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President's Message

President Delilah Davis



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Hello Cat Team,

What a wonderful summer we have had so far. Our July meeting had an attendance of 31 Cat drivers. Thank you all who attended. It was very productive. We welcomed some newcomers.

August 3rd was our annual Splash Party, at my house once again. I have heard it was quite a success as I am still getting Thank You messages. I'm happy everyone enjoyed it. I apologize for not getting around to socialize with everyone because I was glued to the Kitchen floor in front of the Margarita Machine. It was non-stop blending my famous Margaritas the entire day. I have improved on my recipe and apparently people could not get enough of them. I will have to figure out a way next year to make and store them in the freezer so I can move around with the crowd.

I hear the music was super fun with D.J. George, but I never got outside to hear him. We had a total of 43 guests plus family and friends who showed up later that evening and continued drinking Margaritas. After 17 blenders full and 17.5 hours on my feet Saturday, I went to bed at 12:30 after most of the clean-up. Needless to say, I was dead on my feet Sunday and most of Monday.

Gary Thomas honored Ian Crawford and Robert Delmar with beautiful personal artwork. It really was a wonderful party.

I want to thank my other half, Dwight, for all his hard work pressure washing the deck, cleaning up the garage and the driveway and for being the best grill master. Thanks also to Danny Bogdany for assisting Dwight on the grill and making sure everything tasted perfect.

LOL A few of us gathered to celebrate Tom Curren with a Captain Morgan toast in his honor. This is a tradition I try to do every year in remembering this was his party at his home.

I have made arrangements with the Koch's to visit their amazing collection of antique automobiles and authentic reconstructed Barber Shop in Palm Coast. We will tour on November 16th with Rally Master, Jay Hixson. You DO NOT want to miss this!! PLEASE mark your Calendars for this memorable event coming up.

Erik Kierholm and I are working on arrangements for JCOF's 2020 Concours d'Elegance. We set out this week looking into Trophy choices. We are sure it is going to be a great success. Be sure to check the Event Calendar on our great new website; www.JaguarClubFL.com .

Cheers and Let's Drive !!!

Delilah Davis

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ABOUT OUR JAGUAR CLUB

The Funnest Car Club in Florida

The Jaguar Club of Florida (JCOF) was founded in 1977 by a small group of enthusiasts who had a common love of ownership, operation and maintenance of the world's most beautiful automobiles – Jaguars. From that modest start with a handful of participants, JCOF has grown to almost 200 active members, affiliate spouses and friends. JCOF is proudly affiliated with Jaguar Clubs of North America, Inc. (JCNA), an organization comprised of more than sixty clubs throughout the United States, Mexico and Canada.

Membership in JCOF automatically includes: membership in JCNA; subscriptions to both the award-winning *JAGWire* newsletter and the JCNA *Jaguar Journal* which are delivered bi-monthly; discounts on insurance at Hagerty Insurance; deep discounts on JCNA Shoppe purchases and Jaguar Heritage Certificates; discounts from other commercial suppliers, and access to the JCNA Tool Loan Program.

JCOF members participate in a myriad of events including driving venues such as tours, rallies and slaloms; monthly brunch or dinner meetings; Holiday and Summer Splash parties; our annual Jaguar Only Concours d'Elegance, and other 'pop-up' events such as car shows; Cars & Coffee get-togethers, and breakfasts with other car clubs. We encourage family participation and many members bring children, grandchildren and friends to our events.

In addition to *JAGWire* newsletter, we communicate with members about local news and event information through electronic mail updates, websites and webpages. Check out prior editions of our award-winning newsletters at www.JaguarClubFL.com. After joining JCOF, you will receive your membership card from JCNA, and after you've attended your first JCOF event, you will receive a JCOF name tag.

If you have any questions regarding membership, please contact the JCOF Membership Chairperson:

Steve Handler

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About the Cover

Not only did our Jaguar Club of Florida members show and earn top awards at the 35th Annual All British Car Show, they worked tirelessly to help make the new venue in Winter Springs 'work' for other car club members and spectators alike. Be sure to read the full article on pages 20-21 of this fun-filled edition of *JAGWire*.

Hello, Fellow Cat Drivers,

A number of former members did not renew their memberships simply because they could not find their checkbook, an envelope, a stamp, or all of the above.

We're now set up for dues, new or renewal, and other payments to JCOF to be paid online via PayPal, Debit, or Credit Card. Simply go to www.JaguarClubFL.com, click the Join/Renew or the Event Tab and choose to either pay online or to print and mail a check.

You don't have to own a Jaguar to join our club. Why not invite friends to join you as members of *The Funnest Car Club in Florida?*

Please join me in welcoming

Valerie & Ronald Redpath from Vero Beach. They have a 2018 XE.

Maggie & Jeffery Brooke-Stewart From Leesburg. They have a 2016 XFS.

Steve Handler

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Jaguar Club of Florida (JCOF)

July 20, 2019 Membership Meeting 12:00 pm



Village Inn, 3130 Daniels Road Winter Garden, FL
Meeting Facilitator: Delilah Davis, President JCOF

President Delilah opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in honor of those JCOF Club members who have passed.

Fund raising was at the top of the agenda today: Will Hoehndorf sold Jaguar logo shirts. Members approved, by voice vote, the purchase of 12 logo ballcaps to be sold as a fundraiser. A 50/50 drawing was held and rules for the donated raffle items were discussed. The raffle was help after the meeting. All members present introduced themselves as we had a number of new members, for a total of 32.

President's Corner:

- **The JCOF 2020 Concours d'Elegance will be held at the Orlando Marriott-Lake Mary, 1501 International Parkway, Lake Mary, Florida, 32746 on March 20-22, 2020.** Gary Thomas will do the artwork. Juan Sierra will be the Committee Chair.

Committee Reports:

- **Slalom Master, Tom Wright III, announced the winners of the June 2019 Slalom.** Tom also thanked Ian Crawford for hosting the post-slalom party. A complete report of the Slalom, Freeloaders Lunch, and slalom class winners is published on [pages 10-13 of the May-June edition of JAGWire](#). Reposted below are the scores of the brave souls who drove to make our Summer Slalom so successful:

	Name	Car	Class	Class Rank
1	Ian Crawford	1971 E-Type SII	H2	1
2	Dwight Algeo	2007 Ford Interceptor	Z	1
3	Erik Klerholm	2011 XK	K	1
4	Juan Sierra	2011 XK	K	2
5	Lynn Taillon	2018 E-Pace	I	1
6	John Collins	1995 XJS	J	1
7	Jeff Miller	1989 XJS	J	2
8	John Dent	2013 XKR-S	L	1
9	Tom Wright	1959 XK150S	B	1
10	William Hallums	2015 F-Type	R	1
11	Kathryn Herschfield	1989 XJS	J	3
12	James Ghelarducci	2012 Corvette	Z	2
13	T. Rex Belden	1997 XK8	K	3
14	Jerry Roscoe	1971 E-Type SIII	E	1
15	Will Hoehndorf	2005 XK8 R	L	2
16	EverJean Stoner	2015 F-Type	R	2

Committee Reports Continued:

- **Advertising Manager Bob Lewis answered questions about Dealer Sponsors for the 2020 Concours.** JCNA sent a check which will be used for the March Concours.
- **Rally Master Jay Hixson explained to new members the difference between a Tours and a Rally.** He is working on a trip for November 2. Information will be available in the future.
- **Badge Master Will Hoehndorf** mentioned that he can obtain ball caps with Jaguar logos for \$17.00. Samples were displayed. Will spoke about his trip to the North Carolina Concours held at the Switzerland Inn, near Ashville. He encouraged the members to go next year. To learn more about the club's concours, see the website: www.CarolinaJaguarClub.com
- **Membership Chair Steve Handler** announced the current club membership is now 101 members and growing.
- **See our JAGWire flyers** and www.JaguarClubFL.com for the Current Events Calendar.

A thank-you letter was received from the American Kidney Fund for the tribute gift made from JCOF Concours funds, in the name of Joe Tarnowski.

Respectfully submitted,
Genie Sierra, JCOF Secretary



FOR SALE (quickly): \$300 for MG' \$450 for Jaguar; \$600 for both.

Both signs were commissioned by the British Motor Heritage Trust, as prototypes for potential marketing in the US. Call or text Kevin Flankey at 407-592-9477

Editors Corner

by Robert Delmar

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Where can you find an extra \$1,000 or 10% discount on the purchase of a new Jaguar or Land Rover? Check page 13 of JAGWire.

Looking for a “showroom new” XK8 convertible with just over 12,000 miles? Check page 24.

How do you sign up to show your car at the Amelia Island Concours Cars & Coffee? Page 14?

Who was at the Summer Splash Party at Delilah’s this year? Pg 11.

WOW! Why weren’t you at the All Brit Car Show in Winter Springs? Read all about it: Pages 20-21.

Did you read Steve Handler’s column on page 4 to learn that you can now pay membership and event fees online?

You may have gathered by now that this edition of *JAGWire* is chock full of useful information. That’s not unusual, but we need your help in making future editions even better.

What can you do?????????????????

No good deed should go unpunished, so why not enter our Short Story Contest and compete for one of the valuable [or not] prizes? We’ve had only two submissions so far, so your chances of winning \$25,000/mo for life should be greatly improved (but not in this contest). ☺

Read the rules on page 25, then get out your camera, dust off your keyboard, and (optional), find some strong spirits, and HELP!

Unfortunately, it’s often too easy to set aside, forget, or even delete messages announcing the latest editions of *JAGWire*. Our new webmaster, Judy Delmar, has worked overtime to provide you with a wonderful new website: www.JaguarClubFL.com

Forgot to read the latest edition of *JAGWire*? Click [JAGWIRE Newsletter](#) Tab.

Want to Buy or Sell a Jaguar? Click [CLASSIFIEDS](#) Tab.

What fun-filled events are on the calendar? Click [EVENTS](#) Tab.

WHAT???? You forgot to renew, or you want friends to join us for FUN? Click [JOIN/RENEW](#) Tab.

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JLR Dealers + JCNA Clubs = Good Business and Great Fun

Article & Photos by Robert Delmar

Jaguar Clubs throughout North America often enjoy financial support and cooperation from their local Jaguar dealers. From an ad in the club's newsletter to full and extravagant sponsorship of a JCNA sanctioned Concours d'Elegance, Jag clubs are most often grateful beneficiaries instead of gracious benefactors when it comes to giving and receiving between dealers and clubs.

That relationship recently became more balanced in Jacksonville, FL. When Fields Jaguar Land Rover planned the opening of their new dealership, they called on Jaguar Car Club of North Florida (JCCNF) for help.

Club President and Secretary, Dyaarl and Gail Anderson, together with Chief Judge, Craig Kerins, arranged a Concours d'Elegance for vintage Jaguars. Despite scattered showers, guests enjoyed seeing the classic cats on display while judges found umbrellas to be nice, if not necessary.



JCCNF Treasurer and Membership Chairperson, Jill Casiple, arranged for British enactors, including Queen Elizabeth, King Henry VIII, Elton John, the Beatles and other British luminaries to entertain hundreds of guests:



While rain drizzled outside, wine poured freely inside, The dancing began. To say that a good time was had by all would be a gross understatement:



Dan Fields

Dan Fields, president of Fields Auto Group, welcomed hundreds of guests and introduced Jim Moyer, recently transferred from Chicago to manage the new Jaguar Land Rover dealership in Jacksonville. Fields Auto Group has 54 franchises covering 18 brands in 4 states: Wisconsin, Illinois, Florida and North Carolina.



Jim Moyer

Jim Moyer had already made friends with many Jaguar Club members and, as is said in the trade, “earned their business.”

But that’s not all! Jim has been so supportive of the local Jaguar Club of North Florida that JCCNF President, Dyaarl Anderson announced that Fields Jaguar in Jacksonville will be nominated to be named “Dealer of the Year” in North America for 2019. Winner of that coveted award will be announced by Jaguar Club of North America (JCNA) in March, 2020.



JCCNF President Dyaarl Anderson, Chief Judge Craig Kerins and Fields Jaguar Jacksonville general manager, Jim Moyer

While music and dancing occupied guests in the Jaguar wing of the new dealership, guests in the Land Rover wing joined Elton John and the Queen to test their luck at the many gaming tables.



Since Fields’ new dealership in Jacksonville is “all new,” many artifacts from the soon to be demolished previous building would not be moved. Instead, they were offered to the local Jaguar Club. Primary beneficiary will be the [Coventry Foundation](#), a 501c3 public charity whose mission is to, “Preserve the Heritage of the Jaguar Marque for future generations..”



JAGUAR HERITAGE



Among hundreds of “Fields demolition items” was the large Jaguar Heritage plaque --complete with silver lettering above. It depicts major events in the fabled history of Jaguar, from the founding of Swallow Sidecars in 1922 up to 2003. It was proudly displayed at the entrance of the former Jaguar dealership building for over 15 years and is hoped to find a prominent place in the Coventry Heritage Museum in Columbia, South Carolina.

Coventry Foundation's Secretary & Treasurer, George Camp, came to Jacksonville and collected loads of items, including vintage tools and shop materials and manuals that will be “on loan” to those working on a Jaguar. JCCNF president and secretary, Dyaarl and Gail Anderson, introduced George to Fields Jaguar GM, Jim Moyer, who said, “We’re glad some of the donated items will benefit the children’s charities JCCNF supports and pleased that many of them will be preserved at the Coventry Foundation.”



George Camp

Many beautifully framed advertisements for ‘new’ Jaguars from different model years will be auctioned at JCCNF events. Proceeds will be donated to Shriners and St. Jude’s Hospitals for children as well as the Coventry Foundation.





JCOF SUMMER SPLASH PARTY

Article and Photos by Robert Delmar

After: 17 blenders of margaritas in three different flavors; AND after dozens of hotdogs, hamburgers, wings and things; AND after chocolates and cheesecakes (non-fattening, of course); AND after 4 hours of gossiping and gaiety and really, really great music spun by a jovial DJ – to say that a good time was had by all would be a GROSS UNDERSTATEMENT!!!

Yet again this year, JCOF's Summer Splash Party was a tremendous success. If hostess and JCOF president Delilah Davis continues adding Key West/Hemmingway/Goodtime/Party décor to her already copious home, guests might never want to leave. If a grumpy curmudgeon entered this gracious home, s/he could not help but smile



This was the home of the late Tom Curren, whose #27 Jaguar race car, together with hundreds of Tom's trophies and JCNA awards, still grace the huge garage, Tom's former workshop. The space is now shared with several exciting Hot Rods collected by Delilah and friend, Dwight Algeo.



We welcomed several new members and missed several 'established' folks (we never use the term 'old'). Everyone was there to party. If they weren't, they soon got into the spirit[s] - so no club business was discussed. Delilah did take the microphone for a few blessedly brief moments to announce two awards presented by long time (not 'old') JCOF member, Gary Thomas.



Gary presented two original paintings. First, the *Green Rocket*, Ian Crawford's highly modified 1970 Jaguar E-Type Coupe, JCNA North America Champion Slalom Car.



Next, was a painting of Robert Delmar 'stealing' the JCOF President's Trophy to go with the many other JCOF awards presented to him and wife, webmaster Judy, at the 2019 Concours Awards Banquet.

Slalom Master, Tom Wright III, belatedly presented a *First In Class 'E'* award to Jerry Roscoe for his outstanding performance in JCOF's Sizzlin' Summer Slalom. Unfortunately, this writer has a chronic disease which is not uncommon among folks who are "approaching 70" (from the wrong side). It's called C.R.S. Thereby, gentle readers, we hope you will forgive the absence of names of those whose photos appear below. Also, please take time to enjoy even more [Fun Photos](http://www.JaguarClubFL.com) at: www.JaguarClubFL.com.



The End



JCOF EVENT CALENDAR

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PONTE VEDRA AUTO SHOW

The St. Johns County (SJC) Chamber of Commerce hosts the 17th annual [Ponte Vedra Auto Show](#) presented by Fields Auto Group on Sunday, Sep 15, 2019, from 9 am - 3 pm at the Nocatee Town Center, 245 Nocatee Center Way, Ponte Vedra, FL.

Free to spectators, this show features up to 180 classic and collectors' cars all vying for the show's 30+ trophies.

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[Read about "The Event" in JAGWire, pages 11-14](#)

*Saturday, Nov 16, 2019
Road Trip to Palm Coast and
Private tour of*

AUTO-STALGIA' Museum



Never one to disappoint, JCOF's Rally Master Extraordinaire, Jay Hixson, will lead us to yet another place we might never have found but will certainly want to go back. **Check your email for bulletin with meeting time, place and registration form in near future.**

Saturday, March 7, 2020
9:00 am – 1:00 pm
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April 19, 2020 from 9am-1pm

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The Gasparilla Concours d'Elegance is a
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Comparing '57 Ford T-Bird with '57 Jaguar XK140 OTS

Two very different icons

Article & Photos by Jack Griffith

Edited from original article published in Carolina Jaguar Club's *Litter Box* newsletter



Looking at my new acquisition, a bright red 1957 Ford Thunderbird with a porthole top parked beside the 1957 XK140 Jaguar roadster, I realized I had an opportunity to provide a unique comparison between the two. Both were icons in their time and remain so today. I had one last bay available in the garage and have agonized for some time over what car might best complete my small collection focused on Jaguars.

The 55-57 T-birds have always appealed as being, well just too cute. Currently, they seem underpriced relative to other convertible classics of that vintage. First, some numbers for comparison, then driving impressions. Both cars are fully restored. I've had the XK140 since 1985 and restored it twice. The T-bird was a California car owned by the same family for the past 50 years. They restored it about 10 years ago and drove it very little since, resulting in a total of 66,000 miles.



In 1957 the average cost of gas was 24-25 cents a gallon. The average household income in the US was \$4,550 a year and the average home cost \$12,220. Today we pay \$2.50 to \$2.75 a gallon. The average household income today is \$63,500 and the average home price is \$263,688.

The new price of the 57 T-bird was \$3,406 and the XK140 roadster \$4,050. If we make a comparison relative to the percentage of household income, then in today's money the T-bird would cost \$50,000 and the Jaguar \$60,000. If we base it relative to the cost of a home, then the T-bird comes in at \$60,000 and the Jaguar at \$70,000. This makes sense and in fact these two cars were comparatively less expensive relative to the average household income than today's XKR Jaguar, a Porsche 911 or top end Corvette --all of which hover on one side or the other of \$100,000. Indeed, you can pay \$100,000 for a fully loaded Texas edition Ford F150!



The T-bird was designed and produced in response to the Jaguar XK120, the Corvette and other British sports cars including MG's and Healeys. The engine and most parts were sourced from other Ford cars including the Fairlane. The T-birds underwent significant changes through the short 3 years of production, changing from 6 volts to 12 in 1956, moving the spare tire outside in 1956 and then back into the trunk for 1957. The porthole top and fins appeared in 1957. Engine choices in 1957 ranged from the 292 V8 (212 hp) to the 312 V8 with one 4-barrel Holley carburetor (245 hp) two Holleys (270 hp) and a limited run of cars with a Supercharger (285 hp). The majority of the T-birds, including the '57 models, were sold with a 3-speed Ford-o-matic automatic transmission (more on this below).



There is no need to review the XK120/140 other than to say that the XK120 first appeared as a test bed for the fabulous 3.4 liter double over-head cam engine and was produced from 1949 to 1954. It was quite successful in sports racing. The XK140 was a refinement of the XK120 for the American market with stronger bumpers, more interior room for the driver, rack and pinion steering and improved brakes. Many stories are told of Hollywood movie stars blasting up and down the Hollywood hills in XK120/140's leaving frustrated police in American sedans far behind.



Specifications for the 1957 XK140 and T-bird are similar. Both have a 102 inch wheelbase. The T-bird is heavier at 3,132 pounds (top adds at least 100 pounds) than the XK140 roadster at 2,800 pounds. The 3.4 liter XK C-Type engine produces 210 hp and revs to 5,500 rpm. Thus, while the T-bird boasts slightly more horsepower, it is significantly heavier than the XK140 resulting in 0 to 60 mph times for the XK140 under 10 sec and around 11 sec for the T-bird with the 3-speed automatic. One clear difference I have seen is that the T-bird was cited as giving 8.9 miles per gallon in town and around 12 on the highway, while the XK140 can easily see 16 on the highway. This obviously reflects the lighter weight of the XK140, more refined engine and 4 speed transmission, many with an overdrive.

In terms of production numbers, the T-bird was the clear winner over the Jaguar and Corvette in 55-57. The total production of the 55-57 "little" birds was 53,166 with 21,380 sold in 1957. In comparison only 8,884 XK140s (1954-1957) were produced, 3,350 of which were full roadsters and the remainder coupes and drop head coupes. In 1957 6,339 Corvettes were produced with a base price of \$3,176.

The sales numbers reflect the differences in the "personalities" of the cars and the sales/support systems. The XK cars, in particular the roadsters, were seen as pure sports cars and were often raced in amateur events. A large proportion of the Jaguar factory production was taken by Max Hoffman in New York and Charles Hornberg in Los Angeles. Indeed, in Southern California where the weather is dry and uniformly warm, one could use an XK140 as one's day to day car, as I knew when a 1957 XK140 roadster served as my one and only car as a graduate student at Caltech.

New York and Southern California offered ample Jaguar shops, including the major dealers. Thus, keeping them running was not an issue even with the more complex XK engine. In contrast, maintaining a Jaguar in West Texas or Nebraska would have been more problematic.

Since the T-bird engine, transmission, brakes and many other parts were sourced from the mainline Ford sedans, keeping a T-bird on the road in Nebraska would have been quite feasible. This cannot be the whole story as the 1957 T-bird outsold the 1957 Corvette 7:1 yet the Corvette could also be serviced by any Chevy dealer in the hinterland. One factor that drove the T-bird sales ahead of the competition was that the T-bird was marketed as a crossover between a small luxury car and a sports car. This helps explain the preponderance with automatics. Perhaps the T-bird's closest relative today is the Mercedes 300 SLK.

Both marques have excellent club support and vendors who provide new reproduction parts. Our North Carolina T-bird club has just as enjoyable and diverse a group of enthusiasts as the Carolina Jaguar club. One obvious difference is apparent in the current market prices for fully restored examples. It is not uncommon to see prices well over \$100,000 for a fully restored XK140 roadster while excellent 1957 T-birds with the 312 V8 and one Holley carburetor can be found for \$35,000 to \$50,000.

While I have not had to price out major repairs on a T-bird, I am told that a full rebuild of the 312 V8 is less than \$5,000 while I have been quoted three times this for an XK engine. If I could predict the old car market, I would be very wealthy and, I can only guess why the T-birds remain significantly below the concurrent Jaguars, Porsches and Corvettes. On the upside, what this means is that you can get a fully restored T-bird for much less money and with lower upkeep costs, but which offers a nearly equally pleasurable Saturday afternoon driving experience.

The difficulty in comparing one car to the other is that my favorite is always the one I drove last! Meaning, each is fun in its own right.

What comes to mind the moment you sit in the T-bird and close the door is that this is a heavily constructed car. In contrast to the aluminum doors in the XK140 roadster, the T-bird doors are heavy and include roll up windows constructed from thick glass. This is reinforced when you lift the hood which, in the XK140, is lightweight aluminum. Were the XK140 hood to fall on your fingers it would not be a serious medical issue. The T-bird hood was made from American steel when thick steel was the norm. If a T-bird hood comes down across your fingers, hope your Blue Cross is paid up.

The rearview mirror on the dash of the XK140 and 150 is secured by two modest screws while the T-bird rearview mirror is attached with 5 bolts that led me to believe I could use the rearview mirror as an anchor point for towing another car-- overkill in one car and underkill in the other. The level of interior trim in both cars is excellent with the 57 T-bird dash constructed from engine turned metal. The interior in the T-bird is more spacious and could accommodate one adult and two children while the XK140 is certainly only a 2-person car.



Both cars offer the driver a delightful view of a long hood ahead of the driver, curved down in the XK140 and sporting two long "pontoons" in the T-bird. The T-bird discarded the oil pressure gauge for just an oil pressure warning light. For the jaguar owner, the oil pressure gauge is akin to a blood pressure monitor to be constantly watched for any small change. Jaguar drivers learn to disconnect their eyes so that they do not track together: one eye watches out ahead and the other is fixated on the oil pressure gauge. Once you get used to not having the gauge in the T-bird, it does make driving a bit more relaxing along with the knowledge that a full engine rebuild will not break the bank.

Which one would I pick for a run down the "Tail of the Dragon" on the Blueridge parkway? Hands down it would be the XK140. But picking one to drive across the US, it would be the T-bird. Not only does the T-bird have roll up windows and a removable hard top but the top fits and does not appear to leak.

In summary, each time I drive the T-bird I find it very substantial, with a slightly heavy feel, but one which is a delight for local driving. It garners just as many thumps-up as the Jaguar. In contrast, the XK140 with rack and pinion steering has a much more precise feel and greater response as the engine revs. I tend to be taking the T-bird out more, perhaps because it is new to me, but also because the locking doors and top is convenient and if someone bangs their knee into the door that is their problem and not mine. But, when I lift the garage door, the XK140 still takes my breath away after all these years.

Editor's Note: Thanks to Carolina Jaguar Club's Jerry Cohen, editor of their *Litter Box* newsletter for sharing this article for *JAGWire* readers to enjoy. The writer, Jack Griffith, lives in Chapel Hill, N.C. and added this note: "Both great cars described above are fun to drive. I must admit, however, that my 1960 3.8 XK150 S FHC that just came back from Muncie with a new interior is my current favorite. We also have a '62 E-Type OTS, a '61 Mark IX (45,000 miles) and a restored '67 Volvo P1800 to keep the XK140 and T-Bird company in the now filled garage.

I'm Including a photo of the Mark IX. Notice that we put booties on the dogs so they don't scratch the seats. My wife drives (from the right) down to our coffee place on weekends for blueberry muffins (dogs) and eggs (us).



"Did you know" OR "Skinning the Cat"

Article by Robert "Mac" Ballard

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Did you know that Jaguar's corporate website has a list of Jaguar authorized repair shops for aluminum bodied cars? Currently Florida has 13 shops listed with 1 in Orlando. I was recently gifted the opportunity to visit our Orlando shop curtesy of a distracted driver that used the back of my Vanden Plas to stop her little Buick instead of the Buick's brakes. No need for work on the aluminum in this instance but the color of my Vanden Plas is both pearlescent and metallic and therefore difficult to match. I checked with a couple of local Jaguar experts and both agreed that the best choice was the same Orlando shop listed at the Jaguar website. So off it went to National Import Services where my car looked right at home surrounded by other Jaguars and Land Rovers, as well as small number of various other brands of European cars. While Allstate insurance was difficult to work with and reluctant to pay in full despite having accepted liability, Luis at National Import services was wonderful to work with. Maybe it is just the Concours judge in me, but my inspection of the completed work included laying on the ground to look at the underside of the car. That is how I discovered that the correct hardware was used to fasten the bumper skin to the car (no zip ties, duct tape, or chewing gum). And way down there at the bottom of the bumper where no normal human would be looking, Jaguar thought it would be nice to use a black pebble grain finish along the edge. And because that is what Jaguar did, that is what National Import Services did. Oh, and if you happen to own a steel bodied Jaguar, they have technicians that were trained by Jaguar for repairs of those fine cats as well. It was an unexpected pleasure to work with people that knew even more about my vehicle than I did. I only have experience with the Orlando location but here is a link to the full list: <https://www.jaguarcollisionrepairnetwork.com/>



35th Annual All British Car Show, now in Winter Springs, FL Article by Jay Hixson, JCOF Rally Master



In 1984, visionary individuals from various car clubs around the Central Florida area conceived of a car show to highlight all car makes with roots from Great Britain. For many years this show was held in Meade Gardens in Winter Park. However, with limited space vs the continued growth in numbers (plus new leadership in Winter Park government with whom it was extremely hard to work), it was decided to move the 6 April 2019 show to beautiful Central Winds Park in Winter Springs. This venue allowed unlimited space for cars and was cheaper to boot. So, the 35th anniversary show was actually a new start to a Central Florida tradition.

As one of the founding members, Jaguar Club of Florida (JCOF), through the insight of Tom Curren, has always been an integral member of the organizing committee. However, the new location in Winter Springs meant that every aspect of putting on the show needed to be re-thought and re-organized.

JCOF was assigned responsibility for parking, a huge job when considering the 150-200 cars expected, broken into approximately 25 different classes. I was our representative on the committee and asked for volunteers to help with the effort. As always, JCOF members came through with flying colors.

On Friday before the Saturday show, after all lines and markers were in place, it was determined that the initial parking layout designed by the organizing committee leadership simply would not work! After taking deep breaths (and saying a number of cuss words) the JCOF team started over from scratch.

We put together a completely new parking layout, measured and staked out all the different classes, and re-lined the field. Thank goodness that Danny Bogdany is a professional architect with knowledge in parking lot layout.





Saturday morning, the JCOF parking team was in place and ready to direct entrants to their assigned spots. With a few exceptions, it was an extremely smooth operation, especially considering the new venue and complete redo the day before.



Approximately 160 cars were in attendance which is a drop off from the previous year. This was attributed to the new venue and the potential for rain that was forecast all week. The weather held, however, and the new venue was a major success. JCOF was well represented with members showing up in numbers and, more important, earning numerous awards. Although class awards are not available, Juan and Genie Sierra won Best in Show for their 1958 XK-150 S.



I would like to personally thank: Jim McGrath (co-chair), Danny Bogdany, Melanie Rogers, Juan Sierra, Erik Klerholm, Will Hoehndorf, Ian Crawford, Bob Lewis and Tom Wright for their tireless efforts. After the show, the Organizing Committee Chairman said, *“Without the efforts of JCOF in redoing the parking layout, this show would not have been possible.”*



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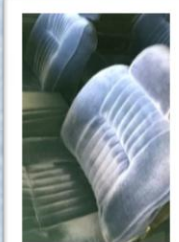
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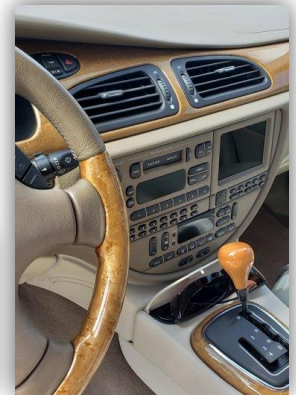
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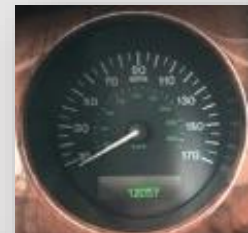
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