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November 2018

Pumpkin Run Rally





The Annual Northeast Rally Club Pumpkin Run Rally was held in Millsboro, Delaware from October 19th through 21st, 2018. Thirty-eight entries included five JCNA sanctioned teams. DVJC accounted for three of the teams while one entry was from the Nation's Capital and one from the Capital Region of New York. Jaguar entries pictured above are: #5, Bill & Nancy Beible, DVJC, in a 2005 XK8, #21,Tom & Nancy Jones, DVJC, in a 1986 XJ6, #18, Brian & Pauline Craig, DVJC, in a 1999 XK8, #33, Robert Raygan and Austin Key, Nation's Capital, in a 1997 XK8, and #8, John and Sue Corey, Capital Region of NY, in a 2004 XJR. The bottom right photo shows the three DVJC entries at a rest stop. Rally results can be seen on page 18 of this issue. The participants followed a series of specific instructions over the course of three days. Results were based on passing check points at exactly the right time. Penalties are based on the number of seconds the car passes a checkpoint either early or late. On Friday there were 160 instructions on 23 pages. Saturday had 226 instructions on 33 pages. Sunday experienced 133 instructions on 19 pages. Distance covered over the three days exceeded 400 miles. Proceeds from the rally were for the benefit of the Millsboro Volunteer Fire Department. The next rally is set for May 3—5, 2019, in Millsboro. Hope to see you there.

It's time to think about renewing your membership. Please see page 8 for more information.



NOTICE—It's time to start thinking about renewing your DVJC membership for 2019. Renewals can now be completed on line at the club's Web site. Renewals can also be completed by mail. The annual membership continues to be \$65.00. We have reduced our club's expenses by limiting the number of mailed copies. If you absolutely must have a mailed copy the annual membership is \$75.00 and can only be completed by mail. Please see page 8 fopr more information.

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Upcoming DVJC Events

November 18, 2018 Note location and time change 9:00 A.M. Please RSVP	DVJC Breakfast Social (see p. 21) Andy's Diner, 505 Ridge Pike, Conshohocken, PA 19428 Followed by caravan to Pollock Auto Restoration Contact: Paul Merluzzi pawlym@aol.com or https://delvaljaguarclub.com						
December 9, 2018	Jaguar Gathering of Friends / Christmas / Holiday						
5:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.	"Greystone,", 405 Smiley Lane, Stroudsburg, PA Contact: Robert Nahodil, rnahodil92260@gmail.com or 215.850.4891 RSVP by December 2, 2018.						
December 16, 2018	DVJC Breakfast Social (see p. 23)						
Business Meeting & Election	Spring House Tavern, 1032 Bethlehem Pike,						
10:00 A.M.	Spring House, PA 19477						
Please RSVP	Contact: Paul Merluzzi pawlym@aol.com or https://delvaljaguarclub.com						
January 20, 2019	DVJC Annual Holiday Party & Awards Luncheon William Penn Inn, 1017 DeKalb Pike, Ambler, PA 19436 Contact: Paul Trout, pgtgt@aol.com						

Other Interesting Events

October 20, 2018

Penn State Lehigh Valley Charity Car Show Benefitting Pennsylvania Wounded Warriors 2809 Saucon Valley road Center Valley, PA, 18034 Contact: Stephen at 610-984-5041



From the Semi-Palatial Offices of the Delaware Valley Jaguar Club ...

DVJC News and Other

<u>Stuff ...</u>

Reminder Reminder Reminder

Nominations for officers and directors of the DVJC must be made by November 30, 2018. Contact Governance Committee Chair Alex Giacobetti if you would like to nominate someone for one or more of the positions listed on page 17. Alex's contact information is listed on page 3 of this newsletter. Election of officers will be held at the Breakfast Social on December 16, 2018.

Another Reminder - November 18, Monthly

Breakfast 9:00am at Andy's Diner: PLEASE NOTE: We have a change of venue and time for the November breakfast in order to allow time for those of us who want to attend the Open House at Pollack Restoration in Pottstown. We will meet at Andy's Diner, 505 Ridge Pike, Conshohocken, PA 19428, at 9:00am – then take a scenic tour to the Pollack shop. PLEASE sign up by Thursday 11/15 so I can give a headcount to the diner and to Dave Hutchison. You can sign up on the DVJC website (https://delvaljaguarclub.com) or contact me directly (pawlym@aol.com) if you plan to attend. (See page 21)

Yet Another Reminder - December 16, Monthly Breakfast, Business Meeting, and Election of Officers 10:00am at Spring House Tavern: PLEASE NOTE: In anticipation of a higher attendance for the Business Meeting and Election, YOU MUST SIGN UP IN AD-VANCE on the DVJC website (https:// delvaljaguarclub.com) or contact me directly (pawlym@aol.com) if you plan to attend. (See page 23). **December 9 – Jaguar Gathering of Friends,** <u>5:00 to 8:00pm</u>: Another delightful Gathering hosted by Robert and Melene Nahodil at their home at 405 Smiley Lane, Stroudsburg PA. Please RSVP to Robert at 215-850-4891 or rnahodil92260@gmail.com by 12/02/18.

January 20 – Holiday Party, William Penn Inn, 11:30am: Please come and join your fellow DVJC members at our biggest social event of the year that includes a delicious brunch, silent auctions, and installation of new officers. See page 9—10 for details. Reserve your seat(s) by January 14, 2019 on the DVJC website (https://delvaljaguarclub.com) or by contacting chairperson Paul Trout, 210 Warwick Furnace Rd, Elverson, PA 19520, 610-286-5701 or pgtgt@aol.com if you plan to attend.

Pumpkin Run Rally: The Delaware Valley Jaguar Club was well represented at the 2018 Pumpkin Run Rally on October 19-21 with three teams; Nancy and Bill Beible, Nancy and Tom Jones, and Brian and Pauline Craig. The rally was held in Millsboro, Delaware by the North East Rally Club. Thanks to all the rally participants and sponsors (including DVJC's \$250 contribution) the North East Rally Club was able to present a check for \$7,000 to the Millsboro Volunteer Fire Department. Photos from the rally can be viewed at the DVJC Web site at <u>https://delvaljaguarclub.com/</u>. See cover and page 18 for more details.

My Penultimate Column

As I approach the end of my second, and last, term as President of the Delaware Valley Jaguar Club it occurred to me that this was the secondto-last President's Mewsings column I would write for this publication – the penultimate column. That word reminded me of the fun I had with my older grandson (now 18 years old) when I used to care for him one day per week

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until he went to school for a full day. I found that he loved to learn and use words that were not in the typical vocabulary of a two or threeyear-old. The first word he learned was penultimate when we were enjoying lunch at Ruby's Diner in Ardmore. We were sharing some potato chips and were down to the last two. I asked him if he wanted to take the penultimate chip and I would finish the last. After I explained the meaning of the word, he used it whenever he could. For example, when we were playing mini-golf on one of our days together, he said we were on the penultimate hole when we reached the 17th. When he was sharing some grapes with his paternal grandmother, he floored her by asking if she wanted the penultimate one. He also readily absorbed other words and surprised his mother (my daughter, Ericka) one evening after dinner when he declared, "Mom, that was delightful repast". I also taught him to say, "What do you want me to do, writhe at your feet in a frenzy of selfabasement?" whenever his parents became angry with him for whatever reason. He caught on to the words and phrases so easily that my son-in-law called him my 'puppet'.

Of course, I had some practice with this sinister behavior when my daughter was that same age. She was 3-years old and attending a Montessori pre-school. At the time, I was in grad school and finishing the final touches on my dissertation - so I was working at home, in my lounge chair in front of a typewriter (prior to wordprocessing), puffing on a pipe a great deal of the time. One evening I got a call from her teacher who said, "Mr. Merluzzi, I will make a deal with you. I won't believe anything Ericka says about you if you do the same about me". When I asked her why, she said that she encouraged the kids to get up before the class and talk about anything they wanted share with the class. Ericka, always the first to volunteer, got up and recited several of the 'Fractured Nursery Rhymes' I taught her. Here are a couple of ex-

amples:

Hickory dickory dock, Two mice ran up the clock. The clock struck one. But the other escaped unharmed.

Mary had a little lamb, Its fleece was white as snow. Everywhere that Mary went, She took a bus.

Little Miss Muffet sat on her tuffet, Eating her curds and whey. Along came a spider, Who sat down beside her. And said, "Is this seat taken?"

So, her teacher asked Ericka where she learned these rhymes, and Ericka proudly said, "From my Daddy". The teacher asked her what her Daddy did, and Ericka said, "Mostly he sits in his big chair and reads and smokes grass". She called the pipe tobacco "grass" ... honest!

Some Land Rover Quips (for a change) ...

You are a Land Rover owner:

- 1. If You go to get the Sunday paper and you come back on Monday without it.
- 2. When the best route from point A to point B is through the mud.
- 3. When a scratch or a dent is a beauty mark.
- 4. Your mom and sister can't get in without help.
- 5. You judge every hill you see by how much fun it would be to climb.
- 6. You search for trails in an USAF helicopter.
- 7. You get custom pin-striping from trail brush.

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- 8. If it takes more than 6 hours to get donuts.
- 9. When you pull into the unplowed parking spots on snowy days.
- 10. When you take your friends wheeling and they say "What trail - I don't see a trail!".
- 11. When your boss's secretary calls to "recommend" that you wash Your Rover.
- 12. When you finally wash the mud off, everyone thinks you bought a new Rover.
- 13. When it rains and you don't care that your tops and doors are off.
- 14. When you change your plugs in the parking lot at work on a break.
- 15. If your "Parts Dept." is on blocks behind Your house.
- 16. You use an ice-scraper on the IN-SIDE of the windshield.
- 17. You get more heat from holes in the floorboards than through the heater vents.
- 18. You spend more time under your Rover than under your significant other.
- 19. When you think Mud Brown should be a factory paint color.
- 20. Your wife/girlfriend refuses to get in it.
- 21. You are the only one on the street that doesn't plow their driveway.
- 22. You have a high-water mark INSIDE the Rover.
- 23. You brag that 80% of all Rovers are still on the road (the rest made it home).
- 24. When you consider Lucas Electrics the original anti-theft device.
- 25. When you stop at a gas station and ask the attendant to check the fuel and fill up the oil.
- 26. When every page of your repair

manual has fingerprints

Formula E Update ...

Rumors (or Rumours, as the case may be)

A spokesperson for Formula E has confirmed that informal talks were held with Fernando Alonso regarding him joining the all-electric motorsport discipline at some point in the future. Initially the talks targeted 2019/20 season. After 17 seasons and two F1 world championships, Alonso is set to leave the sport at the end of the current season in order to pursue interests in other motorsports. That decision was primarily the result of an ill-fated period with McLaren during which Alonso was unable to compete for the title, let alone win races, due to lack of reliability and performance of the McLaren offering. It was announced during the summer break for the 2018 campaign that he would be leaving.

Formula E has been visibly anxious to recruit Alonso, and they remain hopeful of getting him behind the wheel at some point. They have been speaking on an informal basis for a while and he has always been clear that right now it is not within the plans. But they hope he will take a closer look at the series and appreciate how much drivers can make a difference in the races. Alonso has claimed that Formula E does not interest him currently, but he refused to rule anything out.

Alonso has stated, "All motorsport categories are interesting to me. I watch them on television, I like what I see because I am passionate about motorsport, but I do not see Formula E as part of my plans right now."

Although Alonso's career in F1 ends after the season finale in Abu Dhabi, he is still part of

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the #8 Toyota Gazoo Racing WEC outfit, where he leads the double-header SuperSeason which has three rounds that run into 2019.

Alonso commented, "There are also some other challenges that might be interesting. Once I study everything, I will see the calendar and see if I have the free time. I also need life outside of Formula 1, have some fun before making a final decision."

Car next season fizzled out, and since then the Spaniard has cooled with regards to doing a complete season stateside. However, another stab at the Indy 500 to complete the Triple Crown of Motorsport could also be on the cards for the double F1 World Champion.

Be happy. Drive safely. It's a Jaguar kind of day.

A much talked about McLaren foray to Indy-

DVJC Membership Renewal

Our DVJC website (https://delvaljaguarclub.com) offers an easy way to renew your club membership for 2019 online using PayPal. All current members can renew online. However, the process differs slightly for people already registered on the website and those who have not yet registered for website access.

If you are already registered on the website (have a screenname and password), go directly to the Login Page (https://delvaljaguarclub.com/ rm login/).

Login then follow the instructions on that page.

If you are a club member who has not yet registered for the website, use the Member Page (https://delvaljaguarclub.com/membership-Become a registration/) to register for the site and pay your 2019 dues.

Follow the instructions on that page.

Of course, 2019 dues can also be paid by mailing a check payable to DVJC to Ann Perry, PO Box 163, Mendenhall, PA 19357.

You are encouraged to renew online. Doing so substantially reduces the administrative time and effort required to process renewals.

On line renewals are \$65. If you MUST have a mailed copy of *The Purr* the renewal is \$75 and it must be completed by mail.





Delaware Valley Jaguar Club

Please join us for our annual holiday party and awards celebration.

Sunday, January 20, 2019 11:30 am to 2:30 pm

William Penn Inn 1017 DeKalb Pike Ambler, PA 19002 (GPS address) corner of Rt. 202 and Sumneytown Pike

11:30 a.m. Cocktail Hour – Cash Bar with Snacks

A Free Drink ticket will be provided to members whose 2019 DVJC Dues are paid in full

12:30 p.m. Buffet Brunch

<u>Buffet Brunch includes:</u> Hot and Cold Selections including: Scrambled Eggs Belgian Waffles Parmesan Crusted Sole Filet Mignon Tips Smoked Salmon Salads Delicious Deserts and much more. There will also be Silent Auction of Jaguar Automobilia and Gift Baskets of Various Themes.

If you wish to contribute to the Silent Auction please contact:

Jaguar Automobilia:

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Irena Merluzzi at Ibmerluzzi@aol.com

\$37.50 per person

Please register for this event **Prior to January 14, 2019** on the DVJC web site at <u>https://delvaljaguarclub.com/events/dvjc-holiday-party-and-awards-luncheon-2/</u>

Alternately, please send a note indicating the number of people attending with a check payable to Delaware Valley Jaguar Club

by **January 14, 2019** to:

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Speaking of Things Jaguar - November 2018

By Paul Trout

Impressions of Brantwyn

As we turned in at the gates of Brantwyn we were greeted by a very nicely dressed young man who said "Paul says you should park with the cool cars". We were further directed to a grassy hillside overlooking the grand circular drive at the front door of the mansion. I sidled the XKR next to another black XKR and proceeded down the grass toward the house thinking "Life is good when you drive a Jaguar". Thus began our "Jaguar Kind of Day" with the "Brunch, Blues, and Hot Cars" of The Classics Brantwyn. We at were a bit (uncharacteristically) early, so we milled about for awhile chatting with the ladies at the checkin desk who informed us that the Bellini's Shortly thereafter, my would be out soon. thoughts while descending the grassy knoll were reinforced as I stood, Bellini in hand, admiring the cool car parking area that had now been enhanced by the arrival of Max Sandler's very elegant black X-Type Estate. Three black Jaguars parked on the grass was a nice appetizer, along with the Bellinis, in anticipation of the parade of automotive masterpieces we would soon enjoy.



Looking around I was taken by the diversity of patrons an automotive themed benefit for a local, but world class, symphony draws together. As people gathered, Bellini's in hand, around the circle awaiting the grand parade, that diversity was evidenced in the broad eclectic swath of attire. Musicians in tuxes, various forms of business and resort casual, shorts with exotic car marquee logoed polo shirts, a smattering of varied period dress and, of course, ladies "dressed for each other". Everyone looked cool!

As Paul Merluzzi, microphone in hand, stepped into the grassy hub of the circular drive, the Grand Parade began. The Grand Parade is truly unique. When you go to a JCNA Concours you see lots of Jaguars. When you go to a British Car show you see lots of British cars. Local car shows are generally dominated by hot rods and muscle cars with a smattering of exotics and imports. Go to Hershey and there are an overwhelming number of antique cars. The Grand Parade has magnificent examples of all of these. The Grand Parade is a bit like the award ceremonies at Amelia Island or Pebble Beach, but in a very grand setting. There is really no way to put the Grand Parade in proper perspective without listing all of the cars. Picture if you will, each car motoring to the front of the mansion with Paul giving an introduction of car and driver with brief remarks indicating historical significance:

1930 Ford Model A Pickup Truck
1927 Cadillac Series 314-A Phaeton
1928 Packard 443 Roadster
1931 Ford Model A Cabriolet
1935 Brewster Town Car
1936 Buick 80-C Roadmaster Phaeton
1937 Chrysler Airflow Imperial
1942 Cadillac 62 Series Convertible Coupe
1947 Cadillac 62 Series Convertible Coupe
1954 Cadillac Eldorado Convertible
1955 Buick Roadmaster Riviera
1955 Packard Caribbean Convertible

1955 Packard Caribbean Convertible (not a misprint, there were two of them)
1957 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz Convertible
1959 Corvette Convertible
1959 MGA Twin Cam Roadster
1965 Jaguar E-Type Coupe
1966 Ferrari 275 GTB
1967 Mercedes 230 SL Pagoda
1970 Mustang 302
1972 Morgan Plus 8
1973 Triumph Stag
1979 Ferrari 308 GTS
1994 Ferrari 512 Testarossa
2000 Aston Martin DB7 Vantage
2012 Fisker Karma

The beauty of these cars and the passions and memories they evoked was nothing short of elegant motorhead overload! Memories, I think more than anything, are what most of the cars evoked in the gathered crowd. For some, the memories were of seeing similar cars in their day or that they, or a friend, had a similar one. In other cases, remembering parents talk about the cars they had in their early days. Whenever I see a Ford Model A I am reminded of the time I was walking up the driveway to the Duryea Day car show with my dad. He was in his late eighties at the time. A car was approaching behind us and, without turning around, my dad said "Here comes a Model A." When I asked how he knew it was a Model A, he said "They all sound the same, like no other car." Another car in the Grand Parade also reminded me of my dad. His dad, my grandfather, owned the Buick dealership in our hometown and, therefore, as a young man my dad always drove the latest top of the line Buick, usually a convertible. I'm pretty sure that he drove one quite similar to that 1936 Roadmaster in the Grand Parade. He loved to tell the story about the time his new Buick convertible was parked under the portico at the Sunnybrook Ballroom on an evening when Benny Goodman was playing there. Up walked Benny and asked my dad if that was his car. When my dad replied yes, Benny asked if he could sit in it; and he did. So, my dad had the memory of the day Benny Goodman sat in his Buick and I have the memory of the story.



After a very nice brunch we adjourned to the patios and lawn in the rear of the mansion where all of the cars were beautifully displayed in a casually elegant setting. With cool jazz emanating from a combo on one of the patios, glasses of wine in our hands, Sue and I strolled about the grounds to take a closer look at the cars and enjoy the company of some DVJC friends. We marveled at the similarities of the two Cadillac 62 Series Convertible Coupes that were manufactured five years apart. Remembering, of course, that those five years were World War II. We chuckled about the possible gender significance of the two 1955 Packard Caribbean's as one was white with blue and the other white with pink; each stunning in its own right. While I am generally impressed with the workmanship and technology (often much more advanced than we think it should be) of the cars from the pre-war and forties eras, I am always drawn to those of the fifties to seventies, especially those of the sixties. As a boy, our family doctor had a '59 Corvette which he eventually sold to the father of one of my best friends (replaced by a '63 Stingray coupe). I got to drive that '59 well before I had a license. Sue had a cousin who also had a '59 corvette, so the one on the

lawn stirred some memories in both of us. I always marvel at how that big cylinder head fills up the engine bay of an MGA Twin cam, much like the big DOHC six in an Aston Martin. Sue, of course, could care less about what's under the bonnet of an MGA. She just loves the rest of the car. As we gazed upon the stunning deep blue E-Type Coupe I reminded Sue for about the eleven thousandth time that Enzo Ferrari called it the most beautiful car ever made. She looked over at the red Ferrari 275 GTB and said "I know and it shows in that red one". The 275's lines are quite similar, but a bit more muscular. Subtly whispering there's a V12 in here and it can scream!



The Pagoda Mercedes has intrigued me since I first saw one. Such a departure from the 300SL or even the 190SL, but if you look at it long enough you can see both in it and the pagoda hard top is so unique. The whole package is just timeless. Of course I can't look at a 1970 Mustang 302 without thinking "Trans Am"! That 302 motor existed to win Trans Am races. 1970 was perhaps the greatest season for Trans Am. Parnelli Jones won the Trans Am championship in a 302 powered Mustang. Across from the Mustang was a pair of British V8s; the Morgan Plus 8 and the Triumph Stag. Both are Rover V8 powered, but the similarities end there. The Stag is a 2+2 Sports Touring car with a bit of luxury and a T-Top configuration similar to a Jaguar XJ-SC; the Morgan Plus 8 is... well, a Morgan. You know, ash frame, miniature doors, all the weather protection of a tee shirt in a blizzard, but oh sooo much fun. It's a real British sports car with V8 power. Nestled nicely between the 275 GTB and the 512 TR was our own Paul Merluzzi's Ferrari 308 GTS in proper Ferrari red. The 308 is just a terrific mid-engine Italian sports car with its shapely Pininfarina body, dual overhead cam V8 transversely mounted forward of the rear wheels and five speed gearbox. A very drivable Ferrari.



As Sue wearied of automotive history 101 and headed off to chat with some ladies, I took another turn around the lawn with Max Sandler, who in an earlier life was in the sports car repair business, and enjoyed a higher level of automotive conversation. Max is also a very accomplished keyboard player who plays in a classic rock band. Well, after striking up a conversation with the Jazz combo during their break, Max ended up sitting in at the keyboard for a number or two. How cool is that!

Shortly thereafter it was time to announce the "Best in Show" award. It was no surprise to

me that the magnificent 1928 Packard 443 Roadster was selected since the crowd seemed quite taken by its beauty; none more so than our own Chuck Kitson. I thought he might just drive away in it.



Later as the show cars started to drive off and people began to drift away, I thought to myself what a wonderful day this event had provided for everyone who attended. DVJC was quite well represented with two full tables of members and six member's cars in the Grand Parade. Charlie Olson and Grace Smith looked very much the part in Charlie's 1931 Ford Model A.



David Moser showed up in his 1959 Corvette, Wicker Francis provided the gorgeous deep blue E-Type Coupe and Steve Schultheis brought the Triumph Stag. John Gerhard of XK120 fame shared his awesome Ferrari 275 GTB and, of course there was Paul Merluzzi's 308 GTS.

An added bonus to this great automotive experience is that it is for a great cause. The 2018 Classics at Brantwyn raised \$17,000 for

the Kennett Symphony. If you have never been to a Kennett Symphony concert you are missing out on a true cultural gem. It is a local symphony with a world class sound and presence. The Classics at Brantwyn is an annual event, so consider buying a couple of tickets and joining us, since I know we will be there, on Sunday October 6, 2019. Oh, and if you would like to drive your vintage, exotic or classic car in the Grand Parade, let Paul Merluzzi know. He's always on the lookout for cars to build the day around.

Jaguar Celebrates 70 Years of Jaguar Sports Cars

It all started with chassis 660001, a two seat roadster shown at the Earl's Court Auto Show as a showcase prototype for the new XK engine. Production had not yet been agreed by Mr. Lyons.



The sensation it created sealed the deal and here seventy years beyond the XK 120, Jaguar celebrates with the Chequered Flag Limited Edition F-Type.

I was born the same year as the XK 120 and a lot has changed since 1948, but one thing hasn't: Jaguar is synonymous with sleek, beautiful and powerful sports cars. Let's

have a look at the first Jaguar sports car compared with the latest: (See table on page 16).

At the seventy year mark the Jaguar sports car has grown a half inch taller and three inches longer with a little over an inch more wheelbase. It has also gotten broader in the beam by over a foot and considerably heavier by half a ton. Wider, heavier and a whole heck of a lot faster! Jaguar sports cars have also become quite a bit more expensive. The \$3345 XK 120 price tag placed the XK 120 squarely in the hands of the rich and famous i.e. Clark Gable. In today's dollars that is only about \$35,000 which is about half the average list price of an F-Type. In six years of production Sir William sold 12,045 XK 120's. Since its introduction six years ago almost 45,000 F-Type have been sold. So, before we move on to the celebratory special edition F-Type, Lets sum up the XK 120. The first Jaguar sports car was a game changer for both the company and the automotive world. Sleek, beautiful, powerful with an all enveloping body and new dual overhead cam engine. Its performance was at the top of the food chain; fastest production sports car in the world after setting numerous speed records on a Belgium highway in 1949.

As the XK 120 C-Type it won Le Mans twice. The Jaguar XK 120 created the foundation of Jaguar sports car heritage that continues today, seventy years later in the form of the Jaguar F-Type. To celebrate and commemorate these seventy years of Jaguar sports cars, Jaguar presents the Special Edition F-Type Chequered Flag.



Available in both coupe and convertible versions with either four cylinder turbocharged or six cylinder supercharged engines, the Chequered Flag will wear only Caldera Red, Fuji White or Carpathian Grey, all with a contrasting black roof. In addition to Chequered Flag badges and logos on the rear bumper, headrests, kick plates and steering wheel, the cars will be fitted with brushed aluminum trim and black leather. The steering wheel will also have a red centering mark at twelve o'clock, as a tribute to Jaguar's racing heritage and to more easily find straight in the midst of overly aggressive driving. The sleek lines of the Chequered Flag are enhanced by the Exterior Black Design Pack, which benefits from SVO extended side sills to subtly increase visual width and give the car even greater presence and poise. The 20inch Gloss Black wheels with Diamond Turned finish are exclusive to the Chequered Flag and perfectly complement the red finish of the brake calipers. The Chequered Flag's Ebony Windsor Leather interior is offered with contrast stitching in a choice of Red or Cirrus. Slimline Performance seats feature headrests embossed with Chequered Flag logos.







than the F-Type. In creating the Chequered Flag we've focused on details which enhance F -Type's presence and promise of performance – and in doing so, made a fitting celebration of 70 years of beautiful, fast Jaguar sport cars." Pricing and North American availability are soon to be announced.

That's All For This Month.... Enjoy Your Jaguar!

According to Ian Callum "Perfect proportions, design purity and visual drama – every Jaguar must express these qualities, and none more

	XK 120 Roadster	F-Type Convertible						
Overall Length	173 inches	176 inches						
Width	63 inches	75.7 inches						
Wheelbase	102 inches	103.2 inches						
Weight	3200 lbs	4100-4700 lbs						
Height with Top Raised	51 inches	51.5 inches						
Engine	3.4 DOHC I-6	2.0 DOHC I-4						
	Twin SU Carbs	Turbo Charged						
	160 bhp	296 bhp						
		3.0 DOHC V-6						
		Supercharged						
		340/380 bhp						
		5.0 DOHC V-8						
		Supercharged						
		550/575 bhp						
Transmission	Four-speed Manual	Six-speed Manual						
		Eight-speed Auto-						
		matic						
0-60	11.8 Seconds	5.4 Seconds (I-4)						
		4.8 Seconds (V-6)						
		3.5 Seconds (V-8						
		SVR)						
Top Speed	124 mph	155 mph (I-4)						
		171 mph (V-6)						
		195 mph (V-8 SVR)						
List Price	\$3345	\$63,850 - \$125,850						

Preliminary 2019–2020 Ballot

Election of officers is an extremely important activity for the continued progress and healthy future of our club. Any active member may run for any office. Any member choosing to be included as a candidate must contact Alex Giacobetti (Agiacobetti@abglaw.net) prior to November 30th, 2018. The final ballot will be in the December 2018 *The Jaguar's Purr*. The December 16, 2018 Breakfast Social at The Spring House Tavern will also be a business meeting at which time nominations may be made from the floor and a final vote will be taken. We encourage all members to attend, nominate, and vote.

The following is a Preliminary Ballot for DVJC **Executive Committee** candidates for a 2-year term starting January 1, 2019 ending Dec 31st 2020:

President	Bill Beible
Vice President	Paul Trout
Treasurer	Jim Sjoreen
Recording Secretary	Grace Smith
Director of Membership	Ann Perry (incumbent running for office)
Director of Events	Mike Wolf (incumbent running for office)
Director of Events	Rich Rosen (incumbent running for office)
Director of Events	Tom Shaner

Note: Vote for three (3) directors.

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DELAWARE VALLEY JAGUAR CLUB	Northeast Rally Club Pumpkin Run Rally October 19 - 21, 2018, Millsbord Delaware	

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For the purposes of JCNA scoring the three (3) best legs for each event are used. The best legs are highligted above. Score is in seconds. Participants are listed in order of finish for each rally segment.

Ragan / Key are members of the Nation's Capital Jaguar Club. Corey / Corey are members of the Captial Region of New York Jaguar Club

2018 America's British Reliability Run

By: Bob De Lucia, photos by Dave Hutchison

Several members of DVJC drove in this year's charity drive. Dave Hutchison in a Lotus Super Seven by Birkin, Alan Anspaugh and Robin Haynes Anspaugh in a Mini Cooper, and Bob De Lucia in a 1974 Triumph TR6.



And the "Car of Shame" was used for a short time, as a Triumph TR8 had a power steering pump failure at Lime Rock. The Miata was pulled out, but the TR8 was repaired by just cutting the belt off to eliminate the pump, and

turn it into manual drive.

ABRR teams ran a total of 692 miles (plus getting to, and returning from the starting point, e.g. my TR6 did about 800 miles), for a total of 19,376 reliable miles in our British

cars.

The run started at the Quality Inn, in Ledge wood, NJ... Many ABRR



participants drove to the hotel the evening before, to be up-and-ready for the 0800 morning departure north.

We have visited Lime Rock Park several times before on our ABRR drives, so it is always a welcome place to visit, surrounded by the quaint and small New England villages surrounding the famous raceway.

We have visited Watkins Glen several

times in previous ABRR drives, either driving through for a short visit, or actually staying over like we did one year in the iconic "Seneca Lodge". We were in late October on the drive, and had frost on the windshields in the morning, and

Several other Jaguars were in

the Pennsylvania drive, a very nice 1968 Jaguar E-Type Roadster from Brooklyn, NY. And a new Jaguar F-Type Coupe driven in from Michigan (replacing a 1963 Jaguar Mark II that had "issues")

There were eight teams from our friends over in Delaware Valley Triumph. Sev-



eral brought in over \$1,000+ in donations.

DVJC member Bob De Lucia "Team DVT"

raised over \$1,459. DVJC member Dave Hutchison's, "The Birkin Boys" raised over \$3,742, DVJC members Alan and Robin Anspaugh raised over \$1,157.

During the past few drives, the "Car of Shame" in the trailer was used because of a breakdown (or in the case of a few runs, several breakdowns). Previous breakdowns had been a TR3, a TR6, two Rovers (in the same year!), and a TR7 last year, so it has been

useful to have the "Car of Shame" in the trailer (this year a nice BRG 2 0 0 1 M a z d a Miata...almost British with a design "inspired" (or stolen!) from the old Lotus Elan).



2018 America's British Reliability Run (cont'd.)

had some light snow as we drove around the Finger Lakes.



Despite some rain, the track dried and we had some spirited parade laps around the track, with many of us saying that this was

the best and fastest of our many previous parade laps, at many tracks. Led by the Watkins Glen Camry pace car, the driver set the cruise control for 65, and did not touch the brakes the entire drive. 65 does not sound like much, but in a TR6 with some pretty tight turns, it was more than enough. Good fun.

Thanks to

DVJC's Dave Hutchison's connection, we visited a private car collection in Dunmore, PA. About 50 assorted Ameri-



can, German, French, and British beauties.

Funds raised for this year's charity (The Shriners Hospital for Children) were \$41,972, breaking previous records and

despite fewer participants since they had been siphoned off for the new Connecticut drive, and the previously new DC/ Virginia drive. Sixteen ABRR teams on this year's run raised over \$1,000, an-

other new r e c o r d . Twenty-eight ABRR teams made the drive.



Funds were raised from five different ABRR's around the country in 2018. Pennsylvania, Colorado (approximately \$35,000 with 16 cars), DC/Virginia (\$26,535 with 12 cars), New Hampshire/ New England (\$16,000 with 25 cars), and Connecticut (\$10,000 with 8 cars).





The Delaware Valley Jaguar Cub was very generous with their contribution of \$500 to help the cause. Thanks!



Change of Time & Venue for November DVJC Breakfast Social!

Time: 9:00 AM Place: Andy's Diner & Pub 505 Ridge Pike Conshohocken, PA 19428

This change is for November only!

We will meet at Andy's Diner & Pub at 9:00 AM for breakfast. Following breakfast we will caravan in our Jaguars to Pollack Auto Restoration for their Fall Open House and Shop Tour. Pollack's Auto Restoration is located at 70 S. Franklin St in Pottstown, PA 19464.







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Please contact Rod Pieretti, 302-540-6000, email: <u>rpieretti@verizon.net</u>.



1989 XJS

1989 Jaguar XJS convertible, red, V-12 engine, 36,000 miles. \$12,500 Contact Katie Bruno, 484-881-1777

Delaware Valley Jaguar Club Breakfast Socials

December 16, 2018 (Business Meeting / Election)

10:00 a.m.

Spring House Tavern 1032 Bethlehem Pike Spring House, PA 19477 Phone 215-646-1788

www.springhousetavern.com

PLEASE RSVP TO PAUL MERLUZZI (<u>pawlym@aol.com</u>) or <u>https://delvaljaguarclub.com</u> SO THAT WE CAN GIVE A HEAD-COUNT TO THE RESTAURANT.

Driving directions from the Pennsylvania Turnpike:

Exit at Fort Washington Interchange, (Exit 339) thru tolls and take the ramp to Rt. 309 north (Ambler). Exit at the Norristown Road / Spring House exit. At the bottom of the ramp turn left on to Norristown Road. Proceed approximately 1 mile to Bethlehem Pike. Turn left on to Bethlehem Pike. The Spring House Tavern is on the left.

Directions from North: Use Rt. 309 south until you pass the Rt. 63 (Welsh Road) intersection. Stay in far left lane to continue on Bethlehem Pike. The Spring House Tavern will be approximately 1 mile on your left side after crossing the Norristown Road / Sumneytown Pike intersection.

From South: Use I-95 to Blue Route I-476. Travel north on I-476 to Exit 20, East I-276, New Jersey, Exits 339-359, (Pennsylvania Turnpike). Follow directions above from the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

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