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"The Funnest Car Club in Florida"

Affiliated with Jaguar Clubs of North America (JCNA)



Salvaged from a dusty shed, shipped to California for a full restoration, picked up (still unseen) two years later with plans to drive 3,390 miles from San Francisco to Orlando ...

WHAT COULD POSSIBLY GO WRONG???

Read about JCOF member Dr. John Monson's adventure in your Nov-Dec *Jaguar Journal!*



About the Cover

Dr. John Monson is among JCOF's newest members, and he quickly became a JCNA certified Judge. Though he owns a 1951 Jaguar XK 120 OTS Roadster, he acquired the 'barnfind' XKE pictured on the cover. After more than two years for his 'Grey Goose' to be restored, he decided to do a fundraiser for Advent Health where he is a board-certified colon & rectal surgeon.

The good doctor graciously 'volunteered' to write a story for *JAGWire*. Your editor felt the story was so compelling that it should be shared with more CatDrivers than in JCOF so I asked Peter Crespin, editor of *Jaguar Journal*, if he would like to publish it. He readily agreed.

Be sure to read the first of two parts of Dr. John's fascinating adventure in the November-December of your *Jaguar Journal*, pages 14-18, that should have arrived in your snail mail the last week in October. Watch for Part II in the January-February 2023 edition that should be mailed to you just before the new year. Meanwhile, check out the [video of the Grey Goode's 3.390 mile trip](#).

P.S. Dr. Monson & son Sam's adventure raised over \$15,000 for a worthy cause, *so far*. You can learn more and even increase this funding by [clicking here](#):



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Editor Robert Delmar's Final Edition of JAGWire



It's been more than eight years since Judy Delmar and I joined JCOF. Soon after, then president Jay Hixson asked me to succeed Ginger Corda as editor of *JAGWire*. Judy soon volunteered to create and maintain JCOF's new website JaguarClubFL.com.

WOW! We never dreamed we might find so much work for so little pay and have so much FUN!

Though we joke about the absence of pay, Judy and I humbly appreciate being honored recipients of virtually every service award availed by JCOF.



Painting by Gary Thomas of Robert accepting the 2019 Dan Middleton Award on behalf of Judy and himself.

In 2018 JCNA named JAGWire 'Best Jaguar Club Newsletter in North America!' In 2019 JCNA named www.JaguarClubFL.com 'Best Jaguar Club Website in North America!'

www.JaguarClubFL.com has been undergoing change of webmasters for the past many months and might not be fully functional for several weeks more.

Our Event Calendar and online registration and PayPal forms may not be fully functional, so we ask that you please bear with us and possibly even 'relearn' how to sign checks and lick stamps. 😊

Having recently lost most vision in my right eye, publishing *JAGWire* has become painfully strenuous. Thereby, this will be my Final Edition.

SPECIAL THANKS to all the many contributors of articles and photos that have made *JAGWire* such an outstanding newsletter. Hopefully, they will continue their support when/if someone volunteers to fill this worn out editor's shoes.

In future months (hopefully years) I will be kept fairly busy as a newly appointed judge for [JCNA Special Awards](#). Judy will continue as sate treasurer for the [FSSDAR](#).

We both thank everyone for your thoughts and friendships and hope you will keep JCOF "***The Funnest Car Club in Florida!***"

NEW JAGWire EDITOR NEEDED!

NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!

- If you can string a few sentences together coherently,
- AND if you can use somewhat plausible punctuation,
- AND if you know that a preposition is the wrong word to end a sentence 'With,'
- AND if you know that cars and trees are 'That' and people are 'Who,'
- AND if you have little, no, or even lots of experience with photo-editing and graphic art and design,
- AND if you have a computer with internet, WORD, Publisher or PowerPoint,
- AND if you feel that sobriety might be a handicap,
- AND if you feel the need to accept suggestions from a worn out old JCNA award winning editor,
- AND if you have lots & lots of patience, then contact:
- 863-528-9061 or Mailto: Robert@RobertDelmar.com

This could be your opportunity for gratifying work with no taxable income while having LOTS OF FUN BEING CREATIVE!

Right-click the thumbnail covers of JAGWire on the following two pages to recall many of the events we've enjoyed.

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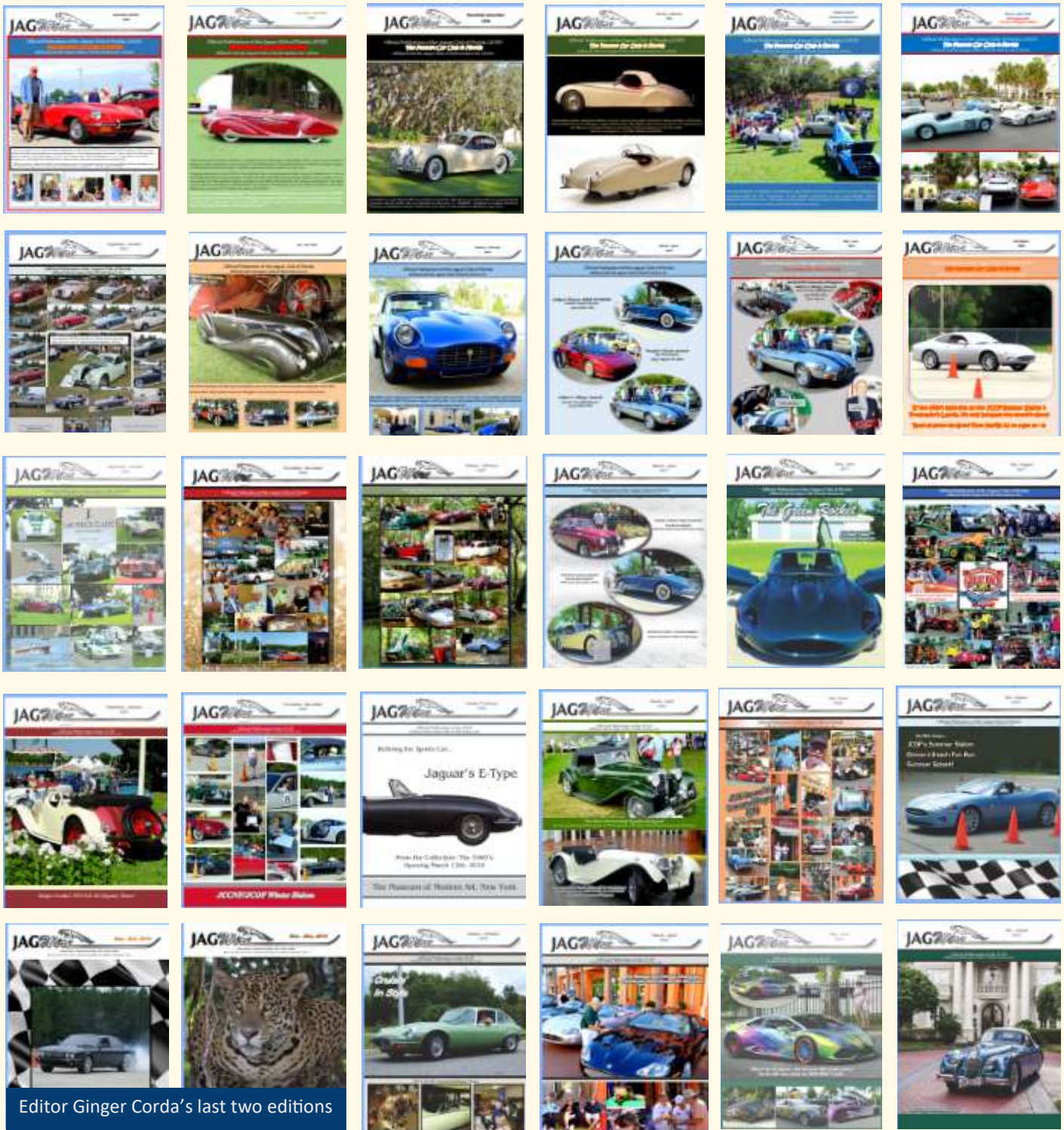
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Editor Ginger Corda's last two editions

DID YOU INSULT ME??

1. "I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it." - Mark Twain
2. "He has no enemies but is intensely disliked by his friends." - Oscar Wilde
3. "I feel so miserable without you; it's almost like having you here" - Stephen Bishop
4. "He is a self-made man and worships his creator." - John Bright
5. "I've just learned about his illness. Let's hope it's nothing trivial." - Irvin S. Cobb
6. "He is not only dull himself; he is the cause of dullness in others." - Samuel Johnson
7. "He is simply a shiver looking for a spine to run up. - Paul Keating
8. "He loves nature in spite of what it did to him." - Forrest Tucker



President's Message

President Pavel Vacata

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About Our Jaguar Car Club

In 1977, a small group of car enthusiasts who shared a love of ownership, operation, and maintenance of the world's most beautiful automobiles founded the Jaguar Club of Florida (JCOF).

From that modest beginning with a handful of participants, JCOF has grown to almost 150 members and co-members, plus a number of 'dual' members who belong to other [Jaguar Clubs of North America \(JCNA\)](#) affiliates.

While Jaguars of all models and vintages are represented in JCOF, some of our members do not yet own one. Even so, JCOF welcomes anyone with an interest in these beautiful automobiles to *JOIN US FOR FUN!*

We encourage family participation, so bring children, grandchildren and friends to our events, such as:

- Our Annual Jaguar Only Concours d'Elegance
- Holiday and other "Just for Fun" parties
- Annual Slalom Competition & Freeloaders Lunch
- Road Rallyes and Fun Drives
- Monthly brunch or dinner meetings
- Other "pop-up" events such as car shows, Cars & Coffee and meetings with other car clubs.

Check out our "Best in North America" website, www.JaguarClubFL.com. Be sure to click the FUN PHOTOS Tab. You probably won't see anyone who's not smiling or laughing!

JCOF is proudly affiliated with [Jaguar Clubs of North America, Inc \(JCNA\)](#). More than 60 Jaguar clubs throughout North America belong to this organization. JCNA strives to provide the widest possible range of services and activities to those with an enthusiasm for Jaguars, both old and new. When you join Jaguar Club of Florida, you automatically become a member of Jaguar Clubs of North America.

So, if you're not already a JCOF member, why wait? Come [JOIN US FOR FUN](#) — we're waiting to welcome you!

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Event Calendar

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SATURDAY DECEMBER 10

**JCOF Driving Tour to
BOK TOWER GARDENS
in the Highlands of Florida.**

Rally Master Jay Hixson will again lead us to places we might never have found but will always want to go back.



This event will be called the **GATHERIN' O' TH' CLANS** in th' Highlands o' Florida

CatDrivers from all over Florida are invited to gather in the very center of the state at Lake Wales, proceed up 'Iron Mountain,' for lunch at the Blue Palmetto Café, then tour gorgeous Bok Tower Gardens.

We will then visit the fabulous 1930s Pinewood 'El Retiro' estate, beautifully decorated for the Holidays.

The world famous Carillon Tower will have a concert at 3:00 PM, and the Orlando Philharmonic Brass will perform a special sunset concert featuring holiday music. This event is optional and may justify an overnight stay).

At 9:15 AM, December 10, CatDrivers will meet at Palatlakha Park, 1250 12th St., Clermont, FL for coffee & bagels.

At 12:30 PM, we'll arrive at Bok Tower Gardens, 1151 Tower Blvd., Lake Wales and meet members from other Florida Clubs for lunch.

\$25 per person includes admission to the gardens and Pinewood Holiday House.

Please email Jay Hixson or call him at 321-246-2459 and Join Us For Fun!

Download & Print Driving Tour Registration

We hope you will join fellow CatDrivers at

**JCOF Mardi Gras
PARTY**

with beads &
masks for all!



Saturday January 21, 2023

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Marriott Hotel, Lake Mary, FL

1501 International Pkwy, Lake Mary, FL

\$75/person to savor and enjoy:

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SCHEDULE

- 09:15 Palatka Park, 1250 12th St, Clermont, FL. Coffee and Bagels
- 09:45 Final Directions and Instructions
- 10:00 Depart
- 10:00-12:30 Three leg fun tour through Central Florida scenic backroads, includes 2 rest stops
- 12:30 Arrive Bok Tower Gardens, 1151 Tower Blvd, Lake Wales, FL (863-676-1408)
- 12:45 Lunch at Blue Palmetto Cafe (dutch treat). Individuals can pre-order at 863-676-1408 x4)
- 1:15 Tour the Welcome Center, Bok Tower Gardens and El Retiro Mansion “Holiday House”
- 3:00 Carillon Tower concert
- Optional Event: The Orlando Philharmonic Brass will perform a special sunset concert featuring holiday music.
- *Times are approximate. Total distance is 62 miles. Fee is \$25 per person for the driving tour and includes entry to the gardens and house tour.*



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REGISTRATION

~ Photocopy OK ~

A GATHERIN’ O’ TH’ CLANS in th’ Highlands o’ Florida

Car Year / Make / Model : _____
 Driver: _____ Navigator: _____
 Club(s): _____ JCNA Membership number _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Cell: _____
 Email: _____

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 “A Gatherin O-the Clans” Driving Tour being held in the Central Florida area on Saturday, 10 December 2022. 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.

Mail registration by 3 Dec to:

Jaguar Club of Florida
 Rally Coordinator
 1111 Rush Court
 Celebration, FL 34747

Include \$25 per person, payable to Jaguar Club of Florida

OR

RSVP to Jay Hixson at 321-246-2459,

rhbeaver51@gmail.com

Signature of Driver

Signature of Navigator

Date: _____

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XKSS - World Class Supercar

Story and Photos by George Cole

What do you think of when you hear the term, 'World-Class Supercar?' Lamborghini? Veyron? Ferrari? McLaren? Ford GT? Or how about Jaguar? A Jaguar? **A Jaguar?** Yes...a Jaguar. William Lyons produced the world's first supercar. But let's back up a few years. In 1950, Jaguar's own skunk works set their sights on winning Le Mans. With their new 3.8 Litre dual-overhead cam engine, they decided to make their Cat a top dog.

The XK-120 running gear was stuffed into a tubular frame, and stripped of all racing useless bits including carpets, passenger doors and seat, top, windscreen, wipers, muffler, etc., and called it a C-Type...the 'C' was for competition. After winning it's 1951 Le Mans 24-hour race debut, further design changes led to overheating problems. This resulted in all three 1952 Le Mans entries suffering mechanical failures. After correcting these problems and continued modifications, the C-Type won Le Mans again in 1953, attributed to the world's first racing use of disc brakes.

Back to the drawing board they went...this time wrapping a lightweight aluminum body around the same drivetrain and frame, and renaming it a D-Type. Returning to Le Mans, they won, and won, and won again...three years in a row, 1955, 1956, and 1957. Mission accomplished. What could possibly be better than that? Deciding to rest on their accolades, Jaguar at least temporarily abandoned their factory racing program.

With 25 of the original 75 D-Types still unsold at the factory, Bill Lyons made the decision to convert them to street-legal cars. The rear vertical fin was removed, and a windscreen with wipers, folding top, passenger door and seat, windows, bumpers, muffler, and interior trim were installed. Viola...the world's first supercar was born. It was the only factory-produced car capable of 150+ mph in the 1950s. Sadly, a 1957 factory fire destroyed 9 of the remaining D-Types undergoing conversion. This ended the program, although Jaguar later converted two additional D-Types to XKSS cars. All 16 of the original XKSS cars still exist today. Nine are believed to be in the US, 5 in the UK, and one each in the Netherlands and Switzerland.

With a continuing demand for the D-Type and XKSS cars, companies and private individuals have built replicas. The one shown here followed the same path as the original XKSS. It's first life was as a Proteus-built D-Type racer. And racing it did...and crashed...and was rebuilt and raced again...and crashed...and the cycle continued. It lived the life of a typical race car.

Eventually outgrowing the racing lifestyle, Palm City, FL lifetime Cat lovers Rocky and Henry Grady took the leap to breathe new life into their beloved race car, just as William Lyons himself chose to do. They converted it to an XKSS.

The project consumed over 12 years of Rocky's and Henry's lives, but the stunning result is enough to make a grown man cry. Today these replica cars fetch upwards of \$300,000.

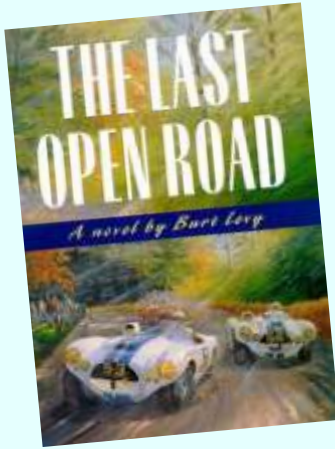
That's seemingly pocket change to the most recent original XKSS which was bid to a \$15-million no-sale, \$2-million shy of its reserve. Given the opportunity, would you squeeze one into your garage? *You bet I would!*



The Last Open Road

Book Review:

by *Charles 'Charlie' Delmar*



On their Summer road trip to the Carolina Jaguar Club Concours up in Little Switzerland, NC, Robert and Judy Delmar brought home two souvenirs:

- ◆ A crystal *First Place, Best in Class* trophy for their “new” 2004 XJ8 and
- ◆ An autographed book for me.

The Last Open Road by BS (no kidding) Levy, has been compared with the classic *coming of age* book, *Catcher in the Rye*. Like that book, the author’s voice is that of a young man — complete with bad grammar (*me and Julie, we...*) and run-on sentences that run on and on but pass as swiftly as markers on the Mulsanne Straight of Le Mans.

These, along with the writer’s other colloquial idiosyncrasies, may be off-putting to the reader at first, but if you love driving your *Jaguwahr*, I’m certain you will find them compelling enough to finish the entire 354 page book and (as I) look forward to reading other books by this author.

Having been turned down by “damn near every fiction publisher in New York,” as the author states, this self-published book is now in its 27th. printing and has spawned six sequels. Publisher’s Weekly described the author as, “a marvelous storyteller as adept at describing the intricacies of a Jaguar’s engine as he is at recounting family dynamics of a (dysfunctional) Thanksgiving dinner.”

This book was voted “Best motoring/motorsports book of 2019” by both the American Auto Racing Writers and Broadcasters Association AND the Automotive Heritage Foundation. It, along with the author’s other self-published books are all available on Amazon.com. *The Last Open Road* by BS (no kidding) Levy.

You will enjoy it,

Charlie' Delmar
(Robert's good lookin' twin)



Author BS (no kidding) Levy graciously autographed books purchased at the [Carolina Jaguar Club's 2022 Concours d'Elegance](#).



With a score of 9.963, Robert & Judy's 'new' “004 Jag” took 1st Place, Best in Class D13/SX

JCOF 2022 *SIZZLIN' SLALOM*



Once again, our JCNA sanctioned Slalom was a Sizzlin' Success! Slalom Master Tom Wright III arrived early with the timers, pylons and extra helmets. He was then assisted by



Ian Crawford, David de Hann and others, including of course, official timekeeper Bob Lewis.



Of eleven competing drivers this year, six earned 'Top 3' standing in all North America!



#1 in JCNA Class 'A' is George Cole in his 1947 Mark IV 'Miss Kitty' with a time of just over 60 seconds.

[Click Here to view Fun Photos at our Sizzlin' Slalom](#)



#2 in JCNA Class 'B' is Art Patstone in his 1956 XK 140 FHC with a time of 56.888 seconds.



#2 in JCNA Class 'D' is Dr. John Monson's newly restored 1963 E-Type. This was the Cover Car for the Nov-Dec edition of Jaguar Journal and this edition of JAGWire.



Again #1 in Class 'H' is Ian Crawford in his 1972 E-Type 'Green Rocket' with a remarkable 42.767 seconds.



#3 in JCNA Class 'L' is Des Hockley in his supercharged XKR scoring the same fast 46.584 seconds as in 2020.



Though not a JCNA contender, Betsy Shepherd's 55.212 second run beat husband Scott's run by 1.252 secs. In their 2003 XK8.



Frank Sierra's smile from his 2016 F-Type R tells the tale of the fun that's had at our Sizzlin' Slaloms!

Our Heroes

TIME	DRIVER	CAR	JCNA CLASS	Current JCNA Rank
42.767 seconds	Ian Crawford	1971 E-Type	H—Modified Lightweight Jag Sports Cars	1
46.584 seconds	Des Hockley	2013 XKR S	L —2 wheel drive Supercharged GT Cars	3
47.456 seconds	Dr. John Monson	1963 E-Type	D—E-Types, 6 Cylinder	2
49.090 seconds	Juan Sierra	2011 XK	K—2 wheel drive Non-Supercharged	1
49.924 seconds	David de Haan	2007 Toyota Rav4	Z—All Non-Jaguar Powered Cars	
50.094 seconds	Pavel Vacata	2012 Mercedes 350	Z—All Non-Jaguar Powered Cars	
51.613 seconds	Frank Sierra	2016 F-Type	R—F-Type, all models	
55.212 seconds	Betsy Shepherd	2003 XK8	K—2 wheel drive Non-Supercharged	
56.464 seconds	Scott Shepherd	2003 XK8	K—2 wheel drive Non Supercharged	
56.886 seconds	Art Patstone	1956 XK140	B— All XKs, 120, 140, 150	2
60.724 seconds	George Cole	1947 Marl IV	A— CLASSIC JAGUARS through MK V	1

FREELOADERS FEAST

By Charlie Delmar, Photos by Robert

What are two great ways to work up an appetite for a free lunch?

1. Drive your precious *Jagyouahr* in circles, trying to not hit helpless little orange pylons or innocent spectators!
2. Watch crazy CatOwners driving their major investments around in circles burning off rubber and torturing their front ends out of alignment!

After Ian Crawford shamelessly demonstrated his unparalleled slalom skills in his 'Green Rocket' E-Type, many of us drove to Ian's Lake Home to take advantage of what had been called the 'Freeloaders' LUNCH!'

Lunch, Hell! From an appetizer of boiled shrimp - with hotdogs and baked beans and/or roasted salmon and chicken in between - everything was topped off with a choice (or combination) of Pumpkin, Pecan and/or Apple pies. I'm here to tell you ***it was a FEAST!***

All of this was served beside the swimming pool of Ian's Lake Home overlooking Lake Griffin, one of the largest lakes in the Florida peninsula. Needless to say, ***a Really Good-time was had by ALL.***





Sorting 'Miss Kitty' Part 3

by George Cole



This article is the third in a series of *Sorting Miss Kitty*. The first and second articles can be found in *JAGWire's* [May-June](#) and [July-August](#) 2022 issues.

From day-one, it has been a fine line between returning Miss Kitty to a factory-original condition while keeping her unrestored. It was obvious that something was wrong with her distributor. There was no vacuum line connected to the vacuum advance cannister...and the engine had no vacuum supply port.



The Jaguar Mark IV Parts Manual identified she was sporting an incorrect distributor. No Mark IVs left the factory with vacuum advance distributors. Several years later vacuum advance distributors became the standard. Vacuum advance distributors had several advantages, notwithstanding increased performance. Mark IV owners discovered a Mark V or XK-120 vacuum advance distributor was a perfect fit in a 3 1/2 Litre Mark IV engine. What became of the old distributor after switching it out? Into the dustbin it went. However, Miss Kitty's XK-120 distributor swap was never completed. as a vacuum supply port was not installed. Like Miss Kitty, many Mark IVs today have an incorrect distributor as the original mechanical distributors are practically impossible to find.



One was amazingly located in Australia, so she now wears the correct, matching-numbers, distributor. One further hiccup in the swap was the XK-120 and Mark IV distributor drive slots are off by 180-degrees, requiring the spark plug leads to be re-wired.

Miss Kitty's sunroof seemed to be more of a permanent sunblock, stubbornly refusing to open. With some not-so-gentle coaxing, it was eventually opened, revealing bent slides. After returning them to some semblance of alignment, she can now be the poster child for the 5th Dimension's *Aquarius* album track, "Let the Sunshine In."

For some unknown reason, Miss Kitty's twin SU fuel pumps had been wired to the left inner fender. Once moved to their original location on top of the fire-wall, another problem became glaringly apparent. The fuel lines had been cut and a pair of in-line clear plastic fuel filters were installed...one on each side of the fuel pumps. They were functioning as designed, collecting visible chunks of debris on it's way from the fuel tank to the carburetors.



Mark IVs originally had no visible fuel filters. The fuel system is protected by 2 brass screen filters inside fuel tank recesses. So, out came the fuel tank.



The brass screens were completely rotted away, and their cavities were full of dirt and debris. The tank was repeatedly flushed and chemically cleaned over a period of several days. Pin holes



which had been sealed by the crud were patched. The tank was sealed and reinstalled with new screen filters, ensuring Miss Kitty now drinks nothing but pure ethanol-free petrol. The clear plastic fuel filters went into the dustbin, and cut sections of the fuel lines were repaired with new copper tubing. With the old fuel lines cleaned and polished, the fuel system looks factory-fresh. After replacing her probiscis wart hot rod air cleaner with the correct twin air cleaners and silencer, she is no longer ashamed to have her bonnet lifted to flash her family jewels.



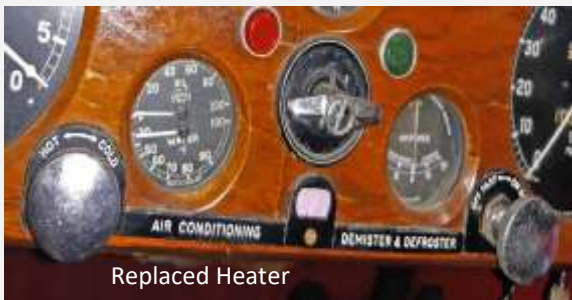
Engine Left

Heaters aren't as big of a concern in central Florida as they are in the frigid north...which is anywhere north of I-10. But still, it was troubling that Miss Kitty's didn't work. Well, not so much that it didn't work, but that the



controls were completely missing. There was a deep, dark hole in the dash where the heater control switch should have been. The linkage connecting it to the fire-wall-mounted control

valve was also missing. The fan switch and fan were working, but with a seized control valve, no coolant could flow through the heater core. Any semblance of heat existed only in the attraction of the occupants. In an ironic play on words, the heater control switch is marked 'Air Conditioning.' Its almost as if it were designed by Lucas. The 'Air Conditioning' switch controls the heat level. The 'Demister & Defroster' switch controls the heater fan speed.



Replaced Heater

Like all other Mark IV parts, heater control components are not available from a local Jaguar Parts Department...or pretty much anywhere else. Once again, Australia to the rescue, where quite a few right-hand-drive British luxury cars found new homes as a part of England's 'Export or Die,' post-WWII recovery plan.

While waiting for the parts to arrive from down-under, the heater core was removed, flushed and pressure-tested. It was reinstalled with the switch, valve, linkage, and new hoses, again allowing Miss Kitty to take the nip out of chilly winter mornings.

Another of Miss Kitty's obvious shortcomings was mismatched headlamp lenses. With headlamps almost 12-inches in diameter, having one lens with dimpled glass and one with horizontal-flutes was extremely obvious. Interestingly enough, Mark IVs had several different headlamp lenses depending on their shipping destination and the year of manufacture. Some had dimpled lenses, some were fluted, some were clear, and some had dimpled lenses with a clear center section. After unsuccessfully searching for one lens to match either of Miss Kitty's



mismatched ones, the decision was made to have a clear set of lenses cut. Upon disassembling the fluted one, Miss Kitty pulled off another surprise.



Beneath the fluted lens was a dimpled lens matching the other side.

Miss Kitty's clock is timeless...literally. The Mommas and Poppas said it best in their 1967 hit song, Young Girls are Coming to the Canyon, "With a clock that always said 12:30." It needs to be sent out for repair but I don't want to leave another gaping hole in the dash for howev-



er many weeks or months the repair will take. Once again, a replacement has been found and once it is repaired, the old one will be replaced.

The correct tool tray and cover have been located. They are somewhat worse for wear, but with a bit of TLC, will be as good as new.

After what has obviously been many years of neglect, Miss Kitty is getting closer to concours-ready for the Driven Division. However, that doesn't afford recognition to her original condition. An additional judged class of 'Unrestored' would be more appropriate for this next of Miss Kitty's nine lives.

Introducing 'Sir Charles' 1948 Jaguar Mark IV DHC and Proud Owners Roger & Patty Crawford Story 'Part 3' by Roger Crawford



Sir Charles, Roger & Patty

A little over 3 years ago Patty and I had only trailered a small fishing boat, then Patty bought her first Jaguar ...a 1974 E type series 3, V12 roadster, "Audrey" ...then a 20' ATC all aluminum trailer, dual axle, dove tail, double-leaf drop ramp, big 'escape' door, etc.!

Patty now has a second Jaguar, "Sir Charles" (1948 Jaguar, MK IV, 3 1/2 liter, drophead coupe (DHC), left hand drive (LHD) which is longer/wider/heavier than her E-Type. So, we installed a second new wheel stop, forward of the old one, and additional floor ribs to hold gas cans in various places.

Additional trailer features needed were: electric brakes controlled from truck, interior lights, exterior flood lights, extra vents, solar charging panel for house battery, heavy duty wench with braided nylon cable with remote bull dog electric front wench, rear scissor jacks, two spare tires, two wheel stops for two different cars, floor mounted "D" rings to hook to wheel tiedowns, and wood floor frame to hold gas cans, floor Jack, etc. in place.

We use a "strap over wheel" tie down system hooked to the "D" rings on the floor. We also have a Bull Dog electric Jack on the front and two scissor jacks on the rear. We travel with ten 2" thick 10x10 blocks to put under all jacks as needed.

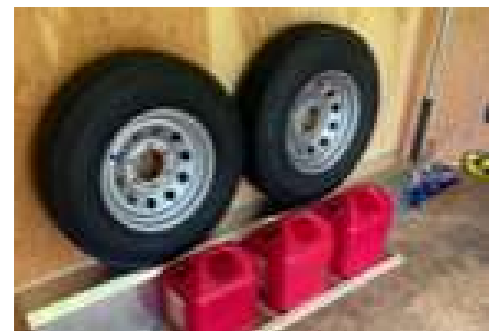
We have found that taking our own fuel to away shows (plus actually driving each car once a week) is the secret to motoring success. We always leave each car with a full tank and use 93 octane, non-ethanol, plus our own octane booster, etc. We fill our gas cans at regular gas stations and bring them to the house garage ...we then fill the car's gas tank in our own garage! Worth the effort!

From day one when we first got "Audrey" (the E-Type) we've had a "tongue weight" problem with the trailer. That was solved by putting the car as far to the rear as possible, putting spare tires and gas cans over the axles, etc.

The final solution was the bigger engine plus level ride system of a new Denali truck and the fancy torsion bar leveling system on the trailer hitch!



'Red Line Patty' & 'Audrey'



Though trailering is not very exciting, it's very demanding and takes a lot more effort than we ever imagined. So much to think about, but most especially important are the trailer electric brakes and monitoring the trailer tires while traveling. We've had a flat tire on the trailer on a trip and it was not fun!

Do not buy tires over 3 years old or made in China. Always have a spare, plus tools, etc. Also, never pull your car in or out of the trailer if your trailer is not hooked up to your tow vehicle and your front and scissor jacks are deployed!

Sir Charles is now "STREET LEGAL!" Next stop will be his very first show ever! ...Hilton Head Island Concours on Sunday, November 6 on the big show field! He had previously been either in a private collection, being restored in the early '80s or stored for many, many years ...not shown, not driven !

We've been re-restoring Sir Charles since last February. Please refer to our 'Part 1' story on [pages 10-11 in the May-June JAGWire](#) and 'Part 2' on [pages 16-17 of the July-August edition.](#)



For the Hilton Head show, 'll put on my chauffeur outfit and 'Red Line' Patty will temporarily transition from driver to chauffeured!

Check out the pictures showing Sir Charles after his re-restoration. Please note the very rare/original 'Jaguar Minor Replacement Outfit' box (original to Sir Charles) included with each of these cars when they were new! Plus, the 'parking radiator cap' without the 'leaper' hood ornament ...which many used in the city as the leaper was prone to be stolen! Oh my.

Thanks for letting us be part of the club and sharing our story in as fine a publication as JAGWire. We hope to see you at the Hilton Head Island Concours, November 6.

Roger S. Crawford

Assistant to 'Red Line' Patty,
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'Sir Charles' was moved from California to North Carolina just months before the Ventura fire destroyed his former home.



3.5 Litre engine is not exactly a roaring beast.



You're likely to not find more burl in a fine furniture store.



Parking Radiator Cap



Editor Delmar was proud to find something almost as old as he



Miss Kitty, Roger & Patty at Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance



If you see this in your rear view mirror, please don't brake too quickly!



Jaguar 'Minor Replacement Outfit'



2022 International Jaguar Festival

by George Cole

Once again, Miss Kitty was on the prowl, this time to the International Jaguar Festival (IJF) in Dallas, TX, 12-16 October 2022. The Jaguar Owners Association of



On the Road Again



JCNA President John Boswell, JCNA Treasurer Bob Matejek, & George Cole

Car activities began the next morning, with the predominately local cars breaking into groups for the rally and scenic tour. Ten cars departed the hotel for the rally



North Texas (JOANT) President Rebecca Richter-Keig and her team truly outdid them-



Rally Cars Ready to Go

and another 8 participated in the scenic tour. The scenic tour partially routed along several Dallas mul-



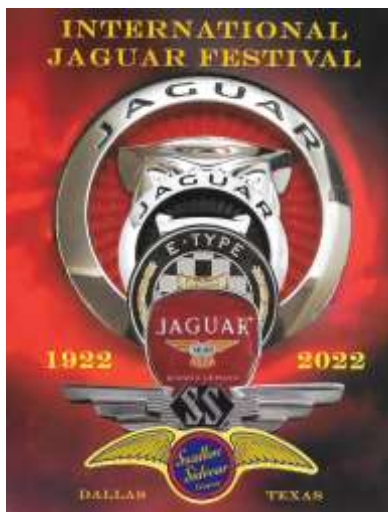
Steve LEEK, JOANT, at Check-In Table



Scenic Tour Traffic

ti-lane highways, (not an issue for the late-models,

After a brief stop in the Love Field Embassy Suites host hotel lobby to check in and peruse the tables full of silent auction goodies, it was off to the Welcome Reception. The light hors d'oeuvres of mini-cheeseburgers and meatball marinara were more than enough to suffice for a full meal. At one point, close to eighty mostly JOANT members were crowded into the not-too-large room, rekindling old friendships, and initi-



Scenic Tour Superhighway



city traffic into a more relaxed residential area, then into the north-Texas countryside. The route crossed the Grapevine Dam, and past the Tex-



Scenic Tour Motorcade

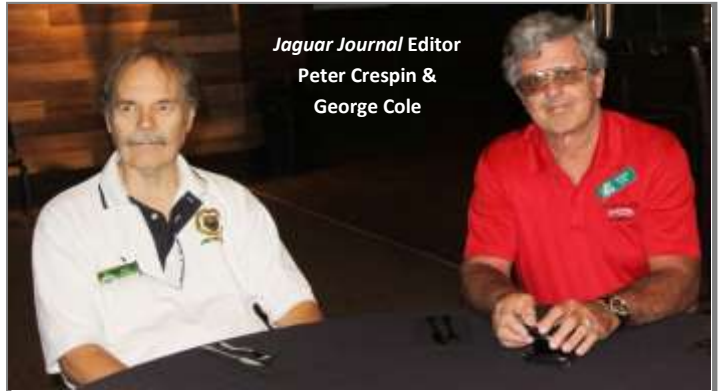


Scenic Tour Complete

as Motor Speedway. The rally and scenic tour groups rejoined at Billy Bobs, near the Fort Worth Stockyards.



Billy Bob's Buffet Lunch



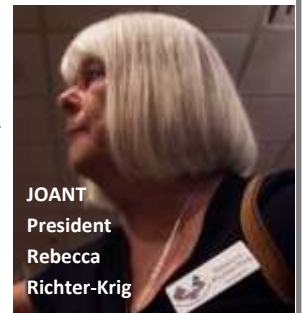
Jaguar Journal Editor Peter Crespin & George Cole

For the less adventuresome, a shopping excursion was offered. The day's activities concluded with a Welcome Dinner at the host hotel. Coventry Foun-



JCNA President John Boswell, Coventry Foundation President George Camp, Chairman Gary Kinzel, & Treasurer Amos Kunkle

dation President, George Camp, gave a presentation on progress being made in computerizing thousands of Jaguar service bulletins into a searchable database for future access by JCNA members. JOANT President Richter-Keig announced that all proceeds from the 2022 IJF would be donated to the American Red Cross for victims of Hurricane Ian. Thank you JOANT.



JOANT President Rebecca Richter-Krig

Friday morning broke finding practically everyone with rags in hand, making last-minute preparations for the JCNA Sanctioned Concours, on the grounds of the Frontiers of Flight Aviation Museum. Of almost 80 cars registered, practically all were in attendance. However, pushrod engines were few and far between, as only 4 graced the show field. Hopefully for the last time, Miss Kitty suffered pangs

A JCNA-sanctioned slalom was held on Saturday. Then a red carpet and Sergeants-at-Arms greeted attendees to an Awards Banquet between the aircraft in the Frontiers of Flight Museum. Pictures taken of each registered car were framed, and free for the taking, courtesy of the JOANT. Sadly, this author did not attend the Friday Gilley's dinner or the Saturday slalom, and only made a brief stop at the Saturday evening Awards Banquet. Rally and Slalom award results are on the following page.

The Texas Region Classic Car Club of America (CCCA) held a Grand Classic 14-15 October...overlapping JOANT's IJF. Friday evening, we toured two CCCA pre-war car collections in the Westlake, TX, area with them. On Saturday Miss Kitty was registered for her first official judging at the CCCA national show. We attended the CCCA Awards Banquet on Saturday evening, where Miss Kitty bested several competitors to win 1st in Class in the 1940-1948 Touring Division, with a score of 93/100 points.

Everyone awoke Sunday to a not-so-fun rainy morning. Following the farewell breakfast, long-



Awards Banquet Table Arrangement



Concours Car Photos



George Camp

Rebecca Richter-Kieg



Lined Up for Libations at the Awards Banquet



George & Theresa Cole



George Camp & his lovely wife



John Boswell, Peter Crespin, & George Camp



John Boswell's Rig Ready to Hit the Road

Rally Results

Class	Member	Car	Score	Navigator
T2N	Gina Carpenter	2017 F-Type Red	16.040	Yes
T2N	Terry Collins	2017 F-Type Red	16.040	No
T2N	James Johnson	2017 F-Type Red	11.470	Yes
T2N	Stacie Skinner	2017 F-Type Red	11.470	No
T2N	David Traylor	1999 XJ8 VDP Blue	10.490	No
Z – All non-Jaguar powered cars	Bob Matejek	2018 Chevrolet Corvette White	14.390	No
Z – All non-Jaguar powered cars	John Boswell	2018 Chevrolet Corvette White	14.390	Yes

Slalom Results

Class	Member	Car	Score
A – Classics. All Jaguars (1927-1951)	John Boswell	1938 SS Jaguar DHC	72.247 *
D – E Types – 6 cylinder (1961-1971)	J.J. Keig	1969 E-Type FHC	49.518 *
L – Two Wheel Drive Supercharged GT Cars – XKR, XJR, & S-Type R	David Traylor	1999 Vandenplas SC	47.958
R – F-Type – All models (2013-present)	Terry Collins	2017 F-Type	48.256
R – F-Type – All models (2013-present)	Daron Cooke	2014 F-Type	46.113
SP/L – Street Prepared, Lightweight – All 120,	Jack Wade	1966 E-Type FHC Burgundy	49.653
Z – All non-Jaguar powered cars	Kari Halme	2001 Dodge Viper	49.064
Z – All non-Jaguar powered cars	Scott Jeffery	2021 Alfa Romero Guilia Black	47.588
Z – All non-Jaguar powered cars	Bob Matejek	2018 Chevrolet Corvette	45.567









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Friday

- Sailing tour of the SF Bay
- Mozart Foundation
Auto Museum visit
- Welcome reception and dinner

Saturday

- AGM meeting
- "People's Choice" Concours
- Awards Banquet with speaker
Mr. Boris Guzman,
*"Completing the 2019
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2022 Concours Champion 2004 Jaguar XJ8 FOR SALE



At the 2022 July Carolina Jaguar Club's Concours d'Elegance, this luxurious Jaguar XJ8 'saloon' earned a score of 9.963 out of 10 in the Driven Division Class for what is often called

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"Not much else should be needed," said **The Jaguar Expert.**

Since purchasing this all aluminum almost spotless 294 hp V8 beauty, this seller has lost most vision in his right eye and is cutting back on driving. Besides, his wife's car is an almost new Jaguar XF Prestige sedan. (Even so, it doesn't seem to drive or ride quite as nice as this 2004).



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All 5 purchases and 2 of the three sales involved only one meeting, one test drive and signing of papers. No, that didn't make me want to get into the car business. I did that in 1990 and now look back as that being "the worst year of my life."

Judy and I recently purchased a gorgeous 2004 XJ8 that later earned 9.963 points out of 10 in the Driven Division Class at the Carolina Jaguar Club's Concours d'Elegance last July.

Loss of vision in my right eye has caused me to decide to sell that gorgeous car, so I published an [ad in AutoTrader](#). In less than 12 hours, I received a full price offer + \$300 if I would hold it for three days in order for the buyer to mail a check and for it to clear the bank. The check was delivered by FedEx 2 days later and I immediately deposited it with assurance from the bank teller that "the money was there." Soon after, problems started to become apparent.

I had agreed for the buyer to add \$975 to the \$15,000 purchase price for me to pay the sales tax for him. He later asked to add an undisclosed sum for me to pay his moving company. That turned out to be an additional \$4,850.

HELL! I would have pushed the car to his alleged home in Michigan for that kind of money! He explained though that the trucker had to pick up furniture and other things to complete his move from Florida. That sounded ok but I started becoming suspicious, especially when he started calling from a New York phone#.

At this point I noted that the check I had deposited was from a corporation in Texas, allegedly signed and mailed by someone with a name different from the buyer in Michigan. The buyer had reported an even different delivery address in a different town in Michigan. Hmmmmmm.

Things then started getting stranger and stranger. The buyer with a heavy foreign accent kept calling from the New York phone #, asking for me to use Zelle, ApplePay or a debit card to transfer \$4,850 to his mover who had a very strange name and only a cell phone in Illinois. ***I may be dumb but I ain't stupid!*** I offered to send a cashier's check via certified mail — once my bank assured me that his \$20,850 check was fully funded.

It was like a fecalatory collision hitting a fan. The pretend-to-be buyer with a foreign accent called me time after time, stressing the *urgency* and *immediacy* of transferring funds to his mover (with a weird name and only a cell phone in what would be the fourth state involved in the transaction).

I immediately called the sheriff, then my banker to put a hold on all funds! I followed their advice to wait and see if the \$20,875 was funded. I then emailed the pretend-to-be buyer that the car was no longer for sale [it is]. I then told the pretend-to-be buyer that the bank would make an electronic payment back to the company in Texas from which the check had likely been stolen. After informing the buyer of those decisions, I've not heard another word.

Future transactions will require cashier's checks and certified mail!!!!

Robert Delmar

Message from Manninos

Editor's Note:

Long established (we don't use the word 'old' in this club) JCOFers will fondly recall Phil and Denise Mannino. They were leaders in our club before moving to Bonita Springs, FL where they immediately joined the Southwest Florida Jaguar Club (SWFJC). Phil soon became president, then chaired the **2021 JCNA International Jaguar Festival (IJF) on Sanibel Island**. *That was before Hurricane Ian wiped out Sanibel Island and most of southwest Florida!*

Knowing friends in central Florida were concerned, I asked Phil how they fared and was delighted with their good news:

Hi Robert,

All is fine over here. We did have a few problems, such as the ceiling caved in on our dining room and four screens blowing out. But no other problems. The ceiling has been repaired, but the screens have not. We hope the screens will be repaired in a couple of weeks. The laborers are having a field day, charging premium prices for repairs. Many trees were blown down, they're now in the process of hauling them away or saving the ones they can. Fortunately, no water came into the house (BACK OR FRONT)! However, the water in the streets in places was up to three feet deep. Denise tried to kayak to her sister's house a few blocks away, but because of the strong water current, had to turn back.

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Phil



Phil at IJF



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