

# The Indicator

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The **JAGM Awards Banquet** will be held at Lee Jacobson's garage in Livonia on Saturday, March 29, 2025. We will also be holding our **Annual Charity Auction** to benefit "Homes for our Troops" at the Banquet.

You can help to make the auction a success by looking for the following types of items that you can donate to be auctioned off:

- Car parts
- Automotive Art
- Club Shirts
- Car Models
- Food
- Puzzles
- Books
- Decorations
- Photographs
- Cleaning Supplies
- Mystery Boxes



Bring those "goodies" and your checkbooks to join in this fun annual event!

## JAGM Awards Banquet and Charity Auction—March 29, 2025

# February 12<sup>th</sup> In-Person Membership Meeting



**Where:** Craft Breww City, 27843 Orchard Lake Rd, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334 (NW corner of Orchard Lake Rd and 12 Mile Rd). Meeting room reserved for JAGM.

**When:** Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm for dinner, meeting begins at 7 pm.

**Please register at [JAGM.org/events](http://JAGM.org/events).**

## Welcome New Members

Member Name	Jaguars Owned
Donald Petersen	1995 XJS V12 Convertible
Mary Skrycki & Nicholas Cunningham	1968 XKE 2+2
Allan & Jackie Ruckey	1986 XJS Speedster
Carolyn Cason	1992 Jaguar XJ6

**JAGM welcomes our newest members. Please help extend them a warm welcome.**

**Current JAGM membership is 160**

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## 2025 Activities Calendar

	January	February	March
Activity	Zoom Membership Meeting 8 <sup>th</sup> @7:00 PM	In-Person Membership Meeting Craft Breww City Farmington Hills, MI 12 <sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM	Zoom Membership Meeting 12 <sup>th</sup> @7:00 PM
		Dinner and Magic Show Camp Ticonderoga, Troy, MI Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 6-9 PM	Feather Bowling Bath City Bistro, Mt Clemens Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 AM –2 PM
			Charity Auction/Awards Ceremony Lee's Garage Livonia, MI Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> , 12 –5 PM

For the most up to date listing & schedule of events, go to: [www.jagm.org/events](http://www.jagm.org/events)





**Happy 2025!** As I write this, I'm thinking about re-naming this column. When it started two years ago, the president post was open, and "From the Navigator's Seat" seemed like a good title for an article written by any of us on the board. Now we have a president again, so maybe the title should reflect that. On the other hand, Ellie and I are in Florida for a few weeks and we don't feel like thinking hard about a new title, so for now it remains the same.

The big news for those of us on the board has been

the development and debut of the new JAGM website and membership system. As of this writing (January 8) about 2/3 of our members have re-upped, and we haven't encountered any major hiccups with the new system, so I'm extending a huge **Thank You** to the dynamic trio of Philip Wiltshire, Phil Crutchfield and Loran Brooks. These three spent many hours researching, transferring data, designing and implementing the new system for our club. Kudos also to Tim Moore for providing the finance-side expertise and Steve Myerscough for being the Chief Guinea Pig as we tried out new processes.

As you explore the new website, please check out the "Tips and Tricks" link at <https://www.jagm.org/Tip-&-Tricks>. It has a few "how-to's" already (like tips on navigating and searching the member directory) and Phil Crutchfield will be adding more. As you are exploring the new site, let Phil know if you have questions or suggestions and the Tips and Tricks section will be expanded.

Gary Hillebrand

## Camp Ticonderoga Dinner and Magic Show—February 22<sup>nd</sup>

**When:** February 22, 2025 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

**Where:** 5725 Rochester Rd, Troy, MI

Keith Fields started his performing life as a street magician, great in the summer, but when the cold weather arrived, he looked for somewhere warmer to perform. His



unique comedy style opened doors into the comedy clubs where he got as many laughs as the comedians. This led to headline tours in Europe and Asia, appearances at arts festivals, on TV, and performances for the armed forces overseas. He was even asked to perform for the British royal family. His comedy style can be traced back to his early days as a busker... Then his wife joined the act! Lady Sarah is the daughter of a playwright and has been performing since she was 5. She is an author of children's books, an award-winning speaker, and describes herself as

'eccentric but mature'. She is a real English lady and sounds like she has come straight from an episode of Downton Abbey. If she had time, she would make you a nice cup of tea and some crumpets! She is a lover of all things that glitter, especially shoes and eyeglasses, and she keeps Keith on track when he starts wandering off script, as he often does.

Join us for an evening of dinner, magic, and laughs.

**Please register at [JAGM.org/Events](https://www.jagm.org/Events) by February 12<sup>th</sup>. The cost per person is \$74.00.**





# 2024 Holiday Party



The annual JAGM Holiday Party is always a popular and fun event, and the 2024 edition was no ex-



As has been the case for several years, we helped the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation play Santa to more deserving kids. Attendees brought either toys or mon-



ception. 46 people got together at Filippa's Italian restaurant on a very nice day (for Michigan, in December). Members came from far and wide – including the Wiltshires from Indiana, Pionkes from Ohio, Holbrooks from Canadian Lakes and Hudaks from Hem-



etary donations; in all, we collected \$625 and three large plastic garbage bags full of toys. A very good haul for Santa to distribute!



The Crystal Room at Filippa's was nicely dec-

lock. Several Jaguars were driven – the oldest being the Barbers' 1992 XJS.



orated for the Holidays, and we all enjoyed plenty of talk and laughter as we gathered and the staff set up the very nice buffet. Everything was delicious and there was plenty for everyone. Even enough so anyone who wanted to could take some home for a subsequent



# 2024 Holiday Party (cont'd)

lunch or snack.

After dinner, drawings took place for several door prizes. Gift baskets and Jaguar logo items were won by Tamara Barber, Vivienne Robertson, Seb Coppola, Lori Bober, Marianne Cunningham and Chuck

Tamara Barber.

The event was only marred by a couple awkward, but thankfully, short speeches by the new club President. The Indicator editorial board is already regretting backing his candidacy. Oh well, live and learn... Still, the 2024 JAGM Holiday Party was a fun and



Diamond. Thanks to Jim and Jackie Forkner, Karl Robertson, and Moss Motors for their donations! A 50/50 raffle also raised \$220, which was split equally between Toys for Tots and the drawing winner,

fitting end to a very successful year.

Gary Hillebrand

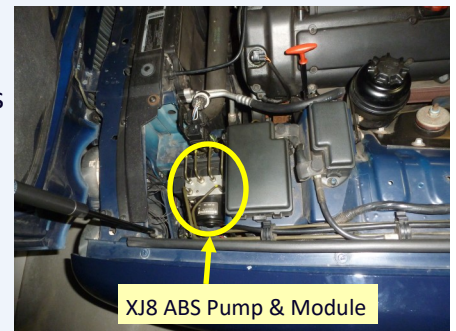
## In Our Garages – A Successful ABS Module Repair

For the past couple years I've been trying to track down the cause of an intermittent ABS/Traction Control/Stability Control system failure message on my XK8. This summer, the same message appeared on my XJ8 – could it be a communicable computer virus? The cars were parked right next to each other – closer than the 6 feet social distancing recommendation.

CDC guidance notwithstanding, I scanned both cars with an ICarSoft code scanner, which reported a left front corner issue with the wheel speed sensor circuit on the XK8, and no codes on the XJ8. I started with careful visual inspection of the wheel speed sensors all around the cars, then did enough part switching

between the left and right front corners of the XK8 to convince myself that the issues were not with the sensors or their circuits, but with the ABS modules on both cars.

This conclusion was reinforced by a search of the Jaguar Forums online, where many owners had experienced issues with the ABS module – almost all of them reporting failed solder joints inside the module. I considered two possible fixes fol-



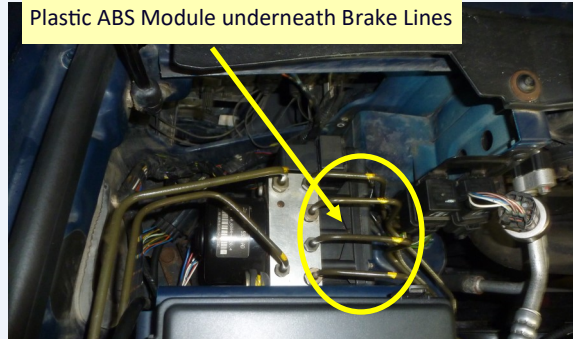
## In Our Garages – A Successful ABS Module Repair (cont'd)

lowed by forum owners: 1) removing the ABS modules and sending them to a module repair service like Module Repair Pro in Van Nuys, CA or 2) trying to repair the solder joints in the modules. The first option would cost around \$200 for each module, including shipping back and forth. The second option would be practically no cost, but is made more difficult by the fact that the ABS module has a plastic case which is not designed to be serviceable, short of cutting it open.

The cheap economical engineer in me decided to pursue fix #2, at least on the first module, and hopefully save the \$200. I had already consulted with Jeff Kosko, who had made this same repair on his own XK8 several years ago. I've teamed up with Jeff before, a few years back on a front suspension repair job, and that turned out well. I was nervous about the process of cutting through the plastic cover on the module and also not very confident in my soldering technique. Jeff was kind enough to help me again.

We worked on the XJ8 first. Removing the module from the ABS pump/manifold assembly was tricky. The four metal brake lines to the wheels all bend over and around the module, so getting at the attachment bolts and then working the module past the brake lines required some careful bending of the lines. This accomplished, we then worked on the module on the workbench.

We used a 3/4 inch hole saw to cut a hole in the plastic case above the location of the suspect solder joints. Pictures from the Jag forum and a couple YouTube videos showed just where the access hole needed to be. Clearance between the plastic case and the circuit board in the module is only about 1/4 inch, so we needed to be very slow and careful with the hole saw. I was happy to let Jeff han-



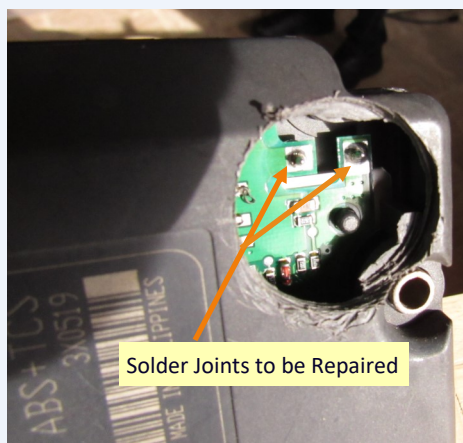
Plastic ABS Module underneath Brake Lines

dle that, since he had done it before. Once we could see inside, it was evident that both solder joints to the power lines feeding the ABS pump had seriously deteriorated.

Jeff did the solder repairs to both terminals and we checked them for continuity before closing up the "patient." That was accomplished by attaching a small plastic patch over the opening and sealing it with epoxy. Then all that was left was to reassemble the module to the pump/manifold assembly and test drive the car. To my great relief, upon restart, the ABS warning light and the annoying FAILURE message in the message center were gone! I've driven the car a hundred miles or so now, and all is good.

A couple weeks later, we applied the same fix to the XK8. The only major difference in that repair was that the clearance between the brake lines and the module is tighter on the XK8 than on the sedan, so I wasn't able to bend the brake lines out of the way without feeling like something expensive was about to happen. So I disconnected the four brake lines from the manifold to allow them to be flexed out of the way and remove the module. The repair of the module was then the same as for the XJ8, and it went smoothly. After reassembling the system we spent 15 minutes bleeding any air out of the system around

the ABS pump where the lines had been opened up. The brake pedal feel is good and again, after clearing the previously saved error codes, the ABS warning light and SYSTEM FAILED messages are gone!



Solder Joints to be Repaired

So, with the help of Jeff Kosko, Jaguar Forums and a few YouTube videos I was able to fix an annoying problem while sav-

ing hundreds of dollars! Life is good.

Gary Hillebrand



# Classified Ads

## For Sale: Two sets of Jaguar wheels and Tires.

The five on the left came off my 72 E-Type and measure 15 x 6 with Michelin redline tires. Wheels in good condition, but tires are not.

**\$500 OBO** (new ones cost \$2500)

The four on the right came off my 1984 XJS and measure 15 x 7 with Firestone tires. Both wheels and tires are in very good condition.



**\$400 OBO** (new ones cost \$3000)

Call Gary @248-470-4000 or [ghcunningham@comcast.net](mailto:ghcunningham@comcast.net)

**For Sale: 1999 Jaguar XJ8.** 44291 miles. New tires. Garage kept.

**\$4000**

Contact K Heys for details.  
616-560-6007



**For Sale: G.W. BARTLETT CO., original Jaguar interior for E-Type Series II, 2 + 2.** Black in color. Current price new from OSJI (formerly G.W. Bartlett Co.) is \$4900.

Come and take a look as I will refuse no reasonable offer.

Call Rob at 734-564-0366

**For Sale: 2000 Jaguar XJ8.** Needs a loving home. 133k miles. Some chrome damage front drivers side, some rust passenger back door. Original interior.

**\$6900 OBO**

Call April  
517-281-7614



**For Sale: Classic 1971 Jaguar E-Type 4.2 Convertible.** Private owner - 30 years in storage. Original condition but in need of restoration.

**Asking price is negotiable.** Serious inquiries only. Reach out to schedule a viewing or request more details.

Contact Lisa @  
847-560-0218 or  
[j.byrne@comcast.net](mailto:j.byrne@comcast.net)



**For Sale: 1995 XJS V12 Convertible in Sapphire Blue.** Excellent Condition. All original. One owner (provenance). No accidents. Clean title. Well maintained. California car 1st 20 years. Heated garage in MI. Includes original wheels. Dayton wire wheels. Car cover. 23712 miles.

**\$25000 OBO.**



Contact Donald Petersen [Bwanadon53@gmail.com](mailto:Bwanadon53@gmail.com) or text: 248-563-8110

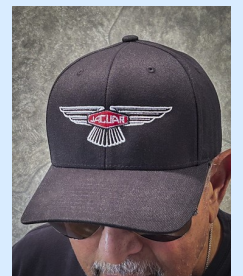
**Wanted: JAGM Concours dash plaques from the past (pre-1999).** Will pay any reasonable price.

Contact Tim Moore at 586-945-4509  
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**For Sale: Jaguar Hats with Correct Logo for 1945 to 1952.** The hats are available in Black and are of the "Fitted" variety. They are available in Sizes—Small/ Medium and Large/X Large.

**\$35 each.**

Call Karl @ 248-766-9141





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## See You at the February 12<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting!



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