

The Jaguar's Purr©

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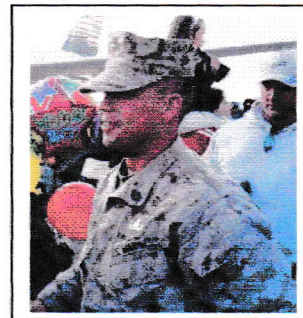
DVJC CONCOURS JUNE 4. DETAILS INSIDE THIS ISSUE



Jaguar Mark VII owned by Bill Waters was part of a display of Jaguars at the Cherry Blossom Festival in Media – the first car show of the year.

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Former Vice President of the Club, Jeff Dement recently returned home from Iraq. Welcome home, Jeff!!

UPCOMING DVJC EVENTS

CONCOURS JUDGING MEETING

May 14th at 8.30am. ANYONE WHO WANTS TO JUDGE AT THE CONCOURS MUST ATTEND. JCNA CONCOURS RULES REQUIRE ALL JUDGES TO COMPLETE THE TEST AND DISCUSSION AFTERWARDS.

PLACE: Sandrose Trophies, 9th and Sproul St, Chester, PA. 19013

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 5.8 miles 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. For directions from south, please contact Kurt.

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| June 4 | DVJC Concours d'Elegance, Rankokus Indian Reservation, Mt Holly, NJ. This event is sanctioned by JCNA. An application form and flyer is in this Purr. |
| July 30 | DVJC Slalom. Garnett Valley High School, Smithbridge Road, Glen Mills, PA 19342 Concord Township. More information in the June issue of the Purr and on the website www.jcna.com/clubs/dvjc . |
| August 21 | Tentative date for a luncheon on the Moshulu. More information soon. |
| September 14-16 | British Invasion in Stowe, Vermont. Tom Murray is working on an organized trip to this event including hotel reservations. If you are interested in participating contact Tom at jagmanred@comcast.net . More info soon. |
| Fall | Fall Tour organized by Al Pincus (Date and details to be confirmed). |
| October 28 - 30 | DVJC Pumpkin Rally, in conjunction with the Northeast Rally Club. The Rally begins in Millsboro, DE. This event is sanctioned by JCNA. |
| December 4 | DVJC Holiday Party. Location to be announced later. |

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 Quarter \$ 85 / year; \$20 / issue

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 for three inserts
 Non-members \$10.00 per insert

MEMBERSHIP RATES

Family \$45.00 per year
 Single \$40.00 per year

DVJC Badge \$10.00
 JCNA Badge \$30.00
 DVJC License Plate \$ 6.00
 Packing & Postage \$ 3.00

THE PREZ SAYS

EDITORS RESIGNATION

We were informed recently that both our editor and our co-editor will be moving to new homes in the near future. Unfortunately this union of two tremendous editors will come to an end soon. Their efforts to put out a great newsletter have been quite successful for over five years, always on time, always interesting with many members commenting: "They always read the Jaguar Purr". I think when the membership goes out of their way to make a statement like that, it is very special!

Our Directors held the required 2nd quarter meeting, hosted at Steve and Betty Kress's lovely Swallowdale Road home in Holland, PA. At that meeting we all agreed to accept Mike Tate and Kit Racette's resignation with regret. Our objective for May is to put an article in the Jaguar Purr to solicit the general membership for a replacement editor. Here it is.

When Mike took over the editor's job from Dr Ron Klein who held the job previously for over ten years, he picked up the pen (ballpoint) and ran with it. He has scored many touch downs, Editors awards for articles submitted by our Club members over the years. Mike himself received an award for his 2004 story "All My Cars". There were only fifteen such newsletter awards for the entire Jaguar world here in the North American Club.

As Editor you have a free reign to run your own news letter. I send in the Prez Says mid month, many members mail or email their articles in for publication, the advertising is steady for the year and Kit has followed up with our advertisers, the various notices and information come in all the time via mail and email. All the costs are reimbursed with a regular check from Treasurer Chris Jordan.

Basically a good knowledge of Jaguars and computers is desirable to perform this job. The same member support will continue. What we now need is a volunteer editor to come forward to pick up the "ball" point pen and "walk", not run with it!!

I know it will require your time to put it together. The job will last as long as you want it to. As I said before, Ron Klein did it for over ten years; Mike and Kit have had it for five years. How about trying it for one year to see if it fits? If you are thinking about exploring the possibility of becoming computer literate, maybe this is your opportunity to excel and learn something new. At the Directors' meeting, we discussed a computer program that would facilitate production of the newsletter. Both Mike and Kit have agreed to assist a new Editor in the

transition into the volunteer job. Would you please contact me regarding this important job opening we must fill. My phone number is 610-358-4055. We are an equal opportunity organization and would welcome a lady editor - do you have time and inclination to be our club's next editor?

Please consider this opportunity!!

The communication backbone of this club is the Jaguar Purr, the monthly newsletter.

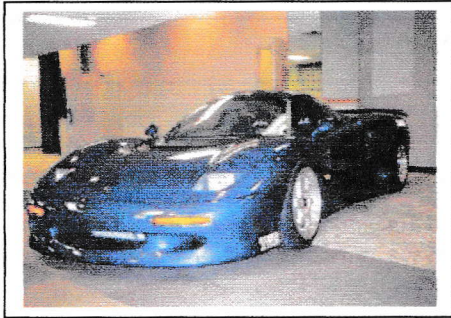
DIRECTORS' MEETING

As I mentioned in the above article concerning the replacement of our editors, we held the 2nd quarter Directors' meeting on Sunday April 17th. We appreciate the generous hospitality of the Kress family to hold this meeting in their home. We agreed to the date of Sunday July 17th at 12pm at the home of Gerry and Elajane Kunkle for the next Directors' meeting. Please refer to the minutes as recorded and typed by Nancy Jones. Our regular secretary Ann Perry could not attend the meeting due to the passing of her mother. I wish to personally thank Nancy for volunteering to pick up the pen and record our minutes. Thanks, Nancy. Our sympathy as a club is extended to Ann with the loss of her Mom.

AGM

The Annual General Meeting of JCNA was held in Orlando this year at the Wyndham Place Hotel. This is a very large five star hotel right in Disney World. Vice President Charlie Olson and I attended and we both brought back a lot of information that will be useful for our Club. As delegates, we were called up to vote on many issues. As a member of the National Rally Committee I was able to have some input on what the revised 2005 rally rules will look like. As Chairman for the National Rally, Slalom and Concours Awards, I also was kept real busy presenting these awards to two separate dinner meetings. One could tell the folks in the Orlando Jaguar Club had done a lot of homework to put this affair on. Mike Krueel, President of OJOC was especially helpful to me as I trucked a lot of trophies to his garage during Bike Week and then retrieved them after I arrived for the AGM. This made it nice to have so many trophies presented to happy winners at the Awards Banquet. I had none other than Bob Tullius assisting me to present and of course Charlie Olson and Steve Weinstein also assisted, Thanks guys. This year we presented a new trophy made right here in Pennsylvania by Wilton Armada called the Mulberry pattern. This is only presented at the National level so it is a beautiful item to be won in JCNA National competition. Right now I am continuing to

complete the awards job so that every one is satisfied with their trophies.



TWR Jaguar on display at the AGM

While we were in Orlando, we enjoyed perfect weather. The OJOC had many beautiful display Jaguars at the Hotel. The MkII Jaguar of Ed Roth, Past President of Jane was used for a model for the new MkII Judging Guide. Ed and his wife are now permanent residents of Florida. I would also like to congratulate Virginia Corda, Jerry Wise and John Falco for all their hard work in putting on a very successful AGM. A lot of hard work always ends in success if you "stick to it"!

While at the AGM the Seattle Washington Jaguar Club passed out umbrellas in sunny Florida!! This is because the next year's AGM will be there. I've never been there and Charlie Olson has a son who lives there so we both hope to serve you as delegates again.

TWIN TIERS RALLY

At this point I am aware of five rally teams that are planning to attend the Binghamton, NY Twin Tiers Rally at the end of April. This will be a time, speed, distance rally (TSD) with times in seconds recorded for JCNA National scores. The new Rally rules also allow for a TSD rally to have scoring in points for National prizes. A new rule allows for Monte Carlo rallies. This type of rally gives you a map and mileage to follow. Scoring can occur in either seconds or points, whichever type the JCNA sanction is listed as. There is also a new category for "novice". We call it "rookies" in DVJC, same thing. This is good for your first JCNA sanctioned rally only. This will hopefully help revitalize the JCNA Rally Program challenge. Many thanks to National Rally Chairman Brian Blackwell of Texas for getting it all together for the AGM. We have six Rally Committee members, one from each region. Our Southwest committee man, Tony Bill, passed on this winter so Southwest area needs to nominate a new committee person to fill his spot.

CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

The following is my little report on our first car show event for 2005. With a bright sunny day, Sunday April 10 I was even able to make it to church before the event. You will notice #3 car of Henry Gerlick. It is an early XK120 show car

that is special. It has wire wheels on the front only, solid with spats on the back. This was made this way for the New York Auto Show. Another Club member also has one so I know of two of these in existence. I've been trying to get Henry to join our Club for a number of years. At the Cherry Festival show Tom Murray gave him one of the new application forms. Nice job, Tom, for all the work getting the Director Job done and a new three color application form - top stuff!!

DVJC Members in Attendance at the Cherry Blossom Festival on April 10:

Frank Steinberg	1952 XK120 CP
Fred Mack	1953 XK120 OTS*
Henry Gerlick	1952 XK120 OTS##
Bill Waters	1955 MkVII Saloon##
Tom Murray & Chris Jordan	1963 Etype OTS**
Martin Goldstein	1963 Etype OTS
Gene Heinrick	1966 Etype CP
Tony Cimino	1967 Etype 2+2
Kurt Rappold	1967 Etype OTS***
Rich Rosen	1971 Etype 2+2
Don Mullin	1974 Etype OTS V12
Ann Perry	1981 XJS Coupe
John Albanese	1988 XJS Coupe#
Charlie Olson	1987 XJ6 Saloon
Dave Hoover	1991 XJS Convertible

*Fred won 1st place for HCCP Sports Cars, 3rd place People's Choice and won Raffle prize from Weathers Dodge - a tool kit

** Tom and Chris won 2nd place People's Choice

*** Kurt won the Raffle prize too, a tool kit

John won 1st place People's Choice.

Possible new members.

Many thanks to those members who showed up to make this First Annual Cherry Blossom Festival and Fair a success. The benefactor was the Rotary Club of Media, PA whose members do so much good work in the community. This event was sponsored by Weathers Dodge and Springfield Ford and organized by the Historical Car Club of Pennsylvania.

CONCOUR JUDGING SESSION

At our Directors' meeting we discussed the need for further judges' training and the judges' test. This will be held at my Chester shop on May 14th at 8.30am. I know all the members are very busy but this is a must do! I kicked it up half an hour earlier to ensure we are out of town by 11.30am.

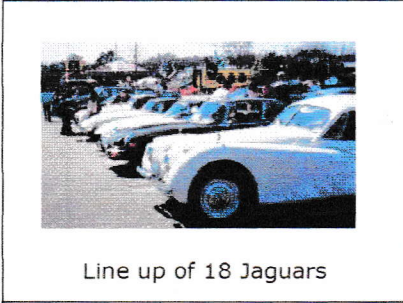
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I will have donuts and coffee ready for you - just show up please.

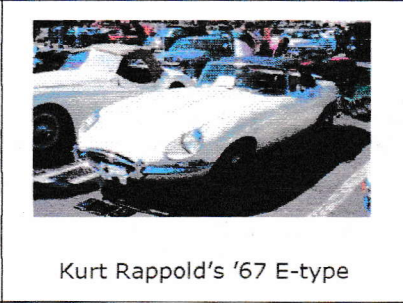
For the good of our Club,

Kurt Rappold
President

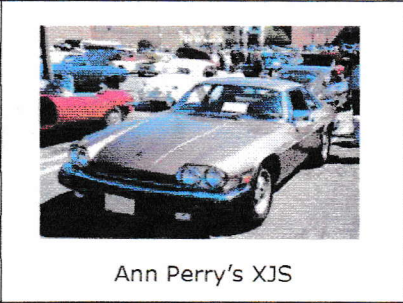
CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL
FIRST CAR SHOW OF THE YEAR



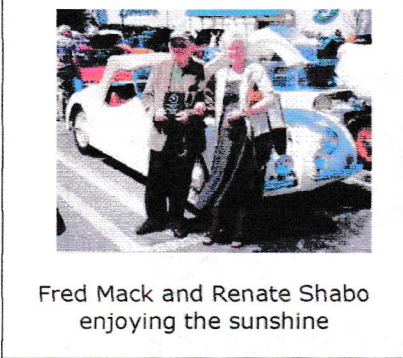
Line up of 18 Jaguars



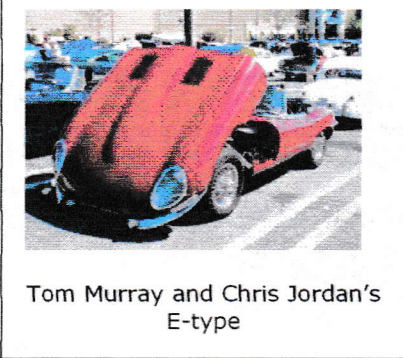
Kurt Rappold's '67 E-type



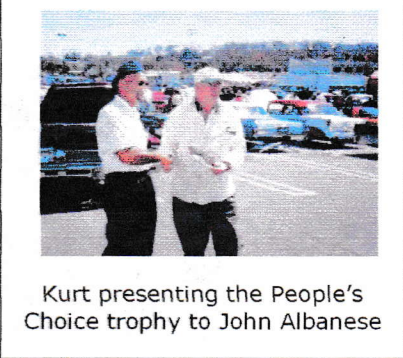
Ann Perry's XJS



Fred Mack and Renate Shabo
enjoying the sunshine



Tom Murray and Chris Jordan's
E-type



Kurt presenting the People's
Choice trophy to John Albanese



Members of the Delaware Valley Jaguar Club at the Cherry Blossom Festival
April 10, 2005

HELP WANTED

Can you help the Club in any of the following areas?

WEB SITE MANAGEMENT ADVERTISING SOLICITATION
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PLEASE CONTACT THE EDITORS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

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EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

CONCOURS CONCOURS CONCOURS

How quickly the time for the annual Concours has come around. Perhaps it's the weather or the fact that I am busy moving house but I have not seriously looked at a car that could be entered for the event. The Jeep has been the main transport and that won't win any prizes! However, any Jaguar, no matter what condition, is very welcome at the event as there are three divisions in which you can enter. These are Champion, Driven, and Display.

The event will be held June 4th at the Rankokus Indian Reservation. Directions and an entry form are included in this Purr. The Reservation is an unusual and interesting location including a Food Pavilion which serves American Indian Cuisine. Come and support your club even if you don't bring a Jag. You will enjoy the day surrounded by some outstanding cars.

If you want your car to look really good for the show and the rest of the year, I am including an article titled, "Prepping your car for the SHOW FIELD". This outlines what to do to get your car prepared for Champion Division. The Driven division is much easier. The judges will not look at your engine compartment. For display anything goes and, for example, any car in mid restoration is most welcome. It is the 40th year since the club was founded so let us all get together to celebrate.

I LOST A SERIOUS BET

Last month I made a bet with Kit Racette. The bet was this. You will recall (if you read it) that I wrote an article in the April issue titled "The Past, The Present, The Future, Where is Jaguar now". In this article I outlined the results of a survey taken six years ago asking which Jaguar models were the greatest saloon, greatest sports car, and greatest of all. At the finish of the article I asked our club members which they thought were the best in their estimation and asked everyone to respond by e-mail or snail mail. So what was the bet? Kit said to me, "You will be lucky to get even one response". I said, "I bet you I will. It's an interesting question and some members will want to air their views". Well, Kit was right. I did not get one response not one. Not even a one liner. Zilch. So that's the end of that little idea. Sorry I asked but luckily I did not wake you all from your slumbers.

ROVER/MG NEARING THE END OF THE ROAD

You will recall that earlier this year I told you that Rover/MG was being purchased by the Shanghai Automotive Industry Corp. It never happened. Once the Chinese got into the financials they found that the company's finances were in a much worse state than expected and withdrew their bid. You will recall that in May 2000 BMW (the then owners. Land Rover was bought by Ford) sold the company to John Towers and his Phoenix consortium for a nominal ten pounds (\$18). They also gave them a good will loan of \$700 million. Things have not been going right for some time. In November 2003 Longbridge factory suspended the production of the Rover 25, 45, and 75 models as

sales slumped. In March 2004 the Government accused Phoenix of "financial sleight of hand". In November 2004 BMW calls Rover bosses "the unacceptable face of capitalism". The company has now shut down production because component suppliers have stopped supply because of their fear of not being paid. The Government is launching an enquiry into the fact that the 4 partners of Phoenix have taken \$80 million out of the company.

Rover was founded in Coventry as a bicycle business and produced its first car in 1904. In 1945 its Coventry factory was bombed out by the Luftwaffe. In 1946 the one millionth car rolls off the production line at the new flagship factory at Longbridge, Birmingham. It was the car that you would expect the bank manager to own. It was the boss's car, in the day when bosses had presence. It was during the 1970s that the men at British Motor Corporation decided that stuffy old Rover needed youth appeal. They ditched traditional values for an "exciting" range with features like a square steering wheel and, thin-metal, quick to rust bodywork. At a stroke they threw away Rover's birthright. MG was set up in Oxford in 1924 producing sports cars and saloons. The love of this marque, in most parts of the world, is legendry. The estimate is that over 7,000 people will lose their jobs with the closure. If proved, let us hope the Phoenix four get their deserved punishment.

AUCTION AND PRICING NEWS

I was surprised and delighted to see four separate advertisements in the May edition of "Sports Car Magazine" for Mk II saloons. What pleased me so much?? All were asking in the area of \$60,000.

Auction results:

Scottsdale end of January. 1963 XKE coupe. Maroon/tan. 24,117 miles. Condition 3. Sold at \$47,520. Verdict: A good driver but many body misfits. A good price.

Kruze International. Avondale AZ January. 1995 XJS convertible white/creme leather. 92,567 miles. Condition 3. Sold at \$18,900. Verdict: Plenty available at lower mileage at lower cost.

Artcurial. Paris, France, February, 1972 XKE SERIES 3 convertible. British Racing Green/tan leather. 81,900 miles. Automatic. Condition 4. Sold at \$57,105. Verdict: Very high price for this condition. 1950 XK 120 Alloy roadster Gray/red. 7,240 miles Condition 3. Sold at \$151,251.

RM Auctions. Phoenix, AZ. January, 1955 XK140 ROYALE FHC. Royal Metallic Purple/black leather. 6,759 miles. Many modifications. Did 137 mph in the flying mile. Condition 3. Shown at Pebble Beach in 1957/58. Sold at \$68,200. Verdict: A bunch of money for an oddity. 1957 XK 140MC DHC Black / Red leather. 42,832 C-type head. Condition 3. Sold at \$91,000 Verdict: Price paid was consistent with the recent escalation of XK prices of all varieties. XK150S 3.4 roadster Dark blue/gray leather. 189 miles. JCNA National Champion 2001. A stunning car. Nothing to

fault Sold at \$145,200. Verdict: Has to be a record for 150S. Well restored XK Jags of all variety continue to surprise. A 1966 XKE roadster Opalescent Blue/black leather. 1,593 miles. Condition 3. Sold at \$70,400 Verdict: Needs a lot of work to get to show standards.



AUTOWEEK

Having just got the current *Autoweek* I thought it appropriate to reproduce the front cover in the Purr with the following comment: "*Autoweek* must have got a copy of my comments regarding their Jaguar bashing and decided to make amends. Look at this cover on their current issue. Good for them and good for Jaguar".

THE EDITORS DECISION

As you will have read in the "Prez Says", Kit Racette and I have decided that it is time to bring new minds on the content and production of the Purr. Jointly, over the years, we have worked to produce an interesting Newsletter. This involves thinking about the content and thinking again, soliciting articles from members, editing the content, writing the Editors Ramblings, typing "The Prez Says", producing calendars of events, Classified Adverts, etc, organizing and formatting the input, proof reading, placing the finished newsletter on the internet, taking to & collecting from Staples for printing "Snail Mail" copies, stapling, stamping, printing & placing address labels and taking to the Post Office. We have enjoyed doing this and hope you have been pleased with our work. We plan to assist whoever steps forward to take over and ensure a smooth transition.

Enjoy the Concours
Michael Tate
Co-Editor

RAGTOPS & ROADSTERS

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Ragtops & Roadsters is pleased to announce that our 11th Annual Spring Open House will be held on Saturday May 21, 2005 between 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. If weather is a question, please call 215 257-1202 Saturday morning as we may move our event to Sunday May 22, 2005 if necessary.

All Vintage Car enthusiasts and friends are invited to attend our 2005 Spring Open House as we have many cars "in restoration" here at our shop located at 203 South Fourth Street Perkasie, PA 18944. Scones, tea and coffee will be served in the morning and refreshments will be available throughout the day. Our street and car park will be open for all who bring their Vintage cars! We will also have a British car "autojumble" and activities for your family here at our shop.

Our Hometown of Perkasie will once again be celebrating spring with Perkasie Olde Towne Days. The streets will be filled with music, exhibitions, crafts, tours, and vendors. More details will be available at the Perkasie Olde Towne Day website, www.perkasieoldetowne.org.

Please check here on our website for further details as we get closer to May and note this event on your Calendar! We are looking forward to seeing all of our Collector Car Friends again! Directions to our shop can be found by clicking on "Contacting Us" in our website www.ragtops.com.



**PHILADELPHIA AREA
THE DELAWARE VALLEY JAGUAR CLUB
CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE 2005
40TH ANNUAL DVJC CONCOURS & CAR SHOW**

This event will be held Saturday, June 4th, 2005 (raindate Sunday, June 5th) from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm to benefit the Rankokus Indian Reservation and its community outreach programs. The Rankokus Indian Reservation is located on Rancocas Road, Rancocas, New Jersey, just miles off the NJ Interstate 295 exit 45A and New Jersey Turnpike Exit 5, Mt. Holly. Only 30 minutes from Philadelphia, and 1 hour from New York City. (For detailed directions and local accommodations see map on reverse side.)

Collectible dash plaques for the first 50 registered cars
Food Pavilion, including American Indian Cuisine
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REGISTRATION AT GATE WILL BE \$40.00
Discount Fee of \$25.00 expires May 20, 2005

Please Call ahead if you wish to participate in judging. Contact Steve Kress 215-953-5227

Contact: Charles Olson, DVJC Concours Chairman
215-757-2028 email: cjolson11@msn.com

J.C.N.A. rules of judging will be followed as per the latest rules agreed to at JCNA AGM 2004.

J.C.N.A. official trophies to be awarded.
Value \$1,100.00



- Raffle Prizes
- Longest drive award
- Awards for Driven in 11 classes 1st, 2nd 3rd
- Awards for Champion 23 classes 1st, 2nd, 3rd
- Chief's Choice Award
- Best in Show, People's choice

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D.V.J.C. Concours & Show

Saturday - June 4, 2005

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____				
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JCNA #/I _____				

Division - Please check one only: Champion Driven Display

Release Statement - I hereby agree to enter the car(s) described in the Concours D'Elegance on June 5, 2004. In consideration of the right and privilege to enter and participate in this event, I agree to release and save harmless the Concours sponsors, Concours Committee, D.V.J.C. Club, and Rankokus Indian Reservation from any and all liabilities for injury, damages, or loss arising from my entry, attendance, or participation in these activities.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____



Directions to the Rankokus Indian Reservation

- . From the Walt Whitman Bridge: Take I-295 North.
- . From the Ben Franklin Bridge: Take 676 East to I-295 North.
- . From the Tacony I Palmyra Bridge: Take 73 South to I-295 North.
- . From I-295: Going either North or South, take Exit 45A. Bear right off the exit. The Reservation is $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from that exit on the right hand side.

. From the New Jersey Turnpike: Take Exit 5. Bear right off that exit, and you'll be on Route 541. You'll then come to an intersection with Taco Bell and a Burger King - make a right. At the next traffic light, make another right onto Rancocas Road. The Reservation entrance is 2 miles down on the left hand side.

Hotel Recommendations: (Numbers refer to numbers on the map)

1. Howard Johnson Inn 609-267-6550 - \$79.00 per night
2. Best Western Burlington Inn 609-261-3800 - \$ 116.00 per night
3. Econolodge 609-702-1000 - \$ 85.00 per night
4. Holiday Inn Express 609-702-5800 - \$109 per night (Special price available up to May 21).

PREPPING YOUR CAR FOR THE SHOW FIELD

BY Gary Anderson

(as it appeared in "British Car" June-July 1998)

There's something about a freshly-waxed car, glistening in the sunlight or reflecting the lights in the garage. Maybe it brings back memories of new cars in showrooms, or fondly remembered times with Dad polishing the old Plymouth. So when we prepare our cars for the show field, it isn't just to increase our chances to add another trophy to the collection. Seeing our car looking its very best "on parade" just makes us feel good. And, of course, our rational self knows it protects the value of our investment.

But is there a "best way" to prep your car for the show or the driving season? Do the pros have any secrets? In my experience, there are three keys to doing the job well. First, there is no single miracle product that will do more than one part of the job right. There is a right product for each part of the job, though there are several good manufacturers for these products. Second, a good job takes more than a quick spritz with the hose and a once-over with a cleaner-polish. Thorough show preparation includes a whole series of tasks. Third, it isn't done in an hour or an afternoon. If you want your car to really stand out, a good weekend of work is required at the beginning of the season. The good news is that once you've done it, you can keep up the car's appearance fairly easily for the rest of the year.

CHASSIS AND ENGINE

We'll start with the dirtiest part, the chassis, and then do the engine. There isn't an easy way to do these parts and if you've never done them before, they are going to take awhile. Put the car up on jackstands and remove the wheels. Spray underneath and in all the nooks and crannies with a good degreaser - I like Simple Green diluted about 50% in a spray bottle - brush it in, and then hose it off. You should then be able to wipe off all the remaining grease with a rag. This will similarly work in the engine compartment, though I've found that a spray brake cleaner is sometimes needed on stubborn grease or oil spots. After you've got the engine compartment clean, dress the hoses with a rubber protectant. I avoid the name brand because of its silicone content and too-slick finish and instead use a Meguiar's rubber cleaner that buffs up to a nice smooth but not shiny finish.

Cleaning a chassis is easy to describe but is the longest and definitely the messiest job you have to do. A friend once described it as cleaning the



Could your car achieve this condition?

car by transferring all the grime from it onto yourself. Since you will be working under the car to do this job, your oldest clothes and a pair of safety glasses will make the job easier. While you're under there, you can get a few other jobs out of the way by tightening all the chassis bolts and doing your once-a-season lubrication tasks. You might as well even change the oil. Do it all, and you won't have to do any of it for another year.

TIRE AND WHEELS

While the wheels are off, it is easy to clean them. Wire spokes are definitely easier to clean when you can get to the back of the wheel. Here I use a bathroom product, such as Soft Scrub, to thoroughly clean the tires, and Simple Green to clean the wheels. Follow by putting a rubber protectant on the wheels and a polish wax on the wheels and spokes. Chrome parts, such as knock-offs take a polishing with a good metal polish, like Wenol, followed by regular car wax. If you have chrome wires, there are several good spray-on, hose-off products that will get them sparkling. Wax them after they're clean to protect and heighten the sparkle. At this point, throw your clothes in the trash, shower off, and do the rest of the car.

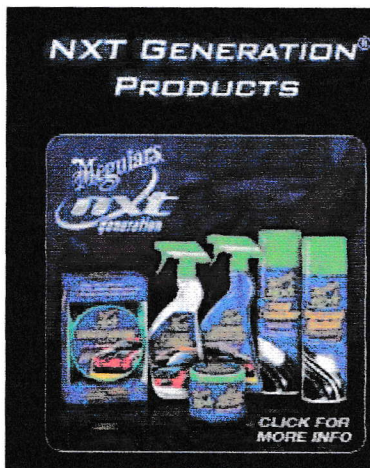


EXTERIOR PAINT

That beautiful finish on the high-ticket show cars that looks deep enough to dive into takes some work. A four of five step process is required to get that finish, even if the car is clear-coated. You start with a gentle wash, sloshing the dust off first with water, then washing the car with a

soap made for cars. Don't use dish soap or anything harsher. These are designed to get baked-on tomatoes off porcelain and will strip your finish. Use a very soft wash mitt or terry cloth for this step (run it through the washing machine after each use to make sure it isn't carrying grit that can scratch the paint) and lots of water, working from top to bottom.

Now you are ready to work on the paint. This is not a one-step process. At the very least, you need to remove old wax, smooth out the paint, then put a new coat of protective wax over the top. Meguiar's makes several different systems to do this, including a three-step set (with bottles, conveniently labeled "1 for the cleaner, "2 for the polish, and "3 for the wax). You can buy several other Meguiar's products that follow



this three-step process, one in brown bottles with numbers that is marketed to detailers and paint shops and a new high-end set that apparently uses higher percentages of the expensive ingredients. Xymol makes a good two-step system with a cleaner/polisher and a wax, available through several catalogues, that also does a good job (and sells great). In addition, several manufacturers now make a polishing block that smoothes the paint as part of the cleaning process. The main point here is that your finish should be polished until it is squeaky-clean - indicating that all the old stuff has been removed - and smooth to a fingertip touch before you wax. Then you apply the wax (preferably a product with a high percentage of Carnauba) to complete the task.

A polish pad or terry cloth is good to apply the polish and wax, and a clean flannel diaper is good for rubbing it off. Yes, this system takes some time, and yes, there are products that say they allow you to do everything in one step. I do

use these products when I'm on the road or in a hurry, or want to remove road tar or bird droppings before they harm the finish, but when I have time, I prefer the full wash/clean/polish/wax process.

Just before the car is judged, or when I'm photographing it, I go over the whole car with a Meguiar's product called "Quik Detailer" and a soft rag to remove dust and add a little polish. If the car isn't too dusty, a treated cloth made by Kozak also works well, as do the big floppy treated brushes.

CHROME AND GLASS

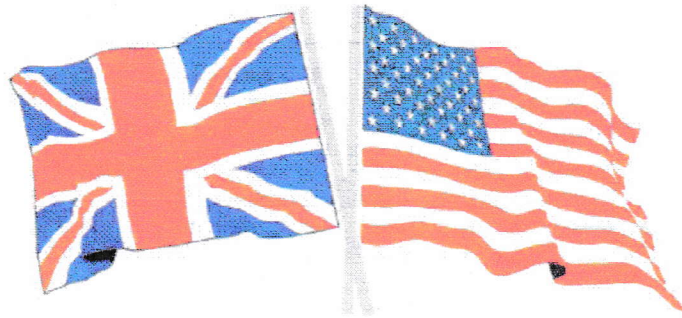
The secret with chrome is to use a high-quality metal polish to clean it and remove any light corrosion, exhaust oil and dirt, then follow it with car wax. For the metal polishing, I like Wenol, a European product that comes in a tube. Over that I use the same high-quality wax that I use on the rest of the car. The wax really adds a glister to the chrome and covers it with a protective coating, reducing the chance for surface corrosion. For windshield glass, I use a fifty-fifty mixture of water and rubbing alcohol with a few drops of dish soap, applied with a lint-free rag, and use a Meguiar's plastic polish for the soft-top window.

INTERIOR

Finally, after showing again, I do the interior and soft top. First I vacuum thoroughly to remove dust and dirt, especially down into the grooves on the seats and in the corners of the carpet. At least once a season I clean the carpets with a household spray-on, vacuum-off rug cleaner.



Then I clean and condition the leather, using two products by Lenox. Finally I clean and treat the vinyl panels and top. I use a Lexol vinyl product, but there are several other good vinyl cleaners. Here again I avoid using the products that put a silicone "shine" on the vinyl.



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MINUTES OF 4/17/05 DELAWARE VALLEY JAGUAR CLUB DIRECTOR'S MEETING

1. Attendance: Kurt Rappold, Charlie Olsen, Tom Jones, Gerry Kunkle, Alex LaRoche, Steve Kress, Tom Murray, Chris Jordan.
2. Approval of Minutes: The meeting was called to order at 1:50 pm. The minutes of the January meeting were accepted and approved with one correction: Charlie Olsen was the approved delegate to the Annual General Meeting of Jaguar Clubs along with Kurt Rappold.
3. Acknowledgements: Club President Kurt Rappold announced with sadness that Ann Perry's mother had passed away this week and that Ann would not be able to attend this meeting. A card has been sent from the club. Kurt also thanked Steve and Betty Kress for hosting this meeting.
4. Treasurer's report: Chris Jordan, Treasurer, reported that the club has \$7,503.17 in the treasury. There is no yearly budget; profit and loss statement will be prepared once a year.
5. Membership Count: Steve Kress, Co-Treasurer reported that the club membership shows a total of 194 paid members as of today. There are 65 members from 2004 who have not yet renewed.
5. Member Retention: Kurt suggested sending a letter with a renewal form to these members. Steve suggested including a stamped self-addressed envelope to encourage replies. Tom Murray and Chris will send out the renewal letters.
7. Editor's report: Neither Kit Racette, nor Mike Tate were able to attend today's meeting, so they filed a written report. Mike welcomed Alex LaRoche as Director of Club Development. He would like Alex's input on how to attract and keep new, younger club members. Congratulations to Mike for winning a national award for his Purr article, "All My Cars". Mike is looking for member input to the Purr perhaps John Jennings would share his experience winning two first places at the JCNA Regional Concours.
8. Co-Editor's Report: Kit and Mike are also resigning from publishing the Purr after the June issue. There was much discussion regarding how to continue the Purr. Gerry Kunkle suggested that Kit develop a list of tasks involved; Steve Kress will help out in the transition. Tom Jones suggested breaking up the workload (e.g. someone who will solicit more ads so that we could hire a student to do the layout, etc.).
9. Activities: there is a trip to the Moshulu scheduled for August 21 to celebrate the Club's 40th anniversary. Al and Tucky Pincus will help host the fall outing. Mike's church, St. Martin's in Radnor, would be willing to host a gathering of the club with a barbecue. Cars would be displayed in the large lot and the public could vote for best in show. A Sunday date is preferable. Larry Schear has proposed a drive to a destination for a Sunday in May. Mike Tate also knows of places to stay in Sugarbush, VT if any members are interested in attending the British Invasion car show in September. Kit is also asking other Club members to consider running a social event.
10. Fundraising: The Jaguar Calendar idea is tabled for this meeting.
11. Advertising: There are six paid advertisers in the Purr to date for 2005.
12. Merchandise: Tom Murray says the ladies' shirt has been discontinued. He will work on getting another shirt. DVJC pins have been ordered and he is working on hats.
13. Photography: 19 DVJC cars participated in the Cherry Blossom Festival April 10th. Joe took pictures of the cars on display.
14. Website: Kit is still willing to post events on the web page; she has the password for security reasons. The JCNA award for website went to John Richardson of N.C.
15. Concours: The Concours is scheduled for June 4th (5th is raindate) at the Rankokus Indian Reservation in Burlington County, NJ. Charlie Olsen and Tom Jones are co-chairs. The memorial trophy for best in show will honor club member Phyllis Mullin, who passed away on March 17th. Phyllis and her husband Don were both involved in the Club. So far eight entries have been received. It is posted on the website and is in the Purr. Steve Kress says there are new judging forms and new judges will need training. He will disseminate a written test and answers from national. Judges are needed for this event. Discussion followed regarding inviting other British car clubs to attend.
16. Rally: The Northeast Rally Club will sponsor a rally in Binghamton, NY on April 29 - May 1.

Four cars from DVJC are currently registered. If the club enters a fifth car, it will allow us to participate as a team. Tom Jones suggested having a special shirt made for rally participants representing DVJC.

17. Slalom: The slalom is scheduled for July 30th with possible site at Garnett Valley High School. Charlie and Gerry will put a flyer in the May Purr. Discussion followed.

18. Event Planning: May 21-22 the Jaguar lightweight coupe is being introduced at Summit Point, W.V. Six "all-access" tickets were available to the club. Tom Murray, Chris Jordan, Gerry Kunkle, Charlie Olsen, and Betty and Steve Kress will represent DVJC at the unveiling. Other events were listed in the Editor's reports.

19. Publicity: The lapel pin is finished. The business cards and applications for new members have been completed also.

20. Sponsorship: Charlie submitted an application for \$1,000 in sponsorship to

AG/Ford. The Concours and Slalom donations of \$250 each to the hosting sites were approved.

21. Donations: There is a need for donations to the raffle table at the Concours. Kurt donated a Jaguar poster; Steve agreed to donate the framing.

22. 40th Year: The celebration of the Club's anniversary is scheduled for the Moshulu on August 21st. Details to follow.

23. Next Meeting: The next meeting of Directors will take place on July 17th at Gerry Kunkle's home in Allentown. Time is set for noon.

24. AGM Materials: Kurt will include information from the AGM in the Purr.

25. AGM Report: Charlie and Kurt attended the Annual General Meeting in FL last month. They attended tech and general sessions and brought back information on rule changes for events.

Minutes submitted by Nancy Jones

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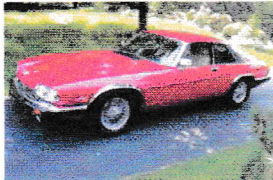
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May 7, 11am to 3pm	Lewes British Motorcar Show, Lewes, DE organized by the British Car Club of Delaware. www.leweschamber.com
May 15, 2005	Jaguar Association of New England Slalom, Wilmington, MA
May 21, 9 am to 4 pm	Ragtops and Roadsters "Open House", Perkasie, PA.
May 21, 2005	Jaguar Auto Group Spring Slalom, Randolph, NJ
May 21-22, 2005	Jaguar unveiling of the Lightweight Coupe, Summit Point, WV.
May 28, 2005	Delaware Valley Triumph Club British Car show at Hope Lodge. This has always conflicted with our Concours so they have changed the date so we can attend. Rain day is May 29 th . www.delvaltrs.org
May 29, 2005	26 th Annual Chester County Car Show, Kimberton, PA – Rt 113 Chester County Antique Car Club and Valley Forge Mustang Club
June 3 & 4, 2005	Empire Division Jaguar Club High Performance Driving Event Lime Rock Race Park, Lime Rock, CT.
June 10-12, 2005	Gold Cup Vintage & Historic races, Concours and Car Show, Virginia International Raceway near Danville, VA. www.virclub.com
June 11, 2005	Jaguar Club of Southern New England Slalom, Berlin, CT.
June 12, 2005	Jaguar Club of Southern New England Concours, Berlin, CT.
June 12, 2005	12 th Annual British Motor Gathering, Hellertown, PA Organized by Keystone Region MG Club rhorn4733@hotmail.com
June 18 & 19, 2005	Concours d' Elegance of the Eastern United States in aid of the Burn Prevention Foundation, Bethlehem, PA.
June 18, 2005	Jaguar Touring Club Summer Slalom, Randolph, NJ
June 19, 2005	Fatherfest 2005, Special Event at the American Helicopter Museum, West Chester, PA. More information 610-436-9600
July 10, 2005	"The British Invade Gettysburg", a British Car & Motorcycle Show organized by LANCO MG Club. Information Ralph_eriksen@yahoo.com
July 23, 2005	Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh Concours, Dawson, PA.
August 6, 2005	Jaguar Auto Group Summer Slalom, Randolph, NJ.
August 13, 2005	Jaguar Association of New England Concours, Worchester, MA.
August 13, 2005	Delaware Valley Classic MG Chapter British Car Day at Pennypacker Mills.
August 28, 2005	"Taste of Britain", British Car and Motorcycle Show organized by LANCO MG Club, at Rothsville, PA. Information Ralph_eriksen@yahoo.com
September 10, 2005	Nation's Capital Jaguar Owners Club Concours, Rockville, MD.
September 11, 2005	Buckingham Auto Show, Buckingham, PA.
September 21, 2005	JCNA Challenge Championship, Chateau Elan, Braselton, GA.
October 22, 2005	Jaguar Touring Club Jag-O-Lantern Slalom, Randolph, NJ

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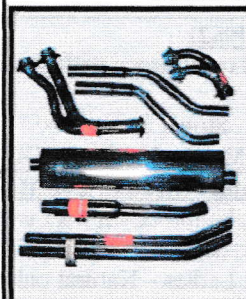
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