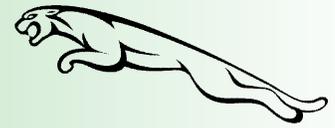


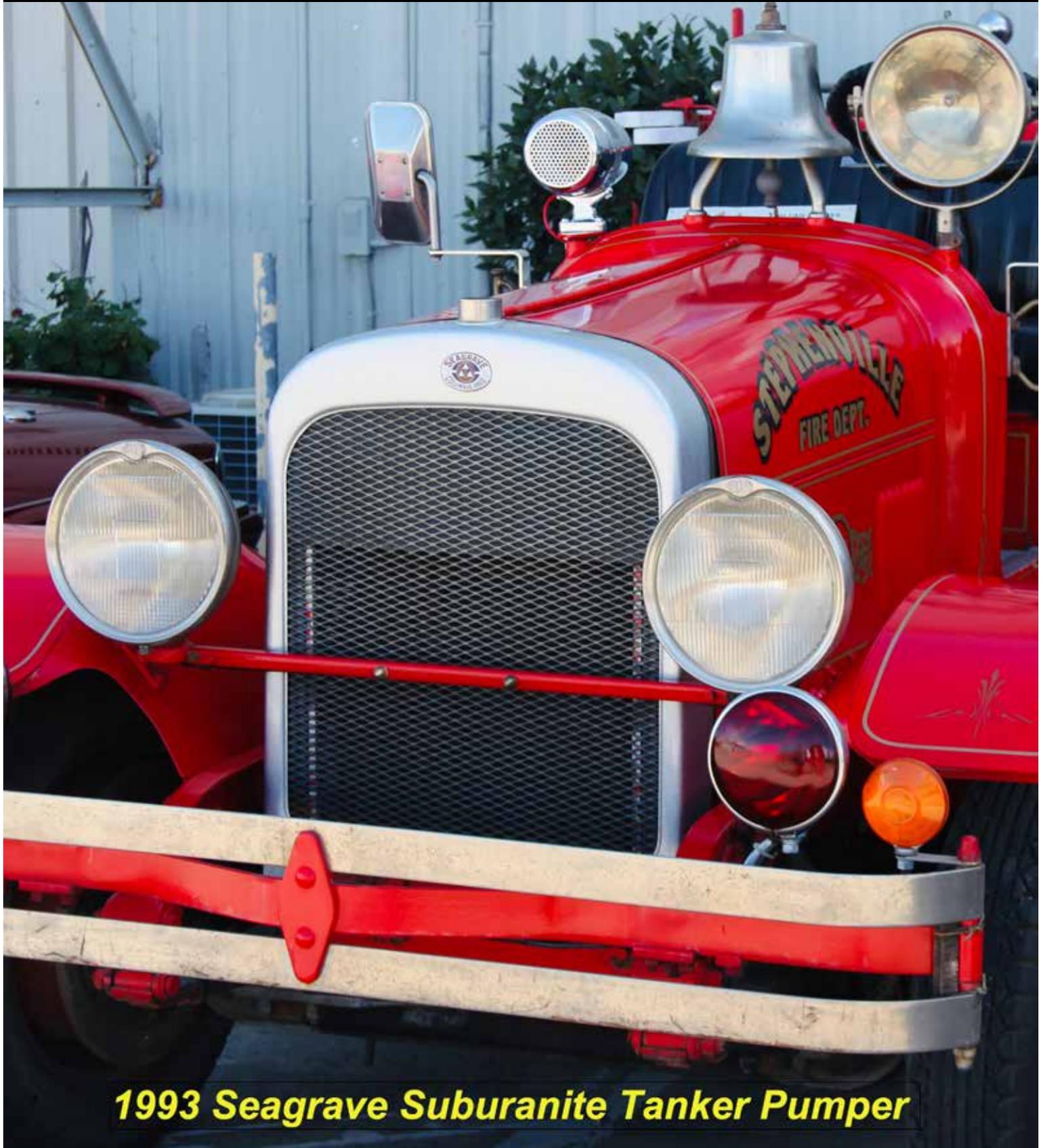
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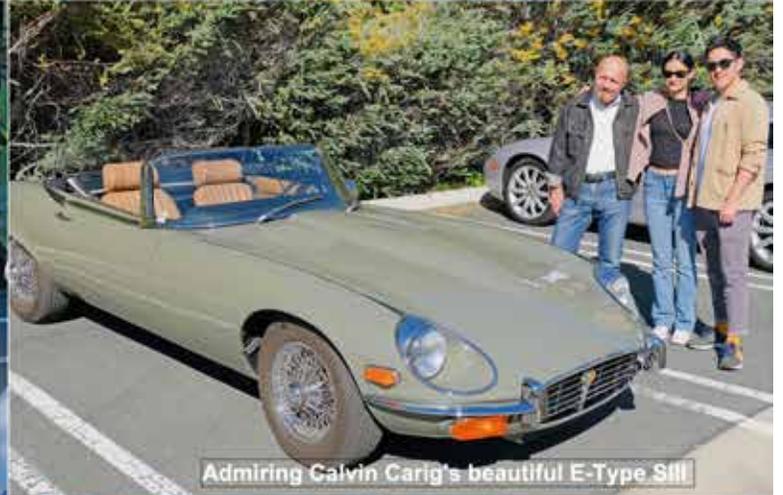
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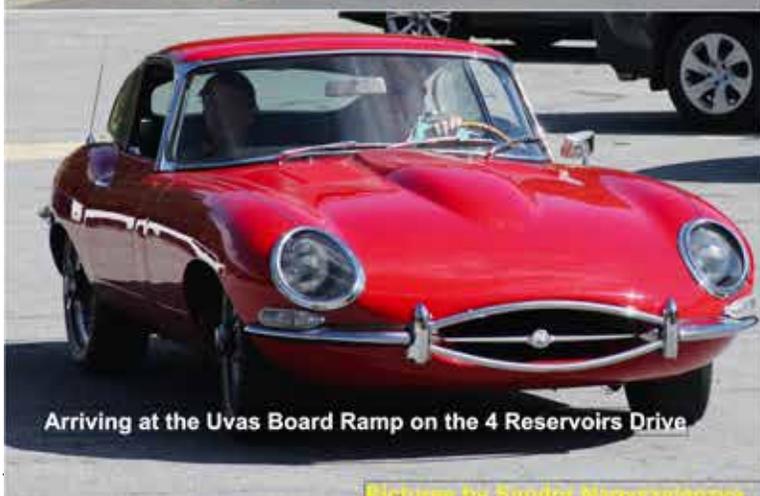
Admiring Calvin Carig's beautiful E-Type SIII



More news catch up.



Sandor briefs members on J.A.G. plans



Arriving at the Uvas Board Ramp on the 4 Reservoirs Drive

Pictures by Sandor Nagy-szalanczy



1957 Mark VIII Saloon in Sean and Pat Rositano's Collection

JAG President's Message April 2026

Just about any time I'm working in my home office or studio, I've got my favorite radio station on: KPIG 107.5 in Freedom, California. I love it largely because it's one of the only commercial stations in the U.S. that still features live DJs every day from 6 a.m. to midnight. Better still, they don't follow restrictive playlists. Their main genre is "Americana," but they'll spin just about anything—folk, rock, jazz, soul, reggae, and more.

Earlier today, KPIG played a couple of car-themed songs, including "Little Deuce Coupe" by the Beach Boys and "Mustang Sally" by Wilson Pickett. That got me wondering whether any songs feature Jaguar automobiles. A quick search turned up a few contenders, starting with "Jaguar," a track by English band The Who that includes these lyrics:

"Everything they've seen, you have seen,
everywhere they've been, you have been.
Everything they've done, you have been and done
already.
Every lovely spot, near or far, you can reach them
too in your car
Or you might be there now if you own a Jag
already...
Grace, space, pace.
Grace, space, race.
Jaguar...Jaguar...Jaguar...Jag Jaguar!"

The song was originally recorded for The Who's 1967 album *The Who Sell Out*, but it was left off the release and replaced by "Sunrise." It didn't see an official release until years later, on various compilations and reissues.

A lesser-known UK band, Feeder, included a Jaguar reference in their 2001 album *Echo Park*. Their song "Buck Rogers" opens with:

"He's got a brand-new car. Looks like a Jaguar. It's got
leather seats. It's got a CD player,"
followed by the repeating refrain of "Player, player,
player..."

Another song titled simply "Jaguar" was released just last year by the hip-hop/rap group Aria. Most of its "gangster-style" lyrics aren't exactly G-rated, but here's the most relevant passage:

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"...I took the road and I paved now, it's been years in the making, I see the green light speed by, nah, I ain't braking, in the Ferrari or Jaguar switching both lanes, with the top back, holler back, money ain't a thing..."

And finally, I have to mention a song by one of my favorite (if obscure) artists, Webb Wilder. His 1991 album *Doo Dad* includes the track "Sittin' Pretty," which features this colorful Jaguar reference:

"You're sittin' pretty, in your XKE, long legs burnin' on the alligator seats. Now I don't care where we're goin', I sure like the view. If I could make you mine, I'd be sittin' pretty too."

I've never actually seen an XKE with alligator seats, but I can imagine that one or two exist—likely from the days when folks didn't much care that alligators need their skin more than fancy cars need exotic upholstery.

Keep those Jaguar radios playing loud!

Sandor Nagyszalanczy
JAG President



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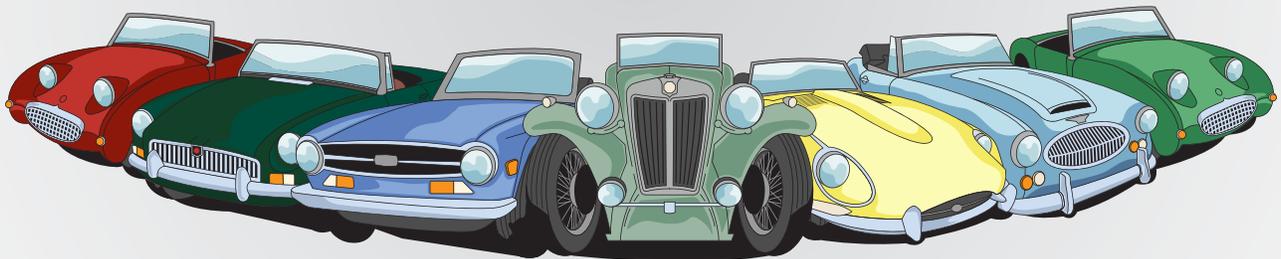


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APRIL 2026

- 16-17 **JCNA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN MEXICO CITY**
- 18 **NAPA DRIVE, LUNCH AT CAFÉ BELLINI, PETALUMA**
- 29 **RANCHO CIELO TOUR + BBQ LUNCH WITH CCBMC**

MAY 2026

- 17 **DIXON BRITISH CAR SHOW AND SWAP MEET**
- 30 **SAN JUAN BAUTISTA DRIVE, LUNCH AT JARDINES DE SAN JUAN**

JUNE 2026

- 6 **BRITS BY THE BAY**
- 20 **Tiburon Car Show**
- 20 or 27 JAG EVENT COMING**
- 26-27 **Hillsborough Concours**

JULY 2026

- 16-18 **JCNA International Jaguar Festival in Pittsburgh**
- 11 or 25 JAG EVENT COMING AUGUST 2026**
- 7-15 **ROLEX MOTORSPORTS REUNION**
- 10 **MONTEREY BRITISH CAR SHOW - CARMEL**
- 16 **PEBBLE BEACH CONCOURS**

NOVEMBER 2026

- 22 **MOSS BEACH DISTILLERY DRIVE & BRUNCH**

April Jaguar Birthdays

Nevin Kleege	April 2
Laura Madge	April 3
Julianne Blythe	April 3
Lindy Johnson	April 4
Sheryl Keller	April 12
Andrea Butler	April 14
Tiara Ganegama	April 14
Stephanie Van Deelen	April 15
Nancy Anderson	April 16
Doug Roffmann	April 16
Yuriko Meckl	April 17
Thomas Ellebie	April 19
Karie Thomson	April 20
Patrick Pederson	April 22
William Robinson	April 24
David Gerson	April 25
Paul Peterzell	April 26
Richard Salice	April 30



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Jaguar Associates Group

Napa Drive & Lunch at Café Bellini, Petaluma April 18, 2026

Tour Leaders: Andy and Marla Preston

Meeting place: Starbuck's 1716 East Cotati Ave (Wolf Den Plaza), Rohnert Park, Opposite Sonoma State University.

Time: Meet at 9:30 for a 10:00 departure.

Tour: Our drive will begin in Rohnert Park and we'll drive on some of the lesser known and wonderful country roads of Sonoma county on our way to the Napa Valley. We will drive over Mt. Vedeer as we wind our way through the Mayacamas Mountains on Trinity Rd to an elevation of 2300 feet before we descend into the Napa Valley. As we descend into Napa we are treated to breathtaking views of the entire Napa Valley and at other times we are well above the clouds.

Our first stop will be at V. Sattui Winery and Market Place in St. Helena where we can relax and unwind for a short break and give you a glimpse of what they offer on your next visit.



We will leave V. Sattui and travel by country roads again through some of the premier wine growing regions of Napa and Sonoma Valleys, passing numerous vineyards and wineries.

Our final destination and lunch stop will be at Café Bellini in Petaluma where we will be eating in a private dining room. Lunch choices need to be ordered beforehand from the list below and include water, lemonade and iced tea. Other drinks can be ordered from the bar.

Cheeseburger or Veggie burger & fries
Chicken Club & fries
Fish and Chips
Cobb Salad w or w/o meat

Total Cost including tax and tip \$40 per person. All orders must be placed by April 11.
For sign up see www.jags.org or page 17.

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South County Four Reservoirs Tour by Deborah Hartunian

On February 28, the weather promised a beautiful day, and after heavy rainfall, there was plentiful water in the reservoirs. On this fine morning, a large group of Jaguars were arriving in the Walgreens parking lot in Morgan Hill as Deborah and Carla pulled into the lot. John Swensson and Sandor were busy with a broom and dustpan sweeping up broken glass to avoid tire issues. The group included 5 invited Corvettes. This was one of the largest recent drive groups with 62 enthusiasts in attendance. Goodie bags were presented to the 34 cars drivers and after J.A.G. chit-chat and welcoming new members, Rafik and his Caldera Red coupe, and the Buringrud's in their white F-TYPE convertible, it was time for the drivers' meeting.

Les, Stuart and Sean Rositano had all pre-driven the route to avoid problems and the directions accurate. Sean invited those drivers with navigators to accept "The Four Reservoirs Navigator Challenge", 11 questions to be answered as we passed the four reservoirs. The bonus question was "How many times on the entire drive was a single body of water on both sides of the roadway". (It was 4!). After the challenge had been given, it was time to depart! Les's daughters Amy and Zoe led the first group of 17 onto the road at 10:20 am. Ten minutes later, Phil Endliss led the second group of 17 cars towards Monterey Road.

After passing through downtown Morgan Hill, we were soon into beautiful countryside for our first pass of Chesbro Reservoir. After a further few miles of entertaining roads, we entered the Calero Reservoir County Park Boat Ramp, for a quick turn around to retrace a short part of our route and head to Uvas Reservoir.

As we reached the Uvas Reservoir Boat Ramp parking lot, Phil and his group caught up so, the whole party enjoyed hanging out in the expansive lot. A group of motorcycle riders was also enjoying a break, and when the Jaguars arrived, the riders were keen to inspect. Many fun conversations occurred and cars were checked out. New member, Rafik shared "Boy I really have found my people!" in a conversation with Deborah about F-Types.

The fourth leg of the drive onto Watsonville Road, passed back through Morgan Hill onto the East side of 101. The destination was the beautiful Coyote Lake Harvey Bear Ranch County Park. We briefly lost tour leader Les as he marshaled each car into the Park while daughter Amy led the rally to the Boat Ramp. Thanks to Christian Rowcliffe for going back to the Park entry to collect Les.

Our last leg was a short 9.5 miles past several vineyards and into Gilroy to find the Car Barn of Sean and Patricia Rositano's collection. After parking, members entered the Barn through a limpressive doorway flanked by a 1933 Seagrave Fire Engine and a 1985 3-C Ford C-8000 Triple Combo Fire Engine. Everyone was greeted by the fabulous smell of BBQ ribs, chicken, brisket accompanied by baked beans, salads and garlic bread, from Mansmith BBQ. Gingham-covered tables, flowers, and wine with the beautiful car collection as backdrop, awaited everyone. Sean, Pat and Mansmith had certainly provided a great feast for the lucky group.

Accompanied by music, people admired cars, continued their conversations and enjoyed the wonderful BBQ, while drinking wine or sparkling water. Sean and Sandor organized a group photo, so Sandor scaled a huge ladder, set his camera, and returned to be in the picture. New members Daniel and Cheryl Buringrud won the Navigator Wine Challenge and were thrilled with their prize. Additionally, 10 more navigators qualified and took home a prize.

This drive and event were memorable thanks to Sean and Pat.

VISIT TO THE MOZART FOUNDATION MUSEUM

On March 7, members of the J.A.G. club and the Rolls Royce Owners Club came together for a special visit to the impressive Mozart Foundation Museum collection in Mountain View. The Rolls Royce club made a grand entrance, arriving in a Rolls Royce, a Bentley, and an Aston Martin, but not to be outdone all Jaguar enthusiasts drove one of their prized Jaguars. In total, forty members from the J.A.G. club and fifteen from the Rolls Royce Owners Club attended, enjoying exclusive access to the museum for two hours. The event was well-staffed with docents, who were available to answer any questions. The most frequently asked question during the visit was, "Which is your favorite car?"

Highlights of the Collection

Mr. Mozart's collection extends well beyond the seventy or so cars displayed in the museum that weekend. Among the many notable vehicles present was a well-used, very original 1957

Jaguar XKSS. Given that only sixteen XKSSs were built before the Brown's Lane Factory fire, this was a rare opportunity for attendees to see an authentic XKSS up close. The car's well-worn appearance reflects its extensive use and history, which it proudly displays.

Lunch at Marie Callender's

After the museum tour, the group drove about eight miles south to Sunnyvale, where they gathered at Marie Callender's. A spacious private room accommodated all fifty-seven attendees, who settled into booths, long tables, and even some seats at the counter. The meal was enjoyed by all, and as expected, the lunch concluded with delicious pie. The event was such a success that many expressed interest in repeating the experience in the future.

By Deborah Hartunian

In Memory of the "Lever"

"Give me a lever long enough and a fulcrum on which to place it, and I shall move the world." Archimedes (c.287-212 BCE)

While recently touring the fabulous Mozart Museum, my daughter was intrigued by the large control levers on some of the vehicles, which led to a discussion about how simple mechanical levers in automobiles have been replaced by complex electronic gizmos.

On our drive home from lunch at Marie Callender's we discussed the sad transition from simple twist levers (Keys) used to start your old car to today's key fob which has a predisposition to fail or behave erratically.

If you think back to the first automobiles steered by a lever (tiller) through the late 40s and 50s cars, you can sadly see the loss of many levers on our automobiles. Although many levers are still incorporated into today's cars, they are well hidden, such as the crankshaft and cam followers.

In addition the ignition keys, some of the levers that I fondly recollect are; Door handles, inside and out, were once beautiful levers, now in many cars they are buttons or keypads.

One favorite lever is the tire lever. Once, no driver would think of leaving home without a wheel jack, chocks, a puncture repair kit, a tire pump, and two or three tire levers. Before modern tubeless tires, there was an extra bladder, the inner tube, that liked to leak air. If you collected nail or sharp rock, the inner tube released its air, resulting in you guessed it, a flat. You then had the choice of replacing the wheel with a spare, if you had one, or, as was often the case in my cab-driving days, you pulled over, removed the wheel. Using the tire levers, you removed one side of the tire from the wheel rim, extracted the inner tube, and patched the leak. When the inner tube was air-tight again, you stuffed it back into the tire and used those ever-handly tire levers to coax the tire back onto the rim. The tire was then reinflated, and the wheel remounted on the vehicle. With practice, you could get this done in 15 to 20 minutes.

Also, at Mozart you could not help noticing the number of cars with two pedals, a brake pedal and the clutch. How did you control the speed? There was a handle throttle lever generally mounted in the

center of the steering wheel. Alongside the throttle lever was often the ignition advance/retard lever, now replaced by the auto advance retard or even electronics. The mixture control, or choke, was also often an additional lever.

More sophisticated cars also had a lever to adjust ride stiffness and another to distribute lubrication to critical parts of the vehicle.

Other convenience controls that were levers were window winders, sunroof open and close or convertible top hold downs. The heater volume and temperature were levers absent from today's cars

The lever most are familiar with, was the starting lever (handle) that was inserted under the vehicle's grille, engaged with the notched end of the crankshaft, and provided a means to crank the engine if the battery was insufficient. When adjusting the valve clearance and timing, the starting handle also proved useful.

In some early British cars, a lever was attached to the back of the windshield wiper motor as a backup if the wiper motor decided to take a holiday.

One of my favorite additions to my father's 1947 Ford Anglia was the semaphore turn signal, a short illuminated lever that rotated out in the direction that you may or may not be preparing to turn. The levers were, in turn, controlled by a short lever on the dashboard or the steering wheel.

My last example of a lever on a vehicle is the door closer on Tokyo taxis. When the cab arrived, the rear passenger door would magically open for you enter. However, you had to enter quickly, as the door would close once you were in the car mostly. If you did not hurry, your right foot could get a nasty rap. The secret of this magical door was a mechanical lever system that let the driver open and close the rear passenger door without ever leaving the driver's seat. Thank goodness we did not have that system on the London-style cabs I drove many eons ago.

There are other examples of levers hiding on classic cars, but alas, many have been replaced by servomotors, wires, and electronics. Such is progress.

By Les Hamilton



**On Saturday, May 30, we will hold a drive from
Los Gatos to San Juan Bautista.**

We'll be using county backroads and mostly avoiding freeways.

We will meet at the PEET'S COFFEE PARKING LOT at the intersection of Los Gatos and Blossom Hill Road in Los Gatos at 9:30 am. There will be a brief driver meeting at 10:00 am, with departure by 10:30 am for a drive of about 1 and a half hours. There will be a brief comfort stop. Route directions will be distributed at the beginning of the driver meeting.

When we arrive in the quaint little town of San Juan Bautista we will use street parking around the intersection of Washington and Third street which is a block from the Plaza de San Juan. The Plaza is next to the Mission San Juan Bautista. More parking information to follow.

Our group will enjoy a delicious lunch at Jardines De San Juan. Special seating will be reserved for J.A.G. club members in the beautiful patio to order right off the menu and receive individual tickets.

So that we know how many people are planning on attending, please sign up on the website, www.jags.org or provide the information below to Phil Endliss

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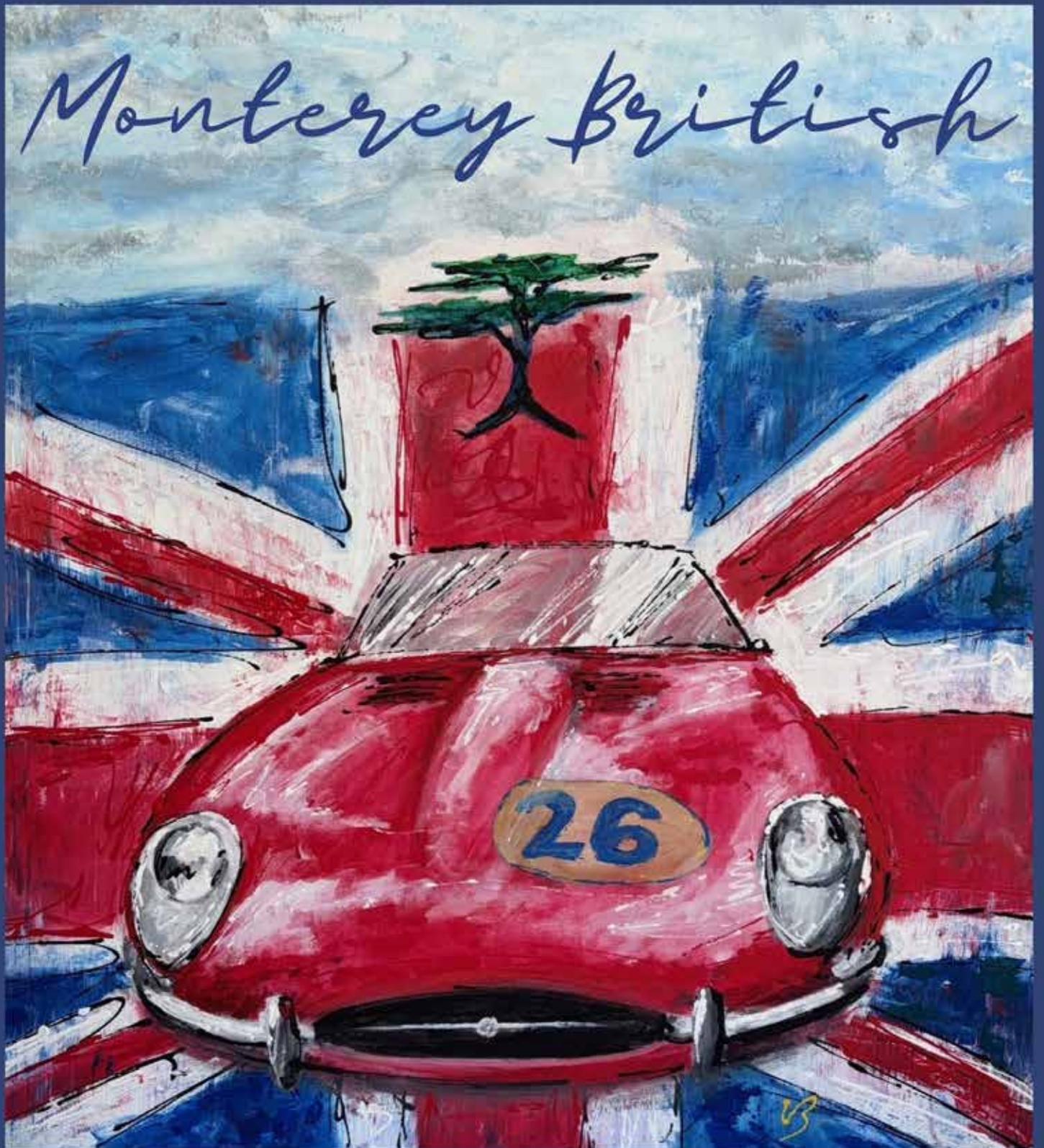
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ALL Makes, Marques, Years, and Models are welcome but please drive something fun as this will be an incredible Show & Shine opportunity to share with the students.

We will start with a special guided tour of the campus (including the Classic Car Restoration Program) that will leave you speechless. Then, we'll be on hand to delight in the questions and viewing of our cars before walking over to the award-winning Drummond Culinary Program where Chef EJ and his students will prepare a mouthwatering lunch for us.

We will coordinate drive options to the campus from locations in both Monterey and Salinas.

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Email info@montereybritish.com with any questions



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J.A.G. Board Meeting, February 24th, 2026

Meeting Date: 02/24/2026 4:30 pm.

Location: Zoom Video Call

Participants:

Sandor Nagyszalanczy – J.A.G. President	Howard L Smith - Immediate Past President
Deborah Hartunian - 1st Vice President	Andy Preston – Director-at-Large
Stuart Smedley - 2nd Vice President (Absent)	Clive Hallatt – Director-at-Large(Absent)
Phil Endliss - Treasurer/Membership Chair (Absent)	Kristan Neubecker – Webmaster(Absent)
Les Hamilton – Secretary/Editor	

Minutes

J.A.G. President Sandor Nagyszalanczy called the February 2026 Board Meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Secretary Report

The minutes of the January 2026 Board Meeting were reviewed and approved. **MSA.**

Treasurer Report.

Phil mailed his report that J.A.G.'s finances remain adequate for 2026. Howard inquired about the monies owed which are primarily dues to JCNA and catering costs. **MSA.**

Membership Report.

J.A.G. has 201 members, including 5 associate members. The 2026 Roster has been sent to the printer and will be mailed to members shortly. **MSA**

1st Vice President Report/2nd Vice President Reports.

2026 Schedule

February 2026

28th Four Reservoir Drive and Car Barn Visit. We have 66 attendees and 34 cars. Les will redrive one section of the route and send updated route directions including Sean's recommendations. The large group will need two drive leaders **Action: Les/Deborah**

March 2026

7th Joint visit with the Rolls Royce Club to John Mozart Museum in Mountain View. The meal after the event will be at Maria Callendar's. Finalized.

28-29 Clovis British Car Round Up. Information and a signup sheet have been added to the website. Deborah will make reservations when we know how many members will attend.

April 2026

16th-17th JCNA AGM in Mexico City.

18th Napa Drive and Lunch at Café Bellini, Petaluma. (see Andy's report)

29th Rancho Ceilo Classic Restoration Program with the Cypress British Car Club of Monterey. See Kristan's report.

May 2026

Deborah would like to repeat the San Bautista Drive. Les to send the route to Stuart. Action: Les

June 2026

Brits by the Bay: Andy would like a strong Jaguar turnout. Cars pre-1990 are accepted.

Directors at Large Reports:

Andy Preston

Andy reported that he has found a good place to pause for a bathroom break and the Napa to Petaluma Route is finalized. Andy also reported that he recently purchased a 1968 Volvo P1800.

J.A.G. Board Meeting, February 24th, 2026

Clive Hallatt

Clive was unable to attend as his travel plans were disrupted by the Cartel troubles in Mexico.

Past President Report

Howard will return from Hawaii on March 23rd.

Editor's Report

The JAGazette deadlines will be March 16th and April 17th. **Action: All**

Social Media/Website

J.A.G. Members are invited to a visit to the Rancho Ceilo Classic Restoration Program on Wednesday, April 29th with the Cypress British Car Club of Monterey. The tour will include the Classic Car Restoration Program, followed by a BBQ Lunch prepared by the Rancho Ceilo Culinary program.

The Monterey British Car Show 2026 will be held on Monday, August 10th hosted by the Cypress British Car Club of Monterey. Kristen sent a list of the cars already registered. We are unsure if there will be a Cars and Coffee at Monterey Jaguar. Linda and Kristan will host a post PB Concourse open house after the Concours on Sunday.

Old Business

An additional tier is needed on the Gene Babow trophy. In progress. **Action: Sandor**

A secure electronic Roster as part of the WebSite will be researched. **Action: Les**

Candidates are needed for the vacant Director at Large Position. It was discussed that a younger board member would be beneficial. Suggestions should be submitted to Sandor. **Action Sandor.**

As J.A.G. will not attend the JCNA Mexico AGM, thereby saving \$2500, J.A.G.'s proxy needs to be sent to Nedra Rummel. **Action: Sandor**

As JCNA did not agree to J.A.G.'s license, two changes to the JCNA By-Laws will be submitted for vote at the AGM. Les has drafted and Sandor will submit to Nedra Rummel. **Action Les/Sandor**

New Business

The claim that J.A.G. is the Oldest Jaguar Club in the world was refuted in 2022 but has remerged. Les to find his research presentation. **Action: Les**

A check for J.A.G.'s portion of the Mozart fee needs to be sent. Les to contact Phil. **Action: Les**

Holding a J.A.G. Show and Shine/Peoples' Choice to award the Gene Babow Trophy was briefly discussed and tabled until the next Board Meeting.

Next Meeting:

The next 2026 J.A.G. Board of Directors meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 24th, 2026, at 4:30 pm via Zoom.

Adjournment:

The February 2026 J.A.G. Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 5:24 pm. **MSA.**

Respectfully submitted by Les Hamilton, J.A.G. Secretary.

April Membership Report

Phil Endliss - Membership Director

JAG continues our growth in 2026 with 203 members including 5 Associates. The efforts of our members referring potential new members is critical to our growth. Continue to use your JAG business cards when you see a Jag on the street, in a parking lot, during a visit to a Cars & Coffee meeting and especially at car shows. Let me know if you run out of them and I'll send you more.

New member signup

To join JAG, all you need is a Jaguar and the desire to spend time with others who enjoy socializing while enjoying their Jaguar. Even if you just have a desire to own a Jaguar or lust after one, you can become a Friend of JAG. To join, fill out the application on our website (www.jags.org) under the Membership tab. Your dues will provide membership in JAG and JCNA, the North America Jaguar Association, through the end of 2026.

Welcome these new members who joined or rejoined in January & February

**Walter & Jule Smith of Danville
with their 1961 & 1967 E-Types
Russell & Cristina Albright of Petaluma
with their 2003 XJR**

Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following members who are celebrating their anniversaries joining JAG in April:

Ken & Marcia Fritz – 1 year
Christian Galloway – 1 year
Francois & Sophia Henley – 5 years
Mel Hill – 1 year
Larry & Sharon Moraes – 15 years
Frank Morrison & Susan Vinluan – 9 years
Jack & Maru O'Loughlin – 10 years
Martin & Marlene Stein – 1 year
Tony Theopholis – 1 year
Bill Thomson & Jean Behse – 4 years

Napa Drive & Lunch at Café Bellini, Petaluma April 18, 2026

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For Sale: Lovely 2003 XJ Sport (X308) Platinum Metallic with Oatmeal Leather Upholstery. Purchased on Bring a Trailer in 12/24. 5k miles added since, currently ~70k. In lovely condition. New rear tires in 2025, and new front tires this year. Recent oil change and alignment. Clean Car Fax. Please reach out if interested. We would love to keep in the family. Jeff Cowan jeffcowanm3@gmail.com for more info and pictures

For Sale: 1938 SS-Jaguar Drophead +1939 SS-Jaguar Drophead + 1950 Mk V Drophead. Each car is a time capsule of Jaguar history. Interested? please contact Les Hamilton, hamiltonl@mac.com (408)759-2921

Wanted: XK120 Bell Housing from a later model XK120/XK140. Contact Les Hamilton

For Sale: 2005 XK Convertible, my wife's daily driver before retirement, 83,000 mi, blue exterior, cream interior, white top, newer tires on 19" rims, car cover, always garaged. \$8,000. Patrick von Merveldt (209) 261-7288



For Sale: 1968 E-Type Series 1.5 convertible, 65,327 mi, cream over red leather, black top, Heritage certificate, older restoration (1998), not a show car but a solid driver. \$65,000. Patrick von Merveldt (209) 261-7288



Editorial Musings: April 2026. Les Hamilton

I start with a correction to an article in the March edition: Sean Rositano pointed out that in the article “The low down on CA registration plates” there were some inaccuracies. One specifically:

Pre-1963, California had a variety of schemes, but new plates have not been issued annually in CA since WAY back. CA was the first state in the US to issue multi-year plates with tags for the year – beginning in about 1920. See below for proper licensing of a 1948 collector car: 1947 plates with '48 tags. This is how your plates would have looked in 1948 on a new or even older car. Those 1947 plates were on your car with updated annual tags until new base plates would have been issued in 1951.

Believe it or not, prior to 1914, CA sent you a license number, and it was up to you to make a sign for your car! Several auto clubs, such as CA AA (now AAA) offered members professionally made plates, and these are highly collectible today.

Also, under the YOM (Year of manufacture) program, any CA issued plate (so 1914 on, because prior to 1914, you made your own plate!!) can be used today if the number sequence is available. This is important for those of us with collectible vehicles, because we use REAL 1920's or '30s or 50s or whatever plates, on our older cars.

Thank you, Sean, for the corrected information. There are several more twists and turns in the history of California license plates and seals and tabs that we can explore at a future time.



Just In.

The 2026 Pacific Grove Concours Auto Rally is on August 14 and sales open on April 1.

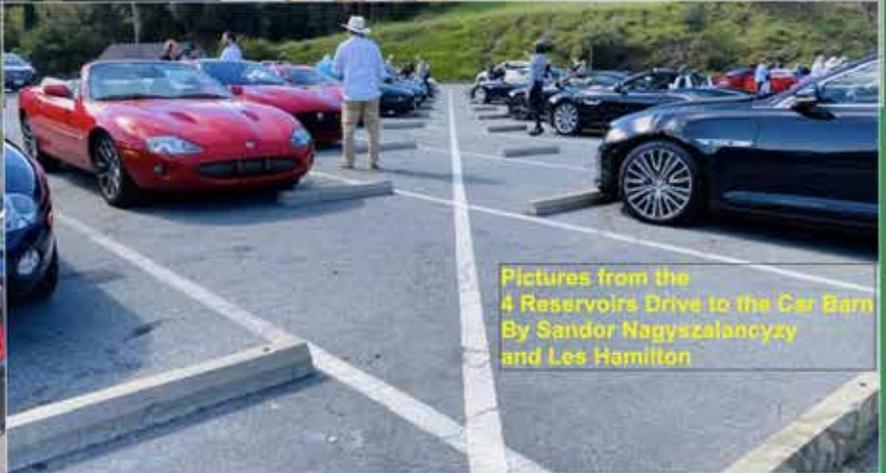
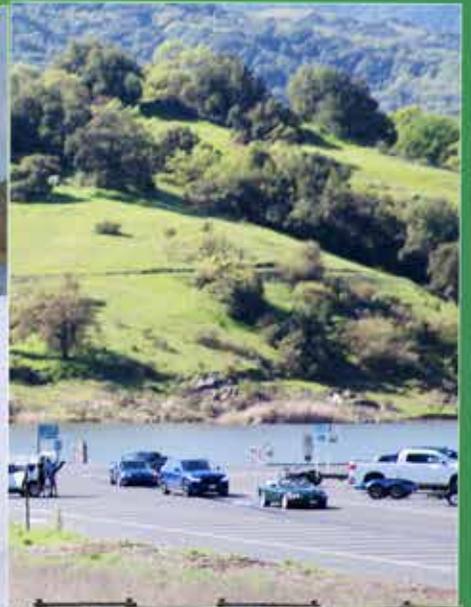
This annual event is geared for those enthusiasts who own, drive, or appreciate cars, especially Vintage, Classic, Sports, and Luxury cars! **The marque for 2026 is Jaguar.**

PLEASE NOTE THE RALLY DRIVE WILL START AT 2PM THIS YEAR.

Car staging will start on Lighthouse Ave at 10am.

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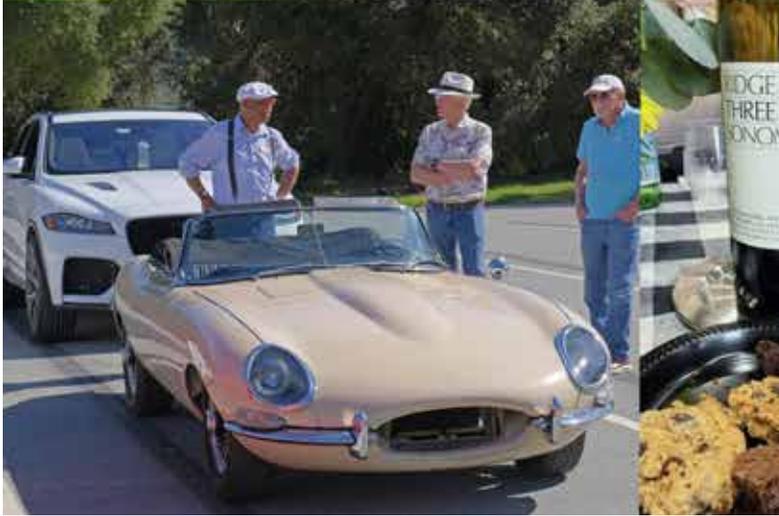
Julie Roth, Rotary Club of Pacific Grove, Auto Rally Committee



Pictures from the 4 Reservoirs Drive to the Car Barn By Sandor Nagyszalanczy and Les Hamilton



Pictures from the J.A.G. 4 Reservoirs drive to the Rositano's Car Carn with Corvette Club guests
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