park at 1:00 PM

Member's Name: _____

Phone: _____

Partner's/Guest Name(s) & Ages:

Email Address: _____

Will you be bringing a dessert to share? If so, what will it be? **Please put your name on the dessert so everyone knows its origin!**

Cost = \$18.50 per Adult with children (12 and under) no charge

_____ # of Adults @ \$18.50 each

_____ # of Children 12 & under (free)

_____ Total \$\$

Please return this completed form (by US Mail or by email) and send your check payable to JCOP via the US Postal Service so it is received by Stu by Friday, May 10, 2025 to:

Stu Benson, 2116 Grandeur Drive, Gibsonia, PA 15044-7498.

If you have any questions or the deadline is tight contact Stu at 412-491-1586 or stubenson3@gmail.com.

We are looking forward to seeing you there! This promises to be a most enjoyable event with excellent food. Please bring a Jaguar if you can. The Parking site is excellent. Restrooms with running water are on site by the parking lot adjacent to the shelter.

DIRECTIONS TO JCOP MAY 18, 2025 PICNIC **@ ROOSEVELT SHELTER IN NORTH PARK**

Roosevelt Shelter is located on Walter Road in North Park. While there are many ways to get there (one can use MapQuest or some other GPS navigation tool [although in previous years a couple folks said their GPS directions were awful] or access the North Park map on the Allegheny County Parks website), some suggested Directions are provided for convenience below but in all instances the Speed Limit in North Park is 25 mph unless marked lower and it is strongly recommended you obey the posted limit. **Please do not park in the spaces directly in front of the entry to the shelter since those spaces are reserved for vehicles to unload a lot of things for the picnic, including the food which is coming right before 1:00 PM.**

If you are coming from the North

If you are coming south down Rt. 8, please know that this year the bridge that was closed in 2023 on Wildwood Road is now open so one can go directly on Wildwood Road into North Park. As one drives west on Wildwood Road from Rt. 8, keep going straight into North Park where the name of the road changes to E. Ingomar Road right after an Exxon Gas Station on your right. Go straight past the stoplight at Babcock Boulevard (where the Lake will come into view). Proceed to the next stoplight and turn RIGHT onto Kummer Road. After only a few yards, take the first RIGHT Turn onto Lake Shore Drive. The road splits almost immediately and you will bear LEFT onto Walter Road. Go past the first few buildings and up a hill and when you come to what appears to be an old church on your left, Roosevelt Shelter will appear on your right. Pull into the parking area and park on the side of the lot by Roosevelt Shelter but not right next to it since we will want some open space to get in and out of the lot and for deliveries of food, etc.

If you are coming south down Rt. 19/McKnight Road, stay on McKnight Road where Rt. 19 splits off and you will immediately come to the Pine Creek Shopping Center on your right (where there is a Target Store and Giant Eagle). Go straight past the first light where there is a Walgreen's (which is closing as of May 1 so the sign may be gone by the picnic) but get in the left lane and then the left turning lane for the next stoplight across from where there is a Giant Eagle and a KFC franchise. Turn LEFT onto Blazier Drive and follow that until it "T's" out at E. Ingomar Road. Turn LEFT onto E. Ingomar Road. Go until the stoplight at Kummer Road. Turn LEFT onto Kummer Road. After only a few yards, take the first RIGHT Turn onto Lake Shore Drive. The road splits almost immediately and you will bear LEFT onto Walter Road. Go past the first few buildings and up a hill and when you come to what appears to be an old church on your left, Roosevelt Shelter will appear on your right. Pull into the parking area and park on the side of the lot by Roosevelt Shelter but not right next to it since we will want some open space to get in and out of the lot and for deliveries of food, etc.

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If you are coming from the South or East, get to either Rt. 8 or Rt19/McKnight Road.

If you are coming North on Rt. 8, go to Wildwood Road (where there is a BP Gas Station and McDonalds on your right at the intersection). Turn LEFT onto Wildwood Road. Keep going on Wildwood Road and keep going into North Park where the name of the road changes to E. Ingomar Road right after an Exxon Gas Station on your right. Go straight past the stoplight at Babcock Boulevard (where the Lake will come into view). Proceed to the next stoplight and turn RIGHT onto Kummer Road. After only a few yards, take the first RIGHT Turn onto Lake Shore Drive. The road splits almost immediately and you will bear LEFT onto Walter Road. Go past the first few buildings and up a hill and when you come to what appears to be an old church on your left, Roosevelt Shelter will appear on your right. Pull into the parking area and park on the side of the lot by Roosevelt Shelter but not right next to it since we will want some open space to get in and out of the lot and for deliveries of food, etc.

If you are coming North on McKnight Road, go past all the shopping centers and such. When you pass the McCandless Crossings Shopping area, go straight past the stoplight at Cumberland Road. You will then come to one more stoplight and go straight past that and get in the right lane. In about a quarter mile or so, you will see a sign that says to bear right to Hampton Township. Take that ramp to the right and it will bring you onto E. Ingomar Road. Go to the second stoplight and that will be at the intersection of Kummer Road. Turn LEFT onto Kummer Road. After only a few yards, take the first RIGHT Turn onto Lake Shore Drive. The road splits almost immediately and you will bear LEFT onto Walter Road. Go past the first few buildings and up a hill and when you come to what appears to be an old church on your left, Roosevelt Shelter will appear on your right. Pull into the parking area and park on the side of the lot by Roosevelt Shelter but not right next to it since we will want some open space to get in and out of the lot and for deliveries of food, etc.

If you are coming from the West or any other area not specifically noted above, either check a map to see how to get to one of the above locations and then proceed per the directions or call Stu Benson ahead of time and he can tell you how to best get to the picnic location. For example, if one is coming North on I-79, get off at the Wexford Exit and there is a right lane of the exit so as to then turn right onto Rt. 910 and immediately take the first RIGHT turn onto Brandt School Road. Follow this road until you turn left onto Pine Creek Road and take that until you get to the Pine Creek Shopping Center where you will see a Target store ahead. At a stop sign just past Walgreen's (which is closing on May 1 so the sign may not be there as of the picnic date), turn left and then immediately turn RIGHT at the light onto McKnight Road. Go past the shopping center on your right and go to the next stop light and turn Left onto Blazier Drive. Follow Blazier Drive until you come to stop light and turn LEFT onto East Ingomar Road. Go to the next stoplight and that will be at the intersection of Kummer Road. Turn LEFT onto Kummer Road. After only a few yards, take the first RIGHT Turn onto Lake Shore Drive. The road splits almost immediately and you will bear LEFT onto Walter Road. Go past the first few buildings and up a hill and when you come to what appears to be an old church on your left, Roosevelt Shelter will appear on your right. Pull into the parking area and park on the side of the lot by Roosevelt Shelter but not right next to it since we will want some open space to get in and out of the lot and for deliveries of food, etc.

FOR SALE: 1956 Jaguar XK 140 SE/MC OTS

FOR SALE: I am offering this award-winning XK 140 SE/MC OTS (in photo at right) for sale to JCOP members (and your friends) before listing on Bring a Trailer. Dan Fowler has gone over the mechanicals and Dave Ley the exterior and interior all in preparation to impress auction bidders - don't let this one get away. The Hagerty price guide has the 1956 XK 140 MC Roadster between \$75,000 (condition #3) and \$122,000 (condition #2).



History from the 1980s Pebble Beach Concours d' Elegance to 2024 PVGP British Car Day is available on request. The Car is in storage at Dan Fowler's FAST Company location in Glenshaw, PA and can be easily viewed by appointment. Jim Southwood jsouthwood@southwoodpartners-llc.com Mobile: 724-494-7475

FOR SALE: 1969 Jaguar E-Type Coupe

Excellent Condition car that I have owned for 18 years. Stripped and repainted in 2018 on a solid rust free body. Always garage kept and well maintained by owner. Equipped with 3-SU Carbs and Pertronix. Odometer shows just over 21,000 miles.

Email or call Gary Kincel for more details and to discuss price. Gkincel64@gmail.com , 412-638-2715.

ALL-ELECTRIC JAGUAR I-PACE

WHAT WE LEARN ON THE TRACK, WE BRING TO THE ROAD



JAGUAR MONROEVILLE-SINCE 1970



Please contact us for JCOP Specials - Sales / Parts / Service

The first generation of electric road vehicles from Jaguar drew inspiration from our racing team activities. Taking what we learn on the track and adapting those technologies to deliver electrifying performance on the road has been our promise from the start. With our entry into the ABB FIA Formula E Championship—and now with the Jaguar I-PACE eTROPHY Championship—we're bringing that promise to life.



Up To 234 miles¹
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Jaguar Mk2 restoration – Part 14

By Craig Gestler

Springtime!! A time when the flowers start to bloom, the birds are chirping, and I can return to the garage without fear of frostbite. That was a proper winter we had and not a lot was accomplished due to the cold.

The new custom driveshaft (**in photo at right**) was completed. It looks great, fit perfectly and did not cost a fortune. I was not about to wait for spring to install it so, with a little help from an electric heater, it was installed in January. Maybe my near perfect pinion angles or the cold concrete floor messed with my common sense, but I decided I should start in the rear and bolt the drive shaft to the differential first. Top tip - don't do this. The bolts for the front connection to the transmission are only accessible from the bottom, and just barely so. With the drive shaft now connected to the differential, the shaft can no longer be turned without the car moving. With no access to the top bolts, I had to undo the rear and restart at the front.

Having seen my Home-Depot-sourced and Erector-Set-inspired transmission mount, JCOP's very own Mr. Bill Cooper invited me over for a morning of fun in his amazing building so that we (mostly he) could fabricate a proper mount. The word "garage" does not do his place justice, having plenty of room and every tool you can imagine. We made use of his plasma cutter, welder, drill press and angle



grinder to create the perfect mount (**in photo at left**). I took it home, made a few very small adjustments to bolt holes to compensate for the factory's semi-sloppy placement of a few caged nuts, cleaned it up and gave it a nice POR-15 paint job. It is now installed, working perfectly and looks great. Thank you, Bill!!

I had previously filled and bled the clutch hydraulic circuit. With the help of cell phone videos, I could see that pushing the clutch pedal caused the slave cylinder to move the clutch fork and (I'm hoping) release the clutch. Scratching this off the list of stuff to do turned out to be premature as the master cylinder slowly leaked hydraulic fluid onto the floor of the car. Aside from messing up the paint, it meant that I had to remove the master cylinder and check the seals. The rebuild kit was for a different style master cylinder so only one seal was replaced. The clutch master cylinder was a NOS piece and the bore had a little surface rust which I should have probably polished out with the first rebuild. After disassembly, I used very fine sandpaper on a drill and did a light polish. Hopefully it seals this time.



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The brake system plumbing was completed once my new front brake line brackets were ready **(in photo at right)**. I filled the system and did a vacuum bleed at each corner and I have a fairly firm brake pedal. I will need to do a final bleed but it seems that the system is not leaking anywhere, which is a surprise.

Something that was leaking is the power steering box. Pretty red fluid slowly dripping out of the box and onto the front subframe and then onto the floor. The hydraulic connections do not seem to be leaking. It seemed to be coming from the cover, which is pretty much inaccessible with the generator in place. So out came the generator once again. I was able to verify that I used the correct copper sealing washers and I tightened up the bolts a little more. Hopefully this stops the leaks because taking the steering box back out is not a trivial process.

As previously mentioned, pretty much everything else I must do starts with getting the headliner in place. The front and rear windscreens can't go in, the wood can't be installed, the exterior rubber seals can't be glued in, etc. With this in mind, I set aside a relatively warm Sunday afternoon to start the headliner installation. I carefully ironed the storage wrinkles out of the wool fabric, I cleaned the interior of the car and laid down some clean sheets, and I installed the "listing sticks" (the rods that suspend the headliner). All I had to do was install the clips into the ends of the listing stick and start to hang the fabric. Unfortunately, I spent the rest of the afternoon looking for the clips and I still don't know where I put them. So frustrating! I'm now on the hunt for a used set of clips so if you have a set laying around, I'm interested!!



Photos by Craig Gestler

JAGUAR SERVICE PROVIDER DIRECTORY

Did you have some work done on your Jaguar over the winter months and you're really happy with the result? Did you locate some parts for your car that were hard to find? It's time to share your knowledge with your fellow club members. Everyone needs a little help once in a while finding that elusive component or skilled technician. We have a comprehensive Service Directory on our website for just this purpose.

Check it out under the "More" tab at: <http://www.jaguarclubofpittsburgh.com/>

Here is a recent sample entry for a business that rebuilds driveshafts:

BUSINESS	COMMENTS
GEARBOX AND DRIVELINE	
Driveline Service of Pittsburgh 5212 Butler Street Pittsburgh, PA 15201 412-784-1991	<u>01/27/25</u> : Specializing in repair, modification and balancing of driveshaft assemblies. Custom driveshafts fabricated. Craig Gestler

Entries are grouped in categories such as General Parts, General Service, Engine, Body Exterior and Trim, Electrical, etc. as seen above. In order to be included, the supplier must be recommended by a club member who has had a positive experience with that supplier.

To add a supplier to the list, send me the following:

Name, address, phone number, website (if applicable) and contact person (if applicable)

Discounts available to club members, if any

Date the service or parts were received

Member comments

Member name

I'll add it to the directory in the above format so other club members can find the supplier, ask for any discounts available, know how old the recommendation is, see specific comments and have a fellow member's name to contact with any further questions.

We've had a number of recent entries from members servicing their cars so check it out and add your successful results to our directory. This can be a great resource if we all share our experiences. I look forward to hearing from you to enhance our collective wealth of recommended suppliers.

Dave Gamret

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Jaguars Welcome at the 43rd British Car Day at Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix

The 43rd British Car Day, produced and sponsored by the Western Pennsylvania Triumph Association, will be held again this year in conjunction with the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix. More than 400 outstanding British cars and motorcycles are expected on Saturday, July 19 at Schenley Park in Oakland.

- Pre-registration ends July 1: \$40 per vehicle.
- Field admission for Pre-registered cars from 8:00 a.m. to noon.
- NO ADMISSION AFTER noon!
- Show from noon to 3 p.m. (Rain or Shine); Awards will be presented at 3:30 p.m.
- Only British vehicles, please. No "replicas" or highly modified cars and bikes are accepted.
- Participation of marque clubs and other groups is encouraged and invited.
- Dash plaque for all pre-registered vehicles.
- Contact Clayton Yonker at (412) 997-2983, Registration also available online at: www.wptriumph.org

**Susquehanna Valley Jaguar Club
18th Annual Concours d'Elegance
Title Sponsor - York EuroCar
May 24, 2025**

Concours d'Elegance entries are open to all Jaguar owners. Entries in all Champion Division classes, all Driven Division classes and all Special Division classes are judged according to JCNA rules approved for the current year.

Rules require only that your entry is a Jaguar, or Jaguar replica, with a Jaguar engine. Entries may cross over between Divisions, but points awarded in one division become invalid when crossing over to another division.

Registration Information

Last Name	First Name	MI	JCNA Number
Address		State	Zip Code
() _____	() _____	JCNA Club Affiliation	
		Do you plan to trailer your Jaguar? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Email Address			

Car Information:

Year	Model	Body Style	Color	Champion/Driven (Class)	Display	Class
Year	Model	Body Style	Color	Champion/Driven (Class)	Display	Class

Registration Fees:

Pre-Registration Fee:	(Must be received before May 1, 2025) \$50 per car entered in Champion, Driven or Special Division	\$ _____
Registration Fee:	After May 1, 2025 and non-JNCA members \$55 per car entered in Champion, Driven or Special Division	\$ _____
Total:		\$ _____

Please make check payable to Susquehanna Valley Jaguar Club and mail to:

Dave M. Hershey, Concours Registration
3009 Quail Lane - York, PA 17408
717-846-0642

Directions

For directions to Sunset Lane Park Google 2465 Sunset Lane York, PA. Park is directly across street. <http://tinyurl.com/sunsetlanepark>

Release of Liability: JCNA Events Participation: It is an Entrant's privilege to participate in any JCNA sanctioned event held by any JCNA affiliate upon executing proper registration forms and paying published entrance fees. Each affiliate should be solely responsible for granting entry privileges to each Entrant on an individual basis.

I hereby agree to enter the above described Jaguar(s) in the Susquehanna Valley Jaguar Club 2025 Concours d'Elegance. In consideration of the right and privilege to enter and participate and other valuable consideration, and intending to be legally bound, I agree to release the Jaguar Clubs of North America, Inc., the Susquehanna Valley Jaguar Club and the Concours d'Elegance committee from any and all liability for injuries, damage, or loss arising from my entry and attendance in the Concours.

Signature of Jaguar Owner	Date
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NOTE TO PARTICIPANTS: Entry to the show field will be at 8 a.m. Rags-down will be at 10 a.m. Awards presentation on the field will be at approximately 2 p.m. Our host is La Quinta Inn & Suites. They can be reached at 717-801-0514.

Jaguar Concours d'Elegance

Saturday June 7, 2025



Join Us for the Delaware Valley Jaguar Club Concours d'Elegance!

The Delaware Valley Jaguar Club (DVJC) warmly invites members of our neighboring Jaguar clubs to participate in our **JCNA-sanctioned Concours d'Elegance** on **June 7, 2025**.

Held in conjunction with the **annual Cars and Motorcycles of England, Ales and Petals Celebration** and hosted by the **Friends of Hope Lodge**, this event offers something for everyone—including special activities for children. With **over 1,200 spectators** and more than **50 stunning Jaguars** on display, it promises to be a fantastic day for enthusiasts and families alike.

The DVJC has a **limited number of openings** available for visiting entries in **all JCNA-judged and display categories**. Don't miss your chance to compete for **official JCNA trophies**, including Champion, Driven, Preservation, Special Divisions, and Longest Distance Traveled.

For full details and **online registration**, visit:

<https://delvaljaguarclub.com/events/dvjc-concours-delegance-3/>

Special Accommodations:

- Ample space for **trailed Jaguars**
- Arrangements with a **nearby hotel** for overnight guests and tow rigs (space is limited—register early!)

For additional information, please contact our **Concours Chairman** at Concours@Delvalleyjaguar.com
We look forward to welcoming you and your Jaguars to this premier event!

Registration fees for ALL judged cars: \$75 per car Registration fee for Display only (not judged): \$45 per car **All registrations must be received by end of day Saturday, June 1st – Register EARLY!** Ample parking on site for trucks and car trailers. All judged cars will have a Vehicle Operation Check once parked in the assigned spot. The sanctioned Concours will be conducted in accordance with applicable JCNA Concours rules. See www.dvtr.org and www.historichopelodge.org for details. A portion of the concours proceeds are donated to The Friends of Hope Lodge. “Rain or shine.” No rain date. No refunds. Official Trophies for Champion, Driven, Preservation, Special Divisions, Longest Distance

Contact: Ed Petrow, Concours Chair: 484-364-1000 e-mail: concours@delvaljaguarclub.com

CMoE Information Hotline: 267-258-7071



JAGUAR CLUB OF PITTSBURGH
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2025 Membership Form

Name		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Email	Phone	
Occupation		
Spouse/Partner		
Name		
Email	Phone	
Occupation		
Please list Jaguars owned* (not required for membership)		
Year	Model	Body Style (OTS, FHC, DHC, Sedan, Coupe, Conv, SUV)

*Include additional Jaguars on a separate sheet.

Dues (check one)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$90.00	New Membership for 2025 (JCOP \$35, JCNA \$55)
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$90.00	Renew Membership for 2025 (JCOP \$35, JCNA \$55)
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$35.00	JCNA Affiliate Club Membership ¹ New or Renew for 2025 (JCOP \$35, JCNA \$0)
		JCNA#:

Form Return Options	
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Scan and email to:	stubenson3@gmail.com
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Pay online (3% surcharge) after you have returned your form:	Click the Pay Online button @ jaguarclubofpittsburgh.org/membership

¹You have a current JCNA membership through another club.

²If you have any questions, contact Stu at 412-491-1586.