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The Jaguar Club of Minnesota Newsletter

Summer Q3 2024

Save the Date Highlights:

See the full calendar for additional events

July 2024

Sat 13 Scottish Fair and British car show

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Eagan Central Park

Sun 28 Jaguar annual Picnic

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Emerson Engineering park 12001

Technology Drive, Eden Prairie, MN

August 2024

Sat/Sun 15-16 Art of The Car at Stone Arch

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Sat 17 Cathy's cruise and corn roast

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Afton, MN city park 3400 St. Croix Trail S

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2024 Summer Edition

PRESIDENT'S Letter to Members

The Jaguar Club summer calendar is filled with social and driving events! Watch your email and the website (link below) for announcements of all the events.

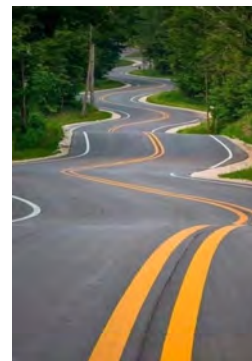
This includes the club's biggest get together of the year, our awesome July 28 Member Appreciation Picnic. This event is no cost to members. We definitely want to see everyone there at our finest summer family event. Car show at 11:00, picnic lunch at about noon.

Another upscale event is the Scottish Fair and British Car Show on July 13. This year it's at Macalester College in St. Paul. Contact Jim Harris to be a part of it.

I could go on with Britfest or Kathy's Cruise And Corn Roast in August but you get the idea.

Come join us for good times, friendship, and summer excitement.

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



KEEP CALM AND DRIVE ON.

Very Best Regards, Rich Leistico

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PAST EVENTS

Sportscar Rendezvous at Thunder Bay June 6-9

This was great fun as usual when they host. A total of 108 cars which included the usual odd ones, now that the event has become multi-marque. Worth reporting were: Austin/Cortina convertible, Abarth (high end Fiat), two Volvo P180, and a Ferrari GT380. I believe every model ever built post war of the Triumphs, which included 4-5 of the 8 cyl. model.

Both Healey and Jag clubs from Minnesota were very poorly represented. John Ruggenberg from Winona and I were it for our club and I had the fastest car represented, which I proved to several doubters. There were 4 other Jags attending from local and Winnipeg clubs.

Dan Buchen brought his Triumph and the Morke's drove their rice burner.

All events, and there were many choices, came off without a hitch. We had peripheral rain storms every night which took the pressure off the wash station but didn't interrupt any of the events daily. The car show was held at the Marina with food trucks and a very high attendance by local families.



I do have to note that the Saturday night banquet featured the best food spread and highest quality dishes of any buffet I've ever attended anywhere. My favorite was the Ukranian perogies with sour cream. Yum! The dessert table featured about 6-8 choices, which were all definitely professional pastry chef grade.

As a whole, the Norwester Hotel is one of the best serviced and right up there with Rutgers. Folks not attending really missed out, not to mention the beautiful drive up the north shore.

A special thanks to Mike Lynch for providing this write-up!

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PAST EVENTS

Art of the Car – Stone arch bridge June 15-16



Yay Holly Richmond for making the show on Sunday!

The washout on Saturday must have kept the cats away, as Pretty Kitty was the only Jaguar representation this year after a great turnout last year.

My family and I were there Sunday, but apparently we really should have driven our Jaguar, not the TR4 and Lotus!





Feature Article

The Jaguar – Mercedes Connection

Jaguar started by crafting motorcycle sidecars before evolving into the car manufacturer we know today. Mercedes, on the other hand, was born from the genius of Karl Benz and Gottlieb Daimler, who merged their companies to form Daimler-Benz in 1926, creating one of the world's most prestigious automotive brands. This merger combined Daimler's engineering prowess with Benz's innovative spirit.

But it wasn't just their vehicles that intertwined their fates. In a twist of destiny, Jaguar acquired Daimler in 1960, creating a union that would last for decades. This merger brought together two distinct philosophies: Jaguar's British elegance and Mercedes' German engineering.



Gottlieb Daimler



1965 Daimler 2.5 V8 saloon

The Daimler V8 2.5L was initially used in the SP250 sports car. It was later mostly used in the Daimler 2.5 V8 saloon, which was made with Jaguar Mark 2 unit bodies from 1962 to 1969.



1960 SP 250

After the acquisition, Jaguar continued to produce Daimler vehicles.

Feature Article



Jaguar and Mercedes-Benz continued to share technology and expertise, particularly in the development of transmissions and advanced safety features.

As technology advanced, Jaguar began to incorporate transmissions from Mercedes-Benz into their lineup. For instance, the newer XJR and XKR models used various Mercedes-Benz five-speed transmissions. This shift reflects the ongoing collaboration and exchange of technology between these two automotive giants.



Mercedes W5A580 Transmission



2000 XJR

The Daimler name is still jointly-owned by Daimler-Benz (Mercedes-Benz) and Jaguar Land Rover. This arrangement was put together by Ford just before they sold Jaguar and Land Rover to the Tata Automotive Group.

So, when you're behind the wheel of a Jaguar with a Mercedes transmission, you're experiencing a blend of British design and German engineering excellence that goes back decades. It's a partnership that has driven innovation and set new standards in the automotive industry.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



I know many the members have known each other and been friends for years, but because newish members (including me) may not know everyone yet, I thought it would be fun to add a segment called “Member Spotlight”

I’m hoping this may be a way to learn more about a member, their family, and their cars. I’m hoping that members will share their backstory and how they came to be foolish enough to own British cars, how they contain oil leaks.

I’m asking anyone interested to send me their story, family pictures, car pictures, or anything else they’d like to share.



JAGUARS SPOTTED IN THE WILD

In this segment, I'm hoping to feature Jaguars spotted on the road, in parking lots, or at car shows that may or may not be owned by club members. Please grab some pics if you can and let me know where and when you saw them.

This month's Jag in the wild:

During a recent trip to England, I spotted this MKII in its natural habitat. While wandering the streets of London near Borough Market, I caught this in the corner of my eye and had to cross the street for a look.

I never saw the owner, but it proudly sat. Somehow, they seem more regal in London!



A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



Greetings!

You might notice our previous events section is a bit light this time.

I'm finding it difficult to make many of the events unfortunately.

So I'm hoping any attendees at future gatherings could snap a few pics and send them my way. (Selfies count)

Thanks!

Michael Murray-John



SHOW AND EVENT CALENDAR

July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Scottish Fair & British Car Show

July 13 @ 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
 Macalester College in St. Paul.
 Scottish Fair and Highland Games includes a British car show. Contact Jim Harris for more.

Cars and Caves

July 27
 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
 Chanhassen Autoplex
 8150 Audobon Rd
 Chanhassen, MN

Jaguar Club Annual Picnic

July 28 @ 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
 Emerson Engineering park 12001
 Technology Drive, Eden Prairie,
 MN, United States

August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Britfest in Hudson, WI

August 10 @ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Downtown Hudson, WI 111
 Walnut Street, Hudson, WI

Kathy's Cruise and Corn Roast

August 17 @ 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
 Afton, MN city park 3400 St. Croix
 Trail S. Start and end points will
 include about a 2 hour drive.

Cars and Caves

Aug 31
 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
 Chanhassen Autoplex
 8150 Audobon Rd
 Chanhassen, MN



SHOW AND EVENT CALENDAR

Sept 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

Jag Club Cruise and Cookout

September 14 @ 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Holly Richmond's residence,
WI 111 Walnut Street, Hudson, WI

Conclave at Road America

September 15 - September 20
Elkhart Raceway Sponsored by the
Wisconsin Austin
Healey Club

The 10,000 Lakes Concours d'Elegance Returns For 2024

September 15 @ 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Canterbury Park 1100 Canterbury
Rd, Shakopee, MN, United States

Cars and Caves

Sept 28
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Chanhassen Autoplex
8150 Audobon Rd
Chanhassen, MN



Featured Club Jaguar For Sale:

1989 Jaguar XJS convertible , 24,900 miles in beautiful red , like new condition

Car has 24,900 miles since new (bought this from my friend John Nardi , the sports car salesman when Hansords was the downtown Jaguar dealer)



Jack Crane's 1989 24,900 mile Jaguar XJS

Never driven in rain or snow and always stored inside .
Bright red , like new finish and always a prize winner in classic displays .

Looking for the best offer (includes \$20,000. Hagerty insurance policy good 'til May 2025).

Jack Crane , 952-927-8126

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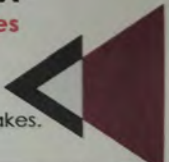
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