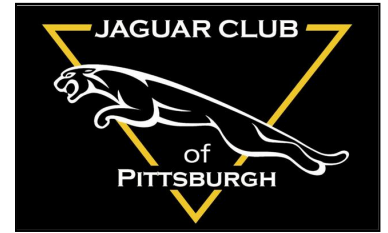


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Mark Your Calendars: British Cars at Hartwood Return Set for Sunday, September 28

## By Candy Williams

One of the Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh's most popular events, the annual British Cars at Hartwood show, returns to the grounds of Hartwood Acres Park this fall on Sunday, September 28 after a nine-year hiatus. Last held in 2016, the event featured 150 cars displayed on the front lawn of the Tudor-style mansion built in 1929 by Alfred Hopkins for John and Mary Flinn Lawrence.

Today visitors can explore 16th century architectural design and English and American antiques in excellent condition during mansion tours. New to the site is an outdoor exhibition space for public art, the Sculpture Garden that opened in 2022 and contains 14 sculptures that can be viewed on an accessible path.

JCOP President Rich Aronson said the Hartwood show will be coordinated by Jack Terrick, Stu Benson and Mike Zappa. "We're particularly proud of the dedicated efforts of past president Stu Benson, now our new Treasurer," Aronson said. "Stu worked hard to resurrect Hartwood and will continue to iron out details with JCOP colleagues and county officials in 2025 for this grand event so stay tuned."



More photos of past British Cars at Hartwood events can be viewed in the photo gallery at [jaguarclubofpittsburgh.org](http://jaguarclubofpittsburgh.org)

## Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh 2025 Events Calendar



- May 18      JCOP Picnic at Roosevelt Shelter at North Park  
                  (Hosted by Stu Benson and Mike Zappa)
- August 9     Sewickley Show (Chuck Pipich)
- August 23    Jaguars at Jacksons (Hosted by Dave and Karen Gamret)
- September 28 British Cars at Hartwood (Coordinated by Jack Terrick, Stu Benson, Mike Zappa)

## Jaguar Clubs of North America Upcoming Events

The Delaware Valley Jaguar Club invites JCNA members to participate in the 2025 JCNA Annual General Meeting, scheduled from April 24 through 27, 2025 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 event chairman is Bill Beible (president@delvaljaguarclub.com or 610-223-1051).

For more information: [www.jcna.com/events/2025-jcna-annual-general-meeting](http://www.jcna.com/events/2025-jcna-annual-general-meeting)

- May 24, 2025:      Susquehanna Valley Jaguar Club will hold its 18th annual JCNA sanctioned Concours d'Elegance on Saturday, May 24, 2025, at Sunset Lane Park, York, Pennsylvania. Trophies awarded in Champion, Driven and Special classes. Trailer parking available. A caterer available, along with a pavilion and picnic tables for lunch. Contact: Dave Hershey, 717-846-0642, email: [ivestrainboy@aol.com](mailto:ivestrainboy@aol.com)

## Other Events of Interest to JCOP Members

- July 6-20, 2025      Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix  
                                  Website: [www.pvgp.org](http://www.pvgp.org)





## “Double Clutching and Rev Matching”

# President’s Perspective

**Rich Aronson**



**February 2025**

### “Slippery XK”

While researching and tracking down authenticity details for engine fittings appropriate for Ken Como’s 1954 XK-120 SE OTS during its current resto, Ken and I had the opportunity to delve into reliable resources including Paul Skilleter’s book, “Norman Dewis of Jaguar, Developing the Legend” (2006), Urs Schmid’s “Jaguar XK 120, The Anatomy of a Cult Object” (1999) and an interview with George Camp of The Coventry Foundation. The books are superb and George is an invaluable authority for the very questions Ken raised with him.

Ken’s 120, produced late in Brown’s Lane (vs. my own 1951 produced relatively early at Fole’s Hill) features wire wheels, dual exhaust, a C-Type head and carb needle refinements producing higher compression and 180/203 bhp in its even more potent 4/1953 iteration vs. 160 of the standard earlier car. Nonetheless, Schmid states, “The 180 bhp engine, in conjunction with the twin exhaust system, definitely brought more power, but on the other hand, the cars equipped with wire wheels, as opposed to the faired rear wheels of the disc wheel models, were at an aerodynamic disadvantage. As a result, the performance was not noticeably different to that of the standard model XKs.”

I guess Ken and I will have to drive and compare these cars once his is complete and verify! His post April 1953 version of the C-type head would likely make initial pick-up more noticeably brisk though since that late production version features not 180 – but 203 bhp.

We did learn from George and the Schmid book that cam covers for the SE version XK-120 that feature the “C-type” badge were never fitted to even the late SE XK-120 but were later used for the SE version of the XK-140 introduced in 1955.

In any case, the XK-120 models were speed-tested by Norman Dewis and other notable test drivers in

1949 and 1953 then documented by factory-installed dash plaques on 120s sold celebrating results on a closed road course (Jabbeke, Belgium) achieving 132.6 mph and 141.51 mph respectively! Slippery indeed!



Above: This white XK-120 SE OTS driven by Ron Sutton achieved speed of 132.6 mph for the 1949 run. Photo credit: Paul Skilleter’s book, “Norman Dewis of Jaguar, Developing the Legend” (2006)

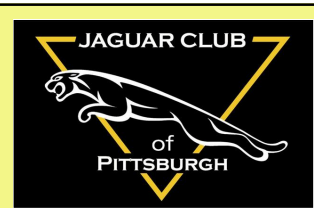


Above: This likely black XK-120 SE OTS driven by Norman Dewis achieved speed of 141.51 mph for the 1953 run.

Photo credit: Paul Skilleter’s book, “Norman Dewis of Jaguar, Developing the Legend” (2006)



## *“Double Clutching and Rev Matching”* President’s Perspective Rich Aronson



### 2025 – Happy Anniversary Jaguar XJS

JCNA through all its clubs is commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the introduction of the notable XJS throughout our upcoming event season. Naturally, for example, we are interested in members’ lovely examples for registration in concours and other shows as well (of course) as driving events. What a great way to celebrate this great model which though now an important historical icon, will remain “ever young” in inevitable Jaguar fashion! C’mon XJS owners – please share your cars, pull off the covers, polish away and fire-up in 2025!



**Judges Pete Galinowski and Linda Drago inspect Matt Siegel’s 1995 XJS V12 Convertible at the 2024 JCOP Concours at Fox Chapel Yacht Club.**

### New! Carting Event Plans Underway

Ken Como, Stu Benson and Mike Zappa announce for the first time ever, planning is underway for a JCOP carting event in conjunction with Audi and Mercedes car clubs. The next Jargon will have more details including dates but we encourage you to consider the fun of high-torque electric cart experience on an exciting course. Additional benefits for this event will be relatively reduced cost due to multiple clubs participating, a unique experience and perhaps competition with great car folks like us. Stay tuned!

### JCOP - Our Notorious Wonderful Pittsburgh Spirit

Your Board of Directors convened January 22 for its first 2025 meeting and covered a lot of ground. We also reviewed our Code of Conduct which is a pledge of respect, friendliness and courtesy as part of our discussion. We are proud that we are positive and respectful when we work together on behalf of all of our members which has always served us well no matter how much time elapses or board positions turn over as the club continues.

We get wonderful feedback from our membership when you participate in and contribute to our events. We invite you all to continue that “Pittsburgh Spirit” as you join us this year while demonstrating mutual respect, positive attitude and kindness as we speak to and interact with each other.

Happy and Healthy 2025 to all of you!





## *Shifting Gears:*

# The Treasurer's Perspective

**Stu Benson**



As the JCOP's newest Treasurer, I have some large shoes to fill from my predecessors. In JCOP the Treasurer not only manages the finances – and reporting them to the Board of Directors – but traditionally the Treasurer has taken the lead oar regarding Membership matters. It makes some sense since the Treasurer has to compile the list of members who have paid dues every year and then transmit the JCNA (Jaguar Clubs of North America) portion to JCNA (and of the current dues of \$90 per year, \$55 go to JCNA and the Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh operates on the remaining \$35 per year) along with all the relevant information JCNA needs regarding each of us as members.

I urge anyone who has not yet tendered 2025 dues to JCOP to please do so as soon as possible. I am required to transmit dues to JCNA by February 15 and dues coming in later than that will get sent on to JCNA but members paying late run the risk of JCNA ceasing to send them the Jaguar Journal in the meantime if they wait too long. I will be sending reminder emails, with Invoices, to JCOP members of the past few years but hopefully most will read this missive and proceed to pay dues now if they have not already done so. It is made easier this year by being able to pay via credit card on our [jaguarclubofpittsburgh.org](http://jaguarclubofpittsburgh.org) website. If you do pay remotely, please remember you still need to send me the information on the Membership Form either via US Mail or email. We need that information to convey current contact information for you to JCNA and we need that information to keep our JCOP records updated regarding where you reside, your phone number(s), your email address, and what Jaguars you may own, any significant other person affiliated with you (our Bylaws provide they are a JCOP member as well if you so designate them), etc.

If anyone is not sure if they have already paid their dues for 2025, just give me a call or email inquiry.

Unfortunately, I need to address another matter of

importance. That is the continued effort of criminals to try to scam, or “phish” some of us, by pretending they are me or someone else in our club emailing you with a request for money or gift cards or something else of value. Neither I, nor any JCOP Officer or Director, will ask you to send them money or gift cards or whatever “out of the blue” on some urgent basis. We have observed a significant increase in phishing scams recently, many of them using my name, and the JCOP Board of Directors wants to ensure you are prepared and vigilant in protecting your personal information.

Phishing is a fraudulent attempt by cybercriminals to obtain sensitive information such as usernames, passwords, and financial details by disguising themselves as trustworthy entities in electronic communications; this can involve both email and text messages. While the most recent scams we've observed find these schemes being sent to email addresses of JCOP Officers and Directors (as provided in the Jaguar Jargon since it is distributed electronically and such email addresses are also available on our JCOP website and that of JCNA) where the emails were claiming to be from me, there are many types of similar efforts. Some impersonate Microsoft or other entities. These scams often come in the form of emails, pop-ups, text messages, or phone calls, and they can appear very convincing. And it is sometimes harder to tell the real emails from fakes due to increasing use of artificial intelligence (AI), as the FBI recently warned can increase the believability of these criminal schemes.

Often it is the little things that help identify the scam as the FBI warns regarding one strong indicator that an email needs to be deleted before it's read or even opened: “Pressure to ‘act fast’,” the bureau says could easily be “a sign of a scam.”

And [CISA](https://www.cisa.gov/) — the U.S. cyber defense agency — suggests being very wary of any emails that use “urgent or emotionally appealing language, especially messages that claim dire consequences for not responding immediately. If a message looks suspicious, it's probably phishing. However, if you think it could be



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# The Treasurer's Perspective

**Stu Benson**



real, don't click on any link or call any number in the message. Look up another way to contact the company or person directly.

The FBI's [phishing advice](#) remains worthwhile to know, notwithstanding that the use of AI by these criminals is making it more difficult to identify a threat with a cursory scan by you of the copy and imagery: Remember that companies generally don't contact you to ask for your username or password. Don't click on anything in an unsolicited email or text message. Look up the phone number of the purported sender on your own (don't use the one a potential scammer is providing), and call the company/person to ask if the request is legitimate. JCOP Officer and Director phone numbers and email addresses are contained in every Jaguar Jargon. Carefully examine the email address, URL, and spelling used in any correspondence. Scammers use slight differences to trick your eye and gain your trust. While emails have come using my name asking for funds or gift cards, a close examination of the email address used by the sender shows it is not from [stubenson3@gmail.com](mailto:stubenson3@gmail.com). Sometimes the actual email address next to my name is not even remotely close such that it is obvious it is a criminal attempt. Be careful what you download. Never open an email attachment from someone you don't know and be wary of email attachments forwarded to you. The FBI recommends setting up two-factor (or multi-factor) authentication on any account that allows it, and never disable it.

Be careful with what information you share online or on social media. By openly sharing things like pet names, schools you attended, family members, and your birthday, you can give a scammer all the information they need to guess your password or answer your security questions. For example, JCOP has a Member-only section on our website but a password is needed to access it. We will not provide the password via email or any other method lacking encrypted security so to obtain that password we ask our members to call me or the Secretary or the President and once the caller has sufficiently identified themselves to demonstrate they are who they say they are, only then will they be provided the password. That protects all the contact information of all of you, which is why you have not likely received phishing emails to date, which may have been limited to having been received by the Officers and Directors for whom their email addresses are published in each Jaguar Jargon.

However, with increasing technology and with AI, it may be only a matter of time until you may receive a request for money or gift cards or whatever. And if not involving JCOP, it may be an attempt involving some other entity or person with which you are affiliated.

Unless it is a request from me, on behalf of JCNA, to pay your dues via credit card on line on [jaguarclubofpittsburgh.org](http://jaguarclubofpittsburgh.org) (for which we pay a not-insignificant sum every month to PNC Bank and Clover for encryption security) or by sending me an "old-fashioned" check, you should now be on alert to be warned of these scam attempts that never seem to cease. Scam communication draws on heavy emotional influential messaging and manipulating tactics.

So in summary: Don't act fast. Be cautious with requests for information. If you receive a suspicious email, text, or call, gather as much information as possible. Gather information by noting the sender's or caller's email address or typos or language in the email atypical if the request was really coming from the true sender. Call back if you have any degree of uncertainty about the legitimacy of the request and do not respond directly. Instead, call back the individual or organization using a trusted phone number. This could be the number you have on file or one you can find on their official website. If they get angry or try to rush you when you request to call them back, that is a red flag.

It remains to be seen if AI or our email providers will ultimately develop better ways to protect us from these criminal attempts. But know this: You can and should always involve others you trust if

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you have any questions whatsoever, even 1% uncertainty. If it involves the Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh, I am here to help any way I can. My phone number is listed in every Jaguar Jargon issue you receive from our Secretary, Chuck Pipich and is on our website, which contains years and years of issues of the Jargon as well. Call me and we can talk but appreciate I will need to be wary to ensure it is really you.

And we are not taking these phishing efforts against JCOP with a grain of salt; instead, we have compiled the actual email addresses of these criminals attempting to phish using my name and have enlisted the assistance of “people” very expert in electronic matters of the dark side to track them down and hopefully ensure they will learn it is counterproductive for them to try to get a handout from some fraud attempt involving JCOP. That is all I can say for now on that. But I will say this to you: Use those gift cards to instead buy something for you or your loved ones, which can include your Jaguar.

Zoom, Zoom. GRRROWWWLL.



## 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. Dan Fowler has gone over the mechanicals and Dave Ley the exterior and interior all in preparation to impress auction bidders - don't let this one get away. 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. The Car is in storage at Dan Fowler's FAST Company location in Glenshaw, PA and can be easily viewed by appointment. Jim Southwood [jsouthwood@southwoodpartners-llc.com](mailto:jsouthwood@southwoodpartners-llc.com) Mobile: 724-494-7475

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*“The Tortoise and the Hare”*

*Film Follows the Italian Adventure of an E-Type OTS*

**By Dennis Ward**

**Susquehanna Valley Jaguar Club**

Back in October of 2024 Bryan Williams, member of SVJC and the Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh, sent us an e-mail about a film that he had watched. Here is a little more about that Italian adventure. The Tortoise and The Hare is a film produced by Pirelli tire company, released in 1966, as a promotion for their Cinturato tire line. The beginning credits are all written on vehicles passing by the camera. Very clever. In the first scene, we see a white E-Type OTS scaling a twisty mountain road, driven by a lovely blonde with her 4 year old daughter in the passenger seat. No seatbelts appear to be installed. Throughout the film we are given glimpses of Pirelli tires pounding the pavement. The Italian villages and vistas are breathtaking. The common theme is the Jaguar passing a big Pirelli truck, both on their way somewhere, at very different paces. The young lady appears to be British, but speaks Italian fluently. She also seems to have lived in Italy for some time, as she has a fondness for laying on the horn. Especially when she catches up with and passes the slower truck.

Then there is the young truck driver, piloting his giant FIAT tractor, doing his duty to deliver the load of tires. He never stops, eating his lunch behind the wheel, and gulping down wine straight from the bottle.

Between the driving scenes are a number of vignettes where the Jaguar exits the highway, including a fuel stop at an AGIP (Azienda Generale Italiana Petroli) station, where five young men are much too attentive to her needs. She is in a hurry, you see, and floors the pedal to escape having her windshield washed a third time. In another vignette we see the Jag pulled off to the berm with a police car in front. It turns out the little girl answered the call of nature, but would rather follow a farm tractor into a field than return to her mother. Police whistles and frantic gestures ensue.

At about the half way point, the Jag leaves the highway and passes through an ancient village, where the travelers stop at an old stone inn for the night. The next morning it is raining, and we have an aerial view of the attentive staff's umbrellas escorting the lady to her waiting Jaguar, top up of course—probably thanks to the aforementioned attentive staff. With a roar and the slapping of three wipers, the travelers are off.

Lucky for our truck driver, he seems to miss all of the rain.

I won't give away the ending (although you might guess it about half-way through). It is a curious, stylish and fun romp through beautiful landscape of Italy.

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Scenes from “The Tortoise and the Hare” produced by Pirelli tire company.

**Check out this 37-minute video at <https://www.cinturato.net/tortoise-and-hare.html> .**

If you like 1960s British Pop music, you will enjoy the soundtrack. Between Italian love ballads, the recurring theme on the E-Type’s radio is a 1965 classic called ‘Keep on Running’ by The Spencer Davis Group, vocals and keyboards by a very young Steve Winwood.





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Year	Model	Body Style (OTS, FHC, DHC, Sedan, Coupe, Conv, SUV)

\*Include additional Jaguars on a separate sheet.

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