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Hello !

This message was written on April 1, but *NO FOOLIN', "The FUNNEST Car Club in Florida" is on the road again!*

President Jay Hixson led us on two Fun Runs last month. First to Loughman FL for lunch at the Lakeside Restaurant and Bar on March 3, then on March 24, to a tour of the historic Howey Mansion in Howey In The Hills, FL.

Reservations to tour the Howey Mansion were limited to only 20 people. If you missed out, [check their website and plan a trip on your own.](#)



Meanwhile, be sure to view our [Fun Photos](#) at [JaguarClubFL.com](#).

We've been somewhat remiss with keeping our website's Calendar of Events current and ahead, but it's now up to date and will stay that way. Check it often and we hope to see you at the next event this coming Saturday, The All British Car Show in Sanford.

**A hardy Congratulations & Applause to Alan Winer** for becoming JCOF's new Membership Chairperson **AND** for his 1957 XK140 OTC earning 2023 1st Place in North America SE Region's Champion Class C3/140, scoring 99.27500. This Cat also took 1st Place/Best in Class at the 2024 International Jaguar Festival (IJF).

**Ted Hill's** 2004 XKR convertible earned 2023 2nd Place in North America SE Region's Champion Class C14/K8, scoring 99.99333.

JCOF Treasurer **Robert Delmar's** 2004 XJ8 sedan earned 2023 1st Place in North America SE Region's Driven Class D12/J8, scoring 9.9310. This daily driver also won 1st Place/Best in Class D12/J8 at the 2024 International Jaguar Festival (IJF).

**Gary and Sylvia Thomas'** 2016 F-Type coupe took 1st Place in North America SE Region's Driven Class D15/F, scoring 9.9800.

JCOF Vice President **Gary Berglin's** 1960 E-Type OTS earned 2nd Place in North America SE Region's Driven Class D3/E2, scoring 9.9800.

If you did not renew your membership in JCNA and JCOF for 2023 and/or 2024, we really want you back!

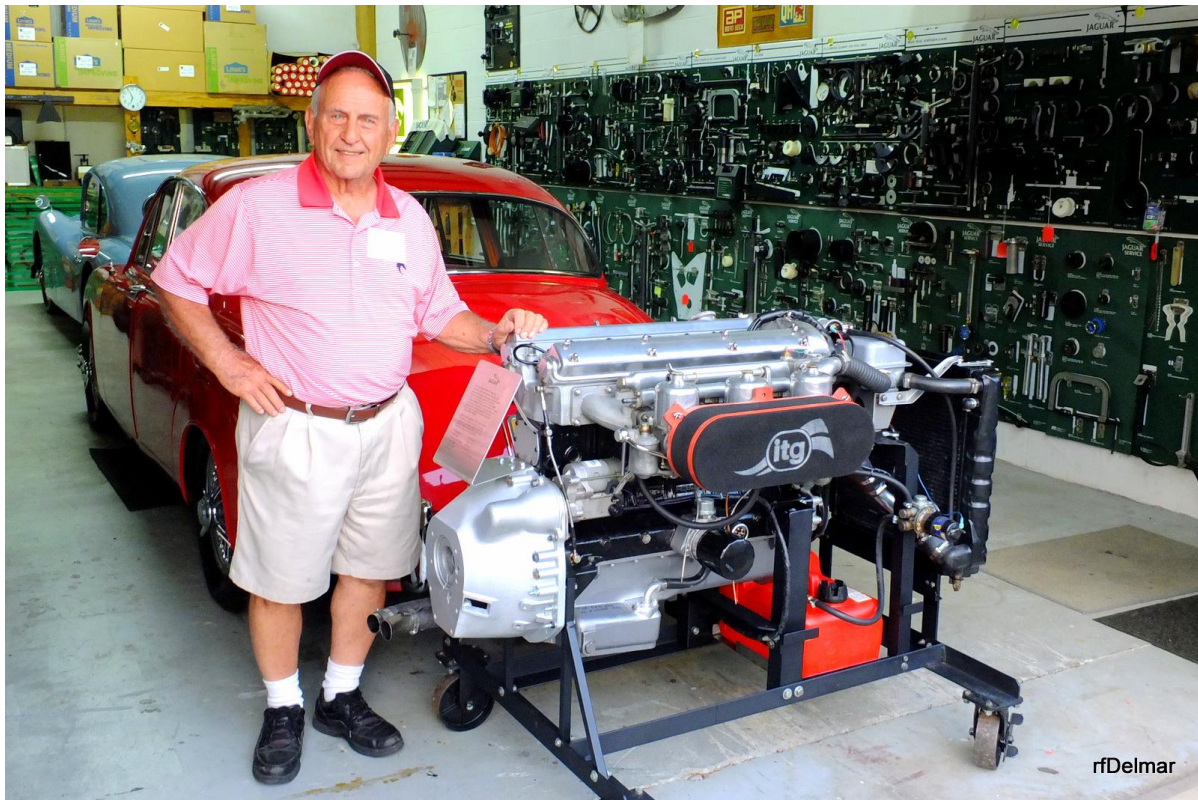
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BY ROBERT DELMAR, CLUB COMMUNICATOR



## Cat Tales - Member Articles



### Downsizing

I love Jaguars, particularly their XK engines, and as well as owning a '62 E type and a 2015 XKR, I currently vintage-race a '63 E type FHC. Vintage racers, by necessity, spend a lot of time in the garage. It's the reality part of "race-it, break-it, fix-it, & repeat!" Vintage racers likely have a stash of engines, and engine parts.

In preparing for our recent move from Sunapee, NH, to our home in Weeki Wachee, FL, a major dilemma arose; how to consolidate and utilize (or dispose of!) years of accumulated Jaguar parts.

This brought to mind my association with the Coventry Foundation in SC, where a like-minded group of Jagophiles had established a museum. The major goal of the museum was to establish the most complete repository of Jaguar information, history, memorabilia, and Jaguars for display, in the USA. Additionally, they have established scholarships in the Restoration Arts at the Penn College of Technology, to help expand the ranks of those trained to restore and service our treasured examples of automotive history.

It seemed fitting that the Foundation include a functioning example of the engine that was, after WW II, largely responsible for Jaguar's success. That was the world-beating XK engine that powered Jaguar's LeMans winning race cars and luxury saloon cars for 40 years!

The decision to build an engine display was followed by 5 months of gathering those parts not in my stock, hours spent engine rebuilding, designing, wiring, and assembling the display. It was built to closely resemble a 4.2L E type's engine with triple SU carburetors, and was completed in time for the 2023 JCNA's International Jaguar Festival where the picture above was taken. It looked and sounded great, and was universally admired by those attending the pre-IJF cocktail party hosted by the Foundation. The engine display will continue to be available at the museum for tech sessions to demonstrate valve adjustment, carburetor rebuilding, and general engine tuning.

The Foundation is closely allied with the JCNA, as evidenced by having assumed fulfillment of JCNA's trophy orders, JCNA's Tech Line, regalia and most recently, having been a key element in the Jaguar Society of South Carolina's successful hosting of the 2023 International Jaguar Festival.

I urge you to stop in Columbia, SC at the Foundation, to visit the fantastic display of Jaguars, the extensive library of memorabilia, books, posters, tools, and rare blueprints, all of which the Foundation is composed. We look forward to continued financial support from our Foundation's Patrons and JCNA's affiliate clubs.

When driving north or south, the Coventry Foundation museum is located only a short distance off interstate 26. For more pictures and information:  
(coventryfoundation.org     6236 St Andrews Rd. Columbia, SC tel. 839-399-1269)

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**Do you have a "Cat Tale" to share about a recent event, exciting adventure, or favorite story from the "good ol' days?"**

**Submit your articles (with or without photos) to:  
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**Cheers,**



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