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In addition to the newsletter, we communicate with members about local news and event information through electronic mail updates and our websites and webpages. After joining JCOF, you will receive your membership card from JCNA and a JCOF name tag after attending your first function. If you have any questions regarding membership, please contact the JCOF Membership Chairman:

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### **President's Message**



The "Dog Days" of summer are behind us! However, it looks like the car climate has not yet cooled down and will remain HOT thru the fall months! Have you seen our events calendar for the fall? Lots of fun stuff ahead. Catnip for the Cat Driver in all of us!

At the time of writing this message we just held our JCOF Summer Pool Party at Delilah Davis's lovely Key West Resort House in Longwood. I look forward to this event all year

long. As always, it was a great time to sit and relax with our membership, sip a cold beverage, and recap some of the fun stuff we have been up to so far this year. I personally got to know a few members much better, learned that grapefruit margaritas are tasty and that they can also make you take an unscheduled nap! Thank you, Delilah, for hosting another wonderful party, and thank you for having my guest nap-room ready!

There are tons of fun local JCOF (Jaguar Club of Florida) events, JCNA (Jaguar Club of North America) International events, sister JCNA Club events, as well as loads of other local car-culture events happening this fall. We are fortunate this fall, as the JCNA International Jaguar Festival is relatively close by this year, just north of Atlanta. Get yourself plugged in somewhere and enjoy!

Continued special thanks to all the 2017 JCOF officers and committee chairs (you know who you are) for all of the fine planning and management tasks that so many of us Cat Drivers tend to. Thanks also to all our sponsors and advertisers, for the loyalty and dedication committed to this fine group.

Please come to our next meeting. Get caught up on what's up with the JCOF family, and join in the spirited banter during our new segment "What I Broke or Repaired on my Jaguar this Month!"

Finally, thank you Robert Delmar as editor and photographer of this fine rag, and also to the authors of the wonderful articles herein.

See you at the next event. **Eat, Love, Drive!** 

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#### **About The Cover**

Though driving an MGB, Will Hoehndorf & Jay Hixson did JCOF proud by finishing "**Third Place Rookie**" in the 2,300 mile Great Race! "To finish is to **WIN**!" is the motto in this remarkable adventure in which no car is newer than 1972.

### Wanna be famous? Don't keep it to yourself!

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**By Robert Delmar** Editor & [Mis]Information Officer Jaguar Club of Florida (JCOF)

Though it initially appeared that this "Dog Days" edition of JAGWire would be starving for interesting articles, several JCOF members 'volunteered' and came to our rescue. Many, Many Thanks to Will Hoehndorf, Tom Wright, Genie Sierra, Delilah Davis and others who contributed to help make this, what is hoped to be, among our more interesting editions of JAGWire.

We're always interested in –and many times in great need—for articles which should be of interest to our readers and other CatDrivers. Sooooooo, if you have an experience or come across a timely article or photograph, please don't hesitate to send it in.

The Event Calendar in this issue and on www.JAGWireArchives.com is filling up with forthcoming events. September 9 will be yet another adventure arranged by our Rally Master Extraordinaire, Jay Hixson. If you've never been to Frostproof or Lithia Florida, this is likely to be your 'funnest' opportunity.

I'm personally pleased that we're having more Brunch membership meetings. September 16 at the ACE CAFÉ in downtown Orlando sounds interesting enough for the Delmars to make the 140 mile trek. We might even force down Bloody Marys or Mimosas while visiting with other CatDrivers. If you're not there, you will be talked about!

Can you believe there are FIVE FANTASTIC AUTO EVENTS IN OCTOBER? One of my 'most favorites' is the Lake Mirror Classic in Lakeland, October 21. I'll not be able to attend this year but invite you to view photos from last year at: <u>https://goo.gl/photos/eJbrXmgKFtrh3skq5</u>. Best of all: It's Free!

JAGWire needs volunteer writers and photographers to contribute articles and photos about: the Atlanta Concours; JCNA International Jaguar Festival; Suncoast Jaguar Club Concours; and the Lake Mirror Classic. I'll be hobnobbing with the wealthy on Hilton Head Island for their exclusive Concours d'Elegance and hope to see other JCOF members there.

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HiAll,

I hope all of you have had a great summer so far. It's been relatively quiet during the recent weeks. We do however have new members to welcome to our club.

Please join me in welcoming: **Catherine and James Mills.** They reside in Orlando and are the proud owners of a 2015 Black XK. Keep an eye out for Catherine and James at our functions and be sure to extend a great welcome to them when you meet.

I would like to also remind everyone to keep an eye out for possible new members in your everyday travels. Please be sure to place a club business card on the drivers' side window (not the windshield) and try to strike up a conversation with the owners and invite them to a JCOF function. A membership meeting would be great. Try to get their name and phone number and send it to me. I'll get in touch with them.

Another reminder: Please contact me if you or anyone you know is planning to purchase a new Jaguar. JCNA offers major discounts to club members. The terms vary by model and change frequently.

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I hope to see you soon at yet another fun-filled JCOF event.

Cheers. Steve Handler

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Saturday, September 9, 9:15 AM - ??:00 PM JCNA Sanctioned Driving Tour, a/k/a Road Trip, a/k/a Road Rally Ever wonder what's happening in Frostproof or Lithia Florida? Register now for yet another exciting adventure: http://www.jagwirearchives.com/2017Cold and Hot Driving Tour.pdf



Saturday, September 16, 10:00 – 11:30 AM September Membership Meeting – Brunch ACE CAFÉ, 2nd Floor, Stonebridge Art Gallery 100 West Livingston St., Orlando, FL Check out: <u>http://www.acecafeusa.com/</u>

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October 12 - 14, 2017

2017 JCNA International Jaguar Festival Lanier Islands Legacy Lodge, Buford, Georgia <u>http://www.jcna.com/2017-jcna-international-jaguar-festival</u> Register Now at: <u>http://ngjc.us/IJF/registration.html</u>

October 13 – 14, 2017 SunCoast Jaguar Club 'Wilde on the Water' Concours d'Elegance (Dan Ligas Memorial Concours) St. Armands Circle, Sarasota, FL Watch for registration and more information at: https://www.suncoastjaguarclub.com/concours





Thursday, October 19, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM November Membership Dinner Meeting ACE CAFÉ, 2nd Floor, Stonebridge Art Gallery 100 West Livingston St., Orlando, FL Check out: <u>http://www.acecafeusa.com/</u>

Saturday, October 21, 2017 Lake Mirror Classic Car Show, Lakeland FL

Over 650 classic cars of various vintages, marques, shapes and colors surround beautiful Lake Mirror and throughout downtown Lakeland. You'll recognize many classic autos and many of the hosts and judges from the famous Amelia Island and Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance but this one is FREE! <u>https://www.lakelandautoshow.com/</u>



October 27 -29 Ocala Pumpkin Run 3-day Car/Truck Show & Fall Festival Castro Farms, Ocala, Florida http://ocalapumpkinrun.com/



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October 27 – November 5, 2017 Hilton Head Island Motoring Festival & Concours d'Elegance Check the website for the many, many great events taking place in Savannah, GA and Hilton Head, SC: http://www.hhiconcours.com/





Saturday, November 18, 10:00 – 11:30 AM November Membership Meeting – Brunch La Madeleine French Bakery & Café 4175 Millennia Mall Blvd, Orlando <u>http://lamadeleine.com/</u>

Saturday, March 10, 2018 -- FREE CARS & COFFEE at the Amelia Island Concours Advance Registration to show your car is required. The Registration Form will be available in September, 2017 and posted at <u>www.JAGWireArchives.com</u>





March 9 – 11, 2018

Amelia Island Concours dElegance • Amelia Island, FL Thursday, Friday and Saturday events are often free. Sunday's Concours requires tickets to what has become the most outstanding automotive event in the eastern U.S.

March 16 - 18, 2018 JCOF 31st Annual Concours d'Elegance The Waterfront Inn, 1104 Lake Shore Dr., Sumter Landing at The Villages, FL JCNA Sanctioned & Jaguars Only http://www.jagwirearchives.com/2018Concours\_Elegance\_Flyer.pdf





March 23 - 24, 2018 JCNA Annual General Meeting (AGM) San Antonio, TX Be sure to watch for more info in future editions of JAGWire and Jaguar Journal

Saturday, April 1, 2017 All All British Car Show in Mead Gardens, Winter Park, FL No Foolin'! This is always a great gettogether! http://www.AllBritishCarClub.com/10-2





Saturday, April 15, 2018 Jaguar Club of Southwest Florida 2nd Annual JCNA Sanctioned Concours d'Elegance Time and Place to soon be announced <u>http://www.jaguarclubofswf.com/</u>

### Mark your calendar • Save the date

### 2017 JCNA International Jaguar Festival October 12, 13 & 14, 2017



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Slalom: Thursday, 12:00pm-5:00pm. A box lunch will be provided. The course will be in the large, unencumbered parking lot. \$60.00 per vehicle, includes one lunch. \$25.00 each additional lunch

#### Welcome Reception: Thursday, 6:00pm-

**7:30pm.** Meet members of the host club and get to know other participants in this relaxed setting next to beautiful Lake Lanier. The evening will include live music, hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Casual attire. \$20.00 per person

#### Concours d'Elegance: Friday, 8:00am-

**5:00pm.** Held at Pinelsle Pointe, a large, permanent, covered pavilion with facilities overlooking the lake. Buffet lunch provided. 1st judged car, \$60.00, includes one lunch; additional judged cars at \$15.00 each, no lunch included; 1st display only car, \$50.00, includes one lunch; additional display only cars at \$10.00 each, no lunch included; additional lunches \$45.00 each.

Sunset Cruise: Friday, 6:30pm-9:00pm. Enjoy a reception and buffet dinner aboard the *Island Princess* while cruising beautiful Lake Lanier (limited capacity). Casual attire. Limited to the first 80 to sign up. \$75.00 per person.

**Dinner & Movie: Friday, 6:30pm-9:00pm.** Buffet dinner and the classic film, "Grand Prix" on an outdoor movie screen. \$75.00 per person.

Monte Carlo Rally with a Twist: Saturday, 8:00am-4:00pm. The beautiful north Georgia backcountry (paved roads) will be the setting for the JCNA IJF Monte Carlo style rally. The day will start with a tour of the Panoz race car museum and then the entrants will be on their way to the first of three checkpoints. So, what is the twist? North Georgia has some of the best lightly-traveled roads found anywhere. We will "brake" for lunch after the second leg (lunch is included in the price) and the third leg will take entrants into the mountains along even more spectacular roads. The conclusion of the rally will be at a four-lane highway for easy travel back to the hotel. \$50.00 per car, includes lunch for two. There must to be two people in the car to participate in the rally.

Scenic Drive: Saturday, 9:30am-3:00pm. The day begins with a tour of the Panoz race car museum. This is a non-timed scenic drive through the beautiful mountains of north Georgia. \$50 per car, includes lunch for two (a passenger is not required to participate).

Awards Banquet: Saturday, 6:30pm-9:30pm. Concours, rally, and slalom winners will be announced and trophies presented. The evening will include a special guest speaker. Cash bar will be available. Jackets recommended. \$75.00 per person.

Tech Session: Saturday, 4:00pm-5:00pm. Topic and speaker or speakers TBD.

Farewell Breakfast: Sunday, 8:00am-9:00am. Come join us for a complimentary farewell breakfast at Sidney's Restaurant.

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#### Registration

Registration can be mailed with a check or with credit card information completed,

scanned and sent by email with credit card information completed,

online <<u>www.JCNAIJF.com</u>> with payment by credit card or PayPal.



It all started in December 2015 when I visited the Coker Tire Car Museum in Chattanooga. There, in the lobby, was a big poster announcing the 2016 Hemmings Motor News Great Race Presented by Hagerty. The more I studied the poster the more I knew I had to get into the race. So, a few days later, I called Jeff Stump, the Director for the Great Race and told him I wanted to enter in 2016. Jeff politely told me that the Race had no openings and that there were 81 people on the waiting list. However, he also said that if I signed up on the waiting list I had a good chance of getting a slot in2017, going from Jacksonville, Florida to Traverse City, Michigan. With this bit news and the fact that the start was to be in Florida, I was even more determined to get in. So, I put my name on the waiting list and crossed my fingers that I would make the cut.

I now had two issues: 1) finding a navigator/co-driver that was as crazy as I was, and 2) finding a car produced before 1972. During our January JAG Club Holiday Party I mentioned to several people that I was looking for someone to do the Great

Race with me. Everyone wanted more details, then all declined -- except our esteemed Rally Master, Jay Hixson.

Solving the car problem was more difficult. I didn't want to buy another old car unless I knew for certain that we were accepted for the race. So, from January to March 2016, we just waited. Finally, at the end of March, I received an email verifying that we would be in the race but we needed to send two-thirds of the entry fee and the entry forms consisting of ten pages for both the driver and the navigator. Jay and I completed the forms and sent in our \$3,500.00 deposit. One page of the entry form asked for details about our car. Since we had none, we had to leave it blank. I called the Race Director and asked for additional time to find an appropriate car and was granted a 90-day extension



For the next two months I spent nearly every evening surfing

the internet for a car. From the outset, Jay and I decided we were going to do the nine day 2,300 mile race in a sports car. So, after considering hundreds of cars, I finally decided on a 1966 MGB. The pictures of the car looked great, inside and outside. It had a new top and the engine bay looked clean. After talking to the owner in New Jersey by phone, I felt we had found a car that could cross the finish line. The yet to be seen MGB arrived at my home in The Villages in July 2016.

My first impression of the outside paint and interior was great, BUT I soon discovered that the car had numerous mechanical issues. No brakes; worn tires; rubber bushings that had seen better days; worn bearings in the front and rear wheels; worn universal joints; leaking master brake and clutch cylinders; and a sticking clutch that would not release. But that's not all! In addition, there were numerous small things that needed attention before the car would be road worthy. All of those repairs added substantially to the total cost of the car. In retrospect, I should probably have invested in a car that had already been restored and saved Jay and myself a lot of time, agony and, as my wife often reminded me, "money." It took us nearly an entire year to get the car ready. We road tested it by taking it on four 250+ mile trips. To our surprise, we had no breakdowns. That gave us the confidence that the car was ready and would take us across the finish line.

In the Fall of 2016, I received an email from the Great Race telling us that we had been assigned a mentor who also lived in The Villages. Mike Weaver had been in three previous Great Races and was willing to help us get ready. In addition to coaching us about racing techniques, he strongly recommended that we attend the regional weekend rally in Joplin, Missouri. Mike felt that by going on an actual timed rally we would be much better prepared.

In April 2017, we flew to Oklahoma City, rented a new Jeep and headed for Joplin. The first day was all classroom work where we learned how to read the detailed instructions we would receive. Those sessions were particularly important for Jay since we had decided that I would do all the driving and he would do all the navigating. The attendees included old pros who had done



four or five Great Races, others who had had their cars prepared by support teams, and a bunch of rookies like us. I believe that this short weekend training made all the difference in how we eventually scored. (Our mentor, Mike Weaver was also in the 2017 race and won the Expert Division. Good for you, Mike).

After over a year of preparation, D-day (Departure day) finally arrived on June 21, 2017. We packed the car with lots of tools and a few spare parts, two bags in the trunk and a small travel bag each that we had to squeeze behind the front seats. We were full of confidence that nothing would keep us from 'finishing with dignity'. The trip from The Villages to Jacksonville is just a little over 150 miles, but we broke down about ten miles from downtown Jacksonville! The gear shift lever came completely out of the transmission.

After doing a little inspection we discovered that a C-clip had fallen off and nothing held the shifter in place. I ordered a replacement from Moss Motors to be delivered overnight to the hotel in Jacksonville ... cost for clip \$8.00, overnight delivery \$40.00! We knew that once we had the new clip we could fix our problem and participate in the practice rally on Friday morning. The clip did not arrive the next day so we went looking for a local source. None of the regular car parts stores could help us. Someone finally recommended a small local transmission shop that might be able to help. Sure enough, a bunch of cars guys found the right clip and even installed it for us without charge. You just can't beat real car guys!

On Saturday, June 24th, race day was finally here. After having gone through tech inspection and getting the car plastered with all kinds of corporate signage, decals and our car number, we finally lined up with all the other racers awaiting our start signal. When it was our turn to leave, an announcer told the assembled crowd that car number 131 was a 1966 MGB, driven by Will Hoehndorf from The Villages and navigated by Jay Hixson from Celebration and that both were retired military. With the crowd cheering us on, we drove to the starting place for the first leg.

The thing I remember most about that day was how hot we were on our way to Tifton, Georgia and how intensely I was looking at our rally speedometer. We also established how we would communicate when we were on a timed leg. Jay would give me the directions, which I would then repeat, then Jay would again repeat several more times. This routine worked great for most of the race.

A typical race day began between 5:30 and 6:00 am. We'd have breakfast in the hotel and then wait for Jay to get the directions for that day. He would spend 30 minutes doing a markup while I would check out the car. As soon as Jay was ready, we would drive toward the start line which was often 30 to 40 miles from the hotel. We had to follow directions precisely or we would miss the start line. That happened to us on the 7th day. Each morning we usually had three timed legs, then stop for lunch in one of the small towns along the way. At every stop a large crowd came out to cheer each car as it arrived. It really made us proud to be in this Great Race.

After a short lunch break we would be off on three or four more timed legs, after which we were directed to the town where we would stay overnight. Again and again we were greeted by large crowds. Once we crossed the daily finish line, we were directed to a special parking area where the crowds could look at our cars and chat with us. Everywhere we stopped it looked like a festival was going on.





We usually were not released from the area until 8:00

pm, at which time it was a mad scramble for the hotel. By the time we got our room keys it was usually 9:00 pm and we were mentally and physically exhausted. All we thought about was going to bed. No hanging out at the bar or even watching TV! After nine days of this schedule, we were both ready for a long rest. So, what was the best thing about the race? First, I made a new friend with whom I will always share some great memories. Thanks, Jay. Second, we won 1st place in our division for the first day of racing and received a nice plaque plus \$250. Third, at the end we won \$2,500 for coming in third place for the entire Rookie Division. And finally, we placed 40th overall in the 2017 Great Race! Not too bad for a couple of old guys who just wanted to at least 'finish with dignity'.

What would I tell people who are thinking about participating in the Great Race? Most important would be to find a partner who shares your values and temperament, then give yourself a lot of time to prepare the car and yourself for this nine-day adventure. We saw a lot of cars that had broken down, even though they were prepared by professionals and often had extensive support crews. And lastly, be prepared for the funds. Entry fee for 2018 is \$6,000. You also need to pay for your own hotel and



some meals, about \$1,200, and depending on what kind of car you drive, \$300 to \$500 for gas. If you need to transport your car to the start or send it back home after the race, figure another \$2,000. Add to this airline tickets and maybe a training session weekend and you will soon spend a considerable amount of cash. The overall winner took home a \$50,000 prize. Jay and I earned more than most competitors with \$2,750 – a minor deposit toward our costs (the total of which our wives will never know). Considering the fun we had, it was worth every penny.

Finally, would I do it again? Probably not. For a guy

who is pushing 80, the mental and physical strain is a little too much. Would I recommend this to others? Of course!

### It's a Bucket List item everyone should try!

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### **JCOF Monthly Meeting • July 2017**

#### Meeting Date: July 15, 2017, 10:30 am • Meeting Location: La Madeleine Café, 4175 Millennia Mall Blvd, Orlando, FL

Meeting Facilitator: Danny Bogdany, President, JCOF

• The meeting was called to order at 10:30AM by Danny Bogdany. Twenty-one members signed in.

• The following items were discussed and approved by acclamation with one consent vote, following discussions.

#### Reports of Officers, Steering Council, and Committees:

• Secretary (Genie Sierra): No meeting was held on June 17, as previously scheduled as it coincided with the sponsored JCOF Slalom event. A notice to that affect was presented to the members present.

• Treasurer (John Falco): On July 11, 2017 our Checking Account and our Books reflect an Equity Balance of \$7,091.35.

• Membership (Steve Handler): We have 102 Member Units, including 2 joint memberships, not including associates, in good standing as of last week.

• Advertising (Bob Lewis): Report was moved to New Business.

• Badge Master & Club Regalia Chairman (Bill Robertson): NR (no report).

• JAGWire Editor and Misinformation (Robert Delmar): Moved to New Business.

• News Update Editor (Will Hoehndorf): Will continue email updates 1-2 times per month as needed.

• 2018 JCOF Concours d'Elegance (Chairman Will Hoehndorf) Will gave an update on the progress of the next Concours d'Elegance venue to be held March 17, 2018. He has signed a contract at the Waterfront Inn at the Villages for a room rate of \$132.00/ night. The Inn will also provide the site for the banquet and the table decorations.

• Rally Master (Jay Hixson): Our late summer Rally is scheduled for Saturday, September 9, 2017. Please put this on your calendars and look for our bi-monthly e-blasts for more details and registration forms as they become available. It is sure to be a great time!

• Chief Judge (Tom Wright): NR (no report).

• Slalom Master (Tom Wright, III): Tom was not present so there was no report on the Slalom in June). The latest JagWire magazine has an article about the fun event, written by Ian Crawford.

• 2017 JCOF Summer Pool Party: Coming Up Saturday, August 12th, at 1:30PM, at Delilah's house – please get w/ her on covered dish items you wish to bring. Club is providing Food and Drink. Delilah will be reaching out for happy helpers to bring the heavy stuff (beer/ice etc.).

• Central Florida British Car Club (JCOF Ambassador to the CFBCC, Bruce Barnwell): CFBCC welcomes our members to their meetings, which in future will be held at the Ace Café, starting at 8:30AM. The next one is on August 6th.

• Holiday Party Committee (Danny Bogdany): Location & Date in Jan. 2018 TBD.

• A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Steve Handler, seconded by Juan Sierra and approved by the members.

#### New Business

JCNA/JCOF Items:

• JAGWire Editor and Misinformation (Robert Delmar via email to Danny Bogdany):

• A motion to procure another 1000 JCOF Business Card/Invitations for insertion into upcoming JAGWire publications (twice a year) was made by Juan Sierra and seconded by Bob Lewis. Present members approved. This will be handled by our publisher, Melanie at Osceola Press. Per Melanie's email to us on 7/14/17 the added cost will be \$65.00 plus tax.

• Robert asked if everyone is receiving e-mail additions of JAGWire each month. He is getting "0" feedback and fear that e-mails from his address are being blocked or sent to trash. There's also a strong probability that they're being rejected because of having JAGWire as an attachment. He reminded everyone that .PDF and .JPG attachments are free of any viruses or malware and urge them to check their trash or junk folders and make sure that messages from Robert@RobertDelmar.com are not blocked.

• Advertising (Bob Lewis): Working to get our billing and collections up to date for advertisers in our JAGWire publication. Bob will contact John Falco to coordinate collections. Bob plans to drop off JagWire magazines at Jaguar of Orlando Sales office.

• 2018 JCOF Concours d'Elegance (Chairman Will Hoehndorf): Scheduled for the weekend of March 17th, 2018 at The Villages, FL

• Will needs a volunteer to produce the flyer, otherwise he will need to retain a company to do it at a cost to the Club. Joe offered to help simplify the format. After which, Will and Robert will coordinate the distribution of the flyer mid-August.

• Will plans to send an email blast in September to ask members to join committees to cover the tasks needed for a successful Concours.

Next JCOF Meetings:

• August 2017 Meeting: no formal meeting - please come to the Summer Pool Party at Delilah's house August 12th (see consent agenda item above)!

• September 2017 Meeting: 3rd Saturday Brunch. September 16th, 2017, 10:00 am to 11:30 am, at the Ace Café, 2nd Floor in the Stonebridge Art Gallery, 100 W.

Livingston Street, Orlando, FL

• October 2017 Meeting: 3rd Thursday Dinner. October 19th, 2017, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, Ace Café, 2nd Floor in the Stonebridge Art Gallery, 100 W. Livingston Street, Orlando, FL

• November 2017 Meeting: 3rd Saturday Brunch. November 18th, 2017, 10:00 am to 11:30 am, La Madeleine Café, 4175 Millennia Mall Blvd, Orlando, FL

• December 2017 Meeting: no formal meeting – please come to the JCOF Holiday Party in early January 2018 to be a part of the celebration, the election of new JCOF officers / Chairperson appointments, and general good tidings. Info on date and venue to come!

• Lots of formal thank you letters were received from the recipients of our Concours donations. Copies of the letters are in the Secretary's records, copies are also with John Falco and Danny Bogdany.

• Special Presidential Award Presentation President Bogdany presented a special Rookie Slalom participation trophy to Joe Tarnowski for the June JCOF Slalom. Joe has always assisted as an official but this year he drove the course and had a great time.

Current Events: (See our JAGWire Publications and www.JAGWireArchives.com for the current Events Calendar) JCOF Family News:

• John Falco continues to improve.

• Juan and Genie Sierra had an unexpected (aren't they all) accident in their Chrysler Van on the I-4 stretch by Conroy exit. Only seat belt bruises. The van took the brunt, as it was designed to do, but the insurance called it a total loss.

• Lightning Round Table – WHAT I FIXED OR RESTORED on my JAG THIS MONTH!!!!!

• Mark and Cindy Hall's XJ8 fuel pump was damaged, and filter clogged when the gas cap well filled with water.

• Ian Crawford's 220 had an inexperienced mechanic work on the cam gaskets, using too much glue to hold them in place during the overhaul. President Bogdany announced that a raffle will be held after the meeting and that Will Hoehndorf will give a talk on the experiences he and Jay Hixson had at the 2017 Hemmings Motor New Great Race.

Joe Tarnowski made a motion that the meeting be adjourned; with the consent of those present, Danny Bogdany adjourned the meeting at 11:25 AM. The raffle collected \$43.00.

*Memo:* Will drove while Jay Navigated a 1966 MG in the Great Race, which was specifically outfitted for this race. He explained how the rally legs worked. On the first day of the race they won a Rookie Trophy for one leg of the rally, coming in with 0 seconds time penalties. The race almost started without the men, when the car's gear shift came out in Wills hand. With the help of a local shop and some auto mechanics/enthusiasts, the group hunted around in the shop's storage buckets for the needed "C" clips to hold the gear shift in place. The MG was driven to the brunch today, so we all had a chance to admire it and ask questions about the trip.

Respectfully submitted,

Genie Sierra JCOF Secretary



### JCOF SUMMER SPLASH PARTY = FUN!

#### ARTICLE & PHOTOS BY ROBERT DELMAR

If you didn't have a great time at Jaguar Club of Florida's Summer Splash Party, it's only because you weren't there!





Lots of folks were absent this year, which meant more *Free Food, Free Beer, and Free MARGARITAS* for those of us who were! All types of Bar-B-Q from nonother than *4-Rivers,* plus a plethora of wonderful salads and sides brought by JCOF members hardly left room for a selection of "non-fattening" deserts. So much



food was left that our gracious hostess, Delilah Davis, would have to invite her neighbors in to help keep the succulent selections from going to waste.

As festive a home as Delilah shared with us last year, this year's venue was even more entertaining. Delilah has collected and decorated virtually every nook and cranny in her party home and pool area so that one might have to travel to Key West to find such fun fixtures.



This writer had so much to eat --and possibly so many margaritas-- that he neglected to take notes about who was saying what: to or about whom! He even neglected to bring along an extra battery for his ever-present camera. However, he was still able to take lots of photos, most of which were suitable for publication. Others were added to his collection for potential resale a/k/a blackmail.



Thanks again for being such a gracious hostess, Delilah. I hope we didn't trash your place too badly and that you'll invite us back again next year!

### **1959 XK150S FHC REBUILD COMPLETED**



By Tom Wright, JCNA Southeast Regional Director

While on the New Zealand Discovery Tour earlier this year, our restorer Jim Kakuska sent us two photos of our 1959 XK150S FHC with the following e-mail:

Gary and I both had our turn at driving the 150 today and I can't wait for your opinion on the power difference between the 3.4 and 3.8, rock solid drifting into triple digits...after our test drives today we'll start getting everything back together tomorrow.

Progress on the restoration had stalled due to bad Chicago area weather during the late fall and early winter preventing the test driving needed for final tuning. In northern Illinois, standard practice is to spread salt on the roads as soon as the snow begins fall. Driving on salt could cause disastrous consequences to a newly restored car. The only solution was to wait for mild weather, melting snow, and strong rains to wash the accumulated salt off the roads. Luckily, these favorable weather conditions took place early in 2017 allowing for test drives. Final tuning revealed that although power was very good, richer SU needles (UN) than standard and an ignition timing adjustment were needed, resulting in smooth steady running from idle to maximum RPM.



We arrived in Oswego to pick up our XK150S FHC in late March. Our first drive through the farm lands south of Oswego went very well. We took photos of the car in and around farm buildings and fields. Illinois' terrain is very flat and seemingly endless in scope. The exterior paint color of Imperial Maroon is striking and is well complemented by the tan interior and the refinished Derrington wood rim steering wheel. Both exterior and interior are authentic Jaguar colors for this model, while the Derrington is period correct but not a factory item.



All NOS gears in the rebuilt gear box provided a flash back as to how shifting gears would have felt in 1959. The car itself is very solid for two primary

reasons. It is a fixed head coupe and the body was not removed from the chassis during restoration. The car was



essentially rust-free so removal was not necessary. All XKs have fundamentally the same chassis, but the fixed head's integrated steel top makes the entire body stiffer. The stiff body retained its original position on the chassis preserving the original shut lines.

When we arrived back in Florida I installed the Borrani polished aluminum wheel rims with chromed steel spokes and three eared spinners upon which were mounted period correct 185R16 Pirelli Cinturato tires. The effect is stunning. Most XK's were originally fitted with painted wheels which I had on all of my previous XKs. When I first decided to buy this car, my wife Liza insisted that I fit it with chrome wire wheels which she thought would match up well with the FHC chrome trim. She tells me that at night the spinners have a flickering sparkle when following from behind. The Borrani wire wheels and Derrington steering wheel were key components in my plan to compete in the Jaguar Clubs of North America (JCNA) Concours Special Division S-2 Modified Class.





Our return to Florida was barely in time for our 2017 Jaguar Club of Florida Concours. Our FHC was selected Best in Show by a vote of the Judges.

This is our third newly restored Jaguar XK to have achieved Best in Show at its first JCNA Concours: an XK120 Alloy in 2009, an XK150S OTS in 2012 and now an XK150S FHC in 2017.

We plan to enter more JCNA events later this year:

The 'Head for the Mountains' Concours hosted by The Carolina Jaguar Club held at Little Switzerland, North Carolina in July, and The JCNA International Jaguar Festival (IJF)

hosted by the North Georgia Jaguar Club held at Lake Lanier Islands, Buford, Georgia. We will compete in all three IJF events: Slalom, Rally, and Concours, and additional JCNA Slaloms and a Monte Carlo Rally in Florida.

Our XK150S OTS was sold by Fantasy Junction and the proceeds were put to immediate use as we were in the process of purchasing a new (used) house. Although it has a three-car garage, there will be no place to park our car transport trailer so it will be sold with our Range Rover tow car. After the 2017 competition season is completed we will be focused on driving our FHC to events located in Florida. This will be our last classic Jaguar. It has been a great journey. I bought my first Jaguar, an XK140MC OTS, when I was nineteen and I have enjoyed many Jaguars over the years. We hope to continue our Jaguar XK journey with this car long into the future.

This article is a revised version of a recent article in the XK Gazette published by Philip Porter.



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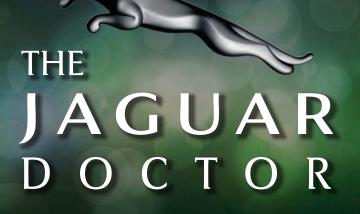
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