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December 2025

DVJC Steam, Limousines and Dinner



On what many would consider to be a perfect fall day, two-dozen members (and soon to be members!) gathered at the Marshall Steam Museum at Auburn Heights near Hockessin, DE for a step back in time. Following the stop at the Marshall Museum, the group caravanned to the Nemours Estate in Wilmington, DE. To wrap up the day, twenty members settled in at The Naked Olive restaurant in Kennett Square, PA for a relaxing meal and lively conversation. Thanks to Mike Wolf for organizing the event and to Greg Landrey for suggesting the tour concept, designing the scenic drive to Nemours and the guided tour of the Chauffeur's Garage.



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It's membership renewal time! Payment can be paid by credit card, debit card, or PayPal by using the DVJC Web site at <https://delvaljaguarclub.com/>. Members are encouraged to use the Web site for membership renewal. DVJC members using the Web site for the first time should click on the BECOME A MEMBER tab. Detailed instructions about signing up for Web site access are shown here. DVJC members with current access should log in to the site as normal. Click on the MEMBERS tab, select "Renew My Membership", and scroll down to "Renew Subscription." Detailed instructions will then be displayed. Members who opt for paying by check can submit payment directly to Jim Sjoreen or use the membership form [by clicking here](#) or referring to pages 28 & 29 to update information.

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Upcoming DVJC Events

December 6, 2025
4:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

Dinner and Holiday Concert
The Social Lounge, West Chester, PA
Contact: Registration closed.

January 13, 2026
4:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Board of Directors Meeting
Mission Barbecue
615 W. Germantown Pike, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19562
Contact: [Click Here](#) for more information and to register.
Must be an active member to register.

January 18, 2026
11:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

DVJC Annual Holiday Party (see page 9)
William Penn Inn
1017 DeKalb Pike, Ambler, PA 19002
Contact: [Click Here](#) for more information and to register.

February 7, 2026
12:00 p.m.

Save the Date

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May 16, 2026

Save the Date

Spring Fling—Picnic Gathering
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June 6, 2026
8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Save the Date

DVJC Concours d'Elegance
Historic Hope Lodge
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July 18, 2026
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Save the Date

DVJC 20th Annual Slalom
Garnet Valley High School
552 Smithbridge Road, Glen Mills, PA 19342
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Your Monthly Bill *December 2025*

You missed a great time on a beautiful fall day if you weren't among the twenty-four DVJC members who went to the Marshall Steam Museum and Nemours Estate in early November. Under vivid blue skies, we were treated to rides in a Ford Model T, Stanley Steamer car, a Stanley Steam Bus and a 1914 electric car. Museum staff described the process and demonstrated the risks of starting a Model T using the crank at the front of the car. Electric starters were certainly a great invention! Building steam in the Stanley Steamer was a lengthy process – usually performed by the “help” employed by the wealthy owners of these cars. Several members also rode the scale model steam train on a route around the perimeter of the Auburn Hills Estate. Pleasant music, a steam powered model railroad, homemade ice cream and the happy sounds of families combined to make this a great first stop on our “museum tour” in northern Delaware.

We, then, fired up our Jags and followed Greg Landry over twisting rural roads to the Nemours Estate in Yorklyn, Delaware, where we marveled at the beautiful grounds and gardens we walked through on the way to the Chauffers' Garage where we viewed six cars used by A. I. DuPont and his family. One mid-fifties Rolls Royce was actually equipped with coal-fired foot heaters for the passengers. While time didn't permit touring the mansion, we do plan a return visit to the estate in the spring.

A thirty-minute scenic drive took us to a delicious dinner at the Naked Olive BYOB in Kennett Square. Many thanks to Greg Landrey and Mike Wolf for recommending these activities and for organizing the day.



Our 2025 event calendar concludes with dinner and a holiday concert by the Brandywine Valley Symphony Brass Ensemble this Saturday, December 6. Approximately thirty of our members are planning to attend.

The Holiday Party returns to the William Penn Inn on Sunday January 18, 2026. A warm venue, great food, attentive staff and lots of friends combine to make this the most popular event of the year for club members. For many, this is the time to reconnect with friends they haven't recently seen. For new members, it's a terrific way to get to quickly meet others who share a passion for Jaguars and good times. Registration is now open on our website – don't delay, [sign up now](#)



Planning the 2026 event calendar was one of the priority topics covered during a board workshop held on a recent Saturday morning. Implementing member survey recommendations and advance planning for officer, director and key volunteer vacancies are the other topics addressed that day. Stay tuned. More information will be forthcoming over the next several months.

Are you curious? Do you want to know how your club works and what it takes to make things happen? Do you enjoy barbecue chicken, brisket and pork? If you've answered “yes” to any one of these questions, mark your calendar for January

Your Monthly Bill *(continued)*



13 and join with the DVJC board of directors at Mission BBQ. Halfway through the agenda, we take a dinner break, load up on “stick to your ribs” food and share a few laughs.

DVJC is actively seeking volunteers to serve as delegates to the [2026 AGM in Mexico City](#). AGMs are a mixture of JCNA business and social activities with members from the U.S., Mexico and Canada. There is plenty of time for fun and networking. Our 2026 budget includes funds for two delegates to the AGM scheduled April 14 – 19, 2026. Jaguar Club Mexico has organized a wonderful program that combines JCNA business with plenty of time for sightseeing around the city and absorbing the automotive eye candy (400 – 500 cars) at the multi-day Concours d'Elegance.

Concerns about personal safety often arise when the word “Mexico” is spoken. Many members of JCNA clubs in the southwest routinely travel to



Mexico City. They have shared their firsthand experiences and assure us they feel completely safe in and around the venues for the AGM. Please consider serving as one of our delegates to this year's meeting. No prior experience is required nor is any service as a DVJC board member. Contact me by [email](#) or phone (610-223-1051) with your expression of interest or questions.

It's that time of year – membership renewal season. Your annual dues support operations of DVJC and Jaguar Clubs of North America. As I mentioned last month, this is the fifth consecutive year in which dues have remained \$75. Where else have prices been this steady? To the many members who have already paid their 2026 dues, thank you!

I find it difficult to believe that we are already approaching the end of 2025. Let's each take time during this holiday season to appreciate the blessings we've enjoyed and remember fondly those friends and family members no longer with us. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy Holidays!

Bill

Welcome New Members

Kevin & Jan McLemore
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Kennett Square, PA



Membership Musings

December 2025

By: Tony Tinari

I'm happy to report that as of this writing, and thanks especially to a group of new enthusiasts who have joined us for the first time this year, we have exceeded our final 2024 total census of 173 members by one regular member-for a total of 174 current DVJC members. While that may not seem particularly significant, in fact it's huge! DVJC may now proudly join, for at least the fourth consecutive year, the elite few JCNA affiliate clubs which have maintained or grown their year-over-year membership. So, in this season of gratitude, thanks indeed to our new colleagues and to our longstanding members alike for your support of DVJC.

Our 2026 membership renewal process is proceeding well also, but as usual at this time in the cycle we have a way to go. As of December 1, 70 of our regular members from 2025 have renewed for 2026. Counting the 7 new members who have joined us since October 1, 2025 (and therefore are paid up through the end of 2026) we are a bit over 44% renewed for next year. Major appreciation to those who have already accomplished their renewal and a gentle reminder to those who have yet to do so. Membership renewal is an easy process via the log in page of the DVJC website: delvaljaguarclub.com.



This is also the time of year when you may soon anticipate receiving your DVJC wall calendar for 2026. The cover page, recalling our hosting last April of the 2025 Annual General Meeting of JCNA, is shown above. There is also a new feature this year which the calendar team is calling "the undercarriage". This consists of an additional two pages of candid photos of the people and events which make DVJC great. We hope you enjoy it!



Last month I told you about the three top initiatives of the Membership Engagement Strategy which your Board of Directors is executing for 2026, namely: increasing personal outreach and encouragement to members for event attendance, creating DVJC organizational roles which are not overwhelming in responsibility, effort or time required, and soliciting DVJC member profiles for publication which focus on some of our most interesting characters and how they wound up loving Jaguars. The Board is moving forward in implementing all those initiatives.

On that third objective (the one having to do with member profiles), I'm pleased to report that on a semi-regular basis in 2026 we're going to add a new feature to the *Purr* spotlighting a few of our most interesting colleagues and their Jaguar proclivities. I and our colleague Paul Trout, of "Speaking of Things Jaguar" automotive journalism fame, are going to take a crack at this. So, please stay tuned for a feature which we are tentatively calling "Cats with Tales". (Get it?) Yes, like the one pictured above. Only people. Should be interesting.

Membership Musings *continued*



Finally, since the year end holidays will have passed by the time I write this column again, I'd like to thank those of you who have supported my efforts throughout the year and encouraged me to keep at this. I wish all of you a festive season, full of family, food and fun. And perhaps some Jaguar accessories, such as the optional "Reindeer Package" which the '61 Mark 2 above is sporting.

Happy Holiday Motoring,

Tony

Member Anniversaries

Member		Co-Member		Join_Date	Years
Michelle	Meehan	Bruce	Meehan	18-Dec-05	20
Glenn	McAllister			05-Dec-07	18
Leo	Kob	Martha (Marty)	Kob	27-Dec-07	18
Terry L.	Lippincott	Karen L.	Lippincott	27-Dec-07	18
Fred	Heins			15-Dec-14	11
Jay	Greene	Wende	Greene	16-Dec-18	7
Robert	Hunter	Marcia	Hunter	21-Dec-18	7
Franz	Fox	Kathi	Fox	01-Dec-20	5
Glenn	Paskow	Rohna	Paskow	09-Dec-20	5
Ronald	Simmons	Laurel	Wanat	14-Dec-24	1



***Please join us for our Annual Holiday
Party and Awards Celebration.***

Sunday, January 18, 2026

11:30 am to 3:30 pm

***William Penn Inn
1017 DeKalb Pike
Ambler, PA 19002 (GPS address)
At the corner of Rt. 202 and Sumneytown Pike***

11:30 a.m. Cocktail Hour – Cash Bar with Snacks

12:30 p.m. Buffet Brunch

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If you wish to donate a basket,
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The cost for all of this is only \$40 per person.

Please register for this event Prior to January 14, 2026

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1995 XJS Convertible—December Calendar Car:

By: Tony Tinari



Pictured above is our “Calendar Car” for December 2025, my Jade Green 1995 Jaguar XJS 4.0L, 6 cyl. convertible. This one came into my life in February of 2024, so it’s the most recent addition to the cattery. I found it through a broker in Tennessee who had previously sold it one year earlier to a customer who thereafter returned it in trade to purchase, of all things, an Allard racer. Go figure. So, while I am actually the third owner of this 30 year old GT cruiser, the first owner had it for 28 of those years. And the car had a great life in his care, having been garaged at his vacation home in warm dry rust-free Scottsdale, Arizona and driven sparingly (it just turned 25,000 miles).



I have long been a fan of the run of the XJS model, particularly the “post-facelift” models. This is not the first one of those I’ve owned. Pictured above is another 1995 XJS in Sapphire Blue over Dove Grey, which I sold in 2020. I flipped it that year in order to acquire a 1958 Jaguar XK-150, which is another whole story-but I digress . . . I’ve written about that earlier owned XJS in the *Purr* previously; here’s what I said then:

“Liberated from corporate life in 2017, and finally with a bit more time outside of my consulting practice to mess with things automotive, I acquired a few diversions of the British sort. Locally, I first found a ’95 XJS 4.0L, 6 cyl. convertible, Sapphire Blue with Dove Gray Interior. While beautiful and road-worthy, it was not meant to be a long-term relationship. In hindsight, I now realize I had purchased the figurative “gateway drug” to more vintage Jags.”

Of course, what I did not realize then is that I would soon miss that XJS, particularly the smooth, comfortable cruising aspects of its very muscular performance and handling, not to mention creature comforts not present in more vintage Jags.

Usually, the first thing people notice about this car is the unusual color of it, Jade Green. There are not very many examples still around in this shade. I attribute that to the fact that it was apparently not a very popular color choice in 1995. Nevertheless, it has aged well and seems to highlight perfectly the more angular aspects of the XJS shape.



The cabin is trimmed in a color called Parchment, which has a bit of that green tone carried over. It’s also nearly impossible to match, so much so that when I replaced the convertible top tonneau cover (one of the few bits requiring a do-over) I opted for plain black Stayfast® fabric to match the top itself.



Finally, the engine. I do appreciate that the 12 cylinder XJS is a desirable premium model, notwithstanding that it gets pretty warm under the bonnet! Nevertheless, I find myself quite satisfied with the performance of the venerable straight 6 XK engine in my automobile. I’ve never wanted for more acceleration or power at speed. Coupled with the silky smooth automatic transmission (US sourced) this is a sweet ride. I suggest that one has to adjust one’s mindset to the fact that the XJS is not a true sports car but a GT cruiser of the first order. For me, this one’s a keeper.

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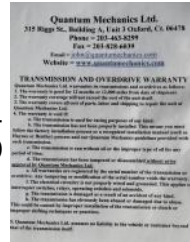
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DVJC Visits 2025 Classic Motor Show in Birmingham, UK

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Day One:

Bob De Lucia, DVJC member (2000 Jaguar XKR), Mike Engard, DVJC member (Triumph TR2, TR8, TR2500, and MGC-GT), and British car colleagues from the US, Ari Bobrow (Triumph TR6) and Mark Terkeley (TVR) flew overnight from Philadelphia via British Airways to London Heathrow Airport. Despite the recent TSA cutbacks, we went smoothly through TSA at Philly, that is, no worse than normal! Our flight was on time, 6 hours in the air, landing at 6:10 a.m. local time. Brilliant, as the British say.

Day Two:

After clearing British customs and collecting our luggage, we headed for our previously reserved coach (bus) to Coventry. Thanks to my media credentials and previous communication with Aman of the media coverage for the Coventry Transport Museum, we were extended a guided tour of the facilities. This is a brilliant museum, well worth a visit if you have never been there. At the museum we met with fellow British car colleague, Mark "Haybale" Bulwicz (previous Triumph TR4, TR6, and a rare Jaguar X-Type Station Wagon) who had flown from his home in Dublin that morning to Coventry for a rendezvous with us at the museum.

British Car colleagues Sumra and Darlaine Manning (Sunbeam Tiger) also flew from Dublin that day, after visiting friends in Ireland, to meet us at the hotel in Kenilworth. Later that day, after our museum tour, we took an Uber from Coventry to the Holiday Inn in Kenilworth (formally the du Monte to those old overseas trip participants).

The day ended with a pre-arranged and invited meet-up with David Dunkey and

the "Triumph TR Register Club" for their monthly meeting at "The Abbey Club" in Kenilworth for some well-deserved pints and a pub dinner; this private club is within walking distance from the Holiday Inn. It was most interesting to meet with another Triumph and British car club to exchange thoughts, and pints. The TR Register has 54 chapters in the UK, and the club is represented in 39 countries worldwide, with close to 2,000 total members.

Day Three:

DVJC had returned! Our resident UK and DVT member Martin Cameron (Jaguar MKII) and his friend John Smeeton (Triumph Vitesse) met three of us at the Holiday Inn to take us to Birmingham. Our destination was the gigantic "Lancaster Insurance NEC Classic Car Show" at the NEC Centre in Birmingham. With over 3,000 cars, this show is one of the largest car gatherings in the world. There were also 330 car clubs with displays in the eight halls. Over 72,000 attendees joined the three day celebration and grand finale to the classic motoring show season. Each hall had more and more classic cars, and classic car clubs. They have also expanded to invite "new" or "future" classics, as well as a huge autojumble.

Almost every major, as well as boutique, British manufacturer seemed to have a club display. There were many UK models unknown in the US. Jaguar was well represented by the E-Type Club, The International XK Club, XJ40 Register, Jaguar Breakfast Club, Jaguar Driver's Club, Jaguar Enthusiasts Club, Jaguar Land Rover Classic, and Jaguar XJS Club. I was very impressed by the Jaguar Enthusiasts Club huge area to sit down, have a coffee (Jaguar blend, of course), have some sweets and "chill" for

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a while. That was wonderful.

There were also continual activities at the “Meet the Experts” stage. We saw Mike Brewer, of “Wheeler Dealers” fame, host many half-hour segments over the weekend. He handled the emcee function all three days, with many guests and many restored classic cars. Special guests included Richard Hammond of “Top Gear” fame and well known to the Jaguar family, designer Ian Callum of Jaguar and Aston-Martin design fame, and Frank Stephenson, the Ferrari, Maserati, and McLaren P1 designer as well as the designer of the new MINI. Seminars included “Buying and Selling at Auction”, “Next Generation”, and “What makes a Classic Car in 2025”, among others.

We walked through Kenilworth for a delightful dinner and pints at “Clarendon Arms” for the nine of us. After dinner, four of us made our obligatory stop at “The Virgins & Castle” pub (circa 1563), a place we have been visiting for the past twenty years or so during every UK trip. Unfortunately, the previous owner, Laurie, has sold the place, after many, many years owning it with her late husband Pete Howe. Has it changed? Somewhat, but it still looks very much the same, and of course offered pints. I showed the new owners several photos of us at the pub: in the cellar, serving pints, etc. They were so excited to see those, asked that I put them on the pub’s Facebook page, and gave us a gratis round of Gin & Tonics.

Day Four:

Our day commenced with a nice English buffet breakfast at the hotel, then the five of us journeyed in Martin Cameron’s car off to Birmingham again. Three others took a train and Uber to get there. There was actually a plan for our second day at the NEC, namely, to visit the halls missed or quickly browsed through on day one. The evening ended with dinner, at which it was wonderful catching up with long time DVT member Brian Jones, now living back in his home country. Brian is happily retired, hiking, playing with his TR3, and occasionally living the life on his houseboat in Sovereign Harbour, Eastbourne, on the south coast directly below London. He rents a garage and keeps his TR3A

there. Brian had an outstanding Aston-Martin when living in the states, as well as a 1961 Triumph TR4. Living the dream! Good to see our old mate for at least one day.

Day Five:

On the final day, I finally headed to Hall 1, which I had never even ventured into the previous two days. The hall had all the high end clubs such as Aston Martin, Rolls Royce, Bentley, Ferrari, Maserati, Lamborghini, Vauxhall, BMW, Bugatti, Porsche, Lancia, Fiat, Citroen, and Opel. There were also lesser known marques such as Bristol, Avis, Jowett, Tickford, Sabre, Scimitar, Leyland Princess, Wolseley, Austin A90 Atlantic, Austin A40, and Retro Caravan Club.

Later in the day, I completed my circuit of all eight halls by going to Hall 8, which had all variations of Ford products in the UK. US cars represented by clubs were The Model T Ford Register of Great Britain, Ford Sidevalve Owners Club, and Mustang Owners Club of Great Britain. Other American clubs in various halls were the Pre '50 American Auto Club, American Auto Club UK, Corvette Club UK, and Ford GT. Since it was “Remembrance Sunday”, everything stopped at 11:00 am for “Remembrance Day”, we heard “Big Ben” chime 11 times followed by complete silence as the halls all came to a standstill.

For the three days of the show, rides were offered starting in the hall and heading outside to a ten mile circuit on regular roads in a classic car. All proceeds went to the “Sporting Bears”, raising funds for many charities in the UK (their logo is actually a bear in a TR3!). Several Triumphs were available for rides, and £44,000 was raised for charity.

Many “kudos” and thanks to Delaware Triumph member and UK resident Martin Cameron, who drove the five of us back and forth to the NEC from our hotel in Kenilworth. It wasn’t always easy, especially on Saturday when Kenilworth was nuts with the “Guy Fawkes” fireworks night, and many diversions, resulting in lots of almost standstill traffic. Martin and his mate John left early on Sunday from the NEC, as we said our

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goodbyes. Our NEC journey ended nicely after three packed days, as we said farewell to our media contacts and headed back to Kenilworth.

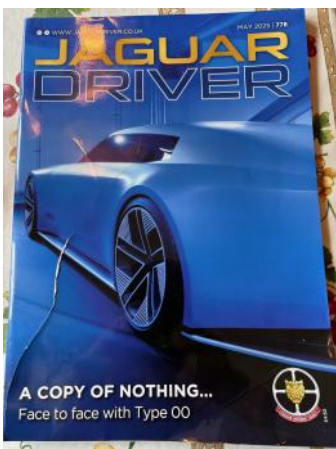
Day Six:

After three busy days at the enormous NEC show, four of us decided to take the train down to London for a few nights. We stayed at a hotel close to everything, "The Rembrandt", across from the "Victoria and Albert Museum", recommended by fellow UK traveler Mark.

Since the second day in London was the 11th day of the 11th month, everything stopped at 11:00 a.m. for "Remembrance Day", with many poppies being worn around the city. This was a moment to remember what was unfortunately not

"The War to End All Wars" (WW1). There was a "Minute of Silence" as the city came to a standstill, and veterans in the city were recognized. We toured the "Churchill War Rooms" near "Big Ben", then walked the bridge across the Thames. We then went to the "London Eye", touristy but what a sensational view!

Then, off we went back to Heathrow, and back to the US on Wednesday morning. All in all, another fabulous DVJC and JCNA UK adventure! Until next time! (By the way, next year's 2026 Lancaster Insurance Classic Motor Show, will be held November 6 to 8, 2026, in case you are interested.)



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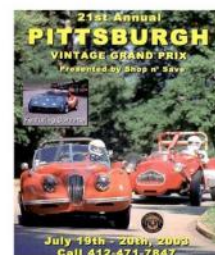
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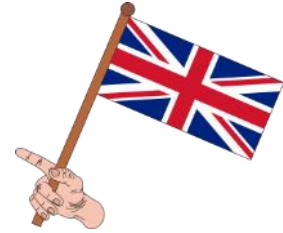
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