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# Upcoming DVJC Events

May 24th Concours d'Elegance (JCNA Sanctioned)

Susquehanna Valley Jaguar Club

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May 31st Concours d'Elegance (JCNA Sanctioned)

Cars of England at Historic Hope Lodge Contact: Charlie Olson (215-757-2028)

July 26th 5th Annual DVJC Slalom (JCNA Sanctioned)

**Garnet Valley High School** 

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Pennypacker Mills Historic Site

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Oct 24—26th Pumpkin Run Rally (JCNA Sanctioned)

Millsboro, DE

**Contact: Kurt Rappold (610-358-4055)** 

# Upcoming Other Events

May 17th Scenic Drive to Whip Tavern and Pub in rural

**Chester County for Brunch** 

**Contact:** Michael Wolf at mwolf@boenninginc.com

June 7th Reading Museum air show for vintage WWII air-

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June 14th Cats in the Garden 2 (Concours)

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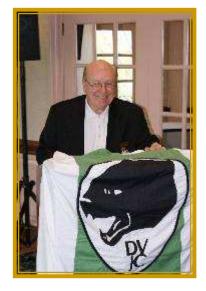
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Aug 9th Vintage Racing, Millville, NJ

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# The Prez Sez May 2008

The activities for the month of April ended with the Spring Brunch that was attended by almost 60 people, among which were several new members whom we were delighted to have in attendance. Mike Tate gave a talk on his association with Tata, the new owners of Jaguar, which he will expound in his Roving Reporter article. Glenn Davis gave a Power point presentation of Collector Car Insurance, explaining the meaning of "Agreed Value", which was one of the important issues in considering a policy with any collector car insurance company.

The Spring Brunch is also the time when we recognize our members with the presentation of Awards for their accomplishments in JCNA competition for 2007 and to recognize those who have contributed much to our club in the past. Kit Racette is leaving our area to reside in Quebec Canada starting May 1<sup>st</sup>. It was only fitting that we presented her with a Proclamation that summarized those contributions and in addition, something more tangible, a necklace with a Jaguar pendant! A Jaguar trophy similar to a first place award and suitably inscribed was also presented as a reminder of the years of service and association with members of the DVJC. We wish both Kit and Paul the best of good fortune for the future.



We started the Month of May with our first Sanctioned event of the year; our annual Road Rally was held last weekend. It is sponsored by the Northeast Rally Club and associated with the Thunderbolt Club Athletic Club in Millville, NJ. The rally provided us with great food and three glorious days of weather, whether or not that was beyond their control! Kurt Rappold, the Rally chairman for our group, is submitting a separate article with Brian's photos of the event.

This coming Saturday I will conduct a Judging Seminar at the Sandrose Trophy bldg. in Chester at 9<sup>th</sup> and Sproul Ave. starting at 9AM. Those of you that volunteered to Judge have already been notified, but in the event you wish to become a judge, you may just show up and receive training as a novice. We will pair you up with an experienced judge for "on the job training"!

The following weekend on Saturday May 24<sup>th</sup> is the very first JCNA Concours held by the Susquehanna Valley Club in the York, PA area. The application and flier has been inserted in this month's Purr. I urge you to Register and support their effort with your presence.

Then the very last activity in May is **our Concours!!** As part of an All British car show, I'm going to need helpers in various areas during and prior to the show for setting up for our first ever joint activity with the other British Sport Car Clubs in the Delaware Valley!

Enough said for this Month, for now is the time for action! Please help to support our effort if I ask for your help. I thank you.

Be Courteous, Drive Safely, and Have Fun,

At your service, President

Charles Olson

The first weekend in May was forecast to be rainy, not clearing out until Monday. Well, this did not deter five of our DVJC rally teams from "showing up" to participate. It turned out to be a great weather weekend with only a small shower during the night on Saturday.

Everything in Southern New Jersey is bursting with all shades of green at this time of year. It seems like every farmer has bundles of fresh asparagus out on the road and we observed a giant Seabrook farm harvesting spinach. I wonder how many boxes of spinach you can get from a 53-foot tractor trailer packed to the top?

There are many nature preserves in New Jersey. We passed through these and

noticed the animals who all seemed to know they were in protected areas, especially noticeable were the wild black turkeys just foraging along the roads. In a wet land's preserve we observed a group of white swans swimming



along. Another area had a turtle crossing between two lakes and we actually saw a small black turtle crossing the road.

This affair goes for three days. The entrance fee included all the meals which

were prepared by the men of the Thunder Bolt Club. This year with all the bills paid, the Northeast Rally Club was able to donate \$4,600 to the Thunder Bolt Club which is utilized for scholarships to the young people of Millville. I noticed participation in some of the work by younger people, which to me is a pleasure to see these days. There were young people partnered with experienced people out at the check points and assisting during our technical inspection.

Friday was an afternoon rally after a rally school for beginners. Once this rally was completed, we were escorted by the Millville Police Department "Out of Town" to the new New Jersey Motor Sports Park. This is located on 4,000 acres around the Millville Airport. The land was donated to the City of Millville and two race tracks have been carved out of the forest. It is only 50 miles from Philadelphia and offers two race tracks named Thunderbolt and Lightning. The first race, a Rolex Sports Car Series, will be run there on August 31st this year. Also planned will be the Grand Am Series, A Karting Track, Moto-GP, McGrand Prix, ATV Course, A TRI Oval, and Hotel and Conference Center.

The Thunderbolt Track is almost all paved and actually runs clockwise. You may wonder by now why everything is associated with "Thunderbolt"? It all started with WWII when an airport was built for the Army to train flyers who flew the Thunderbolt Aircraft. It was the first ever Army air



#### **Thunderbolt Rally**

#### By: Kurt Rappold, President Emeritus

field. I have no idea how many Thunderbolt Aircraft are still in existence, but I can tell you the plane appears to be "All Motor".

After the race track tour we returned to the Thunderbolt Club for a prepared dinner and to receive the Saturday rally instructions, which were 36 pages of details. The rally master reviewed all 36 pages with us, then it was off to BEDIBYE, LA—LA LAND!

Saturday morning came up quick like a lot of our rally instructions. All 34 cars started off at 1 minute intervals to do a speed check and tire warm-up on Route 55. We had a nice ride that day, 199 miles to be exact.

At lunch we started over in the same order as before at a specific time so was actually ran two separate rally's on Saturday. We all are asked to bring donations and Saturday night we offer them up for silent and verbal auction. This helps us to pay the bills and come up with a

nice donation for the club.

Pat and I were pleasantly surprised to receive an "ACE" award for our score in the 5th Leg. Our score was 00.00.00. That is hard to achieve. In the 18 years I have rallied, I have only had one other "ACE".

The Sunday rally began one hour ear-

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lier so we could be back by lunch time. The Jag's all ran great, they seem to like cool temperatures and easy riding. Our XJ40 seemed to run all day at 32 MPH. We headed North on Sunday and were rallying around Glassboro and Franklinville. After returning to Millville and the Thunderbolt Club, we had lunch and held an awards ceremony.

Top place went to Brian and Pauline Craig. 2nd Place went to Tom and Nancy



#### **Thunderbolt Rally**

#### By: Kurt Rappold, President Emeritus



#### **DVJC AWARDS**

1st Place : Craigs 2nd Place: Jones 3rd Place: Olson/Bedowski

Jones and 3rd Place went to Charlie Olson and his daughter Chris Baslowski. We all said our good byes until we meet again in Millsboro, DE the last weekend in October. It was announced that next year's spring rally would be around Beach Lake in Homesdale, PA about the start of May 2009.

If any club member would like to try out rallying, please give me a telephone call. This year out of 34 car teams, we had 13 couples competing out there. Steve and Betty Kress won 2nd place in SOP in the NE Rally Club Competition.

Why not enjoy a rally weekend in Millsboro, DE — in your Jag — with us?

Faithfully, Kurt Rappold President Emeritus







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#### Saturday May 31st, 2008

Field opens at 8:30 am; Judging begins at 10am
\* (Rain date: Sunday, June 1st)

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- · Registration after May 24 is \$45 per car
- Two or more cars \$25 per car, \$30 after May 24th
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Registration Form & Directions on reverse side.

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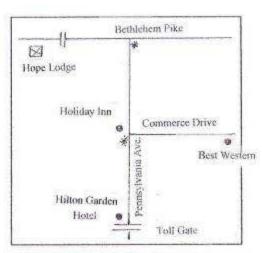
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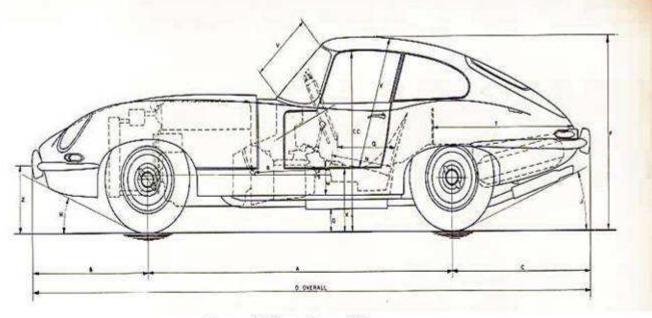
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When thinking of what to write this month I thought that a brief description of my impression of driving the new XF may be interesting and then a précis of my talk at the recent club brunch on the subject of Tata the new owners of Jaguar and Land Rover (JLR). Here goes.

#### THE NEW XF

When I first viewed the XF it left me with mixed feelings. Where was the old shapes? Where was the beloved "Leaper?" Where was the gear change? As time has gone by I have become to realize that Jaguar has stepped into the twenty-first century. The body style is radical, the interior space age, the gizmos amazing. Yes the changes are BIG. Just like when the SS100 was introduced, and when the XK120, the E-

type, and the XJ6 were all introduced.

My request to Michael Smyth, of Main Line Jaguar and Great Britain's, to loan an XF for our brunch weekend was OK'd and I collected a pristine white model with 32 miles on the clock on the Friday

before the brunch. Being in the drivers seat was an exceptional experience. Italian leather seat wrapped round me. The red "start/stop" button pulsed, the gear change circular device rose from the sleep position and the heating/air conditioning vents rotated from the

#### **Roving Reporter**

**By: Michael Tate** 

**May 2008** 

sleep position to open. She roared into life at the first touch and we were away on Route 30 West. The first impression was of complete silence. No road or wind noise except when you rev that V8 engine and it sounds like a hot car should. The handling and steering is amazingly good and the ride is perfect, absorbing all the imperfections left in the road by winter. This is a wonderful sports saloon and as one test driver reported "If there is any justice in this world, the XF Jaguar should carry on the good work of the XK Coupe in furthering the recovery of a marquee that's gone to hell and back in the last ten years. In short, this is a car that deserves to succeed."

Club members at the brunch came and viewed the car but they should visit the dealers and drive one to find the truth. Monday morning I reluctantly returned the car and as Jaguar HQ had sent me an invita-

> tion to discuss trading in my 2004 XJ8, as they loved me dearly and wanted only the best for me blah, blah, blah, they would offer a special deal. We tossed around a few numbers agreed

would return

with my wife, Mo, the next day to talk more seriously. We did this and viewed the various colors of XF's in stock. White seemed to be the color of choice. Then I saw it. A powder blue XK Coupe beckoning to me on

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#### **Roving Reporter (cont.)**

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the lot. This is a model I had always lusted after since its release a couple of years ago. A visually stunning Jaguar. Very like its sister the Aston Martin — both cars being designed by Ian Callum. A brief discussion re numbers. Mo commented "Its only got 2 seats!" My repost "Your X-Type Wagon has 4" "Can we afford it?" she continued. "What's that got to do with it?" I replied.

As I type this, it sits in our drive. Lust is a powerful driver. It was not that the XF did not impress but the XK set me alight. The night after I (we) purchased it I awoke at 2 AM and did not sleep another wink. I Just lay and soaked in the excitement. It's wonderful to be a small kid again.

#### TATA THE NEW PARENT OF JAGUAR

When I was employed by Burroughs, who purchased Sperry located here in Blue Bell, and the new company became Unisys, I was responsible for their business in Asia. Based in Hong Kong, one of the countries making up the region was India and Tata was our distributor in that country as local law did not allow us to have a subsidiary. As such I visited Tata many times; Charlie Olson thought you would be interested in what I knew of Jaguars new owner.

First of all we must understand that India is an "emerging" nation and is the second most populous nation in the world with 1.1 billion citizens of which 83% are Hindu, Muslim 11%, Christian 3%, Sikh 2%. There is much poverty but 300 million are a growing prosperous middle class (nearly as big as the total USA). Their language is basically English and their management people are highly educated, many attending universities such as Yale, Harvard, Oxford, and Cambridge.

Jaguar is now destined to join one of the world's largest and most extraordinary commer-

cial enterprises. Family controlled and with a strong moral outlook, the Tata Group consists of 98 businesses with some 300,0000 employees operating in seven major sectors including information and communications, engineering, steel making and materials, services of consumer products, and chemicals. The company is India's largest commercial company and was founded by Jamsetji Tata 140 years ago. It is the group's moral dimension that sets it apart from other great conglomerates. A third of the annual profits go to charitable trusts which own two-thirds of the organizations. Tata directors consider themselves "capitalist socialists" and endorse Tata's founding principles: integrity, understanding, excellence, unity, and responsibility.

Ratan Tata the 70 year old chairman realized he had to take his company global and in 2004 purchased Tyco Global Network \$130 million & Daewoo Commercial Vehicles \$102m, followed by The Ritz Carlton Hotel \$170m in 2006 and Tetley Tea \$400m and then the big one British Steel (Corus) for \$12.4 BN. Also, Tata Motors built up a relationship with Fiat, and therefore Ferrari, and it is reported that both these companies are interested in JLR technology. When looking for further expansion, Ratan Tata explained why he got interested in JLR. "We were looking at two iconic brands that were also global brands. Our plans are not to tinker with the brands in any way. We have global responsibility to nurture and grow them. They have followed this edict with all their acquisitions.

It was reported in Auto Week that Tata have agreed with all of Jaguars product plans which includes the introduction of the lower cost F Sports Car, the prototype of which took the Detroit Auto Show by storm in 2000. Ford scrapped the plan! "With the assurance from Tata now in place that Jaguar will be given the opportunity to do as it planned, the marquee's future success or failure will come down to how good its cars continue to be and you can't say fairer than that" Jaguar's future appears to be in good hands.





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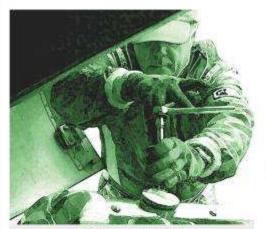
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White body pique golf shirt with multi-stripe trim.

Colors: White w/Green Trim

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needle

Colors: Stone, Moss

Price: M-XL: \$28.50 XXL: \$33.50



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Color: Hunter green

Price: \$28.95



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Colors: Jaguar green

Price: \$7.00



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