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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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JANUARY

DVJC Coffee & Cake evening at Franklin Mint, King of Prussia Mall (date to be announced)

FEBRUARY

- 16 Annual Directors meeting at the home of Steve Kress starts at 12 noon
20-23 Atlantic City Classic Car Auction at the city Convention Hall, Features over 1000 cars in the building at one time plus 500 plus flea markets booths and antiques

MARCH

- 21-23 JCNA Annual General Meeting. Charlotte

MAY

- 2-4 Great Race- Cloverleaf Rally. Millville NJ. JCNA & DVJC sponsored
1-4 Challenge Cup. Phoenix Arizona
16-18 Import Car Show, Carlisle
31 DVJC ANNUAL CONCOURS. BRANDYWINE. Put it in your diary now

AUGUST

- 10 New Hope Car Show

SEPTEMBER

- 7 Bryn Mawr Rehab Car Show
14 Buckingham Township 5th Annual Concours. The pre Concours dinner will be held the evening of the 13th
19-20 13th Annual British invasion. Jaguar the featured marque. Stowe, Vermont
? Radnor Concours

OCTOBER

- 24-26 Millsboro, Delaware Fall Rally. JCNA sponsored

DECEMBER

- 7 Annual Holiday Party



**The Board of Directors wish you all a
Happy Holiday Season and a safe healthy
New Year.**

Directors: Charles Stith, Clara Saxton, Tom Murray, Joe Federico, Steve Kress, Kurt Rappold (in the Union Jack apron !) , Mike Tate, Kit Racette, Jeff Dement, Dick Michie and Ken Ruocco. Missing from the photo: Ann Perry, Charles Olson, George Carr, Jack Donahue, Tom Jones and Robert Stieg.

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THE PREZ SAYS

RALLY REPORT

What makes a winner? Well, everybody that went to Southern Delaware for our "Fall Fling Rally" was a winner!. I was greeted at the Georgian Restaurant, where we had a lovely luncheon and awards presentation, by a little old lady who told me "Welcome to Millsboro, this is God's country". Yes it is. Mostly rural farming with great rally roads with not much traffic to contend with. The trees were changing colors so it was a colorful sight to behold.

Technical inspection of all entries was completed between noon and 6.00 p.m Friday in light rain. Many thanks to those who helped out, turning drudgery into fun. Thanks again Frank Steinberg. The other helpers were non-Jaguar Club Members. Saturday morning started off with a free continental breakfast after all night rain. We were off at one minute intervals to do speedometer speed checks and tire warm ups along route 113. Then we were off on a 200 mile run which took us into Maryland from Millsboro, Delaware. We wound up at Pokomoke City, MD at the Ford Dealer for a hot grilled outside lunch. Two of our girls in an MGA broke their throttle cable before lunch and were seen coming into the Ford lot with one leaning over the windshield pulling on the cable under the hood to make it go! What a photo that would have made! Unknown to me, we actually crossed into Virginia way down on that peninsula. During the afternoon, how about a green cypress swamp with real cypress trees - Wouldn't want to go off the road there. The geese were flying everywhere. We saw fox and deer. This is a big Purdue chicken area so many chicken farms are being run there. Did anybody ever hear about the guy with all the Jaguars in an old chicken house in Jersey? Well there are a lot of old chicken houses down there. Each time we passed one, I would ask my navigator if he could see any Jags through the windows. His response would be "You got it on 42.5mph?" That is where I must run to get 40mph with a dial that bounces back and forth 1/2 of an inch. I must admit, the speedometer on a '67 "E" type isn't the most precise instrument around. We made it back to Millsboro and had a "shine time" at the Dairy Queen parking lot, followed by a lovely catered dinner at the new firehouse hall for only \$17.00.

Sunday turned out to be a beautiful weather day. We actually did the same thing all over again. Tire warm up and speedo check after breakfast. Then we rallied over 107 miles until lunch and the awards presentation. This is what some of us in DVJC call fun. We will do it again in Millville, N.J. on May 2-3-4 - come join us for "The Fun Rally around the Holly".

There were seven teams made up of club members but only three were driving Jags. Their results were:

SATURDAY 200 miles				
PLACE	NAME	MODEL & YEAR	PENALTY(Mins/Secs)	
1	Max Kiejzik	XJS Convertible 1989	1.23	
2	Ralph Steinberg	XK120M OTS 1954	4.10	
3	Kurt Rappold	E-type OTS 1967	5.12	
SUNDAY 107 mile				
1	Kurt Rappold	E-type OTS 1967	1.39	
2	Max Kiejzik	XJS Convertible 1989	1.51	
3	Ralph Steinberg	XK120M OTS 1954	2.54	

For the two days combined Max Kiejzik was the clear winner with the low penalty of 3minutes 14 seconds

RAGTOPS AND ROADSTERS TECHNICAL SESSION NOVEMBER 9

I would describe this meeting as very informative, clearly and well presented and well attended. 43 people showed up at 10a.m Saturday morning, many driving their Jaguars with tops down. It was that kind of day. There were also some interesting MG's and Triumphs there too! Mike Engard, the owner of Ragtops maintains a very tidy shop. In the two spotless levels were a fine collection of show cars, interesting projects and memorabilia. Mike and his staff put on a great program beginning with a Jaguar-Lucas history lesson and onto how a battery works, generator, coil, voltage regulators, alternators, starters, distributors, and wiring. People there asked many intelligent questions and we also had a few laughs and while in this mode we presented Mike with a "Good Sportsmanship" award before he fed us lunch featuring home made cookies,....Alright! November is a Purr..fect time to do a tech session and we all benefited from the information given. I saw 2 x XK 120 OTS, a XK150 CP, a MK 1X, a Series 1 and a Series 3 being restored. Mike's shop reminds me of the hobby shop I dream of in Jaguar heaven. Hopefully another such shop in our area will chime in for a similar session early next year. How about it? There are so many technical subjects to cover that I believe the membership would attend and enjoy. The positive part of holding a technical session in your shop is that it gives you exposure along with your advertising to the club members who may want to patronize your business. Thanks again to Mike Engard and his staff. It was an interesting and fun day.

SUMMARY

Your club has done very well again this year and I appreciate the support of the membership. We have been most active with 64 people at Moland House, 43 at Ragtops & Roadsters and this month 63 at the Holiday party. Many thanks to Kit, Paul, Mike and myself for calling all those members who do not have e-mail as a reminder for the Holiday Party. For those with e-mail we sent you a reminder. Most people seem to prefer receiving the Jaguar's Purr via the Internet. Therefore if you change your address, please tell Steve Kress who in turn informs Kit Racette & Mike

Tate. We are evaluating an offer from JCNA to use Internet "Pay-Pal" for dues collection in the future in an effort to continue to control our expenses.

The Montreal Jaguar Owners Association has proposed holding a Concours September 19/20 2003 at Stowe, Vermont in conjunction with the British Invasion This is the exact same weekend JTC, NCJOC, and Bryn Mawr Re-Hab have traditionally held their shows. Although it's 500 miles to Stowe, it would be fun to attend this great meeting held in spectacular surroundings. I really think better scheduling should be done in this North East Jaguar area.

At this time I would like to wish the entire club membership and their families on behalf of all the Club Officers a safe, healthy and happy holiday season and offer hope that 2003 will be good to us all. Please keep our ailing members in your prayers.

Happy Motoring
KURT RAPPOLD
President

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REQUEST

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EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

BOND CARS

In the latest James Bond movie "Die Another Day" there are three special effects stunt cars. James takes the wheel of Aston Martin's latest addition The Vanquish. The movie's Villain Zao drives a modified 400bhp Jaguar XKR convertible and the latest Bond girl, Halle Berry, the new Ford Thunderbird. All three cars were on show at the British International Motor Show in October. A Land Rover also appears in a minor role. As Ford owns all these brands they certainly had some good exposure. It's a great film and those cars are outstanding running on ice!

Did you know that in "The Saint" movies in the 1960's the P1800 Volvo that Roger Moore drove as "Simon Templar" was not the first choice. In fact the film makers originally approached Jaguar but the Coventry firm wasn't interested in supplying an E-type claiming that it didn't need the publicity!!!!!! They learned their lesson though. In the late 70's "The Return of the Saint" featured an XJ-S.

THE BUDDHIST WHO NEEDS A MIRACLE

In an interview, reported under the above heading in the Motoring Telegraph UK November 16 Bill Ford, who is a Zen Buddhist and Chairman of Ford, made some interesting comments amongst which were the following :- "We honestly don't know what 2003 will hold for us in terms of the market place, but it looks as if it might not be great. To be honest" he continued, "with two days left of October, we can't even forecast October" !! I suppose as Chairman he can say that but if anyone else said it they would have been fired. The article also comments that he said in a recent presentation that he openly found fault with the recent conduct in America of Ford's Jaguar subsidiary ("Jaguar blew the XJ launch," he said). Now that's interesting. The only thing I can think of that they blew was launching a new product with multiple months before first deliveries, effectively cutting off revenue from the flagship product.

JAGUAR RACING

More major re-organization at the Jaguar Racing Formula 1 team. Now they have finished the job and cleaned out the remaining major players. First of all they have fired drivers Eddie Irvine and Pedro de la Rosa. Irvine's contract had expired but de la Rosa's had a year to run. Replacements are Mark Webber and Antonio Pizzonia. This seems to be a case of "The horses are lame lets replace the jockeys". Webber has been driving for Minardi. Pizzonia comes from two Formula 3000 seasons with the Petrobras Junior team.

After this came the major event. Top man and President of Jaguar Racing Niki Lauda was dismissed from this top job. The Philly Inquirer reported that Jaguar fired team leader Niki Lauda, with a top executive saying the three-time Formula One champion lacked the "technical depth" to run the Ford owned team. Speculation is that Jackie Stewart will be appointed to lead the Jag effort. You will recall that Ford Motor Company gave Stewart seed money to start Stewart Racing in 1997. It was reported that the company then later paid Stewart between \$110 million and 160 million for his interest in the team and renamed his team Jaguar Racing. Hopefully this is the end of this soap opera.

The Formula 1 Commission has made minor tweaks to grand prix racing rather than the major surgery that had been proposed. Qualifying was changed with Saturday's hour long session scrapped in favor of a single lap format. By giving drivers just one chance to set a time, errors will be punished and starting grids might be less predictable. Changing weather during the session could also be a factor. The second major change was to the points scoring system. Starting in 2003, World Championship points will be awarded down to eighth place on the scale 10; 8; 6; 5; 4; 3; 2; 1 (previously to sixth place on the scale 10; 6; 4; 3; 2; 1) The smaller differentials between points will mean the championship will be decided later in the season.

Because the Belgian government refused to grant a special dispensation on tobacco advertising and the teams would not agree to run without this, the 2003 Belgian Grand Prix has been removed from the F1 calendar. All tobacco sponsorship is scheduled to terminate in 2005 so it will be interesting to see how the show goes on when this major source of financial support is no longer available.

WHAT IS A GATHERING OF JAGUARS

I read an amusing article which questioned what you call a gathering of Jaguars. You have a "herd" of cows, a "pride" of lions, a "gaggle" of geese but for Jaguars nothing! There were a number of suggestions.... A "grace" of Jaguars is an example but the one I liked best was a "lucas" of Jaguars.

Don't forget the Lucas factory motto "A good day's work, and home before dark".

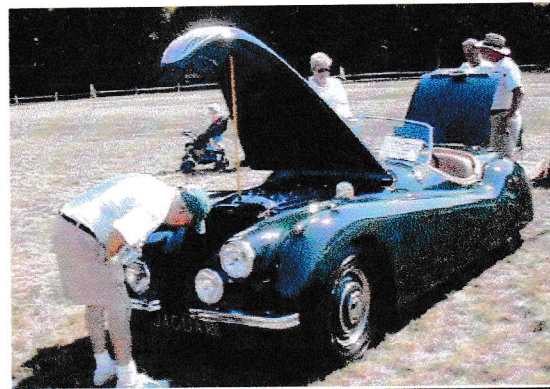
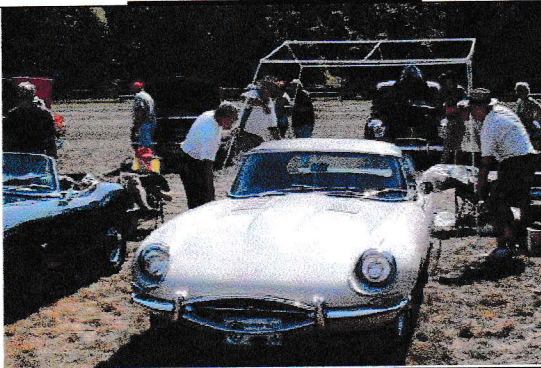
Now onto 2003. Happy holidays, good health and best wishes for the coming year

Michael Tate, Co-editor

Visit to Longwood Gardens in July



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Tech Topics

Electrical Theory: Treatise on the Importance of Smoke

All electrical components and wiring harnesses depend on proper circuit functioning, which is the transmission of charged ions by retention of the visible spectral manifestation known as "smoke". Smoke is the thing that makes electrical circuits work. Don't be fooled by scientists and engineers talking about excited electrons and the like. Smoke is the key to all things electrical.

We know this to be true because every time one lets the smoke out of an electrical circuit, it stops working. This can be verified repeatedly through empirical testing. For example, if one places a large copper bar across the terminals of a battery, prodigious quantities of smoke are liberated and the battery shortly ceases to function. In addition, if one observes smoke escaping from an electrical component such as a Lucas voltage regulator, it will also be observed that the component no longer functions.

The logic is elementary and inescapable! The function of the wiring harness is to conduct the smoke from one device to another. When the wiring harness springs a leak and lets all the smoke out of the system, nothing works right afterward.

Starter motors were considered unsuitable for British motorcycles for some time largely because they regularly released large quantities of smoke from the electrical system. It has been reported that Lucas electrical components are possibly more prone to electrical leakage than their German, Japanese or American counterparts. Experts point out that this is because Lucas is British, and all things British leak. British engines leak oil; British shock absorbers, hydraulic forks, and disk brake systems leak fluid; British tires leak air and British intelligence leaks national defense secrets. Once again, the logic is clear and inescapable.

Some times you may miss the component releasing the smoke that makes your electrical system function correctly, but if you sniff around you can often find the faulty component by the undeniable and tell tale smoke smell. Some times this is a better indicator than standard electrical tests performed with a volt-ohm meter.

In conclusion, the basic concept of transmission of electrical energy in the form of smoke provides a clear and logical explanation of the mysteries of electrical components and why they fail.

(This explanation was picked up at the Tech Session at Ragtops and Roadsters. We apologize for not attributing this article to the author.)

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DELAWARE VALLEY JAGUAR CLUB
MINUTES OF THE DIRECTORS' MEETING – DECEMBER 1, 2002

Present at the meeting were Jeff Dement, Joe Federico, Steve Kress, Tom Murray, Dick Michie, Kit Racette, Ken Ruocco, Kurt Rappold, Clara Saxton, Charlie Stith and Mike Tate.

The meeting was held at the White Marsh Valley Country Club, and immediately preceded the annual Holiday Party, which was organized this year by Kit Racette.

President Rappold called the meeting to order and distributed copies of the agenda. The minutes of the preceding meeting were approved subject to one spelling correction. The items covered per the agenda were as follows:

- 1) Club nametags: President Kurt still has some members' engraved nametags. It was decided that Treasurer Steve Kress would take care of sending them out when he sends out membership renewal information.
- 2) JCNA Annual General Meeting: It was moved that the Club would reimburse the delegates for their necessary expenses while representing the Club. The President asked whether anyone was interested in serving as a delegate this year. The meeting is to be held in Charlotte, North Carolina on March 21, 22 and 23, 2003. At this time, President Rappold and his wife are expecting to attend. Steve Kress indicated that he might be interested in attending as well.
- 3) Election of Officers: No nominations have been received to date for a new slate of officers. President Rappold offered the suggestion that we present the current group of officers for re-election. Ballots will be distributed to that effect. For the record, the officers and Board members would welcome nominees and volunteers for these positions and/or the appointed positions. We recognize that the more members that are involved in the workings of the organization the more effective and productive the organization will be.
- 4) Trophy budget allocation for 2003 concourse: The Board approved the expenditure of all necessary funds to purchase the trophies for next year's concourse.
- 5) Schedule of events: All the known events were reviewed. A complete listing of those events will be published in the Purr and be available on line.
- 6) Slalom: The Club has discussed the possibility of a local slalom event many times. This idea continues to be of interest and the Club owns all the necessary equipment to put one on. The Board recognizes that an event "just for fun" might be as beneficial as a sanctioned event. In any case, we need to find willing organizers and locations. All recommendations will be considered.
- 7) Pay Pal: President Rappold recommended the adoption of Pay Pal as a means of remitting Club dues. After a brief discussion, it was determined that we would not implement that at this time. We will probably entertain the idea again in a year or so, when Pay Pal has a longer track record and more subscribership.
- 8) The Treasurer reported that we had 225 paid members in 2002 and that some 2003 renewals had been received. The efforts of Mike Tate and Kit Racette in reducing the expense of distributing the Club newsletter have relieved a great deal of strain on the Club's finances and we are now operating in the black with a current bank balance slightly in excess of \$2000.
- 9) Merchandise: Merchandising Director Tom Murray reported that he is getting orders from members for our DVJC shirts. He will provide Kit Racette with copy to put on our website which will show the shirts, stickers, etc. which will be available for the members to purchase.
- 10) Photographer: Club Photographer Joe Federico reported that the digital camera is working very nicely and that he had many photos from recent events on display in the dining room today for viewing.
- 11) Purr and Club Website: Editor Mike Tate once more commended Kit Racette for her invaluable efforts in putting the newsletter on line and dared to mention that in spite of all the time they have spent working together there had been no arguments – yet! He further asks that all members feel free to send him their personal Jaguar stories and anecdotes. This month he is forwarding copies of the Purr and many of the last year's stories to the national organization for judging. Our current distribution requires the mailing of about 100 paper copies of the Purr. As part of these discussions, there was a question about e-mailing the members with reminders for upcoming events. If anyone would like to take on this assignment, please contact Kurt Rappold and let him know.

- 12) Membership Applications: President Rappold canvassed the group to see whether copies of the membership application were being supplied to Jaguar dealerships. It seems we have the local dealerships covered. While we were on the subject, Kit Racette mentioned that she had condensed the Form so that the data could be collected on a single page.

There being no further new business or old business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. Everyone then enjoyed a lovely party and once more we extend our appreciation to Kit Racette for her efforts in finding this lovely new venue for our Holiday Party.

Respectfully submitted,
Clara Saxton
Secretary

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REVIEW OF THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE YEAR 2003

JAN	Possible General Meeting at the Franklin Mint Store, King of Prussia. Specifics to be determined.
FEB 16	Board of Directors Meeting at the home of Steve and Betty Kress. Covered Dish function following the usual format of individuals whose last names begin with A-H bringing a salad, I-P bringing a vegetable or side dish and Q-Z bringing deserts.
FEB 20, - 23	Atlantic City Classic Car Auction. Anyone wishing to caravan to Atlantic City, please contact Kurt Rappold.
MAR 21 - 23	JCNA AGM - Charlotte, NC.
APRIL	(No events scheduled at this time. Possible private museum tour to be organized by Joe Federico.)
MAY 1 - 4	Challenge Cup - Phoenix, AZ
MAY 2 - 4	Spring Fling Rally - Millville, NJ
MAY 16 - 18	Import Meet - Carlisle, PA
MAY 31	Annual Concourse - Brandywine Hospital. The Club is considering a dinner party in conjunction with this event.
JUNE	(No events scheduled at this time. Of note: GreatRace Ltd. is accepting entries for Jaguars up to 1954. This year's event will run west to east.)
JULY	(No events scheduled at this time.)
AUG 17	Car Show - New Hope, PA
SEPT 7	Car Show - Bryn Mawr Rehabilitation Facility Grounds
SEPT 7	JTC, NCJOC, JOAM (#53) Stowe, VT
OCT 24 - 26	Fall Fling, Millsboro, DE
NOV	(No events scheduled at this time. We are hoping to find a host for a tech session in this timeframe).
DEC	Holiday Party - specifics to be determined.



DELAWARE VALLEY JAGUAR CLUB
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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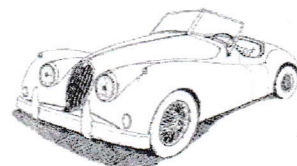
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