



# Leapers and Growlers

The Jaguar Club of Minnesota Newsletter

Fall Q4 2024

## Save the Date Highlights:

See the full calendar for additional events

### October 2024

Sun Fall Color Drive

13

1:00 -4:00 pm

Hosted by Bob Winter

Sat Jaguar Club Banquet

19

5:00 – 8:00 pm

Auto Motorplex 8150 Audobon Rd  
Chanhassen

### November 2024

Sat Club Planning  
Breakfast

9

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Machine Shed 8515 Hudson blvd  
Lake Elmo,

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## 2024 Fall Edition

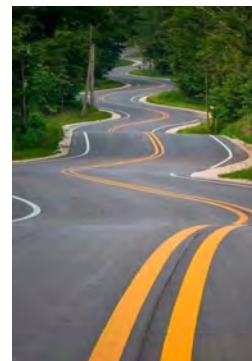
### PRESIDENT'S Letter to Members

The summer of '24 has been a fun one for our club! A very well attended Annual Picnic. There were several other events including: Cars and Caves at the Motorplex, Britfest with 27 cars along the downtown Hudson shore of the St. Croix, and Kathys' Cruise and Corn Roast. See the stories in this issue.

All of these events are only possible because of the volunteer work from our members. A special thanks goes to Mike Lynch for taking on the Annual Picnic. He had help from Jeff and Beth Flynn, Cathy Healy, Joe Werner, Jeff Cotter, Tom Healy, Kathy Adamek, Holly Richmond and others.

Get involved in the club for a rewarding social experience. And it's all about Jaguars!

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](mailto: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

## Scottish Fair in St. Paul July 13

What a fun little show with lots of Scottish culture and the sound of bagpipes everywhere.

Despite some rain in the morning, there was a good group of British cars and quite a few great Jaguars!



# PAST EVENTS



It was a huge all-Brit show this year, and a great Jaguar turnout with 27 cars!

A beautiful day, a beautiful view of the river, and beautiful British cars!



The show has now gotten so large, I am hoping there will be an expansion of the show area next year as parking got pretty tight!





# PAST EVENTS

## Kathy's Cruise and Corn Roast August 17

The third annual Kathy's Cruise and Corn Roast went to Zumbro Falls Golf Club via highway 60 leading west from Wabasha. It was a very fun drive along Lake Pepin and through 25 miles of winding roads on hwy. 60. A buffet featuring the event's signature sweet corn was excellent!





# PAST EVENTS



September 7



Always a favorite show with involvement by the Jaguar club this year. This show is special due to the exciting airshow and display of amazing vintage aircraft as well as an eclectic field of cars.





# PAST EVENTS

## Jaguar Club Annual Picnic July 28

Jaguar Club members and family enjoyed the club's main summer get together at Emerson Shelter.

About 90 attendees were served chicken, ribs, hamburgers, and brats with all the sides.

A Jaguar branded jacket was the grand prize along with a door prize drawing with something for everyone.





# PAST EVENTS

## Cars and Caves

Last Saturday- May, June, July, August, September



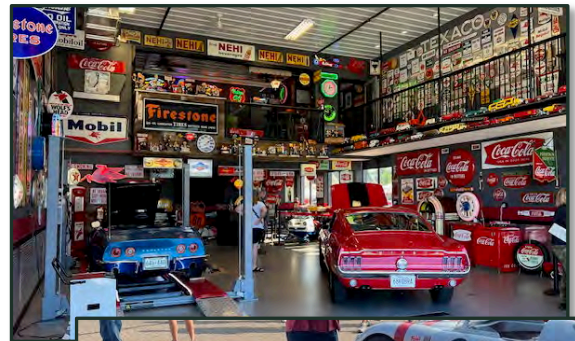
This monthly show always has plenty of eye candy and lots of unusual and interesting cars. Those that have been to the Autoplex know the great turnout on “Jag Row”, the movie cars, and diverse cars of all makes and models, as well as some of the most beautiful car condos around.

True Garagemahals!

There are, however, a lot of “off the shelf” cars.

My family often goes, and my bored 13 year old daughter was looking for something to do. I suggested she count the number of newer Corvettes.

I was shocked. 54!



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# Feature Article

## Jaguar's Racing History

### The Roaring Beginnings

It all started in the late 1930s when Jaguar, then known as SS Cars, decided to take its sleek and stylish cars onto the racetrack. The legendary SS 100 was a standout, and it quickly made a name for itself in events like the Mille Miglia. But World War II put the brakes on their racing ambitions—until the 1950s revved up!



1937 SS roadster

### The Golden Era

Enter the 1950s, a decade that would see Jaguar truly roar! The iconic XK120 and the C-Type raced into the spotlight, dominating the prestigious Le Mans 24 Hours race. In 1951, Jaguar clinched its first Le Mans victory, with the C-Type zooming past the competition. Their success continued with the D-Type, which not only captured hearts with its stunning looks but also won Le Mans three times in a row from 1955 to 1957. Talk about a winning streak!



1950 Xk120



Jaguar C-Type



# Feature Article



## A Dip and a Comeback

But like any good racing story, there were bumps along the road. The 1960s brought new competition and changing tastes, and Jaguar stepped back from racing. It wasn't until the 1980s that the big cats made a comeback, with the XJR series proving their mettle in Group C racing. The XJR-9 even took home the Le Mans crown in 1988, reminding everyone that Jaguar's spirit was far from tamed.



XJR-9

## The Modern Era

Fast forward to the 21st century, and Jaguar is back with a vengeance! The Jaguar Racing team entered the Formula E championship in 2016, showcasing its commitment to electric racing and sustainability. With drivers like Mitch Evans and Sam Bird behind the wheel, they've not only pushed the limits of technology but also captured fans' hearts with their thrilling performances.

## The Future Looks Bright

Today, Jaguar continues to embrace innovation while honoring its rich racing heritage. As they race into the future, you can bet that the electric whine will always echo the spirit of those early days on the track. So whether you're cheering for them in Formula E or reminiscing about those classic Le Mans victories, one thing's for sure: Jaguar racing isn't just a history lesson—it's a wild ride!



Formula E

# 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:

Perhaps off most people's radar was the Edina car show this summer. Another show that has grown too big for the location, requiring an overflow "parking lot of shame" a block away for those who arrived late or did not register in advance.

Despite that and some sprinkles, there were some beautiful Jags as well as cool cars of all kinds!



# A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



Greetings!

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

So, thanks to Rich and others for providing some pics and write ups!

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

## October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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		

### Fall Color Drive

Oct. 13  
 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
 Watch for details!

### Jaguar Club Banquet

Oct 19 @ 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
 Auto Motorplex 8150 Audobon Rd,  
 Chanhassen, MN, United States  
 Format is potluck with club  
 furnishing the meat.

## November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	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

### Planning Meeting, 2025

Nov 9 @ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
 Machine Shed 8515 Hudson  
 blvd, Lake Elmo



## Featured Club Jaguars For Sale:

1989 Jaguar XJS convertible 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 ).

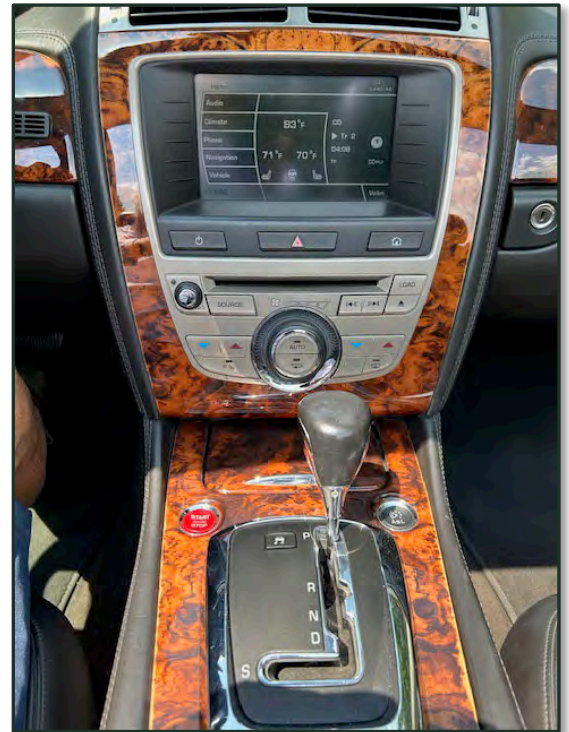
Jack Crane , 952-927-8126



# Featured Club Jaguars For Sale:

2008 Jaguar XK convertible

It runs great, works great no chips or dents new top no leaks.



David Ophaug's 2008 Jaguar XK

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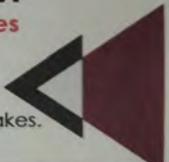
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