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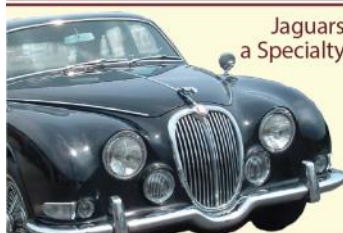
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# Upcoming DVJC Events

**May 17, 2020 (cancelled)**

**9:30 A.M.**

*Please RSVP*

**Annual Triumph / Jaguar Delaware River Scenic Tour**

**Starting at Yardley Inn**

**82 East Afton Avenue, Yardley, PA 19067**

**[Click Here for information](#)**

*Or Rich Rosen 609-923-7655 [rosen244@verizon.net](mailto:rosen244@verizon.net)*

**June 6, 2020 (Cancelled)**

**DVJC Annual Concours d'Elegance (see pp. 7 & 8)**

**Historic Hope Lodge, Fort Washington, PA**

**Pre-registration required for Champion, Driven and Special Divisions**

*Contact: <https://delvaljaguarclub.com/> or Jim Sjoreen,  
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**September 29 to  
October 1, 2020**

**Jaguars at the Jersey Shore (see pp. 23 & 24)  
Cape May and South New Jersey**

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**October 23—25, 2020**

**Pumpkin Run Rally (see pp. 20 & 21)  
Millsboro Volunteer Fire Co., Millsboro, DE**

*Contact: Brian Craig, 215-483-5861 or [www.northeastrallyclub.com](http://www.northeastrallyclub.com)*





## Your Monthly Bill *May 2020*

After completing my Monthly Bill for the April Purr, Nancy and I ventured home from Florida – not certain what to expect on our trip. We anticipated plenty of snowbirds leaving Florida but found the highways nearly empty. This is I-95 on a normally busy travel day!



Stranger than that, the Marriott where we stayed only had nine guests in the 150-room hotel. It felt like a nuclear winter – except for the front desk clerk, no one was anywhere around the lobby, the restaurant and lounge were closed and most of the hotel was dark. They had closed all but thirty rooms for rental.



And, while we anticipated many sunny, warm days when we were back home in April, we began to feel like we had mistakenly driven to Seattle. Regardless of the weather and the “shelter in place” situation, it is good to be home during these uncertain times.

The most exciting diversions I have had since arriving home are bi-weekly supermarket trips, replacing the battery in my XJ6 so I could get it to the shop and sneaking out in my E Type on two sunny days. I know things will return to “normal” as soon as safely possible.



While “Cancelled” is overwhelming our DVJC Events Calendar, several of your club members have been hard at work:

- Noe LaFramboise now has a [DVJC E Bay store](#) set up and is developing additional exclusive club member merchandise – more to come as things are finalized.
- Alan and Margaret Brown and Jay Green are making good progress on a “how to” video for Concours judging.
- Tom Shaner has completed setting up the [Member Forum](#) on our website. Several posts have been made on a variety of topics – entertaining, educational, “how to,” etc. Check it out and add your comments or start a new conversation.
- Brian Craig has added a [webpage listing past officers and directors](#). It is complete beginning with 1989. If you can provide info to fill in the gaps, please send it to Brian.

We will be resuming club events as soon as guidelines and common-sense permit. Stay tuned! With some of the extra “home time” on my hands, I

## Your Monthly Bill *May 2020 (continued)*

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did a little more exploring on the JCNA website. The [Technical and Originality Library](#) includes about fifty posts on a variety of topics. The [Classified](#) section includes cars, parts and memorabilia, both “for sale” and “wanted.” The [Coventry Foundation’s E Bay Store](#) offers over 500 items including sales brochures for various years and models, grill badges, tools and parts.

Your executive committee held the normal quarterly meeting this month using WebEx video conferencing. The service enabled conducting all of the business that normally takes place in a “face to face” setting while certainly maintaining effective “social distance.” Unfortunately, we cannot experience the Spring Drive, monthly breakfasts

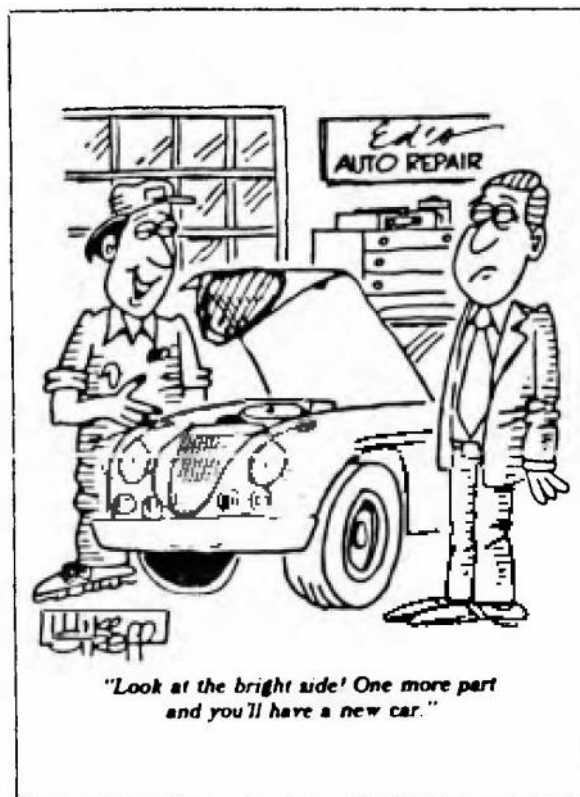
and our other events that way.

I am sure many of you have, by now, been on “Zoom Cocktail Parties” and stayed connected with family and friends using Facebook or some other group communication technology. We are fortunate to have these available to us while we’re “locked in,” hopefully, not too much longer.

Meanwhile, go for a drive and enjoy some Jaguar Kinds of Days!

*Bill*

From *The Purr* May 1990



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## Cancellation of the DVJC 2020 Annual Concours d'Elegance

By Jim Sjoreen

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### **JCNA Sanctioned Concours d'Elegance Saturday June 6, 2020**

It is with the utmost regret that I need to inform you that both the Delaware Valley Jaguar Club's Annual Concours d'Elegance and the Delaware Valley Triumph Club's Cars & Motorcycles of England Show scheduled for June 6, 2020 at the Historic Hope Lodge in Ft. Washington, PA have been cancelled.

Several factors associated with the corona virus led to this decision by both clubs, including existing and potential travel restrictions and the uncertainty of whether or not Hope Lodge would be open to the public, which it currently is not. The most important consideration was the potential risk to volunteers, show participants and general spectators, many of whom fall into the high risk categories for infection. This risk is simply one we were not willing to take given what we know at this point in time.

Consideration was given to rescheduling one or both shows later in the year but as many of you are aware, the late summer/early fall timeframe is already a busy time for car-related events. Not knowing the duration or scope of this medical crisis makes it very difficult to plan around a calendar of events that will likely be subject to many changes over the coming months.

Both clubs look forward to continuing the partnership with The Friends of Hope Lodge as we look to host the 2021 Concours d'Elegance and Cars and Motorcycles of England Show on June 5, 2021. We would ask you to check the club's website, [www.delvaljaguarclub.com](http://www.delvaljaguarclub.com) for updates on this and other events.

On behalf of the DVJC Executive Committee, we wish you, your family and friends good health through this unprecedented time.

Jim Sjoreen, Concours Chairman

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## Speaking of Things Jaguar - May 2020

By Paul Trout

### Living in a Pandemic world...

Last month I talked about my experience making our way home from Florida at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and the changes that we encountered at the time. Now, close to forty days into our “Shelter in Place”, things have really changed. Before I go any further I want to say, despite the levity and humor I attempt to express in the rest of this ramble, I take this virus and its impact on all of our lives very serious. I am deeply saddened and horrified by the breath-taking death tolls reported every day. My heart goes out to those poor people who are not able to be with their loved ones in their final moments. The minor inconveniences most of us are living with pale in comparison with the loss and sorrow of those who have lost loved ones and those whose lives have been cut short by this invisible killer. I have nothing but gratitude for those who are working on the front line; healthcare professionals, trash collectors, grocery store workers, delivery people, police and fire professionals, drug store workers, mail delivery people, warehouse workers and all of those whose contributions may not be as visible as the others. These heroes are keeping us supplied with those things that allow us to “Shelter in Place” and keep ourselves safe until this passes and we are able to return to a world of new normal.

I have not been inside of a building other than my home since March 19<sup>th</sup>. That is just the background of the black and white film that was once our Technicolor life. Having said that, there are some really good black and white films out there and I’ve tried to enjoy being in this one until the color of a safe, but changed, world returns. All of the many adages that reference the value of things being more evident upon their removal have crept up on all of us at one time or another. For those of us in the DVJC community, as part of the larger automotive enthusiast world, some of the things lost and things found during the long days of shelter from the pandemic may be a bit different than with the average person.... So, this victim and carrier of the Jaguar Enthusiast Disease, as reported last month, with the market tanking like it was 1929 and a global pandemic rapidly approaching, decided to buy another Jaguar. When I left you last, the 2004 XK8 convertible in Seafrost was backed off of the car carrier along the highway and driven a couple hundred yards into my garage. The story continues....

After a wash up and a first day of ownership photo session, back in the garage it went with its new cover gently slipped on. Now what? I had insured it prior to its journey north, but I had no tag for it and the DMV was closed. In a few days the temperature approached sixty degrees, the sun was shining and I had a Jaguar convertible in my garage under a cover without a tag. I opted for some tagless driving with the top down. Oh boy, I needed to get a tag for this car. It is a great drive! A couple of days later President Bill texted me to see how I was enjoying the new ride. I think I replied with something like “No Tag! Took a short drive anyway. Love it!” Bill promptly replied that the tag place in Ludwig’s Corner had a sign out front indicating they were open for business. In a flash I was on my computer Googling “tag places near me”. Sure enough ASC Tags and Title’s website indicated they were indeed open for business. They had a short video outlining how they were doing business in a “social distancing” manner. Basically you needed to call them first to ensure you had all of the documentation you needed and then they would provide curb side tag service. I was on the phone in a flash fumbling the keypad like a teenager calling a cheerleader for a first date. I got through on the second try with my heart pounding. The nice woman on the other end of the line calmed me down by going over what I was going to need in order to apply for a PA title and get a tag on a car with an Arizona title and a North Carolina Bill of Sale. As I nervously thumbed through my “2004 XK8” folder, to my surprise, I had what I needed! Oh, she added...You need to bring the car. A top down drive on back roads from my place to yours? Yes ma’am I can do that. Sue and I bundled up and motored over to ASC T&T in Ludwig’s Corner. While sunny, it was still a bit chilly out so I turned the temperature up on the climate control to get a little heat and wrap us in some warmth. This move will have some relevance in the future. As we approached ASC T&T it looked like quite a patriotic establishment with a Corvette and two pickup trucks out front; each was painted in American flag stars and stripes. We pulled around the back and parked next to an older pickup truck with a shot gun rack holding a couple of weapons. As I was calling the nice people at ASC T&T to let them know I was here in my less than patriotic Jaguar, the driver of the weapon laden pickup truck walked by, opened his door and tossed a rubber banded wad of bills that could easily choke an elephant onto his front seat. He closed the door and walked off with another gentleman. Ok, let’s get this tag transaction completed before his drug deal or whatever is going on goes bad. I decided to put the top up. The curb side socially distanced transaction went ok with one masked ASC T&T employee walking off with

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my hefty check and another returning a worrisome amount of time later without a mask. The unmasked one had no concept of how far six feet is. He said he needed to witness my signatures; I used my own pen which he repetitiously reminded me of as I kept trying to give it to him. When the transaction was complete he handed me my tag and explained that the DMV was closed and he was the only tag dealer in the state that was open (I never bothered to verify that as it didn't matter) and I should, when I get home, make a notation on my calendar to call him in early June. The reason for this request I assumed was to provide feedback on how I was enjoying my tag by then. No, as he explained, it was because he was sure that I would not have my title by then as the DMV was going to be swamped when they finally reopened. He could prevent me from having to pay an additional \$100 for a replacement title for the one I had not gotten by then. I expressed my appreciation and made a mental note to post this important information on my calendar. The weapon laden pickup truck with a wad of currency sitting on its front seat was still there as I drove off with a smile on my face. I now had a tag! Upon arrival home I duly noted his request for a follow up call on my calendar. The title arrived in the mail five days later.

A couple of days later the sun was shining again and I had a need to go to my local drug dealer, Doug's Family Pharmacy. Off in the XK8 and I went with top down and smile up. Doug's, the most local of my pharmacy options, is about 15 minutes west on PA Route 23, so it was going to be a nice drive. Two miles in I got my first code "Check Rear Lights/Cruise not Available". Just an amber warning, so I continued on. Just as I pulled into Doug's parking lot to pull around to the drive-up window, the second code appeared. This time it was a red warning of "Low Coolant Level". I pulled my mask on hoping the person at the window didn't think I was here for a stick up and drove up to the window. The nice pharmacy lady slid the window open and said "What a gorgeous car. Look at those beautiful seats and all that wood." Actually she went on and on until I blushing had to remind her through my mask that I was actually there to pick up some drugs. She smiled, took my card and disappeared. I kept an eye on the temperature gauge while waiting for her return. All the while remembering that the temperature gauge in an XK8 will not go past normal until it is ready to go up to "too late". She returned and handed me my card and a bag of drugs. She complimented me on the thoroughness with which I was sanitizing my credit card and hands and kindly offered the suggestion that I enjoy my lovely car as I pulled away. I parked the car in another part of the lot, turned it off and removed the key to see if the codes would reset themselves. Maybe they were "one timers." Half way home they both told

me they weren't going away easily.

After pulling the XK8 into the garage I went directly to my computer and queried the Jaguar forum on the warnings. The "Low Coolant Level" was fairly obvious and went something like "check the level in the reservoir you idiot and if it is low, top it up". Well I knew that much. I also knew enough not to check it while it was still hot, so I thought I might inquire as to the next step if, in fact, the reservoir was indeed at its proper level. It seems it is not unusual for the coolant level sensor to mistakenly suggest the level is low. Turned out the reservoir was all but empty. Remember when I said cranking the heat up on the trip to the tag shop would have some future relevance? Well prior to my ownership, the XK8 lived in California and Arizona. Perhaps the temperature setting may never have been turned high enough for coolant to flow through the heater? The next challenge was finding the correct coolant to top said reservoir up with. A quick check of my inventory indicated only a couple of gallons of the yellowish green stuff destined for the MGB. The Jaguar was requesting something of a pink hue; so I was going to have to get some of that flavor. Now in the pre-pandemic world I would just make a run to Pep Boys, Walmart or AutoZone. However in the shelter in place world obtaining simple things like a gallon of pink coolant is a bit more challenging. So, back to the trusty computer to search for an online vendor with the proper product in stock, free or low cost shipping, and a reasonable delivery commitment. Striking out on one or more of those pitches with Amazon, Walmart, AutoZone and about fourteen other automotive product purveyors, I got a base hit with Grainger. So, topping up the coolant reservoir was going to have to wait a few days; even more if there was a delay in the shipping. Okay, the "Low Coolant Level" issue at least had a plan and I could move on to the more perplexing "Check Rear Lights/Cruise not Available". According to the more knowledgeable of the Jaguar Forum posters, this code is not all that unusual in the X-100 Jaguar. It seems the source of the problem is the Brake Lamp Switch. The Brake Lamp Switch serves two purposes; illuminate the brake lights when the brake pedal is pushed and cancel the engaged cruise control when the brake pedal is pushed. This dual function is accomplished with two micro switches inside of an assembly; the Brake Lamp Switch. It seems the micro switch associated with the cruise control tends to be the weak link and is prone to failure. I know, I know, an electrical component failure on a Jaguar? Who would have guessed? The posters on the forum went on to relate how frustratingly difficult it is to replace said switch. Not only is it buried deep in the driver's foot well, the nuts that secure it are under the bonnet next to the master cylinder requiring hands the size of a two-year-old to loosen.

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Right, I'll start with the easy part. I'll go in search of switch. It seems the part they refer to as the Brake Lamp Switch has been renamed by Jaguar since the forum posters had replaced their switches. However the Jaguar part number has remained the same. Part number LJB6420BB is now known as the Release Switch. Luckily I was able to plug the part number into the Jaguar part search engine because if you plug in the words "brake lamp switch" a litany of wrong parts show up. Anyway, Harper Jaguar in Knoxville, TN (my new favorite Jaguar parts source) had the Release Switch and was offering it at a 16.40% discount. I didn't make that up. 16.40% is the actual stated discount on the part. Since it is always best to order a bunch of parts to take advantage of combined shipping costs, I naturally added a few other items. The seat belt buckle on the passenger side of the XK8 has a crack in it, so I put one of those in the cart as well. The buckle was offered at a 16.30% stated discount. Where the 0.1% went is anybody's guess. As May was just around the corner and May is "Get the Jaguars inspected and have their oil changed month", I threw in three genuine Jaguar oil filters; each at a stat-

ed discount of 28.50%. So, for a shipping charge of \$9.17, I saved \$76.44 off Jaguar Land Rover's list price. A big box with a leaper on the side arrived four days later. Whilst waiting for my package from Harper I received an email from my mechanic indicating that he was open for business as he services emergency and police vehicles. So I rang him up to see if we could start the process of getting the Jaguars their spring service. He said "Sure, stick some red lights on the top and come on over with your siren blaring...." I indicated that I was awaiting the arrival of the filters and would most likely need to secure some oil, so we agreed on a date two weeks hence for the first cat to arrive at his shop. After the call I went to the garage to take an oil inventory. Let's see...there was a forty year old can (yes, a real metal can) of Quaker State 10w30 that is more of a memento than useful resource, two quarts of Pennzoil 20w50 left over from the Cooper S race car, a partial quart of Brad Penn 10w30 left over from the MGB race car, a quart of Mobile 1 5w30 for the emergency generator, a quart of Pro-Line 0w20 from when the last Subaru started using oil, a quart and a half of TSC 30w for the tractor and various lawn care engines, six quarts of Brad Penn 30w Break In oil destined for the sump of the MGB and four and a quarter quarts of what I was looking for ...Castrol Magnatec 5w30 Full Synthetic. Those four quarts fell a bit short of the twenty-two I was going to need. I might have been able to make up the difference by mixing the rest of the inventory, but transferring a five gallon vat of oil to Pottstown would present a bit of a challenge, so back to my lifeline to the world of automotive necessities; the laptop. The priority now was availability and delivery promise date. A hit on the first swing! Amazon Prime could get me eighteen quarts of the precious lubricant in five days! Wow! I was all set! Or so I thought....

About three days after the order confirmation I got shipping update from my friends at Amazon Prime. With eager anticipation I opened the email fully expecting notice that my order had shipped. Imagine my surprise when the fine folks at Amazon Prime explained that they would not be shipping my order for two weeks with an arrival date sometime deep into May. Apparently the global oil glut hadn't made its way to their supplier. Ok, back to the laptop. Walmart indicated they could send three boxes of 6 quarts each to me a week prior to my appointed day of Jaguar service. Yay! Order placed; good to go. I proceeded to cancel the Amazon Prime order, but the fine folks there said "Whoa! We're not sure we can do that. We'll check and let you know." I guess once they had already started the refining process on the oil and there is no stopping it now. A couple days later I got an order update from Walmart indicating they weren't sure they would be able to fulfill my order and would let me know in a few days whether they would



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be cancelling it. I also got an email from Amazon Prime indicating they were pleased to notify me that my order had been successfully cancelled! Right, the clock is ticking and I am feeling like I'm reliving the Suez oil crisis. Back to the laptop. Grainger never heard of my preferred oil and I could hear Pep Boys and AutoZone laughing at me through the laptop speakers. Drat! However NAPA indicated they would be pleased to ship me what I needed in two days. Yeah, right! I've seen this movie before and this ain't my first rodeo NAPA. As a veteran of internet commerce disappointment, I dare you to make a commitment and keep it! Fully expecting another dreaded shipping update disappointment, I hedged my bet a bit by adding six quarts of Castrol Magnatec 5w30 full synthetic to Sue's curbside pick-up grocery order at the local Walmart. The order's assigned picked up slot was on the Sunday morning, one day before her X-Type's scheduled spring service date. If I got the six quarts I would be in good shape for, at least, her car. Worst case I would just get it inspected. Not the end of the world. Good to keep things in perspective during a pandemic.

Late Thursday afternoon a big brown truck with UPS on the side backed down my driveway and left me twelve quarts of the proper Castrol juice, courtesy of NAPA. NAPA came through, sort of. Friday morning as I was on the computer trying to obtain the status of the missing six quarts, the big brown truck returned and dropped them off in another box from NAPA. The fine folks at NAPA came through after all. The story does not end here my friends; oh no..... it just gets better. Friday morning I also got a shipping update from Walmart. My order of eighteen quarts of oil would be delivered by Fedex that very day! At noon, I got an update from Fedex. My order had been delivered and left on the front step. Great! I rushed with great anticipation to the front door and opened it to find....nothing. I walked around to all of the other entrances and likely places Fedex might hide a rather large package; still nothing. I had been duped! While now, thanks to the fine folks at NAPA, I had enough of the specified lubricant to fulfill the three cat's thirst, I still had a sizable petroleum investment with Walmart that I would need sort out. Back to the laptop and on to the Walmart help page. I was pleasantly offered two options for friendly customer service. I could leave a number and get a call back in approximately four hours or I could engage in chat conversation with a wait time of 126 minutes. Since I was not permitted to choose both, I opted for the more expedited two hour wait for a nice chat. Not being one to settle for one option when two would be better, I opened another page on the screen and opted for the call back in what was now four hours and nineteen minutes. With plenty of time on my hands thanks to

Walmart, I spent some very frustrating time on the Fedex website and then placed a call. The friendly voice of Fedex indicated that an agent would be with me very shortly and then showered me with some of the loudest and most annoying music I've ever heard. I was able to place the phone on speaker, set it on the dining room table and clearly hear it tell me that an agent would be with me shortly from anywhere in the house including the garage. I returned to the laptop to inquire as to the status of my eagerly anticipated chat to find the wait was down to 95 minutes. With the Fedex symphony blaring, I decided to have a leisurely lunch with whatever our depleted pantry was offering that day. As I mentioned, replacement supplies were not coming until Sunday. That's life in the pandemic world. During lunch I texted my son who lives on Warwick Rd (I live on Warwick Furnace Rd) to walk over to his neighbor who has the same address without the Furnace and see if there was a large package on his doorstep. He did, but there was no package. The neighbor, curious as to why my son was inspecting his doorstep, kindly took my son's phone number in the event a future Fedex delivery for me should appear there. Fedex has actually delivered my packages to him twice before. Both times he was kind enough to ferry them to my doorstep. Now he has my son's number and I can have my son pick them up for me. Good deal.

After two hours of Fedex's torturous "music" and repeated assurances that they considered my call important, I abandoned them. I wasn't feeling all that important anymore. I returned to the laptop with eager anticipation of my friendly chat with the Walmart agent. Since I had taken a rather leisurely lunch I expected my time in queue would be significantly reduced. It had indeed gotten down as low as twenty-six minutes at one point, but was now back up to thirty seven. This wait time fluctuation went on for two more hours. Finally four hours and twenty six minutes after I opted for a friendly chat in 126 minutes, my screen showed "Hi, I'm Brittany. How can I help you?" Alright; now we can get to the bottom of this. After exchanging friendly greetings with Brittany, I pasted the details of the order into the chat screen. She asked if it would be ok for her to step away to check on this. I told her to take her time as I was getting fairly skilled at waiting. She returned a few minutes later to say that it didn't look like the order had ever been process and she had no idea why Fedex would have told me it had been delivered. Not normally to be one who argues with someone who might be armed with more information than I, I suggested that since my credit card had been charged, maybe she should check again. Brittany went off again for an even longer stretch. When she returned she indicated she would process a refund for me. While we were wrapping up,



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exchanging pleasantries and getting assurances of my complete satisfaction with the experience and generally getting to know each other pretty well, I got an email from Walmart indicating they were processing a refund. However the refund was only for a third of my petroleum investment or six quarts worth. Hang on a minute there Brittany!! After getting her attention, I reposted the original order into the chat screen and helped her understand the nature of my concern. After some back and forth conversation and a short math lesson, she said "Let me see what I can do." A short moment later, "Session Terminated" in huge letters filled the chat screen. I was stunned. To think, after establishing a pleasant relationship and a working rapport with Brittany, she would walk out on me like that. Heartbroken from being dumped by Brittany after all we had been through, I decided to take a walk, in the pouring rain. Like so many investments during this pandemic, my petroleum investment was now tanking. When I returned there was another email notification from my friends at Walmart suggesting that I shouldn't be too heartbroken over being dumped by Brittany and to console me they were going to refund the rest of my Castrol investment.

One might think this is where my story ends, but oh no my friends; there is so much more.....

At about 7:30 that evening as we were enjoying a socially distanced virtual happy hour over zoom with some Jaguar friends who were consoling me over being dumped by Brittany, the phone rang. The display showed "Walmart". My heart raced! Brittany wanted to reconcile our differences. With eager anticipation, I answered the phone. It was the call that would be coming in four hours ....seven hours ago. When the woman's voice on the other end of the line asked softly "Is this Paul?" I whispered "Yes Brittany, it's Paul." She hung up. I guess it's really over between us. I decided to drown my sorrows in a class of Chardonnay with the help of supportive friends.

Sunday morning broke to another rainy day; the highlight was going to be our curbside pick-up of much needed supplies at the local Walmart. As we were backing into our pick-up space, a gentleman in a white pickup truck in the next space over was pulling out. Little did we, or he for that matter, know that our lives would soon connect in this strange pandemic world. The curbside attendant arrived at our open rear hatch and asked the name on our order. She looked a bit perplexed when we responded "Trout, like a fish". Little did we know at the time; that look was a cover for her mind telling her that she just put that order in the white pickup truck that was now long gone. Saying nothing she went back inside and, I'm sure, shouted "Oh Sh\*t!!". She returned shortly to tell us that there was a bit of a problem with our order, but she

was working on sorting it out; please be patient. Long minutes went past and our hopes of supply replenishment were dwindling..... Then we saw the aforementioned white pickup truck back into the space next to us. The driver looked a bit annoyed, seemingly at us. A pandemic does bring out the best out in us all.... The curbside attendant slowly started to take bags out of the truck bed and put them into our car. With each bag she checked the contents and asked us if we ordered such and such. As she held up the last bag she asked quite quizzically "Did you order motor oil?" "Why yes I did. I'm really good at ordering motor oil." When we got home that motor oil bag had four quarts of Castrol Magnatec 5w30 full synthetic and two quarts of 5w20. Well done Walmart! You managed to miss the mark once again!

Later that evening as we were preparing to enjoy our usual Sunday evening PBS line up, there came a knock on the door. Panicked that it was some COVID-19 infected person trying to spread the disease, I went to the dining room window and had a safe peek. There I witnessed a neighbor I hardly knew placing a rather large box on my doorstep. As he got a socially acceptable distance away, I opened the door and thanked him. He waved and said he doesn't generally use his front door so he didn't know how long it had been there. I did. Since 11:42 Friday morning. I thanked him with a promise that I would be happy to return the favor when Fedex leaves one of his packages at my door. Oh they will, trust me, they will.

So there I was, the night before the start of Jaguar spring servicing, in possession of a total of forty four quarts or eleven gallons of Castrol Magnatec 5w30 Full Synthetic motor oil and two quarts of 5w20. The global oil glut had finally reached Elverson.

### **Hang in There and We'll All Get Through This**

As we move into the month of May, we have been in lock-down now for over forty days and are probably facing another thirty or more. Many of us, because of our vintage or because we have some health issues, may still live under self imposed sheltering for some time after that. With that in mind, here are a few things that I found that might be of interest to car folks like us.

For X-100 XK8/XKR enthusiasts there is a collection of over fifty videos on YouTube in a series entitled "Secrets of the XK8". A pudgy Brit named John creates and hosts each instructional video that is anywhere from five to twenty minutes long. While his car is generally in need of a wash, the information is quite good. I have posted several of them on the DVJC Forum.

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<https://delvaljaguarclub.com/forums/topic/xk8/>

From there, if you are interested, you can get to the rest of them. I'm presently up to episode fourteen. John also started another series called "Mod & Maintain the XK8/XKR". That series is a bit more technical in nature.

Moss Motors, purveyor of parts for British sports cars and owner of XKs Unlimited, has added a couple of interesting ways to pass or waste your time on their website. First they have a virtual car show that you can either enjoy viewing or participate in, if you have an Instagram account. You can visit the show at:

<https://mossmotors.com/carshow>

If you are feeling crafty, you can build an origami classic British car. Moss has provided the templates for quite a collection of models including two Jaguars. You can find the templates here:

<https://mossmotors.com/car-cutout-challenge>

If you like watching motorsports themed films, here is a list of some that are available to view depending upon which streaming service you have:

"Uppitty: The Willy T. Ribbs Story" (Netflix)

"Senna" (Netflix) A great film about one of the greats.

"Born Racer" (Amazon Video) The story of Scott Dixon

"McLaren" (Amazon Video) Bruce McLaren's story

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"Williams" (Netflix) The story of Frank Williams and the F1 team he built

"Shelby American" (Netflix) The story of Carroll Shelby

"Lauda" (Amazon Video) Niki Lauda's story

"The Quick and Dead" (Amazon Video) Jackie Stewart's fight for safety in F1

"1" (Amazon Video) Great F1 Documentary

"Behind the Indianapolis 500 with Parnelli Jones" (Amazon Video)

"Petty Blue" (YouTube) Richard Petty's story

"A Life of Speed" (Netflix) The Juan Manuel Fangio story

"The 24 Hour War" (Netflix) The real story of Ford vs. Ferrari

"Rush" (Amazon Video) Lauda vs. Hunt

I hope you enjoy some of them.

**Stay Home, Be Safe, and Enjoy Your Jaguar!**

**Paul T**



## USING MEMBER FORUMS by Tom Shaner

During this time of confinement, if you find something interesting to our fellow car club members, you can share it on our website through the use of MEMBER FORUMS. Here are the steps to post information, pictures or even videos.

1. Logon to the DVJC website.
2. At the top of the menu bar on the far right choose Member Forums.
3. Now click on **DVJC Connect** on the left side of the screen..
4. You will see a list of viewing topics for you to peruse at the top. Below that, is a section called **Create New Topic**. You may click and select any topic from the top to find out more on that topic and you can then respond to that topic at that point. **OR** if you don't select one you can make your *new* topic for people to respond to.
5. Now make a Title (up to 80 Characters) that accurately describes your subject.
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9. Lastly, after you have entered all your info, you need to enter **SUBMIT**. Your post will now be listed with the other posts at the bottom for other DVJC users to see, use and react to. Check back regularly to see new and interesting posts from other DVJC members.

**Note:** After viewing one post and you want to go back to the full list, look to the top of the page and find **DVJC Connect** and click on that (it's small text).

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### \*\*\*Posting pictures and video's \*\*\*

1. Pictures need to be in a certain format to be displayed in the forum properly. They can't be stored on the DVJC website as is due to space requirements. Here is a short list from which pictures can be **displayed directly on the screen** in the forum. Facebook, Flickr, Giphy, Hulu, Instagram, Photobucket, Tumblr, Twitter, Vimeo and YouTube.
2. Make sure the link is shareable or on the above list (Ex. Flickr), then copy the link (Ctrl C).  
Ex. With a dropbox link, right click the mouse and scroll down to Share section and copy the dropbox link. (It works with Google drive or OneDrive too.)
3. Now go to the forum box and Ctrl V (paste the link). The image will now appear in the forum box if from the short list, otherwise a link forms.

This doesn't mean you can't display your JPEG pictures, you just will have a link to the cloud (ex. Dropbox) that needs to be clicked on to see the picture. This is an example using the free Dropbox program.

This process works for YouTube videos too.

After you have pressed SUBMIT, the link will work for your picture. Anytime it is pressed the picture will appear. **After viewing the posted picture**, to go back to read more of the forum, use the *back arrow*. You are back at the forum screen.

**Hope this website technology brings more of our club members together in this time of distancing themselves from each other.**

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## Old Building, Old Car, Old Guy

By Anthony Tinari

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On a beautiful recent Saturday afternoon, of which there have been far too few in this pandemic-induced coma of a cold rainy April, I had occasion to exercise one of the old Jags I am happy to be caretaking. Little did I know this innocent errand would become the subject of internet advertising, as in the accompanying photo. Kindly allow me to explain.

My wife, Mary Alice, is an accomplished seamstress who has been spending a considerable amount of her time in quarantine by sewing and knitting. She is a regular customer of a quaint fabric and yarn store near our home in Huntingdon Valley, PA known as Stitch Central (<https://www.mystitchcentral.com/>). The ladies who own and run this place have quite nimbly adapted their business plan to serve the needs of customers in the time of social distancing. They now offer on-line sales of merchandise with shipping or, in the case of fortunate nearby crafters, curbside pickup. Yes, the resourceful sewing and knitting counterpart of take-out dining.

In any event, when she mentioned she needed to pick up her latest round of supplies, I was only too happy to suggest a chauffeur driven trip in the 1958 XK 150 Drophead Coupe pictured here. Ever the good sport, she agreed and off we went on our errand not knowing what a stir it would create. As you can see, the old Jag attracted some curious onlookers, and one of the shop owners even snapped this photo of my gleeful spouse holding aloft her purchases freshly obtained from the pickup area, while I dutifully waited behind the wheel.

Perhaps the most interesting aspect of the photo is the building now repurposed for retail. It actually began life in the 1920's as a

studio for the famed stained glass artist, Laurence Saint. He had been commissioned by John Pitcairn, Jr. to create the stained glass windows for the nearby Bryn Athyn Cathedral (<https://brynathynchurch.org/cathedral/stained-glass/>). When Saint was unable to find the exact type of glass he required for his project, Mr. Pitcairn built him this unusual structure as his glass foundry. Saint, by the way, went on to do the windows in the Washington National Cathedral.

The Jag has a shorter, but nevertheless interesting history. It was delivered in late 1958 to a purchaser in eastern Canada, one of a few Drophead Coupes with overdrive, configured in left hand drive for the North America market. Early history is uncertain, however circa 2001 it made its way to a collector in Louisiana who commissioned a full restoration by acclaimed marque specialist Tourist Trophy Garage. The XK 150 went on to win Best in Class and Best in Show honors at the New Orleans British Car Day, before being acquired by noted Texas car collector Gene Ponder (<http://www.dreamgarage.com/dream-garages/featured/garages-to-ponder>). Under Ponder's care, it lived for many years in what can only be described as a "Garage-Mahal". I am fortunate to have found it through a broker I know and have only recently become its caretaker.

In any event, we obtained the curbside purchase from the vintage shop, in the vintage car, and returned uneventfully home that Saturday. Only to discover later that our visit had become the subject of this photo, with caption attached, advertising Stitch Central on their Instagram feed. Yes, truly a local internet advertising phenomenon, if ever there were one. The social media celebration of a rather ordinary event.



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## Old Building, Old Car, Old Guy (continued)

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Which, of course, brings me to the subject of the old guy in the picture, namely yours truly. Like many of us in this season of cancelled car events and daily news which sucks the joy out of life, I have been seeking refuge by tinkering with old cars out on the driveway when the weather cooperates. As my consulting practice, since my supposed “retirement”, can be conducted primarily online I consider myself fortunate to be among those least impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Nevertheless, and particularly with three adult children and their families living in China, Senegal and Washington, DC, respectively, these are anxious times. So, my wish for all my fellow Jaguar enthusiasts is that you too may find solace in the time spent driving and maintaining these pieces of kinetic art, the beauty and eccentricity of which alternately inspires our admiration, marvel and occasional frustration. To quote an advertising slogan of more normal times gone by, “Happy Motoring!”



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## The Joys of Restoring a Rust Bucket

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By Jay Greene

The accompanying short video (<https://youtu.be/Pij9UBbItj4>) is an update on recent progress I am making on my 1987 Jaguar XJS-C. The C stands for Cabriolet. They had removable hard tops and only were made during 1986 and 1987 model years when convertibles were out of fashion. I understand that there are about 500 surviving models in the US and our club has at least 3 of them.

Common wisdom is to avoid buying a car with extensive rust. It is expensive to fix because it is so time consuming. At the same time, rust drives down prices like high mileage does. Actually, a car sitting outside with a tarp over it should be avoided at all costs, but that is



exactly what I bought. This car came loaded with many more lessons than I expected.

I bought a MIG welder, some argon/co2 gas, a good grinder and some cold rolled sheet metal. Basically I cut out the pieces that were rusty until I found good metal and then cut and shaped pieces from 18 or 20 gauge sheet to replace the missing metal. With practice, my welding got better. Now that the coronavirus has given me extra time, I have made good progress on most of the rust repairs. One day I might even be able to drive it to an event.

Enjoy.



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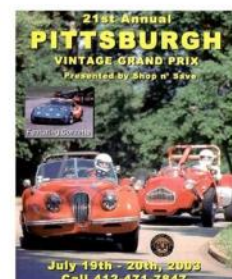
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