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# Upcoming DVJC Events

**May 1st—3rd, 2009**

**Spring Rally**  
**Beach Lake, PA** (*New Site*)

**March 29th, 2009**

**Spring Fling**  
**Simeone Foundation Museum**  
*See Flier in this month's Purr*  
Contact: Mike Tate 610-827-7763

**June 6th, 2009**

**DVJC Concours d'Elegance**  
**Oakbourne Mansion**  
*Look for Flier in a future Purr*

**September 10-14th, 2009**

**Watkins Glen Grand Prix Weekend**  
*See Flier in this month's Purr*

# Upcoming Other Events

**January 25th, 2009**

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# The Prez Sez

January 2009

Happy New Year to all our members and friends! As I start serving you in my third year in office, I look forward to our most diversified and active year ever. With active Area Coordinators to reach out to members, we can better determine the activities they would like to see us schedule and promote interest in renewing memberships. I'm hoping to increase our membership this year by 10%.

At the **Holiday Party** a vote was taken of the members present to approve the slate of Officers to run for **two** consecutive years starting in 2009. The Slate approved is as follows:

<b>Charles Olson</b>	<b>President</b>
<b>Brian Craig</b>	<b>Vice President</b>
<b>Clara Saxton</b>	<b>Secretary (new)</b>
<b>Gerry Kunkle</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>Tom Jones</b>	<b>Director</b>
<b>Glenn Davis</b>	<b>Director (new)</b>

I am delighted to have the two new officers elected to the above group to form the executive committee and thank them for their appointed services over the past year. In addition, I want to thank the various committee chairmen that were so effective in carrying out their duties that made my task as President a lot easier, I can't thank them enough!

The Holiday Party was held at "The Gables", a restaurant located in Chadd's Ford, PA just a short distance from Longwood Gardens. The owner had allowed us to have exclusive use of the upper floor of the restaurant which was beautifully decorated for the Christmas Season. Karen Davis was our Hostess, supported by Tom & Nancy Jones. I'm writing a separate article to cover the event in more detail, with photographs of our members in attendance.

A full agenda is scheduled for our Officer's meeting on Saturday January 17<sup>th</sup>. In addition to our Sanctioned Events, other events that were popular last year will be added this year as well. This will still leave plenty of room for adding events chosen by our members. An approved budget and financial report will be posted in the February Purr to inform our members of our financial status.

As I have mentioned in the past, I've formed a committee to decide on a final revision of the Constitution and By-laws for approval by our membership. A final version for approval will be sent to each member, perhaps in February. As you were informed, our Concours d'Elegance will be held on the beautiful grounds of the **Oakbourne Mansion** located in the West Chester vicinity. Like last year the name "Cars of England" was chosen to reflect the broad range of British cars that are invited to register. A general flier is now in circulation for all the cars NOT wishing to enter our Sanctioned Event. Our flier will be similar, **BUT will have the registration for the Jaguars entering the Concours**. That flier will be submitted in the March Purr with full details.

I'm planning on arranging a trip for our members to the Atlantic City Auction February 19-22<sup>nd</sup>. If there is enough interest we can obtain discounted tickets. A hospitality room can also be arranged for our members. I'll post the arrangements and details in the February Purr.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled to be held on March 19-21<sup>st</sup>. Each Club is entitled and encouraged to send two members as representatives. If there are items or concerns regarding the rules that were adopted at last years AGM, or things that you wish to be brought up for consideration, I'll need to know that as soon as possible to submit that to the JCNA Board of Director's consideration, so it may be placed on the agenda.

The following week, on March 29<sup>th</sup>, is a visit to the Simeone Museum featuring a personal tour by **Dr. Simeone**. The details are in the enclosed flier.

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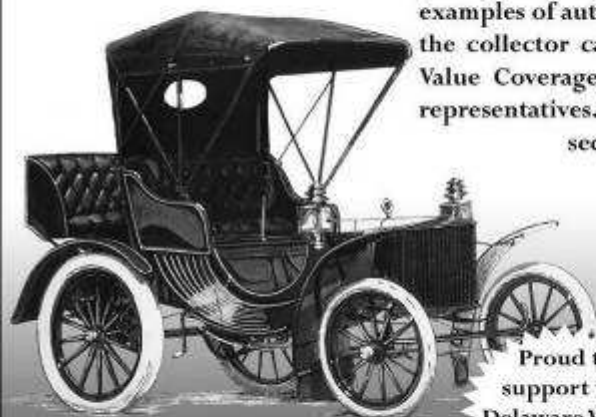


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# The Delaware Valley Holiday Party

## *The Gables, Chadd's Ford, PA*

By Charles Olson

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This year's venue was different, since it was not held at a Country Club, but a unique restaurant owned by a Jack McFadden, a friend of the Davis' and the Rappold's. Jack, a car buff in his own right, arranged for the entire upper floor for our exclusive use! The place was decorated for the Christmas Season and gave it that certain ambiance appropriate for the Holiday.

Our member **Karen Davis** was our Hostess, who made the dinner arrangements with Gwyneth Simone of The Gables staff, who also acted as our server. I was amazed how one server could handle our group as well as she did, so I have to mention it. Of course our traditional Chicken Box was circulated by **Ann Perry**, who took the opportunity to hand each person a Membership Brochure to enlist new members, regardless if they exchanged a dollar! A good number of our members drove their Jags, including **Bob Costello** in his newly purchase **Jaguar XF**.

**Tom & Nancy Jones** assisted Karen in setting up the gifts for each person with a wine glass etched with a JCNA logo & covered in red & green decorative wrap! Now that was a great thought by Karen, who also put together the baskets of cheer to be claimed as door prizes! The ticket stubs were inserted under each of the gift glasses by **Ann Perry** and the winning stubs were drawn from a Fishbowl!

**Tom Murray**, our Merchandise Chairman,

was present and set up a table in the corner, strategically near the Bar. I understand he did quite well and I was delighted that he arranged a business trip to be here from his place in Florida. It's always great to have Tom with us.

**Kurt Rappold**, our Awards Chairman, fabricated a recognition award for all those that participated in the Sanctioned Road Rally's in 2008. They consisted of a block of stained wood with a model Jaguar and a brass plaque. Kurt has a way of surprising people with these greatly appreciated awards of recognition.



Acting as Master of Ceremonies, I presented the Slate of Officer's to serve in office for the next two years. (See the Prez Sez.) They were approved unanimously by the members attending.

**Dick Michie**, our past President, took the photos pre-

sented in these pages. And I thank him for doing so in the absence of our club photographers, Brian Craig and Joe Federico.

Finally, I also must mention my inspiration and affection for our **Member Emeritus Fred Mack**! I only wish that by the grace of God if I reach that age, I can still do half of the things Fred does at 98!!

**Oh! And by the way, he didn't need to donate to the "Chicken Box"!**

*(See More Photos on Pages 11 and 14.)*



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# Roving Reporter

By: Michael Tate January 2009

## 2009 STARTS WITH TWO EXCITING CLUB EVENTS SCHEDULED IN THE YEAR

HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR! As I write this it is snowing so I hope your Jaguar is cozy under its covers properly prepared for hibernation. My wife is at the doctors in her 4-wheel drive X-Type wagon so we will see if what the salesman said is true when we purchased it ... "You will absolutely love it in the snow".

Included in this issue are two fliers advertising club events. The previously announced Watkins Glen Tour has 5 cars booked so if you are thinking of attending you should commit now as this is a limited number of attendees event. In the December Purr I discussed a visit to the Simeone Foundation Museum and the marvelous historic cars on display in an environment illustrating the geography where they performed. A club visit has been confirmed for March 29 and we are very fortunate to have secured the presence of Dr. Simeone who will conduct our tour and explain the history of the cars he has been collecting since he was a young man. See the flier for details and please register your attendance now.

## JOHN MURPHY WELCOMES HIS XJ 13 REPLICA

I have mentioned before that club member John Murphy is equipping an **XJ 13** replica body with electric power. A couple of weeks ago the body made the trip from Detroit and arrived at John's home in Lower Gwynedd. In its present state it is very bare bones and John reckons it

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*Bare Bones ...*

As with all such things, some parts, like door handles, were not included with the delivery. Also the dashboard is for a left hand drive whereas his is right hand so that has to be rectified. As Norman Dewis was the only test driver of the one and only actual car, (he wrecked it when a tire burst at high speed), John took the opportunity at


will take a least to be-finished prod-is much work formed on the els, and doors, made to fit with lights, all dashboard etc.

the recent JCNA AGM in Pittsburgh to get Norman to sign a piece of wood that will become the door to the glove box That's the upside. The downside is that John & Marte, his wife, have decided to move home to Santa Fe taking the XJ 13 and his SS 100 with them. John says there is no Jag club in Santa Fe and he hopes to launch one. Their home, with six garages, is therefore available if you are interested. John has opened a website for the XJ13 so you can follow progress:- [www.z-type.net](http://www.z-type.net).

## IT HAPPENED 50 YEARS AGO

Mike Hawthorne had just become Formula 1 World Champion at a time when such drivers were regularly killed on the race circuit. He was the first British driver to win the title. Mike was known as the "Golden Boy" for his love of life on or away from the track. His off the track car of choice was a Jaguar MK 1 sedan, the fore-runner to the popular MK 2 sedan. On January 22<sup>nd</sup> 1959, at the age of 29, in the pouring rain, Mike lost control of the car on the Guilford, UK A3 bypass, hit a tree and was killed. The end of what would certainly have been an outstanding life.

Also 50 years ago in October 1959 Jaguar launched the immortal MK 2 Sedan. I have owned two. The first a 3.8 in 1962. What a wonderful car for that time. We were living in Liverpool where the Beatles were at their best. I was to Liverpool prime purpose ing the Head a UK bank our puters. My pany's country quarters was near Heathrow



supreme moved with the of sell-Office of c o m - c o m - h e a d - b a s e d Airport, London as was our computer center. So very often I set off for the computer center in the MK 2 to do test runs on a computer with an employee from the bank. The "Expressway" from Liverpool to London had just opened with no speed limit. What fun! What Jaguar and Beatles excitement! With the radio on full blast 120 mph was the

*1962 MK 2 Sedan*

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## Roving Reporter (cont.)

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order of the day. Cars just parted as we approached. What a king of the road the 3.8 MK 2 was.

The Mk 2 far outsold numerically the XK 120, XK140, and XK150 with total sales of 83,980. Right hand cars were the most popular 59,246 with left hand drive 24,734. If we look at the numbers with the MK 1, MK 2- S type derivative, the later 240/340 series and the very last iteration,... the 420 included the total sales are 163,596 which was a big



*The 420*

number for a luxury car in those days. In the USA today the most popular Jags are the XK's and the E-types but in other countries the MK 2's and its

brothers are equally popular and far less expensive. A 3.8 Mk 2, with 4 on the floor, is real value for money with all the very best attributes that Jaguar boasted. The offering of Grace...Space...Pace was finally consolidated in the release of the sophisticated 420 in 1967. A 420 with manual gearbox is the closest old car to modern day motoring you could experience.

### TWO INTERESTING HAPPENINGS

The first — that the restoration business of the well known shop Ragtops & Roadsters has acquired the Pottstown restoration shop “Pollock Auto Restorations” once known as “Bill Pollock’s Auto Showcase”. It is good to see the restoration business flourishing and Ragtops & Roadsters is looking for any “car stories” from anyone who dealt with Pollock’s Auto Showcase. Photo’s would be especially welcome.

Secondly — Imagine my surprise when I opened the December 3 Inquirer to see the headline “Rare supercar, left to gather dust, is found in an English garage’. The 1937 Bugatti Type 57S Atalante is one of only 17 made and was found in the garage of an orthopedic surgeon after he died aged 89. He lived in Gosforth, which is close to Newcastle-on-Tyne in the north of the UK. I used to live a stone throws from Gosforth. The doctor also left an



*“Race supercar, left to gather dust, is found in an English garage.”*

Aston Martin and a “Jaguar Sports car that was scrapped because it was in such poor condition”. The Bugatti was so far ahead of its time that it could do 130 m.p.h when most other cars topped out about 50 m.p.h This find, though covered in dust, is complete in every respect. A previous owner was Earle Howe, a prominent British race-car driver. It will be auctioned by Bonham’s in Paris February 7th and is expected to fetch \$4.3 million!!!. If only I had known these cars were there in the 1960’s I would have broken a leg to get access to the surgeon. Easily done as I played Rugby against the Gosforth Rugby Union Club.

### JAGUAR SPINS ITS WHEELS BUT STAYS ON THE ROAD

Late in November Jaguar had joined the growing list of industry casualties appealing for a UK Government handout. Since Tata purchased JLR earlier this year and took out a \$4 billion loan to finance the purchase and to keep the business running, sales of vehicles have fallen sharply causing, it is said, Tata big problems in finding cash to make its debt repayments. Tata also owns former British Steel Group Corus and of course demand for steel has fallen with the decline of the vehicle market with the consequent deterioration in its price. JLR has already laid-off a small number of its 15,000 workforce and chief executive David Smith has warned that large scale redundancies in the British motor industry are a probability.

## Roving Reporter (cont.)

JLR workers Union “Unite” has also put pressure on the UK Government. However the Government is resisting these pressures and asking that Tata provide them with the numbers to illustrate how much they have put in to assist the group. Tata’s response is “10’s of millions” Our correspondent in the UK, PGT, tells me that the Prime Minister, Gordon Brown, has said the “car industry must be saved as there are so many affiliated industries dependent on a continuing and robust car manufacturing industry.” So the US and UK share similar problems with governments from both countries realizing their assistance is needed.

In Jaguars case they have two products that are continuing to receive industry awards for excellence in design. These are the XF sedan and the XK coupe and roadster so the company goes into 2009 with a positive portfolio of product. Also the designer of these products, Ian Callum, has won the ‘Walpole award for British luxury design talent’. Walpole is a not-for-profit organization that develops and represents the British luxury industry, and its awards honor excellence within that industry. There is also very positive news for Jaguar in the US where they were top in the 2008 J D Power and Associates Sales Satisfaction Index (SSI) Study. Jaguar’s industry leading score of 907 points represents a 14 point improvement from 2007. This means that Jaguar has won top place in the SSI for the fourth time in five years. They finished third in 2007. This win complements the win they had in July 2008 when it retained its number one position in J D Powers Customer Satisfaction Index. In the 2008 SSI contest Hummer and Lexus took second and third place while the next best European manufacturer was Mercedes-Benz in fifth place.

I look forward to seeing a lot of you in 2009 and if there is any particular subject you would like covered in my monthly review please let me know. Not too technical please.

## Holiday Party Photos





# **COME TO THE GLEN**

## **WATKINS GLEN *GRAND PRIX* WEEKEND**

***SEPTEMBER 10-14, 2009***

Ef Adnopo, a DVJC member, summers on Keuka Lake, one of the Finger Lakes and within 20 miles of Watkins Glen. He is pleased to organize, with the assistance of Mike Tate, a venue, initially to be limited to 10 cars, of a full weekend of touring, ogling hundreds of great vintage cars, racing and the festivities.

Arrival (around 280 miles to the Hotel) would be on Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. After our Group is formed by early 2009, we will then determine which specific events on Friday to consider.

On Saturday, we would likely all attend the Vintage Car racing on the newer Watkins Glen road track and join the many other vintage cars in the center areas near the pits and grand stands; dinner will be arranged.

Sunday group therapy is optional but a road trip on rural roads of the beautiful Finger Lakes Wine Trail will be designed with wine tastings and lunch; the evening would end with a BBQ at Ef's home.

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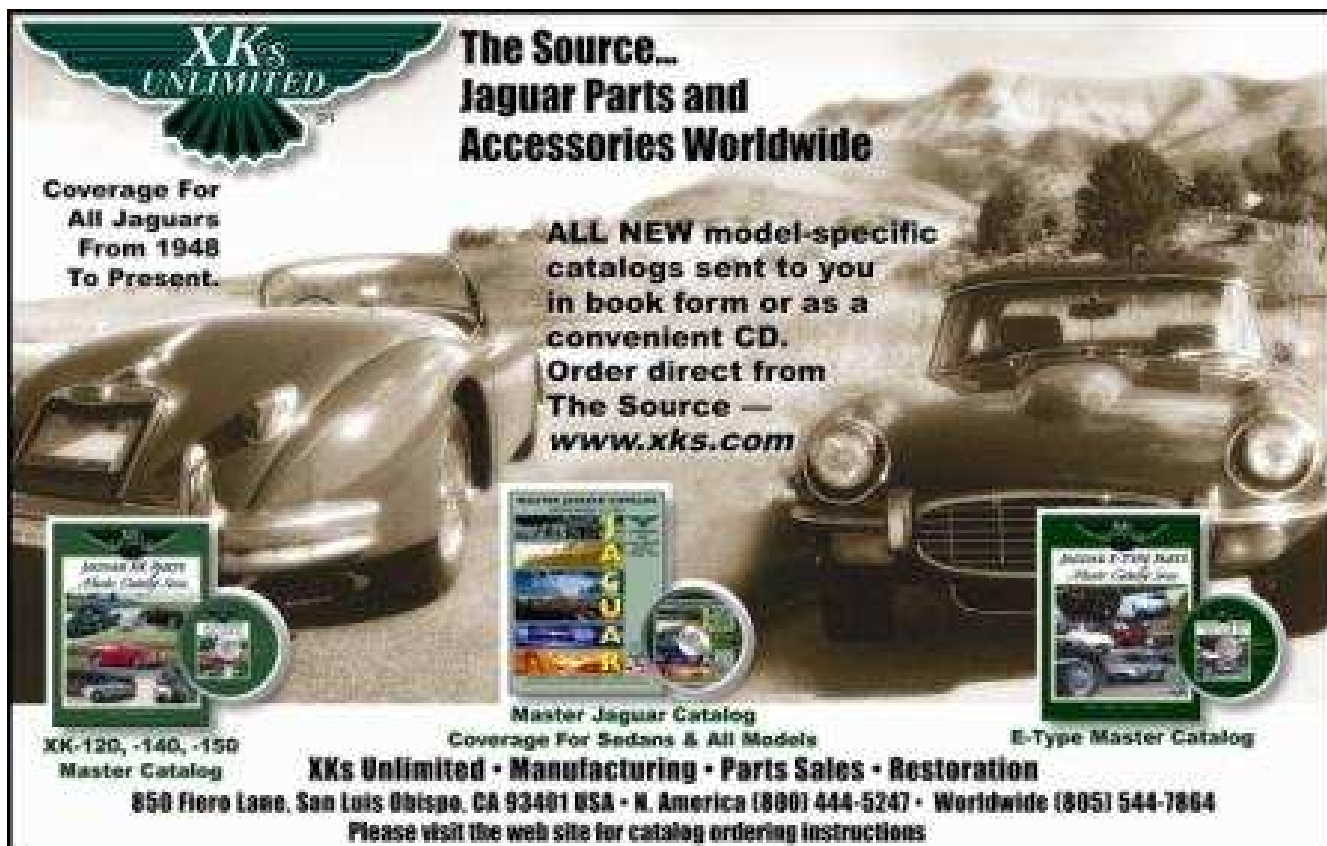
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