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August 19th	DVJC Family Day at Camden Riversharks (see p. 15)
October 20th	Officer's Meeting at Main Line Jaguar
October 26th, 27th, 28th	Pumpkin Run Rally sponsored by Northeast Rally Club in Millsboro NJ Sanctioned by JCNA Contact: Kurt Rappold 1-610-358-4055
December 9th	Annual Holiday Party

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August 10th thru 12th	JANE Concours d'Elegance, Sturbridge, MA
August 11th thru 12th	New Hope Auto Show New Hope High School Grounds
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The Prez Sez August 2007

We had our 3rd quarter officer's meeting at the Mainline Jaguar dealership who generously provided the use of their meeting area! I'll describe several agenda items of general importance that hopefully will result in expanded activity for our members.

Tom Jones, our director of non-sanctioned events, has arranged a trip to see the Camden Sharks play at the Camden Stadium on August 18th. He has arranged for protected free parking to those that wish to drive their Jags. See the enclosed flier for details.

We're looking for other venues to provide for our members. On the 26th of August, you are invited to attend an annual event called A Taste of Britain. This laid back social gathering of British cars combined with a Polo match is located near Lancaster, PA. Several of our members have enjoyed this event in the past. The Annual New Hope Auto Show is celebrating their 50th year on August 11th & 12th. Unfortunately the DVJC will not be sponsoring the Jaguar Division at the show due to late communication. So you are on your own.

We're going to re-define the tasks of the area co-ordinators to cover areas in a different manner. Our Member Chairman, Gerry Kunkle, will break down our members via zip codes for a geographical distribution and I'll assign a representative for each appropriate area. We feel the need for a more cohesive form of contact, especially for contacting new members to ensure they receive their copy of our newsletter, "The Jaguar's Purr." Our reps will be charged with the responsibility for contacting their constituents, if you will, to encourage participation or suggest events they might wish to have our club sponsor. These Area Representatives will no longer be called Area Coordinators and will be working more closely in conjunction with your President.

In addition we'd like to work out a schedule of activities for next year that will be published in the December Purr to enable you to see well in advance what "Core" activities are

Right: At the Officer's Meeting, current president, Charlie Olson, presented past president, Kurt Rappold, with our club's 25th Anniversary Book..



The Prez Sez (cont.)

planned for you in 2008. This year's final activity will be our Annual Holiday Party which is still in the planning stage for December 9th. The remaining year still has several interesting activities and I urge you to look at the Other Scheduled Events that are listed in the front pages of our Newsletter

A major change for 2008 is the re-location of our Concours. I've assembled a re-location team. Anyone not assigned to this group is encouraged to provide their input. We're currently looking to combine this major sanctioned event with the British Car Day held at Hope Lodge. They are amenable to holding the event on our traditional early June weekend, which next year would be the 7th of June. This is still in the concept stage and we'll be meeting with them mid-August to determine the feasibility. I'll report in the September Prez Sez..

Another service which we'd like expand is to advertise **Cars for Sale**. I'd like to see you prepare a brief description and state what price you're looking to receive including a means for contact. If space is available, we'll run a photo. Your Ad will run a maximum of three months, if necessary. In addition, I'll consider authorizing a special "all member E-mail" in lieu of the Purr advertisement. Also of course, you can submit ads for any Jag related items.

As I write this, Gerry Kunkle and I are preparing for the 4th Annual Slalom and immediately after, Gerry Kunkle and I plan on driving out to The Challenge Championship in Indianapolis to join five other members of our club who are intrigued by the opportunity to drive a lap in their Jags around the track of the Indy 500. I've asked Kurt Rappold to submit a report on the results of the Slalom so they can be included in this month's Purr. I must mention how instrumental Kurt and his boys have been in providing the support of this event in the past. In addition the boys were national Slalom winners in 2006 with the times they achieved at our Slalom.

Now I hope I'll discover more ladies have signed up-or will be participating this year for I have encouraged them to participate. We have a special award entitled "The Fastest Lady" –er, is it Fastest woman?

Ann Perry, winner of "The Fastest Female Award", has participated in each of the four slaloms organized by the DVJC.



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Roving Reporter

By: Michael Tate

August 2007

LATEST NEWS ON SALE OF JAGUAR

The July 17 UK Daily Telegraph reported that India's Tata Motors was in the early stages of evaluating a bid for Jaguar and Land Rover and if they proceed it would be one of India's biggest takeovers. The sale is expected to bring \$1.5 bn. Tata is controlled by Ratan Tata who is India's best known businessman. At this date the discussion is at an exploratory stage.

Mr Tata was responsible for India's biggest takeover when he obtained British Steel Company "Corus" through the Tata Steel Business for \$12 bn early in 2007. Tata Sons, the parent group has been an acquisitive grower of its businesses which range from retail & chemical to IT outsourcing and Tea. The groups auto unit plans to launch the worlds cheapest car, a \$2,500 vehicle early in 2008. If they do acquire Jaguar & Land Rover, think of the potential home market. In my working days I had a working relationship with Tata IT. It is a very smart and progressive outfit. Also when I visited their WHQ in Bombay the streets were full of the British Saloon car, the Morris Oxford. They had purchased all the manufacturing rights when the car was phased out in the UK. Could this happen to Jaguar?

In other reports in the press it is stated that "Ford won't get anything like the \$3bn-plus it hopes from the sale of Jaguar & Land Rover" A source, unnamed of course, said "They will be lucky to get \$1bn, due to the huge investment needed to restructure the two businesses. Unless Ford can get a satisfactory price they could be forced to retain the companies, but scale them down substantially."

AN EXCITING TOUR TO VISIT JAGUARS GOLDEN PAST

Today is July 16. Exactly a month ago, June 16, Paul & Kit Racette, John & Marte Murphy and Mo (my wife) and I set out at 7 am from Lower Gwynedd, PA for the 130 mile journey to make a very privileged visit to view one of the rarest Jaguar collections in the world. This was at the home of leading SS collector Brian Beni. The excitement was intense. For security reasons I cannot tell you the location. Suffice to say that we headed North partly on the I 95 and three hours later arrived in deep wooded countryside at our destination.

We were greeted in the road and directed into the lovely country estate. Our host was busy in an adjacent field and after introductions he announced that "He was feeding the animals & would we care to see?" So we followed him to a large stone structure. What were we going to see? Perhaps a couple of live Jaguars? A leopard?. Some goats? But no! The rarest of the rare.



26 Aldabran Tortoises. To you & me these are the very large variety found in the Aldabra atoll in

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the Indian Ocean which can reach 900 lbs fully grown. These have been bred and carefully nurtured to preserve the nearly extinct species. They were very friendly and allowed us to stroke their heads & necks as they moved about their field outside their shelter. In a separate enclosure there were some babies just a little larger than a normal sized Tortoise.

Then we were off to see the cars. We were introduced to the family and the dedication to Jaguar of Brian was illustrated when he introduced his son ...Lucas! Yes Lucas. Daughter Annabell kindly presented us with a listing of exhibits. The collection is housed in a number of converted and beautifully finished buildings. In the first building we entered onto the second floor which housed a large selection of Jaguar Collectibles — pre-war brochures, advertising,

signs, badges. One radiator badge in particular caught my eye. It was oblong in shape. I estimate 1.5 inches wide & 2.5 in length. On the top it said “Standard” Under this were the letters “SS” intertwined and below these “Swallow” So does this put an end to the endless discussion on the meaning of “SS”?



Below us was a display of cars all in pristine condition. I cannot report on the cars in each building and will deal with that at the conclusion of this piece. One item, however, in this building worthy of special note is the one and only wooden Body Buck on which ALL SS 100 bodies



were shaped and finished. Standing next to this amazing time warp was a complete SS 100 body shell as though just completed from actual production. OH what joy!!

As we moved from building to building we repeatedly saw all the early creative history of William Walmsley and William Lyons in a dazzling display of the SS and Jaguar's art. There were two Swallow sidecars. Model 4A from 1924 and model 11 from 1930 together with a 1929 Standard Swallow 9. A 1932 SS 1 Helmet Wing formerly owned by G. Brough. A 1932 SS2 Helmet Wing.

Not all cars had been refurbished and some had been left in their original state “as found” One of



these was the earliest competition entry by the company, the 1934 Alpine team car, AYY 987, which is the earliest-known works-prepared car the full history of which can be found in the September 2004 edition of Jaguar World Monthly. Also of interest were the various engines which were displayed on plinths in each setting.

Brian's wife, Julie, provided us with an excellent lunch eaten in the warm sunshine and idyllic garden surrounding the buildings and then it was more cars...some 36 in total. I had always wanted to see an SS 90 and there was a 1935 version (Its original flat head 6 engine was one of



those displayed on a plinth) This was followed by a 1934 SS1 four light ex Dodge. (“Four Light”

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means 4 doors with windows) This car had been purchased by Horace Dodge for the company's styling department. It was purchased by Brian from the Horace Dodge estate. Also to cap the tour 2 x 1937 3.5 SS 100 and a 2.5 1937 version. Yes THREE SS 100's.

The Cars we saw were I believe only 50% of the total collection and we did see some more modern versions. 2 x XK 120, MK1, MKV11, MK V111 and a MK1X. Also, of course E-types. A Series 3 V12, A Series 1 & Series 2 Coupe, and Series 1 & 2 Roadsters. One car missing at the restoration shop was the Walmsley 1934 prototype alloy 2 seater. Jaguars first sports car!

So our visit came to an end and we set off for the journey home with wonderful stories to tell through thunder & lightening and lashing rain. Were Walmsley and Lyons gnashing their teeth in vexation that they could not have been with us.?



1933 SS 1 Tourer

A full list of the cars in the collection:-
1924 Swallow sidecar model 4A, 1929 Standard Swallow 9, 1930 Swallow sidecar 11, 1932 SS1 helmet wing ex. G. Brough, 1933 SS1 Tourer, 1934 SS 1 Four light French delivery, 1934 SS1 Alpine team car, 1934 SS1 Tourer, 1934 SS1 Four light ex Dodge, 1934 SS1 Coupe VN5279, 1934 SS1 Walmsley prototype 2 seater, 1935 SS1 Airline, 1935 SS1 DHC, 1935 SS1 Tourer, 1935 SS1 Four light, 1936 SS Jaguar Tourer O. H. V, 1932 SS2 Helmet Wing, 1937 SS Jaguar 2.5 Coach built, 1937 SS 100 2.5, 1937 SS 100 3.5, 1937 SS 100 3.5, 1938 SS 1.5 DHC, 1938 SS 2.5,

1938 SS 3.5 DHC, 1946 1.5 MK 1V, 1935 SS90, SS 100 Body Buck, 2x XK120's, MK 1, MKV11, MK V111, MK 1X, E-Types Series 3 V 12, Series 1 & 2 Coupes, Series 1 & 2 Roadsters

IN DEFENSE OF THE XJS

In the July issue of Sports Car Magazine (SCM) there was an article by Rob Sass decrying the XJS range without reservation. In the August issue they published letters supporting his contention that the marque was totally unreliable. Example "Neither door opens, the headlights don't turn off, the wipers don't turn on, and if I turn the radio off, the defroster fan doesn't work. Why I traded in my BMW for this piece of crap, I'll never know" This I believe to be sensational type journalism & so I was forced to send the following letter to SCM:-

When I read Rob Sass's biased article in the June SCM my reaction was that he condemned the total XJS range without, in fairness, pointing out their many virtues. Then for you to follow this up with "letters" in the August edition which gave personal negative views made me aware, as a long time SCM reader, that I would have to treat any future articles with skepticism. For Mr Sass's education the XJS was produced by Jaguar from 1975 to 1996. In volume it was their biggest seller. There were many different models and engine variations ranging through the Coupe, the Cabriolet and the Convertible with straight 6 or V12 engines. The V12 versions have been praised by many top car magazines as a premier Grand Tourer. Both versions have been extensively driven very successfully and in volume in racing circles, which means finishing the race, both in the US and Europe with the most notable being Bob Tullius Group 44.

I am a member of the Delaware Valley Jaguar Club and we have a number of owners of all the varieties available who have nothing but good experiences with their cars. I have owned a 1992 V12 Convertible for 13 years with only one poor experience when the air conditioning failed. It has never failed to complete a journey. The return drive to my son's home is 1400 miles which it completes effortlessly.

SLALOM '07

By Kurt Rappold, President Emeritus

Our sanctioned event for July, the Garnet Valley High School Slalom wound up in a very positive manner with President Charles Olson presenting (4) Fastest Driven Jaguar trophies to the very deserving winners at Concordville Inn.

First place female (a new award this year) went to club secretary, Ann Perry, for driving her XJS Coupe which she also shows in our Concours, to a time of 54.899 seconds.



First place went to former treasurer/editor/Concours co-chairperson, Steve Kress, driving his immaculate V-12 E-type which he also shows in our Concours plus rallies to a wonderful time of



45.867. Great Run!

Second place was achieved by Kurt Rappold III in his grandfather's XJ40 to a speed of 47.236 seconds.



Third place went to Dan Bratton driving the same XJ40 to a speed of 47.405. This car is shown in our concours and run in both the Spring and Fall rallies. Both grandsons are members of DVJC and were responsible for setting up and adjusting our timing equipment.



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A lot goes into this event and 14 members actually participated, each running their Jaguars five laps through the hour-glass shaped pylons. Everybody paid an entry fee which should enable our club to run this event as a no-loss event. We receive a subsidy from Ford/Jaguar, Inc. which enables us to make a donation to the school facility snack bar on the Jaguar field. The school just installed a new Astroturf field and running track so our facility is one which we can be very proud



of.

Kurt and President Charlie Olson spent “up-front” time ensuring accurate placement of our pylons on special marks we have installed in the parking lot. Clara Saxton and Pauling Craig kept track of all the recorded times and we were able to complete the event on time with no difficulties.

Event chairperson and current treasurer, Jerry Kunkle, took care of delegating the pre-OV inspections of all cars entered and the proper filling out of the entry forms, plus run the course straightening cones and positioning cars for the start. Jerry also ran a 51.255 in his red E-Type



which is very respectable.

Brian Craig helped with is photography and I can't wait to view his photos online of what he

captured.

Glad to have Jim Shields back on his feet again after returning from Florida. He and Ralph Steinberg, myself, Danny, and Kurt III did tech on all the cars. Also helping on this were Steve Kress and Brian Craig. The check-in is a three page JCNA form which gets filled out on-site prior to the event.



With regards to the weather, this is best described as a “HOT ONE”. We had thundershowers all night and more forecast for race day. We lucked out as our race window was clear and hot!

Many thanks to all who were there and everyone pitched in to load and unload all of our slalom equipment. Our new PA system and club tent worked out just fine, on time and another happy time to share life's happy times with our Jaguar cars.

We welcomed new members, Christine and Steve Seeney from South Jersey, driving their 2004 XJ8 VDP in beautiful light Blue. They liked what they saw at the slalom and joined us for lunch at the Concordville Inn. Welcome Aboard!



Slalom Results

July 28, 2007, 4th Annual DVJC Slalom

B	James Shields	1954 XK140 DHC Gunmetal	55.872
B	R. Steinberg	1954 XK120m OTS, Red	50.023
D	Amos Kunkle	E-Type, Red	51.255
E	Stephen Kress	1972 E-type OTS Green	45.867
E	Richard Rosen	1971 E-type 2+2 Sable	48.704
F	Kurt Rappold III	1994 XJ6 Saloon Tan	47.236
F	Dan Bratton	1994 XJ6 Saloon Tan	47.405
F	Kurt Rappold	1994 XJ6 Saloon Tan	49.708
J	Ann B. Perry	1985 XJS CP Beige	54.899
J	Charles W. Olson	1994 XJS Conv Blue	55.17
N	Brian Craig	2003 X-Type Saloon Red	50.433
N	D. Eisenberg	2004 X-Type Saloon, Blue	50.625
N	R. Shabo	2003 X-Type Saloon, Blue	57.402
N	Fred Mack	2003 X-Type Saloon, Blue	72.31

**DVJC Members
at top of
National Standings**

**Steve Kress
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*These members are
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The New Hope Automobile Show

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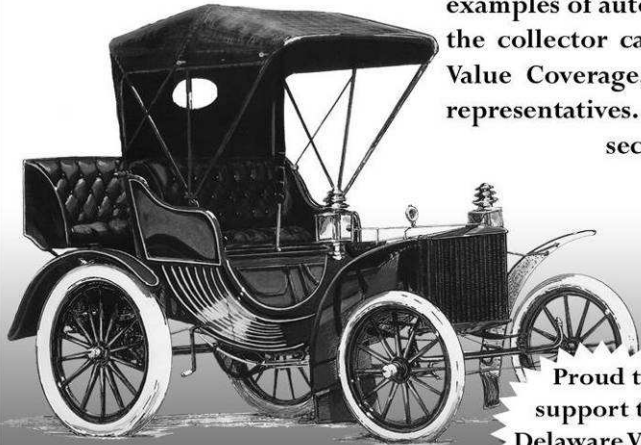


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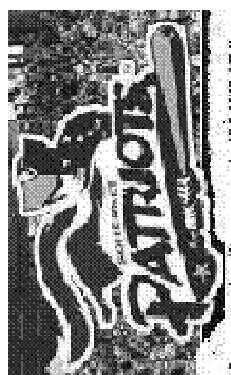
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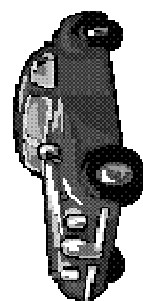
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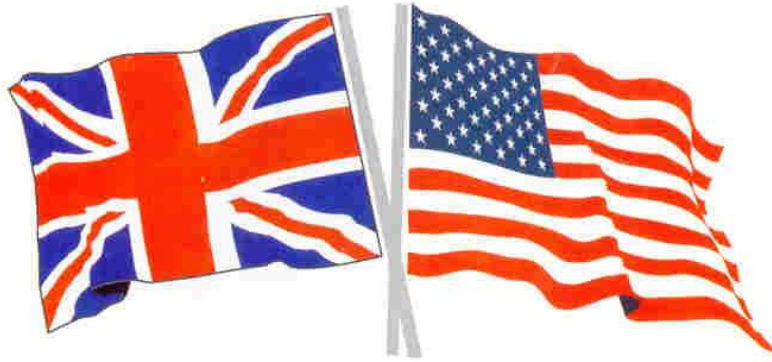
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Sunday the 16th of September 2007 from 8 AM to 4 PM

Rain date – Sunday the 23rd of September 2007

No alcoholic beverages permitted in the park.

A special commemorative memento will be awarded to all entrants
A large number of special category Sponsor donated trophies will be awarded
All show cars must be on the field by 10AM

All cars entered must have valid insurance, car registration and fire extinguisher

A photograph of the car must be included with the registration form

No modified or street rods or commercial vehicles permitted

Show cars will enter and check in the Holicong Park's side entrance off of Holicong Rd.

Check-in time starts at 8 AM

⇒REGISTRATION FEE - \$15.00 PER CAR⇐

PRE-REGISTERED AUTOMOBILES ONLY

⇐SEE ENCLOSED RESERVATION FORM FOR PRE-SHOW DINNER EVENT⇐

*All car registrants (two per car) will be the guests of our sponsors for a complimentary breakfast served on the Show Grounds from
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Any additional people for breakfast will be \$10 per person (pre-paid)

For additional information check our website at www.buckinghamautoshow.org or call:

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