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JCOP 2024 Holiday Party Revisited

By Linda Como

The Banners were hung by Ken Como with care, while visions of Classic Jaguars danced in the air. Our members were nestled all snug in their seats, as they listened to David Crisci and enjoyed those great eats!

Then up near the podium there arose such a clatter, Stu sprang from his seat to share with us what mattered..

All the fun that we had and the memories we made, what a great group of great friends and oh yes... their cars, some shiny some frayed.

Happy New Year's to All and to All a good night!



Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh 2025 Events Calendar



More to come in 2025!

Jaguar Clubs of North America Upcoming Events

April 24-27, 2025 **JCNA Annual General Meeting (AGM)**
King of Prussia, PA, Hosted by the Delaware Valley Jaguar Club

The Delaware Valley Jaguar Club invites JCNA members to participate in the 2025 JCNA Annual General Meeting, scheduled from April 24 through 27, 2025. It will be held at the Sheraton Valley Forge, 480 N. Gulph Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406.



This location is approximately 50 minutes from the Philadelphia International Airport. It is close to the Valley Forge National Historic Park, the King of Prussia Mall, and the Valley Forge Casino.

The leadership team of the Delaware Valley Jaguar Club and the administration of JCNA are working to make this an enjoyable experience. The event chairman is Bill Beible (president@delvaljaguarclub.com or 610-223-1051).

Save the date to attend this Annual General Meeting and share your time and experiences with fellow Jaguar enthusiasts.

More information will be forthcoming.

www.jcna.com/events/2025-jcna-annual-general-meeting

Other Events of Interest to JCOP Members

More to come in 2025!

Shifting Gears: President's Perspective

Stu Benson



Milestone: a stone set up beside a road to mark the distance in miles from or to a particular place; an action or event marking a stage in development, significant change, or accomplishment in a journey.

While the word came from old English to refer to stone markers showing distances of a mile on the side of a road, it was derived from the Latin word “milliarum” where the Romans used stone markers to indicate distances along roads as measured from a monument in Rome called the Milliarium Aurium and from my recollection of high school Latin, it meant literally “a thousand paces”. Over the years the word has grown in meaning to connote many things with many synonyms.

The Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh has encountered many milestones, both on the highways during our enjoyment of our Jaguars and driving events as well as in the broader context of the accomplishments of the club. As 2024 is drawing to a close – as is the two years I have had the honor of serving as the JCOP President - it is worth noting some of these milestones. While too many to include in this column, I will cite a number of them.

JCOP's “Jaguar Jargon” newsletter is a top-notch club newsletter thanks to the indefatigable efforts of Editor Candy Williams and all those who contribute articles to this monthly script. JCOP is blessed to be able to celebrate its existence with this publication. This year I intend to nominate various aspects of Jaguar Jargon for consideration of JCNA annual awards. It should win awards, it's that good.

The events sponsored by JCOP have been numerous and varied. We have had winter events such as curling the past couple years and likely will transition in 2025 to maybe going to an indoor carting track to enjoy driving modern “go carts”. We have enjoyed numerous Tech Sessions; in particular we have supported the Coventry Foundation both as a continuing financial patron but also by volunteering our time to do hands-on work on various Coventry Foundation Jaguars at Gary Kincel's spacious garage building. We have enjoyed our spectacular traditional events of the Concours d' Elegance and the Sewickley Car Show and the Veterans Show with the appreciation of participants coming to join us from multiple states and other car clubs with whom we enjoy partnering. In addition to our supporting other JCNA Jaguar Clubs, we invited Steel Town Corvette Club (STCC) to partner with us in the Veterans Show and that

partnership will reprise in 2025. In turn, STCC invited JCOP to join them in multiple events including shows to benefits folks in nursing and rehab facilities. We worked closely with the Western PA Triumph Association (who headed up British Car Day at the PVGP) and we event interacted with the West Penn Miata Club. We love the passion all these clubs have for vehicles, driving, and helping others.

JCOP enjoyed two Fall Leaf Tours in 2024. John Putzier led us on the Tara Fall Brunch Leaf Tour and the following week Pete Galinowski led us on his always-wonderful Fall Leaf Tour in western PA and eastern Ohio. Great stuff, both. And “stuffed” is also meant to describe how full we were after eating excellent food at both events. Not to mention our super-duper Jaguars at Jacksons event each August.

We became in-person attendee members at the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Auto Show monthly meetings. In addition to the cross-fertilization we enjoyed of ideas with the many other car clubs in Western PA, **we supported the PVGP with volunteer efforts and just received an award recognition for this at the PVGP “Victory Lap” celebration where the two charities supported by the PVGP fundraising were presented \$350,000 raised this year and we were inspired by the speakers from Merakey Allegheny School and Autism Pittsburgh regarding how much they depend on this fundraising to assist so many individuals with emotional and physical challenges.**





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In 2026 Jaguar will be the Marque of the Year for the PVGP and our own Dave Gamret was instrumental in helping the PVGP line up none other than Ian Callum to be the Grand Marshall that year. We will need a huge turnout of Jaguars and their owners for the many 2026 PVGP events; let's practice that in 2025.

Membership in JCOP remains strong. We have been a full and ongoing participant in many JCNA ongoing efforts including attending AGMs (Annual General Meetings); the 2025 meeting will be in King of Prussia, PA) and being full participants on the JCNA Membership Committee that holds monthly Zoom meeting with participants from across North America. Your JCOP Board of Directors has undertaken a modernization where we now have approved yearly budgets and also created a computerized Treasurer Reporting format that has line-item accounting and includes our budget and Restricted Fund Accounting for our recurring events that require club funding. Our Social Media presence continues to grow. We enjoyed a great picnic and have great Holiday parties. JCOP has entered the 21st Century by now paying to have a third-party provider set up to process your ability to use your credit cards- with full security provided through PNC Bank encryption - on our website to pay on line for your dues and - we plan and hope – for other payments needed for events even if you will still need to complete a hard copy form yourself and send it – or at least the information needed on the form - to the designated person at JCOP by US Mail, Email, or even text if necessary. But you can still write and send checks to make payments the old-fashioned way if desired.

After an absence of years due to COVID and other reasons, our famous British Cars at Hartwood event is returning on Sunday, September 28, 2025 and Jack Terriker will be back in the saddle to organize and operate this wonderful event where we will enjoy a huge turnout of British Cars on the great lawn in front of an English style Manor: The Mansion at Hartwood.

We wish to offer thanks and appreciation to so many people and members such that time and space here do not allow an exhaustive listing but we do need to acknowledge the service of longstanding Director Dave Murray who is stepping down from the Board of Directors at the end of 2024 and Joe Mendel, who as Treasurer this year helped get our financial reporting

organized in a computerized Treasurer reporting that now provides full disclosure and transparency for any Director/Officer regarding JCOP finances. Thank you both so much for your service. We appreciate you told us you will “still be around” even if other commitments next year preclude your continuing to serve in your present roles.

There have been and are more milestones we could mention but the above is really just an album of snapshots akin to taking photographs out of the window of your Jaguar while it speeds down the road. Perhaps the most satisfying milestone – at least to me as your President – has been the energy in the club that has been clearly evident as members enjoy each other, enjoy their Jaguars, and enjoy the many JCOP events and the folks from the other car clubs to whom they have been introduced through JCOP. Energy is infectious and we look forward to even more participation by more members. Trust us, once you come to an event, you will be hooked and thank us for pushing you to participate.

I wish I could say the snapshot of where Jaguar is going as a company is as positive as I am about the future of JCOP but I will leave it at that for now. Everyone, including Jaguar, is entitled to at least some time for their efforts to be evaluated once actual new Jaguar vehicle product is front and center and not just what some feel has been polarizing advertising and a marketing journey away from Jaguar heritage. I was not going to even offer comment on this subject of Jaguar's “reimagining” but I have received so many calls and texts and emails from members – as well as from across the car community in Western Pennsylvania especially including my many friends involved with the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix - that I feel I need to at least acknowledge the tsunami of past and present Jaguar owners where it seems like their present reactions and passions will swamp any good will efforts of Jaguar that we can only hope will be better received once the “00” car is forthcoming that can be touched and seen and the electrons actually dance. But we will just have to wait and see. We know mathematically what zero X zero amounts to but *maybe* the newly announced “Zero Zero” Jaguar model forthcoming in 2026 will educate us otherwise. Maybe. Maybe it will turn out as Bill Cooper put it: “It will be easy to be a zero-emission company if you do not sell any cars.”



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But let's give them a chance; sometimes, albeit rarely, almost certain likely outcomes turn out surprisingly different. Even if the company seemingly has no desire to reach out to most present Jaguar owners and aficionados with their "reimagining" marketing messages, new logos, new leaper, etc. Time will tell.

Ruth and I wish to convey our wishes to all of you for a Blessed and Happy and Safe Holiday Season. While it

has turned to winter weather as I write this, I feel "the engines are just warming up" for a hot and heavy 2025 chock full of JCOP activities and fun. Rich Aronson will be your leader as President beginning January 1, 2025 but I will still be around, now becoming the JCOP Treasurer and Membership Chair in 2025. So you will not have me in your rear view mirrors just yet!

Zoom, Zoom. GRRROWWLL.

Thank you to JCOP members who voted for the following Officers and Board of Directors that will lead the Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh forward in 2025.

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Scott O'Mara

JCOP 2024 Holiday Party (See more photos at jaguarclubofpittsburgh.org)



The grab bag gift table had a great selection of presents for those who participated by bringing a gift.



Special thanks to Ken and Linda Como (above), co-chairs of the holiday party, for their hard work to make this an outstanding club event.



Linda Drago, Ruth Benson, Linda Como, Cecile Canales and Candy Williams with the elegant Jaguar banners provided by the Comos for the dining room.



At right: JCOP Director Dawn DePasquale in front of the Edgeworth Club's majestic Christmas tree.

Jaguar Mk2 restoration – Part 12

By Craig Gestler

As I write this, it is a fairly crisp 30 degrees outside and the garage is probably not much warmer. Sadly, it seems that my time working on my 1966 Mk2 will need to slow down for the winter and my goal of having it drivable this coming summer is starting to fade. An introduction at the 2025 Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix is looking a little ambitious but there is always British Cars at Hartwood in the early fall. I think that will be my new goal. My five-year goal is now a distant memory as we are approaching year seven of ownership but I need to remind myself that this is not a race and that I enjoy the restoration process a little more than having the finished product. It's not fun if I am worried about a schedule.

That being said, some progress has been made! I'm working my way through my punch list of things that need to be addressed and I knocked out some big ones in the last month.

The engine is pretty much done. I have some tidying up to do on the wiring and I may have some additional leaks to chase down but it now starts easily and settles into a nice, smooth idle. I had picked up some vintage AC pancake air filter a couple of years ago and discovered that the hard fuel line between the SU HD6 carbs interferes with the front air filter. Using my shiny new set of Whitworth wrenches, I loosened the fuel line yet again and was able to just about move it out of the way. With a little nip and tuck on the air filter flange on the under-side (shhhhhh..... don't tell anyone), I was able to make it fit very nicely.

The only sound more glorious than a Jaguar XK engine is a Jaguar XK engine through my now perfectly fitted Bell stainless exhaust system. It took a lot of adjusting but it now fits perfectly. Did I mention the sound?? It sounds amazing and I know that the neighbors appreciate it, too.

The tachometer, which is driven by what is essentially an AC generator mounted to the back of the intake cam, was not working. A quick check with my AC multimeter showed that there was no output and it had to be removed for further investigation. I learned that it sure was easier to get to the three screws that secure the generator before the engine was in the car. I likely have two hours invested just in removing and reinstalling it. The problem, which I discovered via several forums, is fairly common. The "drive dog" on the tach generator gets pushed back into the generator and does not engage the slot on the end of the cam shaft. No rotation, no voltage output. A brass bushing holds the drive dog in place and that bushing is a loose press fit into the housing. Over time, it comes loose. The solution is to reset the bushing, drill a tiny hole through both the housing and the bushing and put in a tiny roll pin to hold it in place. It worked like a champ and the tach is now working.



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Jaguar Mk2 restoration – Part 12 (continued)

By Craig Gestler

I decided to move onto something different and installed the front bumper. Much fiddling was involved but I think I have it in a good place. I'm happy with the fit and it looks great on the car. The rear bumper just came back from the plating shop after 30 weeks which seems to be the new normal for chrome.....that and a doubling of the price.

In order to get a nice picture of the front of the car for this article, I removed all my fender padding and closed the bonnet. After the photo shoot, I pulled the bonnet release, and the only thing that released was the latch's grip on the cable. I now have to figure out how to release the bonnet latch with the grill and radiator in the way. Add a day or two to the schedule.

Probably my crowning achievement over the last month was finding a Lucas 9H low-note horn that actually works! Beep, beep!!

Further progress is, oddly enough, driven by the tires and the headliner. The car is currently sitting on the original steel wheels. There is no point in finishing up the brake calipers and local plumbing until I swap out the hubs needed for the new wire wheels. I can't swap the hubs until I have a wheel to put back on the car and I will not have a wheel until I order the tires and have them mounted.

The door seals cannot be fitted until the interior wood trim is screwed into place as the screws go through the channel where the rubber glues in place. The wood cannot be installed until the headliner is in place. Let's hope for a warm holiday season.



Photos submitted by Craig Gestler

FOR SALE: 1956 Jaguar XK 140 SE/MC OTS

FOR SALE: I am offering this award-winning XK 140 SE/MC OTS (in photo at right) for sale to JCOP members (and your friends) before listing on Bring a Trailer.

The Hagerty price guide has the 1956 XK 140 MC Roadster between \$75,000 (condition #3) and \$122,000 (condition #2).

History from the 1980s Pebble Beach Concours d' Elegance to 2024 PVGP British Car Day is available on request.

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OBITUARY



James M. Boffo, 81, of New Sewickley Twp., passed away Friday, November 29, 2024, in Concordia at Villa St. Joseph, Baden.

Born December 30, 1942, in Rochester, he is the son of the late Leon and Mary (Lewarchik) Boffo. His mother taught him to be patient, courteous and kind. His father taught him to be curious and hardworking. Meticulous is the standard Jim set for himself.

He and his father started Boffo Motors in New Brighton in the late 1950's. Jim has run this specialty automotive shop ever since.

A talent for fabrication and performance car building led Jim to build his first SCCA race car when he was in his early 20's. This blossomed into a successful racing career with his Mini Cooper which led to numerous divisional championships and national accolades.

Jim was always happy when he was in the shop building, repairing and solving mechanical problems on the racing cars and sports cars for his many customers.

Together Jim and Diane enjoyed dancing to the oldies, growing beautiful flowers and petting the many special cats who found a home with them.

Proudly, Jim served 6 years in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve attaining the rank of Sergeant.

Jim is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Diane (Benko) Boffo; a brother, Gary (Cherie) Boffo, Wellsville, OH, sister, Ellen Boffo, Durham, NC, niece Whitney, nephew Maxfield and sister-in-law Wendy Boffo. He was preceded in death by his brother Thomas.

Friends will be received Wednesday, December 4, 2024, from 2 to 6 p.m. in J&J Spratt Funeral Home, 1612 Third Ave, New Brighton. A celebration of life will follow at 6:30 p.m. in the funeral home with Jim Boyd officiating.

Private interment will be held in Lakewood Memorial Gardens, Cheswick, Pa.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Jim's name to the PVGP Charities or to a pancreatic cancer charity of your choice

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