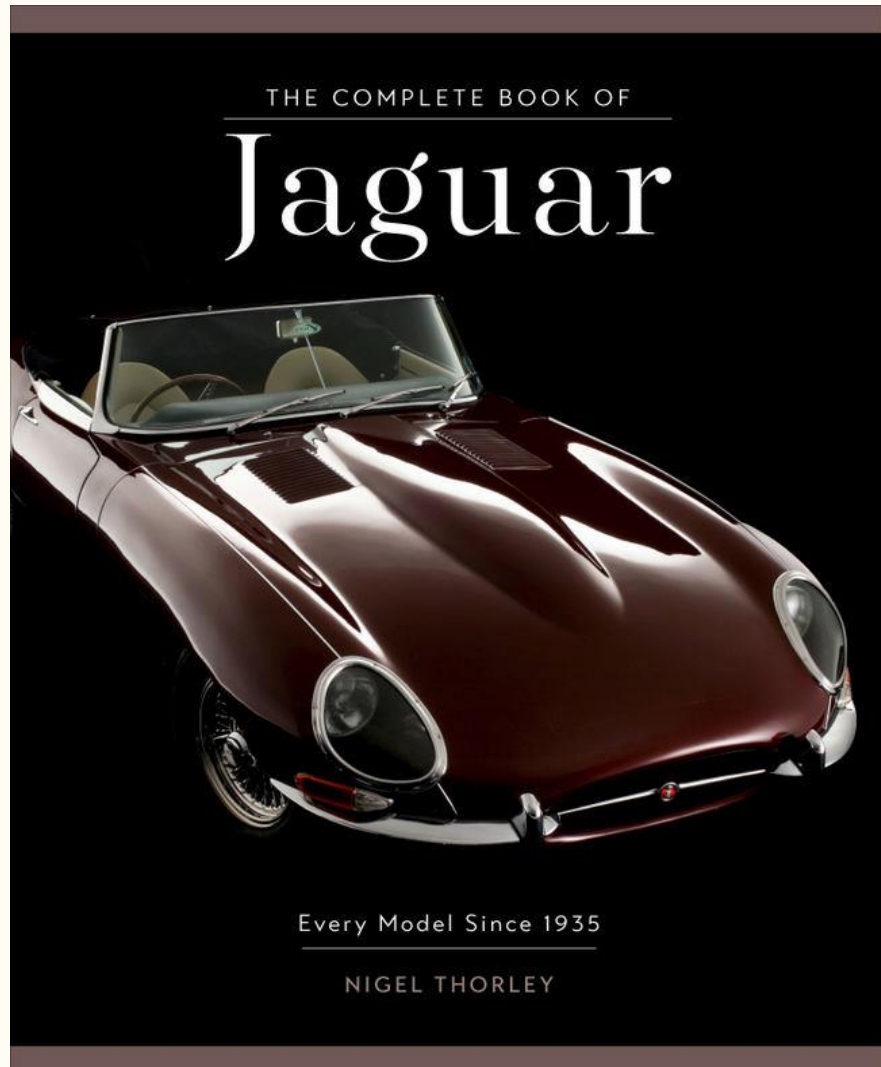


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# President's Message

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## Hello Cat Team,

Here we are already in the month of October with many events happening. I hope that you all are checking the online [Event Calendar](#) every month to see what exciting things our clubs are doing.

I am looking forward to the upcoming [SunCoast Jaguar Concours d'Elegance in Sarasota](#). Many of you have attended the Punta Gorda Concours as well, just two weeks earlier. Don't forget the Hilton Head Island Concours, November 3, where Jaguar will be a featured Marque and two JCOF members will be showing.

Then, November 16<sup>th</sup>, we have our big [Rally to Auto-Stalgia in Palm Coast](#), chosen by me and organized by our renowned Rally Master, Jay Hixson. I hope we have a great turnout as this is one you won't want to miss!! I am very happy to know that a group from Jaguar Car Club of North Florida will be joining us as well for this exciting event. We will all have lunch together at a nearby popular BBQ restaurant.

That is the same day as many local yard sales which will be going on everywhere, so some of you might want to drive around after lunch and see if you can find some treasures to take home.

Then of course, we have Thanksgiving the following week and [Turkey Rod Run](#), Thanksgiving weekend in Daytona.

Following all this excitement begins the Holiday Season and parties for the entire month of December before we have our annual Holiday Party in January. Whew!! Where in the world has this year gone?? Well, best wishes to all who will be attending any or all of the upcoming events. Be sure to watch for full reports in the next edition of our award-winning *JAGWire* e-Magazine.

*Cheers and Let's Drive !!!*

*Delilah Davis*

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### 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](http://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

*Your JAGWire editor was so impressed with Nigel Thorley's new book, he felt it deserved Cover coverage. That was before he received several articles contributed by JCOF members. Each member's articles was/is worthy and deserving of being featured on the cover. However, the contributing writers will have to look forward to receiving even greater honors at our JCOF Concours Awards Banquet next March.*

### *Hello Fellow Cat Drivers*

The end of the year is rapidly approaching, and it will soon be time for you to be submitting your 2020 Membership Renewal and fees. I'll be sending you a reminder sometime in the first two weeks of November. You'll be able to remit payment online using PayPal, Debit or Credit card, OR you can complete the form online, print it and drop it in the mail.

For just \$10 extra, be sure to add a Co-member/Spouse. Don't forget to include his/her e-mail address to ensure individual copies of our award winning *JAGWire* e-Magazine as well as other important information you might otherwise forget to share.

*Please join me in welcoming*

Pavel & Jane Vacata in Winter Garden with their 1990 XJ-S.

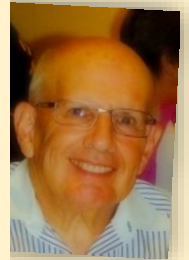
Gene Bopp in Winter Springs who is looking for the 'right' car. [Be sure to check the Classified ads in *JAGWire* and [www.JaguarClubFL.com](http://www.JaguarClubFL.com)].

*Cheers,*

*Steve Handler*

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# Editors Corner

by Robert Delmar

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I am proud to announce that we have several entries for our Short Story Contest. Some appear in this edition of *JAGWire*, but are pending judging. Winners will not be announced until our Concours Awards Banquet next March 21.

Lots of us poor folks can only dream of attending the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance in Monterey, CA. Again this year, Juan and Genie Sierra 'take us there' with their delightful article on pages 17-18. Juan later called our attention to the video of the *Tour d'Elegance* which was led by a Jaguar XK150 OTS, the same color as his and Genie's.

[Click Here](#) to see a phantastic parade of cars that didn't quite make the 'cut' for the Concours.



The only way I might afford attending Pebble Beach Concours would be with a media pass. To qualify however, *JAGWire* would have to have a readership of over 100,000. *Sighhh!* with a mailing list of just over 150, looks as if I'll never get there.

NOT TO WORRY! *JAGWire* will have media passes for Hilton Head Island, Amelia Island and Gasparilla Concours. So, readers –what few you may be– you can look forward to excellent coverage and photos in future editions.

After reporting only one Jaguar at the Hilton Head Island Concours on the cover of the Nov-Dec issue of *JAGWire* last year, I'm delighted to report that Jaguar will be a Featured Marque, November 3, this year. Approximately fifteen XK120s, 140s & 150s will be shown, including at least two from JCOF. Plan to attend and enjoy this really great event.

Do you have friends or relatives who may be interested in receiving future editions of *JAGWire* e-Magazines? Send their email addresses to: [Editor@JaguarClubFL.com](mailto:Editor@JaguarClubFL.com). I would really like to get 100,000 readers and qualify for a media pass to Pebble Beach!

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Hello...



## *Felis Onca Escapades*

*By Dan F. Middleton*



It started out as just another Saturday morning drive: Get up early, uncover the E-Type, connect the battery cut-off knob, hop in the car, choke and start the engine, then away to McDonald's. I'm ready for a Sausage McMuffin with Egg and a large black coffee. Breakfast is like I would imagine every morning would be in heaven.

With a satisfied appetite and after exchanging conversation with many admirers of my E-Type, I hop in, crank up the engine, and away I go for my drive home. I purposely wait until Welch Road, then I floor it through the gears. (An old guy has to get his jollies somehow)! No cops, a nice pavement and a straightaway just before some S-curves. Perfect! I'm turning about 4,500 in third. (I'm movin' baby)! In the distance is the S-curve ....just enough time to max out and downshift before I enter it. With my attention focused on the narrow berm and the on-coming traffic, I keep the pressure on.

At the last second before I downshift to enter the "S," I spot a furry black and white mass directly in the middle of my lane! I glance quickly to the left lane, and.... **OH NO!** Coming toward me is a huge tri-axle dump truck hogging his lane and part of mine! The black and white "mass" in my lane doesn't move! It's just sitting there! **Whump!** I hit the sucker head on! I could feel it as it ground from the oil pan to the tranny, then under the exhaust pipes. It felt like running over a basketball at 70 MPH! I glanced in the rear view mirror and saw this black and white furball rolling after me with unspeakable things flying in every direction! The term "ground clearance" took on a whole new meaning.

What to do? Head for the Chevron station! I remembered as a kid when we lived in the country, we had a wire-haired terrier named Major. Major was as wild as he was wirey.

Major liked to take off and roam for several days at a time....only to come home caked with dirt and mud, hungry and full of burrs. We all pitched in and cleaned Major up following his escapades.

One day he returned from an adventure with a skunk. Only my Mother could stand to be near him. I remembered she employed an old country remedy of bathing Major in a metal tub with a gallon of tomato juice. Poor Mother, washing Major while trying to "hold her cookies." Finally, she completed her task and turned the dog loose. If he smelled any better, it was hard to tell. The tomato juice worked its magic, and within three days Major was back to normal. Now, I'm wondering how many gallons of tomato juice I'll need to wash down the undercarriage of the E-Type.

I arrive at the Chevron station. Being the sensitive person, I am, I graciously park at the side of the station. I enter to see if I can purchase a large quantity of tomato juice. E-Types are magnets. No sooner had I left the car than two other cars pull up beside it. When the occupants got within a few paces of the car, they suddenly held their noses. **PU!** they shouted.

The skunk odor had penetrated my clothing and the clerk got a good whiff. **HOLY COW MAN, WHAT DID YOU DO?** (This is definitely more polite wording than he used). Then he saw the gathering crowd holding their noses and quickly exiting without purchasing anything. I meekly replied, I hit a skunk on Welch road about two miles back. I'm looking for some tomato juice so I can squirt it on my car to remove the smell. **SMELL? HELL, MAN, GET THAT DAMN THING OFF THE LOT! YOU'RE KILLING MY BUSINESS!**

***I was not having a good day!***

Alternate Plan B: I leave the Chevron Station without the tomato juice. I got to thinking: Tomato juice on hot exhaust pipes? How would that smell? Before I could mentally explore the potential consequences, I was at the gate to my subdivision, waved to the guards and floored it through the gatehouse. Thankfully, my wife was at the other end of the house and didn't hear me arrive.

Luckily, I had a change of work clothes in the garage. More luck that I had "grubbies" on that I typically wear on Saturday morning. The grubbies went in the trash, sealed in a leaf and grass bag within another bag. Next, I get the "creepy" out, lay down with the garden hose at full blast on the undercarriage of the E-Type. It looked like a steam locomotive was parked in the drive. I must have flushed the undercarriage with no less than 500 gallons of water, maybe more.

The smell was subsiding somewhat. I decided I had flushed as much "skunk" off as water alone would remove. The only remedy was to "air it out" ....just like Major, three days parked in the open. Next, I had to deal with "me."

My wife was still at the other end of the house. I sneaked in and headed straight to the guest bath. That had to be the longest shower I ever had in my life. Another 500 gallons of water down the drain. Later, my wife asked if I enjoyed my Saturday morning ride. I grunted something unintelligible and said I had to go outside. As I walked by her, she commented, "you really need to take a bath."

The E-Type spent the next three days outside. Major's magic worked again. The odor disappeared. You've heard that, "Birds of the feather flock together?" At least two cats, Jaguars and polecats are not a happy combination. As any Jaguar enthusiast knows, every trip is an adventure. Hopefully, this was a "once in a lifetime" trip.

*Happy Cat Driving!*

*Dan F. Middleton*



## BOOK REVIEW

BY ROBERT DELMAR, JAGWIRE EDITOR

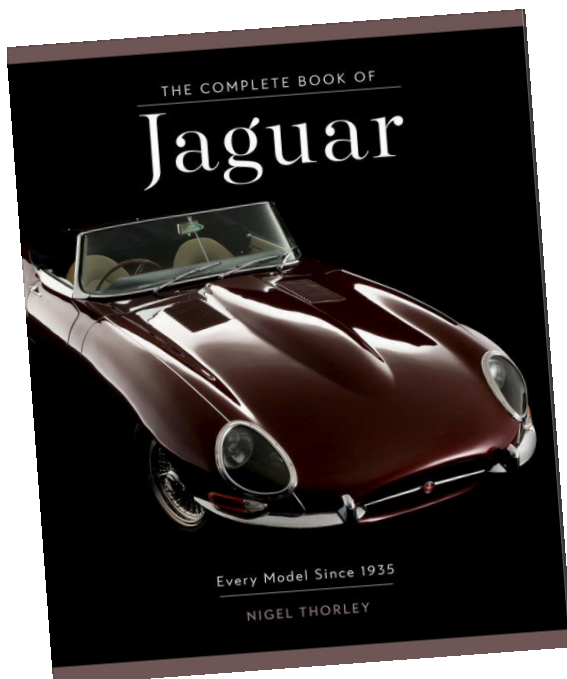
When I first flipped through this beautiful new book, my reaction was summed up in just two words: ***Awe Some!*** However, I soon found the claim "Every Model Since 1935" to be a bit misleading. I had just edited Ian Crawford's article about two Jaguar XJ 220s but could not find 220s among "Every Model" in this book. Ditto for C-Type, D-Type and other supercars. Oh well, since only 271 XJ220s were built, and even fewer Cs and Ds, ***FerGetAboutIt!***

I also noted that the very capable author, Nigel Thorley, often referenced calendar years instead of model years. For example, I own a 2011 (model year) XK Coupe that does not have changes –described by Mr.Thorley as '2011' on pages 202-203—which were not made until the 2012 model year. I'm not sure if that's a consistent quirk but it should be noted for JCNA Concours judges and apprentices who might use this book for authoritative reference (which I highly recommend).

This should be a great gift for Holiday giving. With a \$60 list price, it's sold at [Discount on Amazon and other booksellers](#). Jaguar Dealers and Clubs can purchase bulk orders at wholesale for resale: Contact Theodore Evans at [theodore.evans@quarto.com](mailto:theodore.evans@quarto.com) or call 612-344-8192.

After reading this book cover-to-cover, I have just two words: ***BUY NOW!*** ☺

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## Jaguar Club of Florida (JCOF)

September 21, 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.

Will Hoehndorf started the activities with a brisk sale of JCOF memorabilia: badges for display on members' cars, plus hats and T-shirts.

New members Pavel & Jana Vacatova introduced themselves. Pavel does concept modeling for Universal. They have just purchased a Jaguar and are awaiting delivery. Ray Pirino, a founding member of JCOF, has returned after an absence. His E-Type has been his daily driver for over 40 years.

### **President's Corner:**

- **Delilah advised that the club Concours Committee has a meeting at The Marriott in Lake Mary to finalize the contract for the JCOF 2020 Concours d'Elegance.** The Concours is to be held at the Orlando Marriott-Lake Mary, 1501 International Parkway, Lake Mary, Florida, 32746 on March 20-22, 2020. She will attend along with Vice President Erik Klerholm, as well as the Concours co-chairs Juan Sierra and Will Hoehndorf.
- **The JCOF Palm Coast Tour organized by Rally Master Jay Hixson will be held November 16, 2019.** More information will be forthcoming. [[CLICK HERE](#) for itinerary and registration].

### **Committee Reports:**

- **Membership Chair Steve Handler** announced the current club membership is 102 members and growing. **Membership renewal is coming up in December.** Notices will be sent out at the end of October.

### **New business:**

- **Chief Judge Tom Wright** asked members to submit to President Delilah their nominations for the JCNA annual special awards. Information regarding the awards can be found on the [JCNA website](#).
  - **Andrew White Award**
  - **Karen Miller Award**
  - **Corporate Sponsors Award**
  - **Newsletter Award**

**Tom asked for volunteer judges for the Jaguar Club of Southwest Florida Concours d'Elegance,** which will be held on October 26, 2019 in Punta Gorda, Florida at the Charlotte County Event and Convention Center. This is an indoor Concours. Please contact Tom if you wish to be a judge. There are registration forms to show your car at their website: [www.jaguarclubofswf.com/](http://www.jaguarclubofswf.com/).

**Tom Wright updated the club on the Coventry Foundation (of which he is the Legal Counsel).** It is now headquartered in Richmond, VA. The British Cars Hall of Fame is being taken over by the Coventry Foundation. JCOF became the first patron of the Coventry Foundation, and Tom requested that at a future club meeting, the membership vote to renew the annual patron status. Donation is \$250.00/year. Members can also join the Foundation for just \$50.00 in dues. Members can also contribute Jaguar related items to the Coventry Foundation.

- **Juan Sierra reported on his trip to the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance** held in August this year. The Bentleys (which celebrate 100 years) and the racing Bugattis, were featured this year. See the forthcoming September-October issue of our *JAGWire* e-Magazine for a report of his impressions. **Juan mentioned that Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance is featuring** Jaguars in their own classes this year. Tom Wright's and Juan Sierra's XKs have been invited to show.
- **There was a discussion about mechanics that can repair/restore older Jaguars.** Members suggested Mean Gene's Machines and the Autobahn which located on SR 475 about 5 miles south of Ocala.

**Jaguar Events of Interest:**

- **Suncoast Jaguar Club Concours de Elegance** will be in Sarasota on Saturday, October 12, 2019. Information is at [www.suncoastjaguarclub.com/](http://www.suncoastjaguarclub.com/)
- **Jaguar Club of Southwest Florida JCNA sanctioned Concours de Elegance is October 25-26, 2019.** Information is at [www.jaguarclubofswf.com/](http://www.jaguarclubofswf.com/)
- **See our *JAGWire* flyers** and [www.JaguarClubFL.com](http://www.JaguarClubFL.com) for the Current [Events Calendar](#).

A raffle of items donated by members was held with the proceeds going to the treasury.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Genie Sierra, JCOF Secretary*



**In Memoriam**



**Pete Betterman**

**By Gary Thomas**

We recently lost a good friend, a wonderful person, an outstanding club member and volunteer, Peter Betterman. Everyone who knew Pete loved him and said the same thing: "He was very intelligent and always the perfect gentleman." Pete and his first wife came to the U.S. 53 years ago from Cambridge, England where he earned his apprenticeship degree in engineering. He had a brilliant mind and was the treasurer and historian for the Jag Club and All British Car Club of Central Florida.

He started working for a company in Georgia, then moved to California where his only child, Michael, was born. Later, Pete moved his family to Missouri., and some years later to Orlando. After his wife passed away he met and fell in love and married Gayle. They lived a very good life together and traveled extensively.

Pete retired as an Aerospace Engineer with Lockheed Martin where he had many positions. He loved taking on leadership roles, not only in business but also as a volunteer.

I recently spoke to his son, Michael, who shared a story about his father's love of Jaguar's. Michael said when his father moved to the U.S. he brought an old Jaguar with him. Being on a tight budget, by the time he got around to work on it, it was rusted beyond repair.

# *Déjà Vu All Over Again!*

(a/k/a Sun Coast Jaguar Club Concours d'Elegance  
Weekend Extravaganza)

By Will Hoehndorf

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While cruising down Interstate 75 on Friday afternoon, October 11<sup>th</sup> towards Sarasota and the SCJC Concours d'Elegance, it suddenly occurred to me that this was like "Déjà Vu All Over Again," [one of Yogi Berra's memorable 'Yogi-isms']. Only two months earlier, Norma and I had traveled 654 miles to Little Switzerland, NC to participate in the Carolina Jaguar Club's annual Concours d'Elegance. After that long trip, we had decided that we were not going to do another long-distance event ever again. BUT, with a little persuasion, I talked my beloved into driving to beautiful Sarasota and entering Sun Coast Jaguar Club's Concours. We later motored on down to one of the most beautiful cities on Florida's West Coast, Sarasota, and without a doubt one of the premier JCNA sanctioned Concours weekends in the southeast.

Driving into Sarasota is a feast for your eyes ... broad avenues decorated with beautiful artwork, mature palms that loudly proclaim that you are in Florida, and beautiful old mansions built in late 19<sup>th</sup> century architecture. These lovely old buildings exude wealth and class and are part of John Ringling's influence and legacy. It's no wonder that Sarasota was and is a favorite destination for our brothers and sisters from the northeast.

Our JCNA host club was able to negotiate reduced room rates at the Sandcastle Resort, a leftover from the 1960s. Our room was spacious, spotless, and had a small balcony overlooking the Gulf. What a fantastic visual experience it is to watch the sun sink into the water and see Gulf waters in the morning so calm that they look like a mirror.

*Members from all five Florida Jaguar Clubs enjoyed SCJC's Luau, Concours and Awards Banquet*



At most Concours, Friday night is usually an informal get-together where you can get reacquainted with old friends and meet members of other clubs. But in Sarasota, instead of the usual beer and pretzels, participants were greeted with an absolutely fantastic luau on a large wooden deck adjacent to the Sandcastle hotel. Honestly, the menu was fit for kings and queens and the setting was sensational. While eating, we watched an indescribably beautiful sunset. Perhaps the best part was that the meal was free, courtesy of Wilde Jaguar of Sarasota, named North America "Dealer of the Year" by JCNA in 2018.

Saturday morning, everyone descended on St. Armands Circle for the Concours d'Elegance. The Circle is a large round-about, the center of which is a tree-shaded park. According to John McCarthy, president of Sun Coast Jaguar Club, some 45 'competing' cars were parked in the Circle. An additional 45 or so 'display' cars were parked around the outside, including various old and new Jaguars, Land Rovers, Daimlers and numerous other British cars from the All British Car Club of Sarasota. For British car lovers, this is as close to car nirvana as you can get!

*Absent Darth Vader helmets, Certified and Apprentice Judges sought out any/every scratch or spec of dirt before recording their scores.*



Jaguar Club of Florida (JCOF)



*Will Hoehndorf (center) accepting 3rd in Driven Class D11/K8 Concours Award from Wilde Jaguar of Sarasota, presented by John McCarthy, president, Sun Coast Jaguar Club (right).*

*Delmar's XK Coupe captured 2nd Place in the crowded D11/XK 'Driven' Class*



At 10:00 AM it was "Rags-Down" and judging began shortly thereafter. The judging teams (I call them the Darth Vaders) had 4 or 5 JCNA certified judges and an apprentice judge. Most of the teams had members from the host club as well as from some other clubs around Florida. This arrangement assured participants that judging was as fair and unbiased as possible and created a really positive atmosphere. Each team had only 15 minutes to judge each car, which helped reduce the stress level of most owners.



All in all, it still took more than 4 hours to judge the large number of cars. By 2:30 PM cars slowly began to leave the Circle, including the lady driving the beautiful Series 3 XJ6 who had to be waved down in order to receive her "Peoples' Choice" Award. By 3:00 PM St. Armands Circle was again a public park, but it seemed much more beautiful earlier in the day when it was filled with people admiring our beautiful 'Cats.'



As is usual, an awards banquet was hosted by the local club. Like the menu the day before, Saturday's banquet was absolutely sumptuous. The food was an epicurean's delight and satisfied every palate. My compliments to the Chef and his helpers for a terrific banquet! After the meal, numerous awards were presented to happy participants. Several people also received special recognition for jobs well done, including the most desired award of them all, the Best in Show! This year's trophy had been hand-made by the SCJC President and Concours Chairperson, John McCarthy. It was well earned by JCNA Southeast Region Director, Dr. Ron Gaertner who had trailered-in three pristine XK Jaguars from his home in Manakin-Sabot, VA.



Yet again, JCOF member Jerry Wise earned First Place in the Champion Division Class C5/E1 with his Black 1963 E-Type FHC.

Comparing the three Concours I attended this year, the Sun Coast Jaguar Club's event unquestionably ranks as NUMBER ONE! The venue, number of volunteer helpers, social events and overall organization were truly superior to anything I have seen so far this year. I believe that John McCarthy, the Concours Chair and all the many Sun Coast Jaguar Club members who worked to make this event so successful, deserve special kudos! Ditto for Wilde Jaguar of Sarasota without whose support such a wonderful event would not have been possible.

**NOW, our Jaguar Club of Florida's exciting challenge is to make our Concours d'Elegance next March 20-22, 2020 Déjà Vu All Over Again!**

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## Jaguar XJ 220 X 2

By Ian Crawford

Part 1 of 2



In the year 2000, my mild mannered accountant, who happens to be a car guy and drives a red viper coupe, suggested a potential investment that he thought would hit a million dollars. A little optimistic, but my interest was aroused and I started looking at ads for Jaguar XJ220's. New old stock cars were available from RM in Canada, but I did not want to pay the price they were asking.

The Show and Display rule had just been enacted and special interest cars could be imported to the USA with some restrictions. Grange Jaguar in London had two for sale, silver and red. After studying detailed photos I decided on the Monza Red with the tan interior. I bought it sight unseen. First mistake!

Although the photos were accurate, it had been smoked in and had to undergo a course in ozone exposure to remove the smell. I did negotiate an engine-out service at Jaguar's XJ220 specialists, a man and a boy team. As Robert Burns, the famous Scottish poet said, "The best laid plans o' mice an' men gang aft agley" [often go awry]. (Equivalent to Murphy's Law).

As my car arrived for service, the mechanic's wife gave birth. Nine months later my car set sail for the USA and I am still trying to work out the coincidences. In fairness to Jaguar, part of that delay was the DOT/NHTSA delays in issuing the paperwork.

The Show and Display rules required that the car be brought up to EPA standards, so I chose a registered tester in New Jersey. I quote: "This will not be a hard project 30-45 days." Nine months later, they certified the Jag, but no-one was pregnant in this case.

My Jag was the virgin bride of their first attempt! I later learned that they eventually used a surrogate that had certified one before. Basically they had to fiddle with Zytec computer program and use high yield catalytic converter entrails.

By this time I had moved on with my life, until one day a moving truck pulled up at the gate and a petite driver wriggled through the small driver's window to unload my XJ220. Images of the typical overweight truck driver wriggling through the window flashed through my mind again and again, but I realized I was due a well-deserved break.

The year was 2001 and I had owned the XJ220 for 18 months *in absentia and sight unseen*. A good decision made was to register the car in the UK just in case it returns one day, duty free. I am not sure my wife's sister realizes what a handsome ghost sleeps in her Devon garage.

First impressions as I approached were of the wide rear tires and large Venturi tunnels. Jaguar was technically way ahead of its time. Even the turbocharged V6 engines for power and lightness are now in vogue – see the new Ford GT.

Generally, the car has been very reliable; the biggest problem is a lack of regular use. It needs to be run every 3 or 4 weeks to lubricate the gaskets and prevent the injectors from gumming up. I would say that the cam cover gasket is the biggest issue, as an oil leak drips onto the exhaust and turbo with smoky results. Plan on changing these gaskets every 5 or six years. But I digress.

Tracking the prices of these Jags, the initial euphoria of the Show and Display law died down and prices retreated. Like any good investor, or perhaps gambler, I doubled down. A Spa Silver XJ220 investment was stored in Germany for eight years but eventually acquired by the bank. I guess the owner did not make other good investments.

After a protracted negotiation by Oakfields and their German agents, the silver auto was delivered to Don Law Racing to reawaken the sleeping beauty.

The main issue was stuck injectors, but after an engine-out belt and fluid service, the car was running like a gem. Interestingly, after establishing that the fuel bag was of the Teflon-coated type,



Don did not believe it needed changed after 8 years. It lasted until the recent service in 2017, but I do not recommend waiting that long due to the risk of the internal foam decaying. This car is now a multinational, registered in Germany, UK and USA. I am absolutely certain that my British sister-in-law does not realize that she has two supercars in her garage.

Getting smarter this time, I made a good choice of EPA Certifier, JK Technologies. The work was done in 9 days at half the cost. I did live with a CEL light, but the car ran great. The CEL light turned out to warn of a kinked hose to the carbon fuel emissions canister.

So now I have two Xj220s: A red "driver" with 3,500 km [2,175 miles] and a silver "trailer queen" with 450 km [280 miles]. That is not really a good justification, so I just repeated my accountant's predictions of \$1M to my wife. For many years the prices languished but finally we are nearly at 50% of my accountant's goal.

The real reason for owning these cars is to see the look of amazement on gawkers' faces when they are told that the cars were conceived in 1986, made in 1993 and were the fastest roadworthy cars in the world throughout the 1990s.

I have put about 7000 km [4350 miles] on the Monza Red car driving to shows as far away as Sarasota. It is at its best on the highway where the lack of rear vision and poor turning circle is transcended by the awesome high speed performance and relative ride comfort. The car is heavy around town with no power steering or servo-ed brakes, but at high speed it lightens up and enters its sweet spot.

The fuel economy is surprisingly good, 25 MPG, due to the relatively small displacement engine of 3.5 liters; light weight due to the extensive use of aluminum; and good aerodynamics. Of course if one spools the turbos that figure will drop rapidly. It cracks me up to note that the boost gauge is door-mounted in a neat nacelle. If you are looking at that gauge registering while driving, your survival is in imminent jeopardy.

Over the next 15 years I found a few things to watch out for. The center lock wheels need to be checked occasionally. I invested in a steel center lug adaptor with a 1-inch breaker bar, leaving the fancy aluminum one in the boot. After an unconscious period of driving with one wheel slightly loose, the wheel and nut were replaced due to wear.

The good part is that Don Law Racing carries virtually all the parts including glass at prices I do not consider to be overly exorbitant, considering the rarity of these cars, Don also offers upgrades, so I did invest in a stage 1 brake job on the Spa silver and a stage 3 on the Monza Red.

The original ceramic brake pads were designed for track use and need to be warmed up to work. This is not an ideal situation for puttering around town. The stage 1 is a pad change to more normal material and that made a big difference. Stage 3 uses updated pads, rotors and a servo, for a lighter touch and racing use.

In the last year, both Bridgestone and Pirelli have finally brought out replacement tires. Check YouTube for a great Don Law/Bridgestone video about the development and testing using the original but somewhat matured XJ220 test drivers. *There is nothing more exciting than driving a 217 MPH car on 25 year old tires!*

There was no rot, but the rubber was getting hard. New Bridgestone tires and even a set of gold BBS wheels were procured.

The main XJ220 Resource is [Don Law Racing](#). Recently, Jaguar/Land Rover became more interested in their heritage and set up a new Jaguar Classic operation, including XJ220 service.

Watch for Part 2 of this article in the November-December edition of JAGWire.



Ian Crawford with his two XJ220 'investments'. Only 271 were built from 1992-1994, stickered @ \$750,000 each. Only six are thought to remain in the United States.

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HILTON HEAD ISLAND  
CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE  
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October 24-27, 2019, Savannah, GA

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**November 1- 3, 2019**  
**Hilton Head Island**  
**Concours d'Elegance**

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

**JCOF Member Meeting**  
**Saturday, November 9, 2020**  
**12:00 pm**  
**Village Inn, Winter Garden, FL**



**3130 Daniels Rd.**  
**Winter Garden, FL**

This is a very important meeting to plan for our Concours d'Elegance next March.  
**Please Plan To Attend!**

**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. [Click Here](#) for more information & register by mail or online.

**Saturday, March 7, 2020**  
**9:00 am - 1:00 pm**  
**Cars & Coffee at Amelia Island**

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# PEBBLE BEACH CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

ARTICLE & PHOTOS BY JUAN & GENIE SIERRA



The Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance is planned years ahead. It takes place at the 18<sup>th</sup> hole at the Pebble Beach Golf Club, a truly magnificent setting. It is probably the premier Concours in the United States, perhaps the world.

There were around 24 countries represented, including this year's Best of Show winner from Hong Kong.



1931 Bentley 8 Litre Gurney Nutting Sports Tourer  
The Non. Michael Kadoorie, Hong Kong

The organizational skills required to pull off one of these mega-events is awesome. Parking for the many thousands of visitors was challenging but generally handled with great precision.

When you first walk in, you get to see the "concept" cars on display. Some, like a new Lincoln Continental with the old "suicide" type rear doors, are supposed to make it to a very limited production. Others are just the stuff of dreams. Most were electric but with beyond enormous power. Lotus was simple but really elegant and Genie's favorite. Lexus had a "pixeled-look" paint job that reflected the surrounding grass making it a little camouflaged.



These large Concours events usually target some specific brands for any given year. Once we entered the Concours area it became obvious that there were a large number of Bugattis and Bentleys. There were the usual pre-war Mercedes, Packards, Cadillacs, Rolls-Royces, Dusenbergs, Ferraris and a number of very old and rare brands including a 1909 Thomas Flyer.

Later in our vacation, Genie and I went up to Reno and visited the Harrah's car museum. We had the opportunity to see the "REAL" or "ACTUAL" 1907 Thomas Flyer that won the New York to Paris race driving about 22,500 miles.



I can only describe it as an incredible race, certainly not for the faint of heart. Imagine driving the western USA in winter. Then across Japan and across Russia from Vladivostok through Moscow, to Paris at a time when there were no roads. They used a lot of railroad tracks.

A sad point at the Pebble Beach Concours happened when we looked and could not find any Jaguars. We asked and were told that out of about 220 entrants, there were no Jaguars!

The vast majority of cars were pre-war with a few post-war going into the early to mid-sixties. Most of these were cars like Alfa Romeo, Ferrari, Talbot-Lago, Lancia, and (5) 1967-68 Lamborghini Miura, a very beautiful 1960 Aston Martin DB4, and a 1962 DB4GT Zagato Coupe which was chosen as one of the Best in Show Nominees.





Still, it was obvious that the emphasis of the Concours for this year were the large pre-war 12 and 16 cylinder American and European cars. There were quite a few very old and very beautiful samples of Bentleys. Each was restored to such perfection that it would be next to impossible to find fault in any of them. I am sure most of them never looked that good when they left the factory.



I am told that the primary tool in decision making that the judges use to decide "Best in Show" is "Presence". Does the car have Presence? Well, all these cars have lots of presence. I think that is one of the reasons why small cars like a Ferrari or a Jaguar seldom win a "Best in Show".



I spent some time speaking with a gentleman from the UK who had brought a 1934 Aston Martin Mark II Sports Saloon. He told me that the car had been restored in the UK at the Aston Martin factory for 2 years where they took it all apart and manufactured any part missing or in need of replacement. I can only guess at the small fortune spent in doing this restoration. The car was airfreighted into Carmel and would be airfreighted back to the UK the day after the Concours. I was saddened that the car did not win anything in the Concours. Such is the quality and caliber of competition.

When you put a no matter how well restored Ferrari next to a Dusenbergs or a 16-Cylinder 1931 Cadillac Fleetwood Phaeton, or a 1936 Mercedes-Benz 540K or the BEST IN SHOW winner, and you then apply the concept of "Presence," it is much easier to understand why the small cars seldom win, even though the Ferrari might fetch 17 million dollars at auction and the big cars only 2-3 million.



1994 McLaren LM F1 "LM Specification"  
Sold for \$19,805,000 at RM Sotheby's Monterey

We had a chance to see and meet Jay Leno who was walking to the podium and posing for lots of selfies with people who approached him. He really is a gem. To his credit he had an auction and raised \$126,000 for a local Boys/Girls Club he supports. It was noted that in just a few years Jay Leno has raised over \$800,000.00 for the charity.



If you are interested in learning more about the Pebble Beach Concours you can go to [www.PebbleBeachConcours.com](http://www.PebbleBeachConcours.com), or you can attend our next JCOF meeting and I will have books showing all the entrants. Meanwhile, you might enjoy viewing some of our photos at Pebble Beach and Harrah's Museum in Reno:

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# 35<sup>th</sup> 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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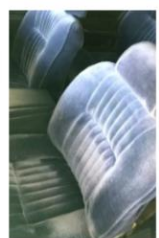
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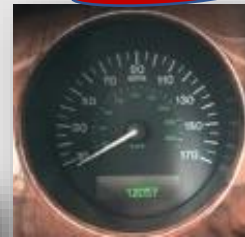
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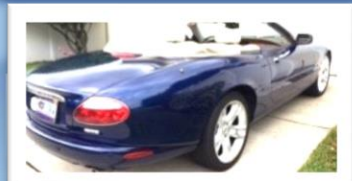
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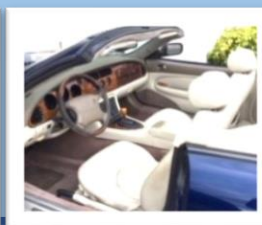
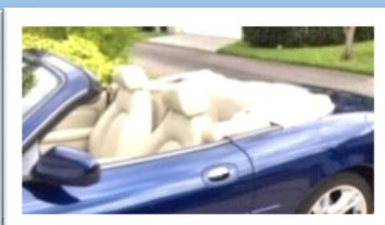
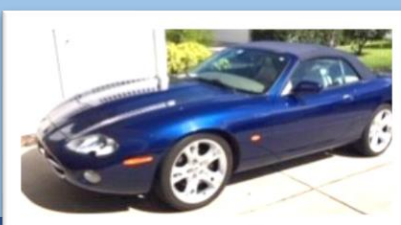


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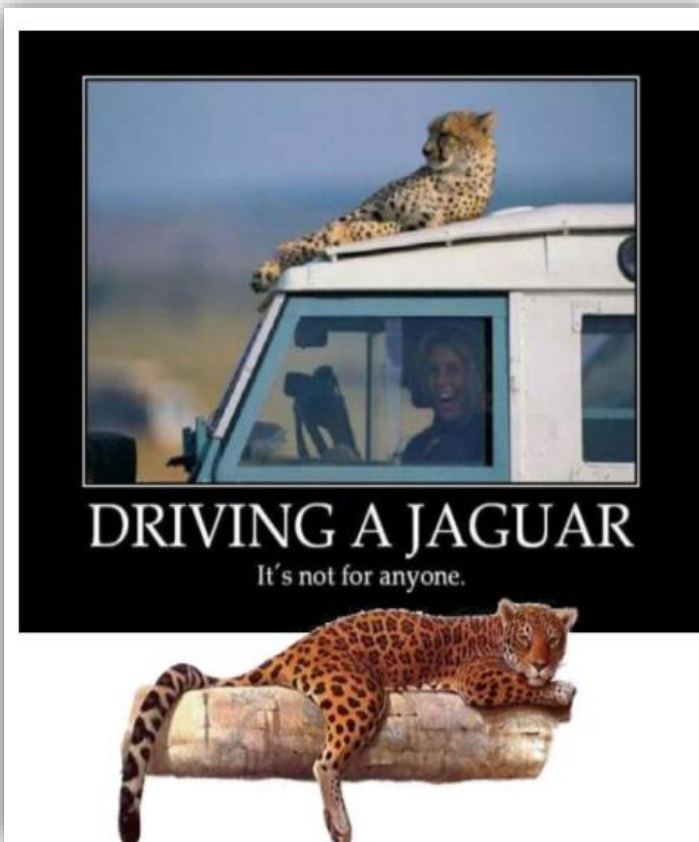


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- > 09:15 Directions and handout of instructions
- > 09:30 Cars depart McInnes Elementary School
- > 10:25 Rest stop at the Circle K near the intersection of Hwy 17 and Hwy 100 just south of San Mateo, FL
- > 10:55 Cars depart rest stop
- > 11:45 Arrive Auto-Stalgia Inc. Private Automobile Collection, Palm Coast, FL
- > 1:15 Lunch at local restaurant (dutch).
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Have you competed in at least two previous Monte Carlo Rallies? Yes No

**RELEASE FROM LIABILITY:** I am entering the above auto in the Jaguar Club of Florida's "2019 Nostalgia Tour" being held in the Central Florida area on Saturday, 16 November, 2019. I agree to release the Jaguar Club of Florida, its affiliates, officers, members, and all participating sponsors and supporters from any and all liability for injuries, damage or loss arising from my entry and participation in the rally and related activities. I understand that while traveling on public and private roads, I am subject to all traffic laws and speed limits.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Driver

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Navigator

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail by 13 Nov to:**  
Jaguar Club of Florida  
Rally Coordinator  
1111 Rush Court  
Celebration, FL 34747

*Please include \$25 per car, payable to Jaguar Club of Florida*

**or RSVP to Jay Hixson at**  
321-246-2459,  
[rlhbeaver51@gmail.com](mailto:rlhbeaver51@gmail.com)

*Note: This is a JCNA sanctioned non-competitive driving event*

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# Jaguar Club Of Florida

## Membership Application/Renewal

### For the 2020 Calendar Year



) Calendar Year Dues are \$55 – Add \$10 for Co-Member/Spouse = \$65

Please send this completed form with your check payable to JAGUAR CLUB OF FLORIDA

**Mail to: Steve Handler, Membership Chairperson**  
 1308 Greenville Way  
 The Villages, FL 32162

Primary Member: \_\_\_\_\_  New Member

Primary Member's Email: \_\_\_\_\_  Renewal

JCNA # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Member's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_, State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_, Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Member/Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Member/Spouse's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Member/Spouse's Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_, Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Jaguars Owned:**

Year: \_\_\_\_\_, Model: \_\_\_\_\_, Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_, Model: \_\_\_\_\_, Color: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about "The Funnest Car Club In Florida?" \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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