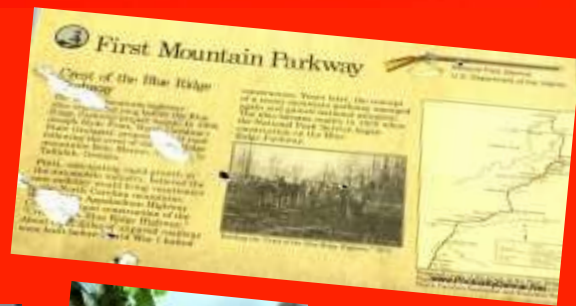


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President's Message

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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!

Jana Vacatova

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17 September Cats 'N' Brass Tour

Richard Williamson Collection, Ocala, FL



JCOF will host JCCNF on a tour of the Richard Williamson antique car collection, 423 S.E. 1st Ave, Ocala, FL, at 10:00 a.m., 17 September, 2022. A 24 September back-up date is reserved, in case Mr. Williamson must defer to a family emergency. The collection includes approximately 20 Brass-era and pre-WWII

Full Classic cars. These cars are not on public display, and guests are rarely



invited to see them. This is definitely an event you will not want to miss.



Members will then enjoy a no-host lunch at the Horse & Hounds restaurant, 6998 U.S. Hwy 27,



Ocala, FL, followed by a brief Jaguar club business meeting.



JCOF President Pavel Vacata will coordinate a convoy from the Orlando area. Details will be provided by him as the event draws near. Please R.S.V.P. to Paveljana1@aol.com by 6 September (earlier is better, better, better) as a head-count is needed for the restaurant.



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JCOF Cats 'N' Brass Tour

Richard Williamson Collection

Saturday, 17 September, 2022

JCOF hosts JCNF touring a several-million-dollar collection of rare Brass Era and Pre-War Full Classics in Ocala, FL. This private collection is seldom seen and not open to the public.



A no-host lunch will follow at Horses and Hounds, an Ocala English restaurant with American fare. See the full-page flyer in this edition of JAGWire for more information on this once-in-a-lifetime event.



SCJC invites all CatDrivers to join us for a FUN FESTIVAL at St Armands Circle

Sarasota, FL

Saturday, October 1, 2022

This year's festival is ***not a Concours***, simply a gathering of CatDrivers sharing great company & great cars.

Check SunCoastJaguarClub.com for information and registration.

Saturday, October 29, 2022

Lake County Tech Center

13000 Frankies Road

Tavavres, FL

***Sizzlin' Slalom and
Freeloaders Lunch***

Test your driving skills (or lack thereof) by competing in this JCNA Sanctioned Slalom! Earn worthless prizes and dubious fame while enjoying a day of Fun with other CatDrivers! Be sure to stay for the Freeloaders Lunch in the park. **Click Here to register & pay online.**





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November 4 - 6, 2022



Ponte Vedra Auto Show
Sunday, November 13, 2022

400 Nocatee Center Way, Ponte Vedra Beach FL
400 Nocatee Center Way, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL



The Show is open and free to spectators. It features up to 200 classic and collector cars, all vying for the show's awards. Gear up for what will be a great weekend!

Register to Show your Car!



December 10, 2022

CatDrivers from all JCNA clubs in Florida are invited to visit "America's Taj Mahal," Bok Singing Tower in Lake Wales, the very center of our state. The gardens have recently undergone a multi-million dollar expansion and the carillon tower is Florida's most historic landmark. Each club is encouraged to arrange a Fun Run Rally and meet at Lake Wales City Hall by 11:30.

We'll caravan up Spook Hill, then up 'Iron Mountain,' for lunch at the Garden Café. 'El Retiro' Mansion will be beautifully decorated for the holidays and will provide a wonderful tour while waiting for the Carillon Bell Recital at 3:00 pm. If you stay in Lake Wales overnight, we'll have dinner at a restaurant you will not forget!

[Click Here for more information and registration.](#)



December 2 - 4, 2022

Tampa Bay Golf Course
5300 W Lutz Lake Fern Rd
Lutz, FL 33558

<https://gasparillaconcours.com/>





JCNA Sanctioned Slalom & Freeloaders Lunch!

SATURDAY

October 29, 2022

8:30 A.M. – NOON



Registration opens at 8:30am and closes at 9:30am

Lake County Tech Center,

13000 Frankies Road, Tavares, FL

JCOF invites you to *JOIN US FOR FUN* with your cars at our 23rd JCNA Sanctioned Slalom. Please complete the sign-up form with \$20 per car (\$25 for Non-JCNA members) to:

JAG c/o Tom Wright, III
120 Greentree Ln
Lake Mary, FL

OR call Tom, 407-792-8018

OR <mailto:tomscj@hotmail.com>

OR [Click Here to Register & Pay Online](#)

Driver positions limited to 25! JCNA members given preference.

IMPORTANT:

- ◆ You will be required to fill out official Entry Forms and sign Release on day of Slalom
- ◆ Bring your Driver's license, registration, & insurance card
- ◆ Bring your own helmet, or one will be provided
- ◆ Your car will be inspected prior to Slalom
- ◆ [Click Here to read Inspection and Slalom Rules](#)

Freeloaders Lunch

Following the Slalom, lunch will be hosted by Chief Judge, Ian Crawford. **You don't have to compete in the Slalom to Freeload lunch!** Simply enter the number of 'Freeloaders' in your party here: _____ then complete this registration form and mail to:

Tom Wright
120 E Greentree Ln
Lake Mary, FL 32746

OR send an email to tomscj@hotmail.com

(No fee or check is required for the lunch).

Open to Jaguars and Non-Jaguars

Name of Driver(s): _____

Cell: (____) _____ - _____ Email(s) _____

JCNA # _____ Car Club(s): _____

Car(s) Make, Model, Color & Year: _____



Jaguar Club of Florida (JCOF)

Membership Meeting Date: July 30, 2022

Location: Ashley's Restaurant 1609 US-1, Rockledge, FL.

Meeting Facilitator: Pavel Vacata, President



JCOF enjoyed a wonderful lunch at Ashley's of Rockledge. After lunch, Steve Kurtzke, Ghost Hunter, shared with us about his investigations of paranormal activities at Ashley's. Through his findings, using digital movie cameras, recording voice boxes and other paranormal equipment, he was able to find evidence of spirits and/or ghosts. He shared the history behind Ashley's and all their ghostly sightings.

The meeting was then brought to order by Pavel Vacata, President. He thanked George Cole for organizing the luncheon meeting at Ashley's. There were 24 attendees.

2022 EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

The President proposed combining the August and September meetings. The proposal was passed, and the next meeting will be held in September.

Saturday, September 10 – World Equestrian Center, Ocala, FL **NOTE: THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**

~~The President announced JCOF has been invited to bring our Jags and join the "Festival of Speed" car show at the World Equestrian Center, Ocala. The indoor display will include 200 exotic, classic and American Muscle cars. Attendees can test drive cars, enter the radio-controlled car race and much more. It is free of charge.~~

October: Annual Slalom Event

The slalom event will be held at the firing range, Frankies Rd. & CR-561, Tavares, FL. Following the slalom, Ian Crawford will host all attendees to a wonderful luncheon ["Freeloaders Lunch"] at his lake house.

November : Road Rally

Jay Hixson said he will investigate the possibility of arranging a road rally for late November or early December.

December: Bok Towers Gardens, Lake Wales, FL

,Robert Delmar reported that Saturday, December 10r JCOF has been invited to join other Jaguar Clubs for an overnight trip to Bok Towers Gardens. Further details will follow.

Bok Towers Gardens – During visits from his residence in Pennsylvania, Edward Bok, became enchanted with the beauty of nearby Iron Mountain. He purchased land, transforming it into lush gardens featuring a Singing Tower housing a 60-bell carillon. Also, within the 71/2 acres at Bok Tower Gardens is a 1930's, 20-room Mediterranean style mansion named "El Retiro." The home was built for Charles Buck a Bethlehem Steel executive.

OLD BUSINESS:

The President announced the new JCOF website will be up and running in a week or two. It will be on its own server and not tied to any single member so that it can be easily passed from one Web Master to another. PayPal will be available through the website to pay dues, outing fees and concours.

Robert Delmar reported on the gracious hospitality of the Carolina Jag Club, Inc. at the July Concours d'Elegance, held at Little Switzerland, NC. Robert and Judy came away 1st Place winners in the Driven Division, Class D-12 for their beautiful 2004 XJ8.

Robert also welcomed new members and asked if someone would consider writing an article for the JAGWire Magazine. Rhett Wilson [new member at his first meeting] volunteered.

A discussion was held on locations of meetings. Many members of the club liked the idea of moving meeting locations monthly to accommodate members who have a longer drive time. It was also agreed we should try to have guest speakers at meetings.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Lewis

JCOF Secretary





JCOF July Meeting and Lunch with Spirits

By new member Rhett Wilson

After recently saving a 1999 XK8 Cat convertible from the crusher, my wife and I decided to hang out with some Cat enthusiasts and learn about these fine automobiles.



Ashley's Restaurant

On 30 July we attended our first JCOF lunch meeting at Ashley's Restaurant in Rockledge, FL with 21 other JCOF members. We made many new friends and everyone was inviting and welcoming. I particularly enjoyed my table companions' Jaguar excursion stories and advice.



JCOF Members and Guests

The venue centered around Ashley's Restaurant being Florida's most haunted place. As a local Melbourne resident, I have frequently driven past, but was unaware of its stories. I should have been more curious and stopped, eaten, and learned the history. Ashley's was built in 1932 on the site of the former Flagler railroad Rockledge train station. It has been known as a tavern for much of its life. It was formerly Cooney's Tavern, The Madd Duchess, The Loose Caboose, Sparrow Hawk, and Gentleman Jim's. If some of the names sound like a gentlemen's club, that's because it was for a few times over the years.

Guest speaker, Steve Kurtzke, is an enthusiast of the supernatural. Skeptics might easily try to discredit his findings at Ashley's but there does seem to be recurring paranormal activity taking place there. Steve spoke not only of Ashley's history and stories, but also of his state-of-the-art equipment used in manifestation detection.



Ghost Hunting Equipment

Steve displayed very sensitive EMF readers which measure electromagnetic fields, temperature sensitive devices, night-vision cameras, motion detectors, voice recorders, and much more. He talked about the equipment and demonstrated how each piece worked. He shared pictures, video and voice recording of Ashley's haunting personalities.



Steve Kurtzke



Apparition Sitting at Table

The main character in Ashley's haunting repertoire is Ethel Allen. She is believed to have been murdered there. Her spirit is apparently playful and shows up the most to be recorded. When entering the front door, go to the right, and on the wall closest to the rail road tracks are pictures taken of her ghostly appearances. She also likes to answer when asked, "Ethel are you here?"

She has been recorded responding, "Yes I am."



Little Girl Twirling

Steve has also recorded images of other spirits, including a small girl who was supposedly killed on the street in front of the tavern many, many years ago.

Following Steve's presentation, President Pavel Vacata made several brief announcements regarding the 20 October Sizzlin' Slalom at Tavares and a 10 December tour to ["America's Taj Mahal," Bok Singing Tower and Gardens](#). plus [El Retiro Mansion](#) decorated for the holidays in Lake Wales, FL.

Hopefully all members and guests enjoyed this venue, the drive, the comradery, and Steve's presentation about the interesting background of Ashley's Restaurant. *(Editing & images by George Cole)*

Carolina Jaguar Club Concours d'Elegance July 21-24, 2022

Notes

by Jay Lander
Jaguar Car Club of North Florida (JCCNF)
and Concours Judge for JCOF and CJC



A good number of Jaguar enthusiasts from 11 different JCNA affiliate clubs, including JCCNF and JCOF, 'Headed Tor the Mountains' to Little Switzerland, NC to actively participate in the Carolina Jaguar Club Concours d'Elegance over the weekend of July 22 – July 24, 2022.

The Switzerland Lodge and Inn, the exclusive host hotel, is set in the gorgeous mountains of western North Carolina about 1 hour north of Asheville. For some, the event doubled as a mini vacation, allowing them to extend their trip and enjoy a respite from the blistering Florida heat.

JCCNF members who made the trek from the Jacksonville area included Ed & Tissa Lewis, Ray & Jennifer Park, and Jay Lander & Pam Clifford. JCOF members, Robert & Judy Delmar, Will & Norma Hoehndorf and Juan & Genie Sierra also joined the fun.



Saturday's Concours d'Elegance featured 41 vintage and contemporary Jaguars in the Champion, Driven and Display Divisions. Unsurprisingly, JCCNF's own Ed Lewis and his magnificent 1960 Mark IX won first place in the Class C8 Champion Division.



Robert & Judy Delmar and their beautiful 'new' 18 year old XJ8 took home First Place/ Best In Class D12 in the Driven Division with a score of 9.963.



JCNA certified judges included myself, Jay Lander, who was



assigned to a team that judged the Championship Division and selected several class winners, including the People's Choice of "Best in Show," Chris & Carin Lapinski's 1956 XK140 DHC .

Carolina Jaguar Club Concours d'Elegance July 21-24, 2022

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by Jay Lander

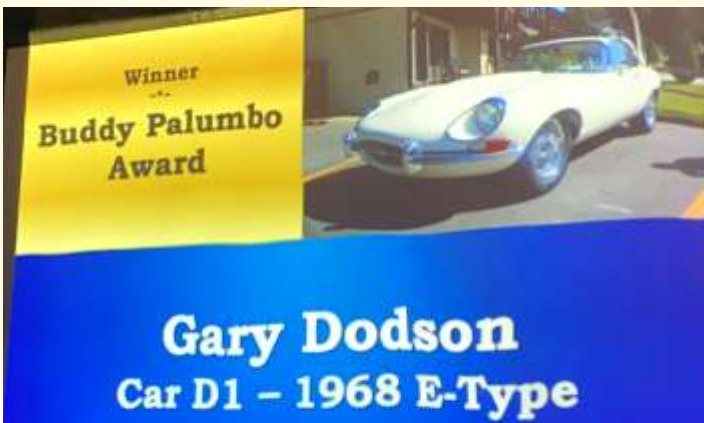
Jaguar Car Club of North Florida (JCCNF)
and Concours Judge for JCOF and CJC



The Saturday night awards banquet was well attend-ed and the food and service provided by the Chalet Restaurant staff was superb.



One interesting aspect of the awards presentation was CJC's inclusion of the vehicle types in each cate-gory along with pictures of the winning Jaguars. This approach was very much appreciated by the general audience who may not have been familiar with the various category designations.



Editor's Note: Judy decided it was time for the Delmar's to again have a second car. We found a 2004 XJ8 that *ap-peared* to be in concours condition. **Thousands of dollars later, it was.**

Soooo we decided to 'Head For The Mountains,' Carolina Jaguar Club's Concours d'Elegance. We had heard from previous JCOF attendees that it was a wonderful and marvelous event.

It was even better than they described.

It was also announced that \$1,380 was raised for the USO, the official charity for this year's concours. Bob Hope would have been proud !! Overall, the Carolina Jaguar Club Concours was very well planned, out-standingly organized and delivered a wonderful weekend of fun and com-raderly amongst an inspired group of Jaguar aficionados.



Editor's Note continued: One of the most enjoyable CJC events was Friday's Road Rally on the Blue Ridge Parkway. It was some-what like a scavenger hunt. Four beautiful mountain outlooks were scheduled for partic-ipants to take iPh-one 'selfies,' including their Jaguars and the magnificent scenery.



Judy and I might have won except for another couple blowing more bubbles at one stop, as required and part of the fun.

It was great to renew acquaintances with Chris & Carin Lapinski and others we had previously met at our 2021 JCOF concours. We hope to see them and other new friends from the CJC concours again at our

**JCOF Concours d'Elegance n March, 2023.
Time & Place to soon be announced.**



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Sorting 'Miss Kitty' part 2

by George Cole



Miss Kitty

This article is the second in a series of *Sorting Miss Kitty*. The first article can be found [pages 12-13 in the May-June issue of JagWire](#).

Miss Kitty's entire exhaust system looked like Swiss cheese, and sounded like she was exhaling through open pipes... which for all intents and purposes, she was. The exhaust header pipe attached to the manifolds was split at the 'Y', and the pipes and muffler were riddled with rust holes. Adding insult to injury, on the trip from Los Angeles to Cocoa Beach, the rear exhaust hanger broke somewhere in New Mexico. At least 12-inches ground off the end of the tailpipe as it dragged on the pavement. I removed the entire system from the exhaust manifolds on back. No doubt Miss Kitty heaved a sigh of relief as she watched the remainder of her pipes and muffler go into the trash. Trying to keep with Miss Kitty's originality, rather than having a new exhaust pipe fabricated, the cracked one was repaired. No doubt she felt like she was sporting a new set of clothes when dressed with a shiny new set of 2 1/2-inch stainless-steel pipes and muffler. She now sounds like the distinguished British lady that she is, instead of a 75-year-old farm tractor.



Ever since Miss Kitty came home with us, she had been running extremely rich, with black, sooty exhaust, stumbling and coughing, and backfiring from both carburetors and the exhaust at idle as well as at all engine speeds. New plugs, points, condenser, and rotor provided no relief or improvement. Plug wires and distributor cap all appeared to be okay. A compression test produced acceptable results in all cylinders. Adjustments to the twin SU carbs didn't help. It was obvious she was still suffering...sputtering, coughing, backfiring, and the same black sooty exhaust.

In addition to the pair of SUs, Miss Kitty has a third carb between the pair. Although Jaguar calls it a



Twin SU Carburetors

starting carburetor, it's an electric fuel solenoid between the rear carb and the head, used for starting and warm-up. Close comparison of it against several

different parts diagrams led to the discovery of a missing solenoid plunger spring. Burlen Fuel Systems sells the solenoid, plunger, and spring as a kit...but they were out of stock with no estimated delivery date.

Luck was once again shining on Miss Kitty, as someone on eBay was advertising the kit for sale. Several days later Miss Kitty was fitted with the new spring. It was obvious she felt much, much better as her idle smoothed out, the engine properly accelerated, and the exhaust was much cleaner.



Starting Carburetor

Now it was time for more test drives. She did okay at idle and at somewhat low speed operation, but after several seconds of increased speed and engine RPM under load, she again began stumbling and backfiring. Once again, it was time for some serious head scratching. Miss Kitty has 2 SU electric fuel pumps operating in parallel, which join outputs for a single feed to both carbs. Both fuel pumps felt like they were running to the touch...but operating them individually proved otherwise. One was functioning and one was not. The vibration felt when running them together was sympathetic from the 'good' one to the 'bad.' Still, one pump should supply ample fuel, so the next step was a flow test. The 'good' one was pumped into a metered container. Surprise. Surprise. It was only flowing 6 ounces per minute.

That's about 2.8-gal p/hr. Even running rich with the screwed-up carbs, Miss Kitty had been getting between 10-12 mpg. Traveling at highway speed with the engine turning



Twin SU Fuel Pumps

approximately 2500 rpm, Miss Kitty needed 4-5-gallons p/hr. No wonder she was coughing, sputtering, and backfiring...she was starving. Fuel pump rebuild kits are available through Burlen...

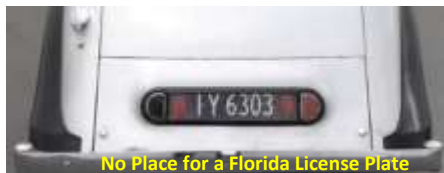
but you guessed it...they're out of stock with no estimated delivery. However, back to eBay, where a brand-new pair of the exact same pumps were found. With them installed, she began purring contentedly.

Miss Kitty's fog lights had been missing for at least 37 years. A pair of on-hand Trippe safety-lites were installed. They looked good, but were obviously not what the 'Prince of Darkness' originally had in mind. A pair of Lucas SFT 576



Flame-Throwers

were found and installed, which seemed more appropriate. However, per the advice of George Camp at The Coventry Foundation, these too were incorrect. He said Miss Kitty should be sporting a pair of Lucas SFT 700 'Flame-Throwers.' He had one and parts of another on the shelf, which Miss Kitty carried home. In search of missing parts for the second light, another pair of Flame-Throwers were found...not cheap, but nothing ever is. With those, Miss Kitty has her night vision correctly restored.



No Place for a Florida License Plate

Now, if only a place could be found to put that pesky Florida license plate.

To be 'concours-ready' for judging, Miss Kitty still needs a bit more TLC. She is missing several parts made of that precious metal... **unobtanium**. These include an original air cleaner and plenum, heater control valve with switch, tool tray with lid, and more. Surprisingly, some of these and other needed parts have been located in Australia. Hopefully by the time you read this, they will have arrived in Cocoa Beach.

Another concern was potential sludge in the oil pan. The pan was removed, and over 3/8-inch of gunk was cleaned from it.



Incorrect Air Cleaner

It seems everything with Miss Kitty has been a one-way street, as she keeps begging for more and more attention. However that's not the case as she has entered several shows since the JCOF Lake Mary Concours in March.



Stacking Up the Accolades

So far she has earned a First Place in the British Car Club of Central Florida Sanford Show, a Best in Class at the Wheels Across the Pond Show in Jupiter, and a First Place at the Panhandle British Car Association Brits on the Bay Show in Pensacola.

So, where does Theresa fit into all of this? The relationship between her and Miss Kitty is best described as tolerance and mutual respect. Theresa accepts the fact there's a new girl in our life which will continue to occupy a significant amount of my time. And Miss Kitty has done her best to get us home safely from every venue we have undertaken thus far, giving us confidence in her reliability and dependability.



Theresa & Miss Kitty on Cape

Her prowling grounds were initially limited to Florida, but she's expanding her territory. In addition to visiting the Coventry Foundation in Columbia, SC and the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) Headquarters in Hershey, PA, she recently participated in the North-east Region Classic Car Club of America (CCCA) Pilgrim Tour and Concours on Cape Cod, MA.

And she has a very busy calendar planned for the upcoming tour and show season. Her next venue is the Atlanta British Car Fayre in Norcross, GA, and then the International Jaguar Festival in Dallas, TX. Stay tuned for more from Miss Kitty 'on the prowl.'

JCNA Social Media Sites Enrich Your Jaguar Experience

We look forward to the 6x-a-year *Jaguar Journal*. Every week you will also find interesting pictures, stories, historical and technical information at Jaguar Clubs of North America's social media sites: [YouTube](#), [Instagram](#) and two Facebook pages ([visible to the public](#), and [members only](#)). If you already have Twitter, Instagram and Facebook accounts, you can just click on the links in this story. YouTube is visible to anyone. If you don't have accounts, this might be the time to give social media a try. And please contribute thoughts, pictures and videos to the pages. The Social Media Committee volunteers are scanning and posting helpful technical information, older brochures and other reference materials; posting current and historical photos and videos; JCNA-affiliated club events; pictures of member cars and other Jaguars from around the internet. The Social Media Committee encourages members to share their own items on the sites. If you have any questions or ideas, contact socialmedia@jcna.com

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Introducing 'Sir Charles'

"Bad fuel plus being idle equals big problems !"

Story 'Part 2 of 3' by Roger Crawford



To recap, we bought Sir Charles in February 2022 from an estate ...all his papers, history, etc. had been destroyed in a tragic California wildfire, right after he had

been moved to NC. The car had been partially restored and kept covered in a climate controlled garage for many years, both in California and NC. It had not been shown or even equipped with a California or NC license plate!

Unbeknownst to us, the car had been driven with very old/bad fuel...the fuel tank was full of rust and lots of bad stuff. Initially, the engine showed good compression. Then the first big clue of trouble became evident when the motor would not cool down properly ...*it was not a pressure system!*

We started our discovery by pulling the gas tank! Keep in mind, there are no easy to get parts for a 1948 Jaguar Mark IV!

This report is about fuel and then other repairs so please let me digress...

As you may recall, my wife Patty (aka 'Red Line' Patty) also has a 1974 E-Type Series 3, 'Audrey.' We quickly learned that proper fuel, driving a car every week, keeping a full fuel tank ...and learning to



siphon fuel in and out are necessary. Also, we now take our own fuel every where we show and keep a supply at home to top off after each ride.

We have become very serious about the proper fuel. If you own an old car: read your owners manual, blend your own fuel if needed, *drive fast and drive often!*

Now, back to Sir Charles:

Taking the fuel tank out and thoroughly cleaning the inside, then coating the inside with epoxy paint was no easy task. All fuel lines, floats, joints and pump were thoroughly cleaned or replaced. We then took the head off of the engine ...*What A MESS!* The copper head gasket had folds in it that allowed leaks!

Next, we took out the pistons and crank shaft and almost cried looking at the scarring on the pistons! If we had continued running the engine, it would have meant a cracked block or worse! We had no history of what had been done (or not done) earlier to the car. We're guessing that it was partially restored, covered with only a little fuel in the tank, started only occasionally, then just sat there in a climate controlled garage as part of a classic car collection that burned up in the Ventura, CA fire right after Sir Charles was shipped to NC.

By the time you read this, the rebuilding of the engine in Sir Charles should be complete. Let's just say that the magic of buying a partially restored car fades quickly when faced with problems caused by bad fuel, etc. etc.!!!

At this age (I'm 77 and Patty is much, much younger), time is often more important to us than money. We are drivers, *not restorers* ...we want to be at car shows and not in machine shops! Other problems resulting from the car just being stored where rusted speed and tach cables ...all fixed now.



3.5 Litre engine is purrrring nicely once again.

We had brake failure on one of our first test drives when the tab end of the brake cable broke off. The car has cable brakes and not hydraulic brakes. [This seems similar to brake problems George Cole experienced during his first drive in 'Miss Kitty,' a 1947 Mark IV sedan].

Finding proper white wall tires that were younger than 3 years old was a nightmare ...older tires for 'show only' might be ok but not for driving! In addition to the challenge of finding 5 proper white wall tires, one of the wire wheels was missing one spoke and two others were damaged beyond repair. Try finding the proper spare spokes and better yet installing same!



The 'Finding and Care' of wire wheels and the correct tires for your driving and your wheels is a topic for another day.

Hopefully, we might now be at the end of what we're calling our RE=Restoration of Sir Charles. Our first show will be on Saturday, Sept 10 at Wakulla Springs (home of the Creature from the Black Lagoon). Then we're off to the International Jaguar festival (IJF) in Dallas, Tx the first week in October .

In November, Patty will be displaying Sir Charles on the main show field of the [Hilton Head Concours d'Elegance](#) with her chauffeur at the wheel. We are especially looking forward to the JCOF Concours d'Elegance in March, 2023. When will time and place be announced?

Our next report will be how Sir Charles likes car shows ...or rather how they like him. That third installment will be an account of how 'Charles' and 'Red Line' do at some shows! For openers, I know Patty will have me wearing a chauffeur outfit!

Stay tuned for your next edition of *JAGWire*.

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