# The Jaguar's Purr©

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#### **SEPTEMBER 2004**



Paul Racette's Jaguar Mk II at Grounds for Sculpture

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PUMPKIN RUN
OCTOBER 29, 30, 31
MILLSBORO, DELAWARE
LOOK FOR FLYER IN THIS ISSUE

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### DVIC EVENTS

SEPT 9 - 18 DVJC GOES TO ENGLAND - visits to Beaulieu, Goodwood, The Jaquar Daimler Heritage Trust Museum and the Jaquar Factory in Coventry. The Rolls Royce Factory and the Sammy Miller Motorcycle Museum.

OCT 24 Visit to the collection of Al Pincus in Lahaska PA and lunch at a restaurant nearby. More information in the October issue.

PLEASE NOTE THE CORRECT DATE: Pumpkin Run, N.E. Rally Club, Millsboro, DE (JCNA OCT 29-31 sanctioned event). See more details in this issued.

NOV 6 Tech session - "Care of leather" and Directors' meeting.

DEC 5 DVJC Holiday Party, Whitemarsh Valley Country Club. More information asap.

#### OTHER INTERESTING EVENTS

SEPT 12 HCCP Bryn Mawr Rehab Car Show,

Radnor Hunt Concours - featuring antique motorcycles and Bugatti.

Buckingham Car Show - Rain day September 19.

Nation's Capital Jaguar Owners Club Concours, Montgomery College, Rockville, MD.

Jaguar Club of Southern New England Slalom #2, Berlin, CT.

SEPT 19 Hagley Car Show, DuPont Hagley Museum, Wilmington, DE.

OCT 17 HCCP Fall Meet, Newtown Square, PA.

Jaguar Touring Club, 6th Annual Jag-O-Lantern Slalom (JCNA Sanctioned), Florham, NJ. OCT 23

> More information for Jaguar Club events available on the DVJC website www.jcna.com/clubs/dvic

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### THE PREZ SAYS SEPTEMBER 2004

#### DVJC SLALOM

The weather on the weekend of our Slalom at Garnet Valley High School "Home of the Jaguars" turned out just right. We knew bright sunlight affected our light receivers and even after developing 5 black plastic surrounding the 'eyes' we still had sensitivity to bright light. I would like to add that while preparing all the Club's cones, I suddenly realized we missed the boat in the area of Club history. After viewing scuffs, scratches, tire marks, etc. over some of those cones I wondered who it was that ran over these cones so many years ago. Someone took the time to paint each cone gray with a red top and stencil Delaware Valley Jaguar Club on each one. With that in mind we all signed one new cone so, in the future, of our club those that survive us can see who participated and it won't all be lost, "just a little memorial cone"! We also videoed the entire event so it is hoped we can have a VCR and screen to show and re-run the event at our Annual Holiday Party for the Club at the Whitemarsh Valley County Club in December.

#### DVJC TRIP TO ENGLAND

Shortly after you receive this Purr our ten person group will be off "across the pond" to Cheerie England. Pat and I have never taken a vacation which did not wind up being some kind of a work project. We built our entire house and garage apartment in Florida while on vacation and ran the Museum for 7 years in Daytona Beach while on vacation

#### VISIT TO GROUNDS FOR SCULPTURE

Our trip to "Grounds for Sculpture" started off again on the rainy side but that did not deter over 30 members from showing up including some notables such as Past Presidents Larry Schear and his wife Diane and Dick Michie accompanied by Doris Carr. Many Jaguars filled a side lot with only two non-Jaguars that I saw coming. Our car was chomping at the bit to get a run up route 295 but Mother Nature was dumping on us as we were getting ready to leave at 8:45 am. Good thing too, as when we got to our designated area coordinator starting point, Ann Perry was already there by herself. She parked her Jaguar in our daughter Patty's drive nearby and rode up with us in the grey car with the Jaguar club license plate. Had a good time talking to Ann as she is such a joyful person.



The Sculpture exhibit was unique in that it is mostly outside and all the exhibits are able to pretty much withstand the weather. Our group was so large it had to have two guides. We were pleasantly surprised to have two members of the Nation's Capitol Jaguar Owners Club, NCJOC, join our Group – Paul and Therese Verchinski and their friend who recently moved to the Main Line and may join our Club. I exchanged a copy of our Jaguar Purr with them as I am very proud of our publication each month. We were also joined by new members Ray and Ken Giannantonio and their respective wives Carol and Marilyn, two brothers who own Jaguars. Welcome to our humble car club.



More on the exhibit tour from Editor Mike Tate.

#### NEWS FROM JEFF DEMENT

The latest word from Sgt. Jeff Dement, past VP of DVJC. Jeff says hello. It is still bright and sunny weather in Iraq. With all the bombs and rockets being fired Jeff is staying very busy at his job. His base was hit by seven rockets that he says were of Soviet origin with no damage to the base. Apparently there are no launchers so the insurgents must improvise a way to launch the missiles.

#### THE GREAT RACE

I received the latest Great Race newsletter. The actual route this year was 4,200 miles and two cars were tied with identical 1 minute and 54 second scores. The cars were a 1916 Hudson and a 1939 Ford. The Hudson, being older, won as age in this case is the tie breaker. They received \$40,000 for this feat. That should help pay for a clutch, 2 rear ends and a speedometer which they had to replace during the race. There were no Jaguars running this year, too bad. As far as I know, no JCNA club, of which there are 33, submitted a request for a sanction for this event as we did last year. Our own Dr Rich McKone from Peoria, IL and Dave Teter from Delaware won \$1000.00 prize for completing the race in his 1936 Ford Tudor. Last year you will recall that Rich and Ralph drove the XK120 M Jaguar owned by Ralph in the first five rally days in the JCNA sanctioned rally. The scores were later dropped from the 2003 rally totals because of rules that specified a club can only have two rallies per year. I was able to get the AGM to approve a rule change that now allows all clubs to have any number of rallies they want to sanction with only the two best times counting. Therefore the more rallies a club can sponsor the better the odds are that you may achieve a lower score.

#### PUMPKIN RALLY

Our own Pumpkin Rally is coming up quick. Many new club members have spoken to me at recent events expressing a desire to become familiar with the rally program. The rally will be held in remote lower- slower Delaware. It will be harvest time down there. The area is rich in corn and soybean farms. Last year millions of orange and black caterpillars were crossing our paths on the country roads and it was quite a challenge to avoid hitting them. We all stay in the Atlantic Motel and they feed us all the meals which are included in the entry fee. The event is designed to support the Millsboro Fire Company and we use their facility for all the meetings and meals.

If you are new to rallying there is a first year rookie classification you can enter. Our Club gives three prizes for  $1^{\rm st}$ ,  $2^{\rm nd}$ , and  $3^{\rm rd}$  overall for the combined two day scores with the lowest time the best. You get time scored against you if you are early or late at a checkpoint. I am already paid and booked. If you want to participate I have copies of the application and will send it out to you so you can enter. If you just want to learn about the program, come down to Millsboro Friday night to see all the various rally cars on display at the town's Dairy Queen. Millsboro is a

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bring donations for the Saturday night auction with all funds going toward the donation to the Fire Company. Last year we achieved \$3,500.00 to the Fire Company from our Pumpkin Rally. By the way – we wear costumes of course – it's Halloween!! Also included in this issue is the Rally Event Flyer. You may call Rallymaster Bob Bryan at 302-934-1246 for more information.

NCJOC CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE SEPT 12, 2004 Along with that flyer we received a very nice invitation from Chief Judge Ted Trumpbour to the Nation's Capital Jaguar Owners Club Concours to be held on September 11 and 12. Please see their flyer and application in this issue. Unfortunately it is a schedule conflict as some of us are off to England at the time. You may call my friend Jim Lindquist at 540-635-7805 for more information.

I would like to personally thank Kit Racette for planning and organizing our club event to the Grounds for Sculpture. I think when you get 30 club members to crank up their Jaguars in August and attend a fun event you could call it a success.

Happy Motoring, Kurt Rappold Your club President.



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### EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS SEPTEMBER 2004

#### **AUCTIONS**

Plenty of action at the auctions. Here are a few examples:

At Coys in Monaco a few Jags changed hands. A 1937 SS 100 White/maroon. Non original 3.5 liter engine with magneto ignition. Unmarked repaint, interior and leather seats very good. Engine bay fair. Condition 2+ Sold for \$153,405.

A rare 1949 XK120 light-weight roadster. Opalescent blue/matching two tone blue. Claimed to be a genuine factory aluminum-bodied roadster. Cosmetics still excellent with very light wear to paint, chrome, and interior. Not Sold at \$139,135.

A 1957 XK140 DHC Light blue/light blue. 3.4 liter. Painted wires. Restoration 1995. All still very good with only minor marks to thick and glossy paint and chrome. Leather patinating nicely. Condition 1 Sold at \$62,799.

At Bonham's, Monaco a 1953 XK 120 roadster White/red. 71,799 miles. Refurbished 10 years ago. Poor door fit. Paint, chrome and interior ready for next makeover. Condition 3 Sold at \$39,660 which was enough for a car in this condition. Everyone knows these days what it takes to make a pig into a princess and it's easier to buy the princess right off.

A 1955 XK140 DHC Orange/black. Largely un-restored. Condition 2. Sold at \$65,643. It is interesting to note that Drop Heads are bringing more than roadsters and fixed heads.

A 1965 3.8 MK 2 in very good condition. Renovated with what were described as "sensible upgrades".

Sold for \$23,754. Watch these Mk 2 s rise in price.

A 1932 SS1 2.0 liter. Recent renovation and described as very good. This is the more popular 20 horse power version costing \$10 more than the 16 Horse Power version in the 1930 s. Sold for \$66,124.

A 1978 XJ 12C Series 3 Claimed as 22,000 original miles. Condition very good. Sold for \$16,000.

A 1968 240 Described as in very good condition. Sold for \$14,041.

A 1974 Series 3 E-Type Older repaint and lacking a detailed finish. Sold for \$15,950.

#### GROUNDS FOR SCULPTURE

What a wonderful experience. Everyone who took advantage of this event was delighted. Seeing the exhibits at the Grounds for Sculpture was a special experience organized by Kit Racette. It did not rain in fact the sun was shining for the good display of a variety of Jaguars that turned up. These ranged through a MK 2, a 420, a XK 120, a XJ6 Series 3, a 2000 S-Type, E-Types and the Club President in his futuristic 2045 prototype XJ Mercury Formula F1 Racing car. The grounds are a large carefully laid out parkland bordered by a lake The sculptures were many and varied but two that caught my eye were the stone rendering of a Mercedes gearbox and a line up of BMW drivers outside the restroom. One of our lady members got there first! Included are photos of these

two scenes. The box lunch was very well done and for the tour we were split into two groups with two very knowledgeable guides to explain the layout and the history of each exhibit. If you have never been to this venue make a point of going. It is unusual, interesting and a visual pleasure with a variety of exhibits ranging from very modern through a wonderful reconstruction of a Monet painting. Well done Kit. We all thank you.



Kurt Rappold in his "rain car"



"Mercedes Gearbox"



"Line up of BMW Drivers"

RAGTOPS AND ROADSTERS. MEMBERSHIPS FOR CLUBS

I visited Ragtops a few days ago. Their workshops were full of cars being worked on. A variety of cars including Rolls Royce, MG's, Triumph, XK 120, XK 140, MK IX, Daimler MK 2, were on the floor. I have been to visit them on "Open House" days and noted how clean and organized everything is. Well on a working day it is just as pristine. I was happy to leave my XK 150 in their care. While there, Dave Hutchison (Operations Manager) told me that they had come up with an encouraging idea for the clubs. In future they will give a one year membership to a club if you have restoration work completed. For example, if it's a

Triumph then membership to the DVTC. If it's a Jag then it's the DVJC. We appreciate this generous gesture.

#### PETROL VERSUS DIESEL ENGINES

As we have often reported diesel engines are very popular in Europe. Jaguar recently released their 2.7 liter twin turbo diesel at over \$1000 cheaper than their 2.5 liter petrol version. Traditionally diesel engines are more expensive than petrol. It is reported that this move by Jaguar has turned car pricing on its head. The argument over which to buy has always been "If you don't do 'X' amount of miles per year, your wasting your money on a diesel". This is not so now. It is also reported that not only is it faster than the petrol engine but it's quieter too! In fact it is said that the S Type diesel engine does not make much sound at all. So it is cheaper, quieter, faster. Also it is more economical. 36mpg for the diesel against 27.6. On a run the diesel will turn in an amazing 46.5mpg compared to 36.8 (MPG based on an Imperial gallon). Now that the X-type Estate (Wagon) will be here in November how long is the US going to be able to resist the obvious advantages of the diesel engine? This is especially so if the price of gas stays at its present levels.

#### IMPORTANT NEW JCNA MEMBER SURVEY

You will see that on page 19 of the JCNA July-August publication the "Jaguar Journal" that the National club is asking you to complete their member survey. They say " JCNA is undertaking a survey of the membership to bring us up-to-date on member attitudes and opinions. Questions include likes/dislikes about JCNA,

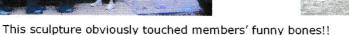
event preferences, Jaguars owned, outside activities, new or used car buying plans, some personal data, etc." We are including a survey form in this Purr and you can also fill it out on JCNA.com. We would ask you to copy us on your responses so we can understand DVJC member attitudes.

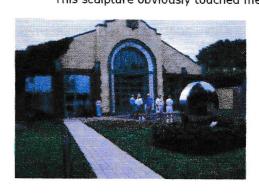
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FORD TO CUT PRODUCTION OF JAGUAR CARS
The following announcement was made Friday August
27th courtesy Philadelphia Inquirer Saturday August
28th "Ford Motor Co plans to cut production of Jaguar
cars by 15,000 units this year to trim losses at its
European luxury-vehicle unit. The company will reduce
output and idle workers at its three British Jaguar
plants, Ford spokesman Don Hume said in an
interview. Jaguar last year made 125,000 cars,
including X-type and XJ sedans. Hume wouldn't say
how many cars would be made this year. Ford reported
a \$362 million second-quarter pretax loss for its
Premier group, which includes Land Rover, Aston
Martin, and Volvo models, in addition to Jaguar".

Michael Tate Co-Editor









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#### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY 10/29/04

9:30am - 5:30pm Registration at Millsboro Fire Hall

9:30am - 5:30pm Tech Inspection at Millsboro Dairy Queen

1:00pm Short Rally School at Fire Hall (mandatory for rookies)
2:30pm Swamp Run (leaves from Dairy Queen Parking Lot)
?? - 8:30pm Cars to be on display at Dairy Queen Parking Lot
6:30pm Hosted dinner at the Fire Hall catered by Marconi's

7:30pm Rally School with Jim Feeney at the Fire Hall 8:30pm Open House at Bob Bryan's - Ya'll Come!!

SATURDAY 10/30/04

7:00am Registration and Tech at the Fire Hall
7:00am Hosted breakfast at the Fire Hall

8:00am Rally begins at the Fire Hall

4:30pm Approx. arrival of first car at the Fire Hall
4:30pm Welcome back party at the Fire Hall

?? Cars on display at the Dairy Queen until 8:30pm6:00pm Hosted dinner at the Fire Hall catered by Ladies Aux.

7:30pm Raffle and Auction to benefit our friends at the

Millsboro Fire Company

SUNDAY 10/31/04

7:00am Hosted breakfast at the Fire Hall 8:00am Rally begins at the Fire Hall

?? Sunday's pit stop will be at the Atlantic Budget Inn

12 noon Hosted lunch catered by the Ladies Aux.

1:00pm Awards Ceremony

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## **PUMPKIN RUN 2004**

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Jaguars are our reason for being, and Jaguar Cars, being our largest single advertiser and supporter, is the reason for the concentration of questions about automobiles. Your answers will be of particular interest to them.

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Finally, your responsiveness will help guide the JCNA board's future decision making.

Thank you!

JCNA Board of Directors

Your name is not required

This survey can be complete on line at <a href="www.jcna.com/library/jcc/2005/survey.php">www.jcna.com/library/jcc/2005/survey.php</a>

1 - Your JCNA club is : Years as JCNA member	(Member-at-Large, type AL)	_
2 - Club Events attended per yr. (1-3) (4-6) (	7-9) If more, please indic	ate a #
3 - Favorite club events (Rate 1-5, 5 being the best):	Driving tours  Rallies  Tech sessions  Other (please indicate)	Concours Slaloms Dinner meetings
4 - Indicate what which you like most about JCNA		
5 - Indicate what which you like least about JCNA		
6. Other car club(s) to which you belong is/are		
7. Please check all leisure activities in which you are involved:	Golf Sailing	Hunting Fishing

	Tennis Canoe/Kayaking  Vintage Racing Jogging  Cycling Vacation Travel  Skiing/boarding Car restoration  Flying Performance Driver Ed.  Power Boating Jaguar Restoring  Birding Other:
8. My favorite driving activity is	
9. The car you drive daily is: (Year, make & model.)	
Is your car serviced at the dealership?	Yes No
10. Number Jaguars currently owned:  11. I plan on buying/leasing a new or Select Edition Jaguar in:  If not the reason is:  12. If Jaguar were to build & sell a two seat sports car for would not, be interested in buying/leasing one.  13. Are your purchasing decisions influenced by Jaguar Journal ads and/or a company's sponsorship of JCNA events?	Number Jaguars owned 6 yrs old or newer:  (type year).  quality performance styling price leasing terms model availability  or less than \$50K \$75K, \$100K, I would  Yes No
14. Personal information  State of residence and zip code :  Province and postal code for Canada)	Occupation : Working : - Retired :
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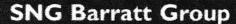
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