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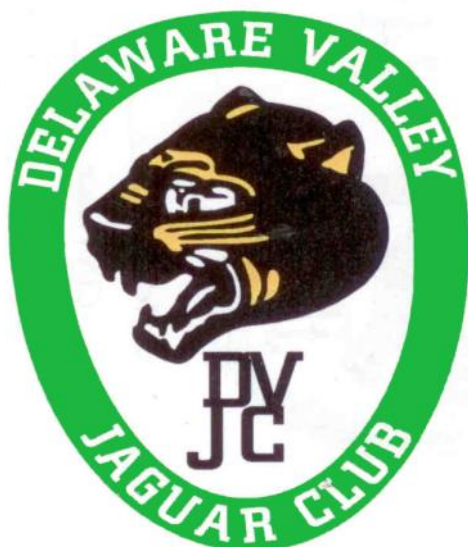
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## DVJC at the Elmwood Zoo



Twenty-three members of the Delaware Valley Jaguar Club and members of their family went to the Elmwood Zoo in Norristown to visit some real Jaguars. The event followed the monthly breakfast at Andy's Diner in Conshohocken. See Mike Wolf's report on page 11.



NOTICE—It's time to renew your membership in the Delaware Valley Jaguar Club. The membership fee is \$55.00. If all your information is the same as last year please feel free to send a check to Ann Perry made out to DVJC. If any of your information has changed please use the renewal form on page 19. Please remember the membership directory and listing of vehicles owned is shared only with active members.

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# Upcoming DVJC Events

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| <b>November 14, 2015</b> | <b>The Swallow Leaping to the Growler Presentation (p. 13)</b><br><b>190 West Mountain Road, Bushkill Township, PA 18091</b><br><i>Contact: RSVP to Ana &amp; Alex LaRoche, <a href="mailto:aal1113@aol.com">aal1113@aol.com</a></i>         |
| <b>November 15, 2015</b> | <b>DVJC Breakfast Social (see p. 16)</b><br><b>Andy's Diner, 505 W. Ridge Pike, Conshohocken, PA</b><br><i>Contact: Charles Olson, <a href="mailto:cwolson29@comcast.net">cwolson29@comcast.net</a></i>                                      |
| <b>December 20, 2015</b> | <b>DVJC Breakfast Social (see p. 16)</b><br><b>Andy's Diner, 505 W. Ridge Pike, Conshohocken, PA</b><br><i>Contact: Charles Olson, <a href="mailto:cwolson29@comcast.net">cwolson29@comcast.net</a></i>                                      |
| <b>January 17, 2016</b>  | <b>DVJC Annual Holiday Party &amp; Awards Luncheon (see p. 10)</b><br><b>William Penn Inn, 1017 DeKalb Pike, Ambler, PA</b><br><i>Contact: Mike Tate, 610-249-2208 or <a href="mailto:mjtate1414@verizon.net">mjtate1414@verizon.net</a></i> |

# Other Interesting Events

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| <b>November 22, 2015</b> | <b>"Before We Put 'Em Away" Run</b><br><b>Ragtops &amp; Roadsters</b><br><b>203 South Fourth Street, Perkasio, PA</b><br><i>Contact: Dave 215-257-1202, <a href="mailto:dave@ragtops.com">dave@ragtops.com</a></i>           |
| <b>November 29, 2015</b> | <b>British Car Club Swap Meet</b><br><b>K &amp; T Vintage Sports Cars</b><br><b>1511 E. Woodlawn Street, Allentown, PA</b><br><i>Contact: <a href="http://www.ktvintagecars.com">www.ktvintagecars.com</a>, 484-664-2353</i> |



## President's Mewsings *November 2015*

### Life is good ...

Recently Clara Saxton, our DVJC Secretary, submitted the minutes from our October 21st Officers and Directors Meeting and prefaced her cover email with "Thanks for being such a great group to hang out with." What a nice thought and it is so true. We have a dedicated group of people who translate their passion for our favorite marque into a passion for making this club interesting, fun, informative, and worthwhile. Certainly, as we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, I am thankful for all who have made my first year as President enjoyable as well as successful.

Mike Tate, aside from writing his informative column for the *Purr* every month, made the arrangements and did much of the planning for our Holiday Party last January which served as a kickoff for our 50th Anniversary Year. DVJC Founder Frank Weikel was the featured speaker and gave us a glimpse into the early years of the club. Of course, many others helped Mike with various aspects of the event and many members braved the awful weather to make the event a social success.

After many months of planning and weeping and grinding of teeth, our club pulled off a very successful JCNA Annual General Meeting (AGM) in March. Aside from the Awards Banquet on Saturday night, the social highlight of the event was the Friday Night Kick-off Party at the Simeone Foundation Museum where we had over twenty club cars on display to complement the museum's outstanding collection of sports racers. Thanks to co-chair Charlie Olson and a host of other people who stepped up to handle various aspects of the four-day event.

Our JCNA sanctioned competitive events (Slalom, Concours, Road Rallies) went off without a hitch thanks to good weather and the hard work of Kurt Rappold, Charlie Olson, Brian & Pauline Craig, Ann Perry, and (again) a host of others who help arrange, judge, setup, cleanup, and perform many other tasks – all of which are essential to successful events.

Our Regional Directors, Rich Rosen and Mike Wolf, came up with some popular events including road rallies culminating in a tour of a brewery

and a visit to the Elmwood Zoo, the home of two live Jaguars.

Mike Tate will finally get to make his verbal and visual history presentation of "The Swallow Leaping to the Growler" at the home of Alex and Ana La Roche on November 14. Thank you to Mike, Alex, and Ana. The presentation was originally scheduled for the AGM in March but had to be postponed because Mike developed some health issues that required hospitalization followed by weeks of therapy. It was rescheduled at the La Roche home later in the summer, but had to be postponed when Mike suffered a relapse.

Speaking of "... a great group to hang out with", our monthly breakfast socials at Andy's Diner in Conshohocken have been a great place to socialize and meet new members. We have been generally getting 12 to 20 people depending on the weather and other outside influences.

Now we have come full circle and Mike Tate and other members are busy planning our Holiday Party to be held on January 17, 2016 at the William Penn Inn. It is a wonderful event with good food, good drink, and a silent auction with good stuff. **Support your club and be there!**

### Life was always good ...

When I think about Clara's statement, it also reminds me that I have always been around great people who influenced my journey through life. I guess it happens to everyone – something causes you to zag when you planned to zig and it ends up having a major impact, good or bad. When I look back, all the "zags" in my life turned out well, even though initially it seemed the opposite would be true for a few of them.

Of course the solid foundation built by my parents, who stressed the value of education and the love for literature and the cultural arts on me and my three siblings cannot be emphasized enough. They (along with my high school principal and guidance counselor) also caused my first zag. My interest was journalism and I had won many journalistic honors during my high school years. But the year was 1961 and JFK was emphasizing the need for science and engineering careers so that we could compete with the Soviets in the space race. As a result I was influenced to

choose engineering as a career path since I excelled in math and science courses.

Electrical engineering was my choice, but my next zag came during my co-op job while studying for that degree. My co-op mentor got me interested in automatic control theory and convinced me to go to graduate school at Case Institute of Technology (now Case Western Reserve University) in Cleveland where they had one of the premiere programs in Systems Engineering and Control – including some of the earliest computer systems (this was in the mid 1960's) designed for industrial process control. Of course, one of my most important discoveries during my graduate work was from the other side of Euclid Avenue - Irena was a cute coed at Western Reserve University and we were married while I was working on my master's degree and had our daughter Ericka while I was working on my doctorate. That was quite an unplanned "zag".

In 1980 I was recruited by Arco Chemical Company, who had engineering offices at 1500 Market (where the offices of our VP, Alex Giacobetti, are located). Their plan was to move all research and engineering personnel to Newtown Square later that year, where they were renovating the former campus of the Ellis School for Girls (an interesting part of local history, by the way) – which is why Irena and I purchased our house in West Chester. As it turned out, and this was quite a "zag", they moved all research and engineering departments to Newtown Square except the automation groups, which they moved to Houston. So, just a few months after joining them, I was out of a job and pretty bitter about the turn of events. But this was a "zag" that developed into something good. After a month or so, I landed a job at Fischer & Porter Company in Horsham as a member of their software development team and got to know the president, Jay Tolson, who gave me my first ride ever in a Jaguar (I believe it was a Vanden Plas). Also, as we rolled out a new high-tech product, I was asked to accompany the sales team in introducing the product in the field. As a result, I got to know the movers and shakers in computer control technology at many of the top industrial companies east of the Mississippi. In 1983 one of them, who will remain nameless but is based in Wilmington DE and was one of the biggest chemical companies in the world, hired me on a contract basis to de-

velop the computer-based automatic controls for one of their polymer plants. That allowed me to start my own business in 1983 and run it until I sold it in 2009.

There are a lot of other zigs and zags that occurred on the above mentioned journey, but I don't want to bore you – though I may have done that already. The point is, taken from Clara's short statement, great people with whom I worked and hung out influenced my life's journey and in this month of Thanksgiving I am grateful and thankful the way it turned out. I believe we can influence our life's journey by making good or bad decisions, but we are driven to those decision points by fate (things we can't always control). Back around this time in 1992, I was having some of these same thoughts and put them down in a poem called "Fato Profugus" – loosely translated it means "Driven by Fate".

### **Fato Profugus**

I remember a time,  
Now fading fast,  
When I was not concerned,  
About remembering the past.

But how I came to be  
What I am today  
Can never be free  
Of what was, yesterday.  
The way to the future  
Found the past repeated.  
Old thoughts with their comfort,  
New thoughts from what preceded.

Like the smell of cooking,  
And the sound of rain,  
The first memory of first love,  
The feelings of loss and pain,  
Fate is my constant companion.  
Though when all is said, at last  
I want my future to be more  
Than a long, long past.

**PJM 11/30/92**  
***Driven by Fate***

Be happy. Drive safely. It's a Jaguar kind of day.





# Roving Reporter - November 2015

By Michael Tate

## It Will All Happen On The 14<sup>th</sup>

I did a test drive past Paoli Hospital today and there was no one beckoning me in. So I guess I am going to make it to Ana and Alex LaRoche's beautiful home on 11/14. I really am looking forward to presenting to you all the unusual SS and Jaguar Mascots and Leapers that have graced a succession of cars from the 1930's to present day. I would wager that there are some surprises with objects that you never knew existed. Also to compliment my presentation Alex and Ana have three rooms in their house dedicated to housing models of every SS and Jaguar that ever existed. I believe their collection must be one of the best in the USA if not the world.



Portion of LaRoche Collection.

Why am I so enthusiastic about these collections? Alex and Ana's model collection was very extensive before he and I became involved. I had already sold at auction an extensive collection of my models (brought in over \$100,000 which illustrates the seriousness of the hobby) but I had a few specials left so when I decided to sell these I offered them to Alex rather than send them to auction. I was a member of the "Jaguar Model Club" Member number 22. The club issued a limited edition of famous Jaguar models and these were part of my offer to Alex. If he made the purchase it meant the collection would be kept together and I knew where they were. Also it made Alex a happy camper. They are now part of his collection. Look for No22 on the plaques the models sit on.

Then, of course, being an acquisitive person, besides collecting models, I collected items

incorporating the Jaguar Leaper or Mascot. These really track the various SS and Jaguar cars released by the company and illustrate the design beauty of the beast. My collection was comprehensive and had been accumulated over many years. So for reasons explained above I offered them to Alex instead of sending them to auction. My asking price was attractive...what I had paid for each one not including mailing and other costs and of course the increase in prices as demand increased. Generous!! So I know where they are and I can visit by request. So on 11/14 I will tell the attendees the history of each item. It is not too late to say you are coming.



Portion of LaRoche Collection.



Portion of LaRoche Collection.

Also Alex and Ana have a great collection of real cars. A 420; an E-Type; a Lotus Elan Sprint; 2two X-Type Wagons; a XJ-6, a XJ12C, a Mk IV and a MK V and can be viewed before we leave for lunch. Refreshments will be provided during the morning event. We would love to see you there so "BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS" and "DRIVE YOUR JAGS PLEASE."

## "SPECTRE" BOND VILLAIN'S HYBRID CAR IS A GAS – GUZZLING V8

So says the "Times of London." Those who support greener motoring were delighted that Jaguar's electric supercar, the 220 mph C-X75, is in the movie. It does not seem to matter that the car is not driven by 007 but by villain Mr. Hinx. It

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## Roving Reporter - November 2015 (continued)

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seems that with electric cars only counting for 1% of total car sales that any link to the Bond brand would give them much needed publicity and sex appeal. But trusting a Bond villain could be a big mistake. Jaguar have admitted that the C-X75 which Mr Hinx drives and pursues Bond through the streets of Rome is actually powered by a V8 engine. Far from being zero emission, it guzzled petrol as greedily as any traditional Bond car.



Jaguar C-X75

The hybrid version of the C-X75 which has two electric motors and a 1.6 liter supercharged engine, does appear in Spectre but only when stationary or at low speed. It never does anything exciting and its role in the film is to look pretty, according to Jaguar. Only four of the hybrid C-X75 had been built before Jaguar decided in 2012 not to put the car in production.

Two were loaned to Eon, the Bond production company, on condition that they were driven more like a hearse than a Bond car. Jaguar said "We couldn't afford for them to be damaged. They are a very proud piece of our motoring history." "The Hybrids have got the performance and could have done some of the stunts and high speed chases but we would not have wanted them to do it. The agreement was "You can have those two Hybrids but they must come back without a scratch."

Jaguar made five replica C-X75 frames especially for the scenes in the film and had inserted under the bonnets the same V8 engine the company uses in the Range Rover Sport and the Jaguar F-Type.

To protect the stunt drivers, the cars have high-strength tubular metal structure under the exterior panels. They have no leather, carpet, or any internal trimmings because they were not used for any interior shots.

It was said " the real villain of this piece is the guy who took the electric motors out of the Jag's, fantastic hybrid super cars. Perhaps they were a tad too fast for 007's old DB10.

Thank you Times Newspapers for some of the information in this article. Petrolheads beware perhaps the chase in the next Bond movie will be truly electrifying.

### STOP THE PRESSES

Road and Track say the Lightweight surprises....even worth a million.



Jaguar XE

I asked Mike Smyth , CEO of Main Line and Willow Grove Jag about the air bag recall. He said he was waiting for comment direct from Jaguar. The XE is getting rave reviews from Jag managers like Tak Papariello, General Manager of Main Line, after a week's introduction. He says the car is "awesome."



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# Nice Folks

By Clara Saxton

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## **One large serving of nice folks, please!**

At our most recent Officers' and Directors' Meeting, there was considerable discussion about broader member inclusion – by which we mean including YOU, dear Reader! When I did a quick search to clarify my own understanding of the word “club,” I got a) a large stick or weapon, b) a group of people who join together for a common purpose or c) a place to drink and dance. I think we fall easily into category 2.

Right up front let me say that there have been a number of my 22 years in this club when I didn't even own a Jaguar, so it's definitely my great affection for the people (even more than for the cars) which makes me enjoy this association so much.

We thought it might be a good idea to let you know that we would always welcome your presence and input at meetings and certainly all events that sound like fun to you. We all have different reasons for joining the club, but what are the elements that make one want to stay? In the interest of opening wide the doors, we are including a copy of the minutes of the most recent Board meeting on the club's Web page at [www.jcna.com/users/ne33](http://www.jcna.com/users/ne33). Scroll down to the green banner for “News Articles” and click on the link “Board Meeting Minutes of October 24, 2015.”

Aren't we all lucky that the next meeting will be our Holiday Party?! (*Get up, suit up, show up! It's always a lovely time.*) We would like you to know what issues we feel are important to the club, and therefore to YOU, and how we formulate our decisions on them. Even better, though, is to actually HEAR it from you directly.

It would be nice to know if you're interested in any of the club's positions, but it seems logical that you'd want to know what they entail first. Right now, we on the Board, are each supposed to write up his or her own “job description” to make it easy to understand what we do and who helps with it. We are also considering a short survey to gather information regarding areas of interest and expertise for all members so that we can make this club even better for YOU. Please be thinking about (a) what form of survey you would most likely respond to and (b) what you think we should know about YOU. In this way, when nominations are being considered for the next election, we would know who has expressed some interest in taking on a new role or helping with some activity within the club.

And while you're at the Holiday Party, be sure to chat with everyone around you. There shouldn't be any strangers, only members you don't know very well YET. We are all excited and looking forward to seeing you, enjoying the party, and launching a new year with you in the Delaware Valley Jaguar Club.



*Delaware Valley Jaguar Club*

*Please join us for our annual holiday party  
and awards celebration.  
Sunday, January 17, 2016*

*William Penn Inn  
1017 DeKalb Pike  
Ambler, PA 19002 (GPS address)  
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*January 10, 2016*

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# A Day at the Zoo

Text & Photos By Mike Wolf

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Someone told me it's all happening at the zoo.  
I do believe it, I do believe it's true...  
Just a fine and fancy ramble to the zoo...  
And the animals will love it if you do.  
*Song by Simon and Garfunkel*

On Sunday, October 18th, 2015, twenty-three (23) DVJC members, kids and friends toured the Elmwood Park Zoo, in Norristown, PA. Of these, 9 (23%) were from the Mike and Mo Tate extended family! Most of the group had breakfast at Andy's Diner before the visit and then caravanned the 5+ miles from the diner to the zoo. Since only 2 turns were required - no one got lost.

The day was sunny, but brisk for mid-October, so no tops (hoods) were down. Upon arrival, a reserved lot was waiting. It was protected with orange cones and guarded by 'Clan Rosen.' The main goal of the visit was to view the two Jaguars who live at the zoo, but only one made an appearance that day.

After some time spent watching the Jaguar play with a plastic barrel, our group dispersed to view bison, otters, monkeys, flamingos and other animals. At least one family group seemed destined for some zip-lining. All-in all a nice day out and the Jaguar was happy.





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# British Car Club of Delaware

By Kurt Rappold

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The annual car show held on September 5, 2015, alongside the Delaware River in Delaware City was highly successful with over 75 English cars and one Triumph motorcycle attending. The park where the show is held is right next to the original entrance to the Chesapeake & Delaware Canal, which is now a town marina for private yachts and also home to a ferry which runs out into the river, to Pea Patch Island.

On the island are the remains of a Civil War prison, the red roof of which one can see from the deck of the restaurant where we ate lunch.

A large oil tanker could be seen unloading at the nearby refinery. She was "riding high" indicating being nearly empty.

Jaguars were again the largest number attending, the oldest being a white XK150 coupe, up to a new XF coupe with the red brake calipers. There were four early E-types. Charlie and Desna Andrews had two E-type coupes there. His recently acquired silver '67 took Second Place-People's Choice. Charlie had just finished his interior and it was beautiful.

There was a group of XJS autos, mostly from DVJC but several from our sister club, BCCD.

Lotus was the featured marque this year, so they were displayed prominently on the front row at the show. Next were Austin-Healey, MGA and MGB, a Bentley, a Woolsey, and six Sunbeam Alpines.

Each driver received a goody bag containing a pre-printed windshield placard and a ballot for all the car classes, to vote for Best in Show- Owners only.

The crowd was very cheerful and was still arriving until the end of award presentations.

This little town of Delaware City is mostly very old buildings of wood construction and reminds me of Newport, Rhode Island but less commercialized. Like Newport, it is still small, charming and nestled close to the river. It is only a short ride off Route 95 just south of Wilmington, Delaware. Next fall keep your eyes open for this event on the DVJC Calendar of Events in your planning.

This event was followed by the Washington JCNA Club Annual NCJOC Concours which was attended by 23 cars, one of

which was Past President Charles Olson's who attended both activities. He got First Place-Preservation in his XJS convertible, which he meticulously maintains. Charlie had to assert his certified judge status knowledge at NCJOC when they wanted to charge him with non-authentic pin stripes. Charlie eventually prevailed after showing the Chief Judge the rule book.

I got very lucky at Delaware City, finding a long-sought-after piece for our '66 MK X. Our car came equipped with two round snap-on clips under the bonnet on the left fender well. I have been asking all the owners I know who have a MK X, including our new national JCNA President George Camp, who owns one, to no avail. I was just reconnoitering the goodie table and spied what I envision a proper "trouble light" to look like. After some discussion, we became the new owners of this really cool old trouble light, complete with a wooden-handled crank to wind up the long extension cord. I have tested it, removing a blown 6V bulb and installing a new 12V bulb. By the way, the other clamp holds a grease gun made by Tecalemit. When I first saw this MK X with a blown engine, all the tools and these extra parts were among the missing. Just getting all the small tools and parts together sometimes is quite a challenge, as very little is written down of historical significance.

We were very pleased to attend the BCCD show at this beautiful location. The breeze along the river was delicious and the site gave us a perfect view of sail boats tacking back and forth as the incoming tide carried them up river. Such is sailing.

Our next club event is the three-day rally in Millsboro which benefits the fire company. So far I believe five DVJC Jaguar teams have committed to run. The same weekend is our monthly Andy's Breakfast (10/18) with a trip after breakfast to the Elmwood Park Zoo to see their pair of Jaguars!

Since the shore activities are winding down for the season, we are optimistic that our club events will be better attended. A lot of work goes into putting these events on. The Slalom only had fourteen cars running this year at Garnet Valley High School and that's always a really fun event.

This time of year we get our break from the heat and humidity for a delightful, laid back car show, and these two September events demonstrated that.

Thank you for the good of our Club.

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This presentation was originally scheduled as part of the Jaguar Clubs of North America's (JCNA) Annual General Meeting (AGM), hosted by the Delaware Valley Jaguar Club (DVJC), in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015. The presentation was then rescheduled for August 22<sup>nd</sup> but had to be rescheduled again.

You are encouraged to bring your own car-show type lawn chair or blanket as seating will likely be very limited.

A Jaguar Scale Model Car Collection is available for viewing on site, so you may want to arrive as early as 9:00 AM or stay as late as 1:00 PM on the day of the Presentation, while enjoying the camaraderie of other Jaguar enthusiasts.

Approximately 20 - 30 minutes after the conclusion of the presentation a caravan of cars will depart for a scenic five mile drive to a local restaurant / tavern in Wind Gap, Pennsylvania area - where everybody is encouraged to join Mike for a 1:00 PM casual lunch.

The cost of the meal is not being sponsored.

**Confirmation e-mail will be sent by 6:00 AM on day of presentation to all who registered!**

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# Anatomy of a Success (British Reliability Run 2015)

Text & Photos By Bob “Where’s Bob? De Lucia, Dave Hutchison & Gerry Kunkle

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Photos by Charlie Frick of DVT, Motorcar Studios and various other ABRR photographers.

On a quiet cul-de-sac in the sleepy hollow of Quaker-town, a “British Invasion” was about to disturb the



bucolic neighborhood. Thirty-two “Teams” were descending on the area on a beautiful, sunny, and brisk October Friday morning. This was the start of the 2015 America’s

British Reliability Run.

The planning for 2015 ABRR started about nine months ago, again over a beer, at the appropriately-called “Triumph Brewery” in New Hope, PA. Participating at that meeting were members from our very own Delaware Valley Jaguar Club (Bob De Lucia, Dave & Charlene Hutchison) and members of the Positive Earth Driver’s Club. Several planning meetings, too many numerous emails, and several trial runs later, we were ready to go. A very special thanks to Dan and Sherry Tinsman of Delaware Valley Triumph, who planned the spectacular route, and test-drove the route in mid-August. They also created our very-detailed map books. Well done! Bob Canfield of PEDC worked with the NY museum, and restaurant. Dave & Charlene Hutchison worked with the two hotels, the Lotus Shack visit, the Friday breakfast, the St. Christopher’s Foundation, and Entrant Packets. Russ Sharples of PEDC developed our very attractive ABRR web site, as well as updating donations as they came in. Bob De Lucia of DVJC handled registration and all the money. And of course thanks to Ragtops & Roadsters, and DVJC’s Dave & Charlene Hutchison who had the unenviable and challenging task of driving the van/trailer to keep up with Run. The Ragtops Support Crew did serve its purpose, as one TR6 had some electrical issues pulling out of Watkins Glen on Saturday morning as the “Prince of Darkness” reared his ugly head to create “ignition failure.” In an effort to save time and keep up with the Run, Dave’s 2002 Miata was the “The Car of Shame” and was swapped for the broken TR6.



When we reached dinner at the Lotus Shack on Saturday night the TR6 was quickly and professionally repaired, and on the road again that evening.

Back to the run...

After a fantastic brunch and sendoff, the drive started in “stages”, with groups of five or six leaving Quaker-town and heading north to the Glen. These groups during the three days, merged, and un-merged as we made petrol/rest stops along the drive. The route as previously mentioned was utterly fantastic, many twisty turns, on the country roads north to our overnight stop in Watkins Glen. Adding to the motoring ambiance, we stayed at the historic “Seneca Lodge” [www.senecalodge.com](http://www.senecalodge.com). Bill Green, THE Watkins Glen historian, gave a presentation and answered questions after dinner at Seneca Lodge. Between the motoring history of the lodge, built next to the street circuit, and the racing memorabilia inside the lodge bar, and the many classic cars in the parking lot, it was grand. We added to the nostalgia by doing two ceremonial laps around the old Watkins Glen street racing circuit.

Saturday morning we went further north around one of the Finger Lakes, and eventually south east through Ithaca to Norwich, NY. At Norwich we found a gem of a car museum to stop at for lunch, in the middle of nowhere. Over 150 cars of all marques. The Northeast Classic Car Museum, <http://classiccarmuseum.org/> visit if you can. Then further south east to Chester, NY and “The Lotus Shack” where standing and sitting (and literally sitting in any of the classic cars we wanted to, invited by the host) among a dozen classic Lotus sports cars and exotic cars, we were treated to plenty of beer, wine, and soft drinks/water and wonderful buffet of appetizers, dinner, and desert by the host, David and Sandy Nagler. Then the next morning, off we headed south to NJ. But first, Dave Nagler treated us to a wonderful and spirited ride through Harriman State Park. Many commented this was one of the best road courses they had ever driven with its tight, twisting narrow roads and hills. It was spectacular!

Thirty-two teams was the most ever to run our event from one area. Participants were from many British



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## Anatomy of a Success (British Reliability Run 2015) cont'd.

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car clubs: Austin Healey Sports and Touring Club, British Motor Club of Southern New Jersey, Capitol Triumph Register, Delaware Valley Triumph, Delaware Valley Jaguar Club (Bob De Lucia, Dave and Charlene Hutchison, and Gerry Kunkle), Lanco MG Club, New Jersey Triumph Association, North American Spitfire Squadron, Philadelphia MG Club, Philly MINI Car Club, Positive Earth Driver's Club, Triumph Wedge Owners Association, TVRCCNA and Vintage Triumph Register.

There were three Jaguar's in the reliability run. The 2004 X Type belongs to Jack & Caroline McGahey of the Carolina Jaguar JCNA Club. Jack is also President of the Vintage Triumph Register.

The other two were a 1967 E Type 2+2 owned 40 years with over 300,000 miles on the clock, and a 1968 E Type driven by Nick Zabrecky and Andrew Paolucci, who own Motorcar Studios. They took many of the pictures shot during the Run.

Besides our favorite marque, many classic cars made the drive, we had a 1964 Austin-Healey 3000, a 1960 and 1961 MGA, four MGB's, a MGB GT, a MGB GT V-8, a MG-Midget, a 1964 Mini, a 1965 Mini-Moke, a 1961 Morris-Minor, the oldest car on the drive, a 1950 Rover 75, a 1969 Rover TC, two TR4's, three TR6's, one TR7, two TR8's, one GT6, one Spitfire, one Vitesse, and one very rare 2000 MK2, and a "modern" car, a 2013 Mini Cooper S.

Thirty-two British cars started, and 611 miles later thirty-two British cars finished with only a couple of electrical problems, bad suspension bushings, carb linkage adjustment and a bad throttle cable, all of which were repaired on the road. A cumulative total of 19,552 miles driven in three days. As we said it was

"British Reliability Run"! Appropriately enough, our finish for lunch and a short banquet was the quaint British Pub called the "Ship Inn" in Milford, NJ which we pretty much filled to capacity. Besides the many good pints of Muddy Waters Porter, Best Bitters, ESB, we had a buffet of English staples....Fish and Chips, Scottish eggs, Shepherd's Pie, Sausage Roll, Cornish Pastry, and some great Mac & Cheese.

End result, that as of today's accounting, the 2015 ABRR raised \$23,807. DVJC was very generous and donated \$500 to the cause.

A check will be presented at the start of the "Before We Put them Away Run" at Ragtops and Roadsters on Sunday, November 22nd, at 9:30 AM, to Dr. Michael Spear, St. Christopher's Foundation, Palliative Care Unit.

Thanks to our sponsors who made the 2015 ABRR a wonderful success, Sunoco, who powered the Run with gas cards, Hagerty Insurance who provided roadside assistance packages if needed, Motorcar Garage who provided hats for over 60 entrants, Ragtops & Roadsters who provided the support van and trailer. And everybody else who contributed in support of gifts, Victoria British, Moss Motors, Little British Car Company, The Roadster Factory, Hemmings Sports & Exotic, Morhy Auctions, Cargo Trailers, Whispering Hill Studio, Luxury Brokers International and Motorcar Studios.

And of course, a big THANK YOU to ALL of the 2015 ABRR Teams for their terrific enthusiasm, dedicated efforts to keep our vintage motorcars on the road and hard work to raise funds to support the new C.O. R.E program at St Christopher's. It's all about the KIDS! Let's run again!



# Delaware Valley Jaguar Club Breakfast Socials

**Sunday, November 15, 2015, 9:00 am**

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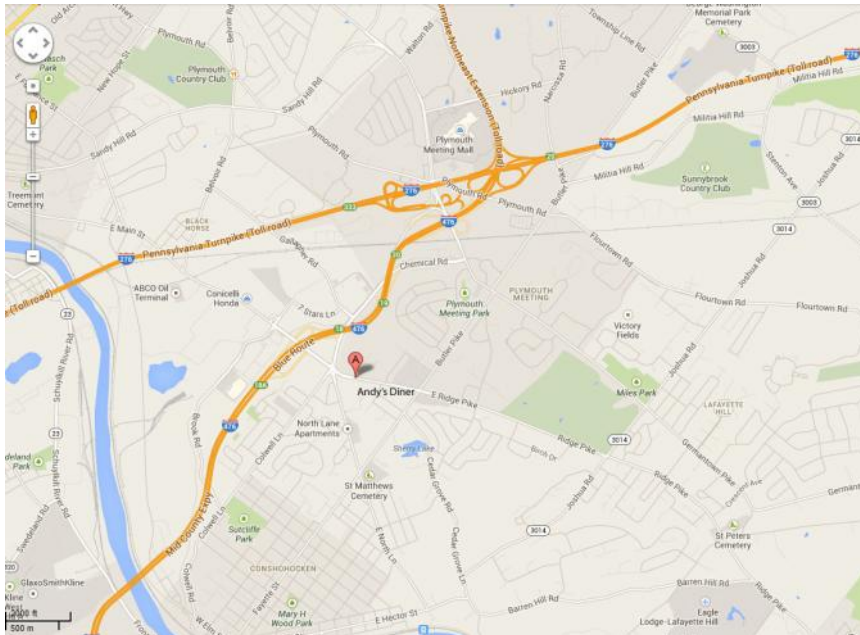
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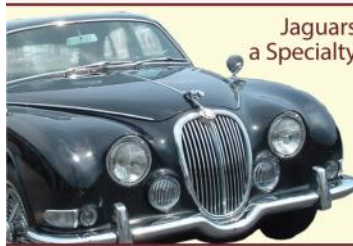
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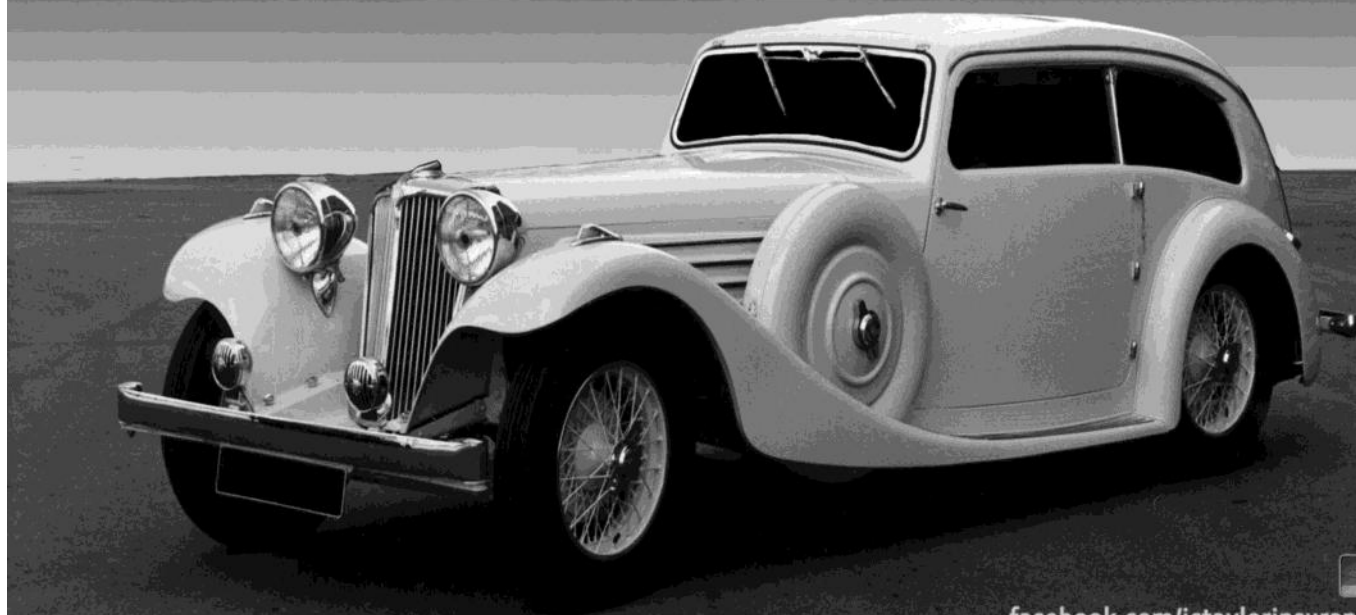
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