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SATURDAY APRIL 17th BRANDYWINE RAMBLE - A DRIVE IN THE
COUNTRY AND LUNCH IN KENNETT SQUARE

SUNDAY MAY 2nd - HERSHEY HILL CLIMB AND AAC MUSEUM

FRIDAY APRIL 30 TO MAY 2 - RALLY ROUND THE HOLLY

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Millville, NJ

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Friday Morning: Registration / Tech Inspection

Friday Afternoon: Optional Self-Scoring Rally

Friday Evening: Car Show & Rally School

Saturday Morning: All Day Rally

Saturday Evening: Dinner and Live Auction

Sunday Morning: Half Day Rally

Sunday Afternoon: Luncheon & Awards Ceremony

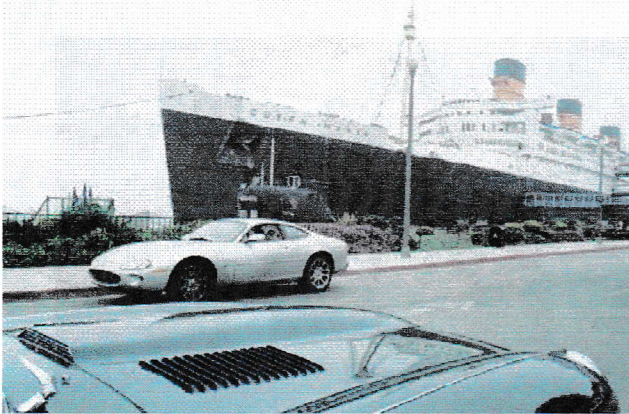
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The Prez Sez April 2004

Our Past JCNA President Gary Hagopian said it all with his title of the President's Perspective column in the current issue of Jaguar Journal. "Simply the Best". This is what can best be said about his two year tenure as our President. The guy isn't exactly young any more but has the stamina and longevity of a heavy weight boxer. He stood on his feet pushing and motivating and controlling our AGM meeting in LA the entire day. He was still going strong enough to help your new N.E. Regional Director Steve Weinstein and me present the over 30 custom trophies at the Banquet which was attended by over 200 Jaguar Club members aboard the Queen Mary in LA on March 13 and 14.



The Queen Mary site for the 2004 JCNA AGM

The same can be said about the entire AGM in LA. The Queen Mary is the Purr-fect site. It is considered to be perfect by me because everything you need is right on board up to a perfect parking lot for our Jaguar car displays. Also its proximity to Jaguar Cars Head quarters in Irvine, the Peterson Car Museum in LA and the wonderful private collection of Jay Leno near the Burbank Airport. While naming names Pat and I observed the Jaguar Owners Club of LA in full action the three days we spent with them. My god what a huge wonderful job they all did for us. Especially when all their heads-up planning was for 60 people who initially signed up and paid money to come and over 200 actually showed up! My heart goes out in thanks to Judy Graven and new President Bill Streitenberger for chairing the event. Judy reminded me of some of our own "energizers" in DVJC who seem always to be there when you need them and "get it done". Not without their help their president Craghton Turner made us cheery every time he spoke with his eloquent sounding voice and mannerisms. Charlie Hallums, Alias and Bill Kling, Susan Muir, Larry and Judy Graven, Bill and Virginia Streitenberger, Tony Bill, Kathy and Rodney Weingartner, Bill and Norma France, Jane Peter and Mardi Dawson, Shirley and John Nyquist, Jerry Hato, Frank and Jean Gamer, Roger and Becky Wyatt, and my fellow C.J.A. member and friend Bruce and Charlene Carnachan were all there every minute, it

seems, doing something to keep the party moving along on its course. They even had members stationed around the ship to help those of us who got lost on the ship's ten decks and many many rooms. Our Jaguar Journal Editor, Mike Cook, held a seminar Saturday and I walked "stem to stern" twice and never found it. So don't ask me about "Jaguar Heritage Trusts" because I missed his presentation. Many thanks to a job well done to JOCLA for "Simply the Best" AGM.

While touring the Queen Mary's engine room I was reading about where the turbine's spindles and blades were made, actually Sheffield, Yorkshire England. This is also where our JCNA Champion Series Cups came from. The Queen Mary has four 40,000 HP motors that drive 30 inch solid steel drive shafts that drive four 18 foot diameter propellers.

Our room aboard the Queen Mary was unique in the plumbing department. It took no less than six valves to operate the bath shower. It had both salt and fresh water.

While there at the AGM we approved a new Series II Jaguar Judges manual. Both the Series I and II manuals must be on site during all JCNA sanctioned concours which is also a decision reached by us at the AGM to be effective for 2004.

Our new 2004 Officers are Bill Streitenberger, who also won the "Fred Horner Award" for 2003, as President and Barbara Grayson Vice President. He is from LA and she is from Washington. Next year's AGM will be in Orlando, Florida.



Kurt presenting the Fred Horner Award to Bill Streitenberger

I am happy to see that two of our members achieved awards for their literary talents. Jim Shields took first place for a technical article titled "Preparing for the Season" and third place in Pre-event reports with an article "A visit to Ragtops and Roadsters". Ralph Steinberg captured second place with "Ralph's Racing Exploits / The Great Race" in the Heritage category.

I found out that if an article we submitted had poor grammar or misspellings, the entry was discarded. In my opinion, this is a Jaguar Car Club and you should not have to be a PhD in Literature. A lot of time I misspell words on purpose and often use English words like 'whilst', 'boot', 'bonnet' because I feel like using them. So I'm not planning on any awards now or in the future. Judy Ferring is in charge of these and will mail each winner the award, bound in green leather with gold and silver lettering.

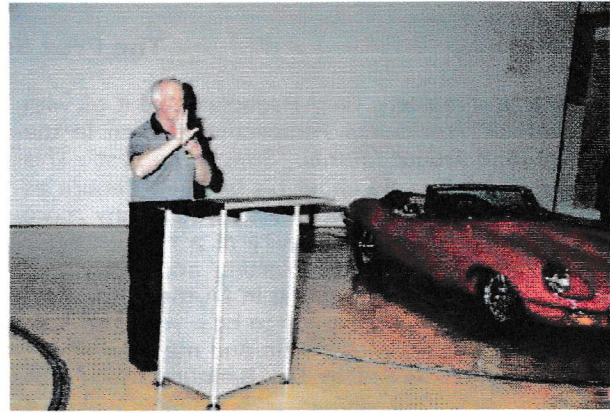
In the future, we will all be receiving the Jaguar Experience literature formerly sent only to new car buyers. It features a lot of great photography of new models so be prepared for an added bonus this year from Jaguar Inc for your enjoyment. This was announced by Malcolm Smith, Jaguar's new liaison with Jaguar Club of North America.

I hope that by April 17 you all will have taken your Jaguars out of moth balls as we have another "Mike Wolf" special scheduled. It features a ride in Chester County with a lunch stop in Kennett Square, PA. Look for the details in this issue.

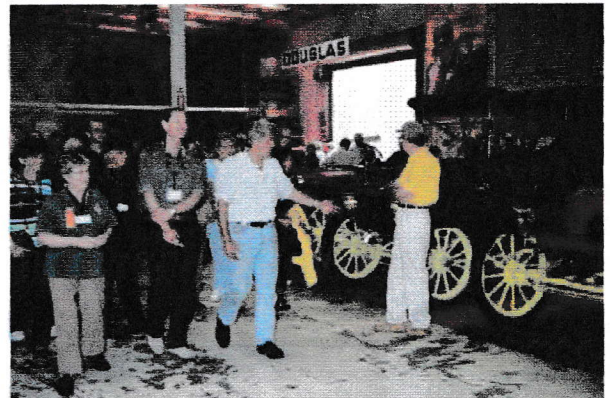
On May 8th we will have a Judges seminar to review all up to date Concours rules prior to our show and a silent auction of donated Jaguar items previously owned by Jack Sanft. Bernice wishes to donate the proceeds to our club and this is very kind of her to do this. We appreciate it!! Thank you.

Happy Motoring

Kurt Rappold DVJC President.

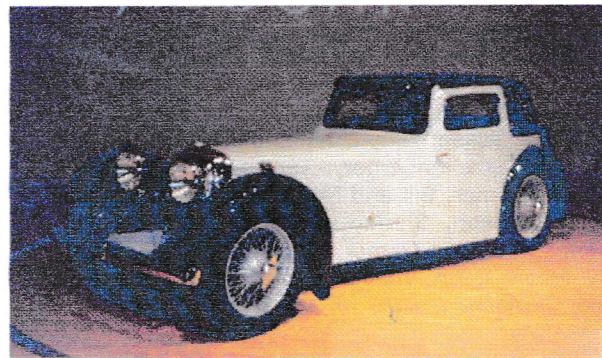
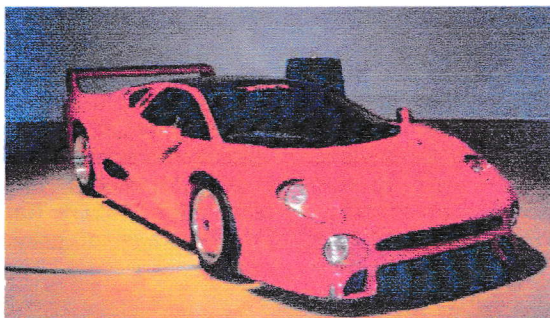
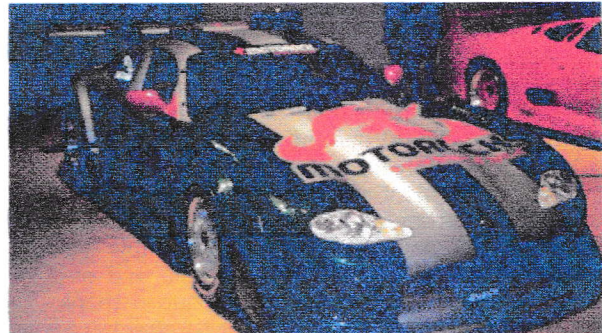


Malcolm Smith, Jaguar's liaison with JCNA



Jay Leno showing delegates his collection

Cars from the collection of Jay Leno and Jaguar Headquarters in Irvine CA



EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

APRIL 2004

JEFF DEMENT VP DELAWARE VALLEY JAGUAR CLUB

Not only is Jeff the VP of the club but he is also Head Judge. Not only that but he is a key fixer of Jaguars and anything with wheels at Clover Leaf Auto Service of Aston. Jeff has in the past performed many miracles on my cars. Recently he identified the missing parts on the overdrive of my XK 150 and provided these so that we could fix the problem. It is now performing as per specification. More importantly than this is the fact that Jeff is the husband of Pat and the father of their children. Now Jeff has set us all an example. Because he feels frustrated by the events in Iraq he has volunteered to re-join the Marines. Jeff is a bomb disposal expert and he leaves after preliminary training for Iraq in the early summer. He recently told me that his absence is only for a year or so but there is a possibility he could go to Afghanistan after Iraq. He has decided what he wants to do. God bless him. I am sure we all send him our very best wishes and prayers for a safe return.

JCNA NEWSLETTER COMPETITION

I was delighted to hear that Pascal Gademer of the South Florida Club was voted Editor of the Year. Pascal does sterling work for his club's newsletter but also for the JCNA's website. Congratulations Pascal. Also we were delighted to receive recognition for two of our members. Jim Shields for two of his articles, "Preparation for the Season" and "Visit to Ragtops & Roadsters" and Ralph Steinberg for "Exploits in the Great Race". I was greatly amused to see that entries were thrown out for misspellings, poor grammar, and the brand name of a car was misspelled. Our President summed it up nicely in this month's "Prez Says" by saying that this is a car club and he did not know you had to have a PHD in English. What he does not realize is that he has an even bigger handicap. His two co-editors are both ENGLISH!!!!

RAGTOPS AND ROADSTERS

Visiting Ragtops and Roadsters is always a great pleasure and great fun. They are so professional. Their premises are always pristine. The floors are shining bright. The notice boards are most informative. You can see the work in progress and track each car's progress. The cars being worked on are all clean and looking 100% even though the work is only partially completed. Most importantly the welcome is warm with smiles, hot coffee and the forbidden Doughnuts. Also at the event on March 20th they provided lunch which was very much appreciated.

The purpose of this session was to educate us in the gentle art of rally driving. There were 80 attendees and 16 from DVJC. Other clubs represented were Morgan, Lotus, Austin Healey and SCCA. Wendle Green, the Philadelphia Region Rally Chairman of the Sports Car Club of America was the main speaker and interested everyone by talking about the tools and techniques to participate and win rallies under the SCCA rules.



In summary he recommended that everyone who is interested buy the book "The Road Rally Handbook" obtainable from either Rally America.Com or Amazon .Com.

The above mentioned clubs then individually informed us of their rally activities for 2004. If you are interested in Rally driving and enjoying your car in a competitive environment and you were not at Ragtops then you missed a great learning experience.

BROWN'S LANE

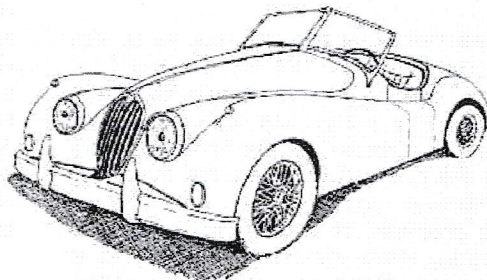
You will recall that in the March edition of the Purr we discussed the possible closure of Jaguar's Brown's Lane factory. I posed the question to Ian Cooling, author and Jaguar expert. He in turn asked Paul Skilleter, Managing Editor of the monthly magazine Jaguar World. His response was "That while Ford have no long-commitment to retaining Browns Lane, there are no immediate plans for closure". So there you have it. The plant seems safe at the moment. Jaguar's new luxury model, code named X150, will be built there.

Spring is with us. We went to Ragtops on March 20 in my XK 150 for its first run. It was a bright but cold Day. The car got us there and back but, we thought, objected to the cold with repeated back firing and threatening to stall. It did the same thing on the following Wednesday March 24 but this was a nice warm day. So what's the problem? Paul Racette suggested putting oil in the carbs. I did that and she said "thanks" and purred like a baby!

Michael Tate, Co-Editor

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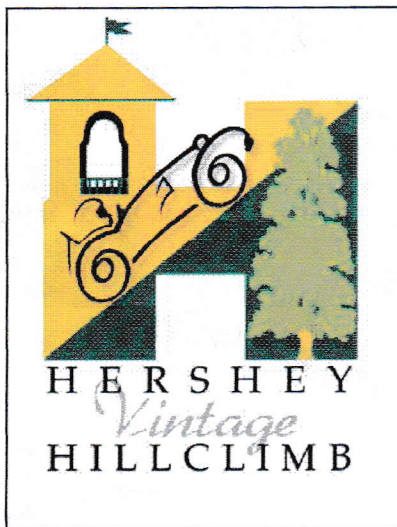


SATURDAY APRIL 17 DVJC BRANDYWINE RAMBLE

Spring has sprung!! What better way to celebrate the beginning of the old car driving season than a drive through the countryside. Mike Wolf has organized our own "Brandywine Ramble". Saturday morning at 10am we will meet at the Bob Evans Restaurant in Malvern just off Route 30, 2 miles west of Paoli. Entrance to Bob Evans and the McIntosh Inn is at the traffic light on Route 29, 1 block north of where Route 29 dead-ends into Route 30. If we have a large turnout we may elect to use the large parking lot at the hotel, which is very convenient to the restaurant for those who'd like to eat breakfast. From here, Mike has mapped out a wonderful drive through the countryside to Kennett Square. We will have lunch at a place in Kennett Square that has 50 kinds of beer and a nice roof top deck, sheltered by canvas and roll down sides if necessary. After lunch we can wander back home at our leisure.

The only requirement - let Mike know you intend to join us. Call Mike at 215-567-7545 or send him an email at mwolf@dolpinbradbury.com

SUNDAY MAY 2 DVJC DAY THE HERSHEY HILL CLIMB



From 1958 and through the 60's, the Hershey Hillclimb was a crown jewel of Pennsylvania Hillclimb Association events. Unfortunately after the last meet was held in October 1970 it disappeared from the calendar. The SVVSCC revived the historic race meeting in April 2002 with the on-going goal of developing a premier event for vintage race car participants and spectator enthusiasts alike. Some of the car makes in attendance are rarely seen outside of prestigious car shows or museums, making the HVH a very unique opportunity to hear and see them in full operation.

The weekend format includes hillclimbs - described by the organizers as non-competitive!! - motoring exhibits, vendors, refreshments and other entertainment. Sunday May 2nd will feature hillclimbs as well as a Concours d'Elegance sponsored by AACA Museum (see article following).

Our intrepid Mike Wolf is once more offering to lead us there - last year was such a success that the editors in particular are looking forward to joining in the fun... Mike has volunteered to design a route using 322 and other scenic roads to Hershey. We can use this as an excuse for our members to get their cars ready for the season, without worrying about a 225 mile run to Watkins Glen.

Meeting instructions are the same as for the Brandywine Ramble. We will meet at the Bob Evans restaurant in Malvern at 8:30 am for breakfast with an estimated start time of 9.15.

Any questions during the week you can contact Mike at 215-567-7545 (work), and on the weekend 610-964-1104.

SATURDAY MAY 8 DVJC CONCOURS JUDGES WORKSHOP AND SALE OF JACK SANFT'S CAR MEMORABILIA

Many changes were made to the JCNA Concours rules at the JCNA AGM in LA. Kurt will bring us all up to speed and clarify the current rules and regulations. All members are welcome - this is an opportunity to learn about the Concours judging even if you have never taken part in one.

Jack Sanft was the longtime President of the DVJC and President Emeritus from 1990 until his death in December 2002. He was an avid car collector particularly of Jaguars over many many years. His widow Beatrice has asked Kurt to clear out his garage - a formidable task - and donate the proceeds of the sale to the Club.

Here is your opportunity to pick up that long felt want !!! Join us for a silent auction.

Session will begin at 9 am. - coffee and donuts provided. Sproul St West Chester, PA. Let Kurt know you are coming by calling him at 610-358-4055 or email kprappoldxksp@snip.net

DIRECTIONS: Route 476 to Route 1. Take Route 1 south about 5-6 miles to route 352. Take 352 South 5.8miles through Boorkhaven and Parkside. In Chester Route 352 becomes Edgmont and then Avenue of the States. After 5.8 miles turn right on 9th street (KFC on corner). Two blocks to Sproul St.. On corner is Sandrose Trophies , a two story building with large car park. Go in the entrance and up the ramp to the second floor.



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Mike Wolf is thorough - to encourage members to join in the trip to the Hershey Hill Climb he has sent this report about the AACA Museum

A visit to the AACA Museum in Hershey, PA

As reported by roving correspondent, Mike Wolf

Recently I played "hooky" from a conference in Hershey, to visit the new Antique Automobile Club of America Museum that opened last summer. The brand new, three-story building houses both a permanent collection and changing exhibits. Currently there are about 90 cars on display. The basement level houses the Museum of Bus Transportation, which has six or seven full size busses from the 1920s to the 1960s.

The tour begins with an introductory film in a small theatre. The museum displays the cars in groups by decade and is arranged chronologically, so the cars of the 1920s are followed by the 30s, the 40s, 50s, etc. Unlike other car museums I have visited, each group is displayed with a backdrop from a different region of the country. The cars of the 20s are near a Pennsylvania covered bridge. The cars of the 30s are displayed in front of Art Deco Miami buildings. The cars of the 60s, including a couple of Muscle cars, have a Rocky Mountain backdrop.

In my opinion, the most interesting display is the cars of the 40s, which are parked in and around a full-scale, old-fashioned gas station. The display includes vintage gas pumps, illuminated Atlantic Richfield signs



AACA MUSEUM IN HERSHEY

and (inside the station office) period point-of-purchase advertising, oil cans, tools, maps and calendars.

Each car (or bus, police car and motorcycle) is accompanied by a detailed paragraph that outlines the city of manufacture, production dates and numbers manufactured, original cost and special or unique features.

Until mid-April there is a display of 20 Rolls Royce(s), ranging from 1904 to 2004. On May 22nd this display will be replaced with a display honoring the 40th anniversary of the Mustang. Sadly, there are no Jaguars at this time.

I spent a total of 90 minutes in the museum and could have stayed longer if time permitted. The basement includes a snack bar with vending machines. I recommend the ice-cold lemonade. The cost of admission is \$7.00 for adults and the museum is open from 9 to 5 on Wednesday to Sunday during the winter. From late May to early September the museum is open every day from 9-5.

For more details you may choose to visit the website: <http://www.aacamuseum.org>

IMPORTANT NOTE:

The Museum is located on Route 39, one mile north of Hershey Park Drive. This is very close to where DVJC will be parking for the Vintage Hershey hill climb on Sunday, May 2nd. Since the museum will be open until 5pm, there might still be time after the hill climb and the car show for the true 'car nut' to squeeze in a visit to the Museum.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DVJC EVENTS

- APRIL 17 Brandywine Ramble – see this issue for details
- APRIL 30 - Rally Round the Holly, N.E.Rally Club, Millville, NJ (JCNA sanctioned event)
MAY 2
- MAY 1, 2 Hershey Hill Climb – see this issue for details. Concours on May 2
- MAY 8 DVJC CONCOURS JUDGING SESSION AND AUCTION OF JACK SANFT'S MEMORABILIA
- JUNE 5 DVJC Concours d'Elegance, Rankokus Indian Reservation, Mt Holly, NJ
(JCNA sanctioned event)
- JULY 24 DVJC Slalom, Location to be announced (JCNA sanctioned event)
- AUGUST DVJC tour to "Grounds for Sculpture", Trenton, NJ
- SEPT 9 - 18 DVJC GOES TO ENGLAND – visits to Beaulieu, Goodwood, The Jaguar
Daimler Heritage Trust Museum and the Jaguar Factory in Coventry.
- OCT 22 - 24 Pumpkin Run, N.E. Rally Club, Millsboro, DE (JCNA sanctioned event)
- NOVEMBER 6 Tech session: Leather Care and Maintenance and Directors' meeting
- DECEMBER DVJC Holiday Party

OTHER INTERESTING EVENTS

- MAY 2 Jaguar Association of New England Slalom, Wilmington, MA
- MAY 8 Jaguar Auto Group Slalom, NJ
- MAY 5-8 Rolls Royce Owners' Club Centennial Celebration of Rolls Royce's 100 years
Gettysburg, PA. More Info from rroc.hq@rroc.org
- MAY 16 Historical Car Club of Pennsylvania (HCCP) Spring Meet, Linville Orchards, Media, PA
- MAY 21-22 Empire Division Jaguar Club, Little Rock Drivers School, Lime Rock, CT
- MAY 22-23 ROCKIN' CRUISE IN, Johnstown East Hills Kiwanis First Car Cruise, Flea Market
University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown Campus off Route 56, east of Route 219.
More info ehillskiwanis@charter.net
- MAY 29 "Brits are back" at Hope Lodge, Fort Washington, PA
- JUNE 13 Jaguar Club of Southern New England Concours, Berlin, CT (JCNA Sanctioned)
- JUNE 19 Concours d'Elegance of the Eastern United States, Lehigh University,
Bethlehem, PA. For more information www.concourseast.org, 800-999-6810
Jaguar Touring Club, Summer Slalom (JCNA Sanctioned)
- JUNE 27 Jaguar Drivers of Long Island Concours, Oyster Bay, Long Island
- JULY 31 Jaguar Association of New England Concours, Sturbridge, MA
- AUGUST 1 Jaguar Association of New England Rally, Sturbridge, MA
- AUGUST 7 Jaguar Auto Group Slalom, NJ
- AUGUST 15 Jaguar Association of New England Slalom, Wilmington, MA
- SEPT 12 HCCP Bryn Mawr Rehab Car Show
Radnor Hunt Concours – featuring antique motorcycles and Bugatti
Buckingham Car Show
Nation's Capital Jaguar Owners Club Concours, Rockville, MD
- SEPT 19 Hagley Car Show, DuPont Hagley Museum, Wilmington, DE
- OCT 17 HCCP Fall Meet, Newtown Square, PA
- OCT 23 Jaguar Touring Club, 6th Annual Jag-O-Lantern Slalom (JCNA Sanctioned)

A FIELD TRIP TO THE CARIBBEAN BATTERY SUPPLY COMPANY, ST THOMAS, USVI

By Charles Olson

Why would anyone from the Delaware Valley Jaguar Club care about this? And what would a Caribbean battery do any more than what a battery would do purchased here in the States? Well, to the first question, it is an interesting restoration shop with diversified interests, including Jaguars, antique trucks and motorcycles that intrigued me to the point of taking the time to investigate. To the latter question, absolutely nothing, but it happens to be the principal business of Art Halpern, the owner.

I became aware of this shop when Tom Jones, Nancy Chard and I were sitting at a table, waiting for the results of the Pumpkin Rally Run Rally last October. We were talking about the coincidence of being in St Thomas during the December 7th Holiday Party of the DVJC and lamenting the fact that we were going to miss it this year. However, Tom said there is a place in St. Thomas that restores Jags. I replied, "In all the years I've been vacationing in St. Thomas, I never saw a Jag, let alone a restoration shop!" To which Nancy Chard replied, "Well, here's the name and you can check it out!" So we agreed to do so. Due to Tom and Nancy's vacation that took place on St. John, it afforded little time for him to investigate so I reluctantly gave up a snorkeling trip to do so with the knowledge there would always be "tomorrow".

Darn if the phone book didn't list the CBC (Caribbean Battery Company) and a call to the owner resulted in an invitation to visit the shop, with the caveat that the Jaguar he was restoring, a '66 Mk II 3.8 liter sedan was being modified, keeping the original overall



appearance, but fitted with a Chevy engine and drive train!! He quickly explained that he does

authentic work as well, but this customer wanted something easily serviceable on the Island. I said, "I am not offended in the least and curious to see how things would be modified without changing the exterior appearance or dimensions of the original car. Besides, we "Jag members" modify Jags, especially for Slalom competition, albeit with Jag components (at least I think). Also, there's a company producing V-8 conversion kits for E-types in the States.

Most Mods use a V-8 Chevy, but this one had a straight six, 250 cu.in. from a late sixties Camaro, coupled to a 350 turbo transmission tied to a stock Camaro rear. The front end was a modified Mustang. He had to throw a little bit of Ford in there, now didn't he? It was also cooled with a custom aluminum radiator from the Griffin Radiator Company. Art also designed and fabricated a custom, stainless steel header exhaust system that solved the clearance problem between the engine and the frame. A polished aluminum cam cover with raised letters "OFFENHAUSER" made a striking appearance to cap off the top of the engine.



Peering into the compartment, a casual observer might say, "I didn't realize Jag made a single OVC 6 because everything appeared "Factory". The biggest problem space wise was the AC plenum, which was fabricated and mounted to the firewall behind the engine. The interior was also modified with a larger hump for the transmission and shifter. The omission of a 'tach' was the only noticeable component that was missing in the dash, but adding a CD player surrounded by a burlled walnut façade, gave it an original Jag appearance. The seats were maroon leather from another car (non Jag) but fit perfectly and 'looked right'. In addition, the telescoping steering column also tilted and

provided a perfect position adjustment for the driver. The exterior was a pearlized grey, much like the titanium color on a 1987 Series 3 and when combined with a maroon interior, produced a very striking and show worthy car. It would certainly not look out of place at a Concours as a display vehicle, especially with the bonnet closed. Perhaps it would provoke controversy among the purists, but certainly admiration for the workmanship and engineering.

Also parked outside was his 1966 Jag coupe in BRG that sat on ten inch wire wheels from Dayton with 225 radials. Under the bonnet was a 350 "hot rod" ZZ4 from a 1996 Corvette. This was tied to a modified Jag rear end with a 4:55:1.5 gear ratio. This thing can practically fly, as I can attest to during my drive on the winding and straight roads near the airport. It was basically a legal street racecar. I know Terry Lippincott would love this one.

The shop is easy to reach from the Airport. You just make a left turn on to Lindbergh Avenue past a few hangers, a right turn at Community Motors and another right turn into an area of commercial buildings to the very end. Look for

the Caribbean Battery sign. I am sure Art Halpern would be glad to receive a DVJC visitor.

Art is one of those people from New York to sail into St Thomas about 30 years ago and he and his wife decided that this was the place for them and they have remained there since. Art is an interesting person to meet with a diverse background and loves to talk cars and meet those who appreciate quality workmanship regardless of the vehicle.

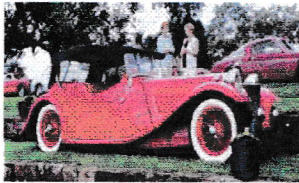
Obviously I enjoyed my visit and felt compelled to write this field trip for the benefit of other club members who might have the opportunity to visit St. Thomas or perhaps have a question for Art. He can be reached by telephone at area code 340-776-3780. If you would care to correspond, his mailing address is

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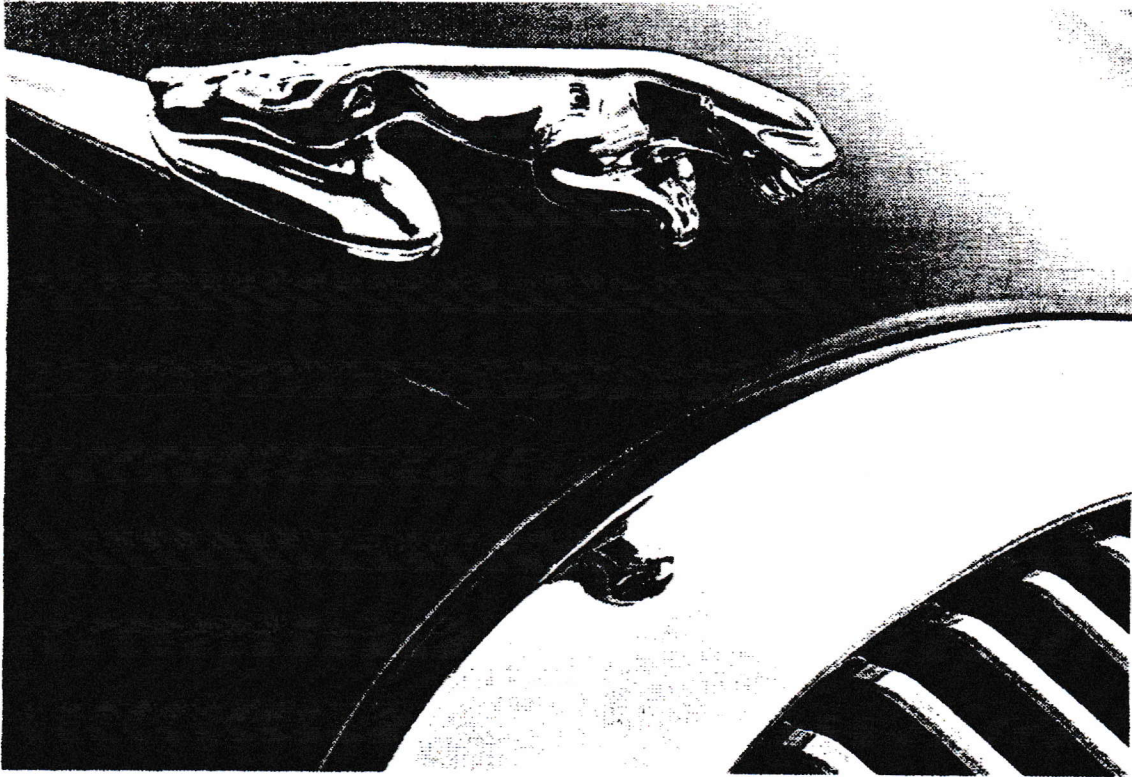
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