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## DVJC Brunch at The Desmond



March 16th, 2025, was a bit dreary but the spirits among 29 members and guests of the Delaware Valley Jaguar Club were bright. The group gathered for an excellent brunch at the Fox & Hound Restaurant inside The Desmond. A good time was had by all and everyone is looking forward to an active 2025 with many activities on the schedule.




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You can still renew your membership in the Delaware Valley Jaguar Club. 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 38 & 39 to update information.

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DVJC maintains a small library of reference materials that may be helpful to club members to maintain or repair their Jaguar. You can contact the club librarian at:

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# Upcoming DVJC Events

**April 10, 2025**  
**4:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.**

**DVJC Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Mission Barbeque**  
**615 W. Germantown Avenue, Plymouth Meeting, PA**  
*Contact: [Click Here](#) for more information and to register.*

**April 25—26, 2025**

**Jaguar Clubs of North America Annual General Meeting**  
**Hosted by the Delaware Valley Jaguar Club**  
**Sheraton Valley Forge**  
**480 North Gulph Road, King of Prussia, PA**  
*Contact: [Click Here](#) for more information.*

**May 2, 2025**  
**8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.**

**The DVJC Open Golf (see page 21)**  
**Club at Shannondell**  
**2750 Egypt Road, Audobon, PA 19414**  
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**May 17, 2025**

**Spring Fling—Picnic Gathering**  
**Ringling Hill Fire Company, Pottstown, PA**  
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**June 7, 2025**  
**8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.**

**DVJC Concours d'Elegance (see page 12)**  
**Historic Hope Lodge**  
**553 S. Bethlehem Pike, Fort Washington, PA**  
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**June 28, 2025**

**Scuderia Performante, Richard Mullins Coachbuilding,**  
**Ltd. and Tifosi Motors Tour**  
**1003 S. Chestnut Street, Downingtown, PA**  
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**July 13, 2025**  
*Save the Date*

**Scenic Destination Drive and Brunch at St. Peter's Village**  
**The Inn at St. Peter's Village (see page 28)**  
**3471 St. Peters Road, St. Peters, PA 19470**  
*Contact: More information is coming.*

**September 16—19, 2025**  
*Save the Date*

**On the Prowl in Ocean City, NJ**  
**Scarborough Inn**  
**720 Ocean Avenue, Ocean City, NJ**  
*Contact: [Click Here](#) for more information.*

# DVJC Judge Training

**April 5, 2025,  
9:00 a.m.**

**Judges Training Workshop  
Huntingdon Valley, PA**

Contact: [Click Here](#) to register. You must be logged on to the DVJC web site to register.

**May 3, 2025,  
9:00 a.m.**

**Judges Training and Testing  
Solebury, PA**

Contact: [Click Here](#) to register. You must be logged on to the DVJC web site to register.

The training sessions above will provide DVJC members interested in judging at the Annual DVJC Concours d'Elegance the necessary information to be a successful judge. These sessions are for persons interested in judging for the first time and for veteran judges updating their credentials. Each judge must attend one training and testing session and one workshop. For more information please contact Alan Brown, Chief Judge, at [ChiefJudge@delvaljaguarclub.com](mailto:ChiefJudge@delvaljaguarclub.com)



## Your Monthly Bill *April 2025*

If you just happened to be in Paris for Fashion Week in early March, you, too, could have seen the new Type 00 concept car on the streets of the “City of Lights.” Videos show the car, clothed in French Aquamarine paint, driven in several locations. There are drivers and passengers exiting through butterfly doors. According to Jaguar, this should “dispel any questions if the car is ‘real.’”



Brandon Baldassari, Director of Brand Development for Jaguar, is fully engaged in the promotional program for this groundbreaking automobile. He is the keynote speaker at the Awards Banquet that concludes the upcoming JCNA Annual General Meeting that DVJC is hosting.

DVJC members are invited to attend the banquet and all other events during the meeting. The Covered Bridge Driving Tour and evening Someone Welcome Event both take place on Friday April 25 with the Awards Banquet following on Saturday evening. Tickets for these events are available on an a la carte basis at [agm2025.com](http://agm2025.com). Attendance at the business meeting and technical sessions on Saturday is open to everyone and does not require registration.



Ed Petrow and Tim Duckett are representing DVJC as our voting delegates to the AGM business meeting. Approval of Concours rule change proposals and election of JCNA officers are two of the many topics on the agenda.

Arrangements for the meeting are well in hand and registrations have been strong. Volunteers are still needed to greet and host our out-of-town guests. If you have not already done so, please donate a few hours of your time to fill the remaining openings shown on page 7.

April’s calendar does not include any typical social events because of the time required to prepare for the AGM, the need to conduct two concours judge training sessions and the Easter holidays falling in the month. May tees off with the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual DVJC Golf Outing on May 2 and the Spring Fling follows two weeks later on Saturday May 17. [Make your reservations now.](#)

Participating in the annual DVJC Concours d’Elegance (Saturday June 7) as a judge is a fun and gratifying experience. The first year is spent as an apprentice learning from seasoned judges. There is a [training workshop](#) at Tony Tinari’s home on April 5 and the final [training and testing session](#) at Alan Brown’s on May 3. Use the links above to register.

Daffodils pushing through the ground are a sure sign that it’s soon time to awaken our Jaguars from their winter slumber. I don’t know about you but I am ready to enjoy the wind blowing through my hair!

*Bill*

# Annual General Meeting—Volunteers Needed

By: Cathy Ridings

Greetings fellow Jaguar car aficionados! This email is to inform you about the upcoming Jaguar Clubs of North America (JCNA)'s Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Our club, DVJC, is hosting the 2025 AGM April 24 to April 27. The weekend program includes the formal AGM business meeting (anyone is welcome to observe this meeting), tech sessions, a driving tour, two social events and ample free time to make new friends.

All are welcome! Social events include an evening at the Simeone Museum with a “Taste of Philly” buffet dinner on Friday and a cocktail hour and banquet Saturday evening at the Sheraton Valley Forge.

There is a FAQ about the AGM on the following page (page 8). You must register for most of the events. Tickets are available on an a la carte basis. Complete details and registration links are at [agm2025.com](http://agm2025.com).

Many club members have been working over the past eighteen months to plan and prepare for the AGM, with many folks taking on multiple volunteer roles.

We have just a few remaining volunteer roles to be filled. The time commitment is short, generally less than two hours.

Instead of soliciting volunteers via email, we've created a SignUpGenius web page to simplify the volunteer process.

Below is the current list of volunteers for the AGM for activities where we still have open slots.

Please [click here to view and sign up for volunteer options](#) (please just click through the ads on the SignUpGenius web site - a necessary evil of using free sites!).

Share the load, be part of the fun, and get to know more of your fellow DVJC (and JCNA) members! Thank you in advance.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns,

Cathy Ridings  
[thomas.ridings@gmail.com](mailto:thomas.ridings@gmail.com)  
 215-880-4554

Below is the current list of volunteers for the AGM for activities where we still have open slots.

Click here for the [SignUpGenius web site](#) to volunteer for an open slot.

XX indicates no volunteer needed.

Covered Bridge Tour (Friday 4/25)	
Starter	Joe Lorini
Direct/stage cars for tour (9 AM - 10:15 AM)	Steve Gendler
Direct/stage cars for tour (9 AM - 10:15 AM)	Molly Dorais
Direct/stage cars for tour (9 AM - 10:15 AM)	need volunteer - sign up at SignUpGenius
Direct/stage cars for tour (9 AM - 10:15 AM)	need volunteer - sign up at SignUpGenius
Volunteer driver #1	Sunny Collar Waters
Volunteer driver #2	Mick van Vlijmen
Volunteer driver #3	Becca Payonk
Volunteer driver #4	Bill Thompson
Volunteer driver #5	Bob Hartman
Volunteer driver #6	Greg Morrison
Volunteer driver #7	Jeff Bolmeyer
Volunteer driver #8	Joe Lorini
Volunteer driver #9	Mike Wolf
Volunteer driver #10	Alex Cole
Volunteer driver #11	Steve Gendler
Volunteer driver #12	Jack Dever
Volunteer driver #13	Mike Eck
Volunteer Driver #14	Chuck Kitson

Registration Table		
Friday 7:30 - 9:30 (2/shift)	Denise Sjoreen Nancy Beible	XX
Friday 9:30 - 11:45 (2/shift)	Bob DeLucia	XX
Friday 11:45 - 2:00 (2/shift)	need 2 volunteers - sign up at SignUpGenius	XX
Friday 2:00 - 4:00 (2/shift)	need 2 volunteers - sign up at SignUpGenius	XX
Saturday 7:30 - 9:45 (1/shift)	XX	need volunteer - sign up at SignUpGenius
Saturday 9:45 - 12:00 (1/shift)	XX	Nancy Beible

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# *Annual General Meeting Frequently Asked Questions*

*By: Bill Beible, President*

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- 1. What is the AGM and why is it held each year?**
  - a. Jaguar Clubs of North America bylaws require conducting an annual meeting of representatives for local clubs such as ours. Clubs are represented by delegates appointed by club boards of directors or by proxies that the clubs designate.
  - b. Annual election of the president and vice president of JCNA occurs at the AGM.
  - c. Competition rule changes (concoors, slalom and rally) require affirmative votes of delegates.
  - d. Other matters may, from time to time, require a vote of local club delegates.
  - e. Review and discussion of numerous issues of interest to local clubs and their membership occur as part of the meeting. There is an extensive agenda published on the JCNA website in advance of the meeting.
- 2. Has DVJC selected delegates?**
  - a. Ed Petrow and Tim Duckett will serve as the delegates from DVJC.
- 3. Are there other benefits to AGMs?**
  - a. Developing and maintaining networks with members of clubs throughout North America.
  - b. Exchanging ideas and sharing experiences helps all clubs improve.
  - c. Local club members meet and interact with JCNA officers, directors and staff.
- 4. Is the AGM “strictly business”?**
  - a. Absolutely not! The weekend program includes the formal AGM business meeting, “tech sessions,” a driving tour, two social events and ample free time to make new friends.
  - b. Social events include an evening at the Simeone Museum with a “Taste of Philly” buffet dinner on Friday and a cocktail hour and banquet Saturday evening.
- 5. Are DVJC members invited to participate in the full slate of weekend activities?**
  - a. Yes! Our members are encouraged to participate in as many activities as they would like. All events are open to club members including the formal business meeting of the AGM which takes place on Saturday. However, only club delegates may vote on AGM proposals.
  - b. “Members” includes both members of a household (member and co-member).
  - c. Events are “a la Carte.” You are only required to register and pay for events you will be attending. There is no general AGM fee and no fee for the Covered Bridge Drive.
- 6. What ‘special’ events will be central to the Saturday Evening dinner? Having just spent several hours seeing DVJC friends at the Friday events, is there something else about the Saturday dinner that would justify spending the time/money to come to it?**
  - a. The keynote speaker at the Awards Banquet on Saturday evening is Brandon Baldassari, Jaguar’s Director of Brand Development. He will be addressing the reimagining of Jaguar and its new, highly anticipated product line.
  - b. A famous “mystery guest” will join us for cocktails and dinner.
  - c. Gary Kinzel, Coventry Foundation Chairman of the BOD, will be presenting a Founders Award to someone who has made major contributions to sustaining Jaguar Heritage.
  - d. JCNA service, competition and newsletter awards will be presented. DVJC members are usually well represented among the recipients of these awards
- 7. Why is DVJC organizing this “national event”?**
  - a. Hosting this meeting rotates between clubs throughout JCNA.
  - b. We hosted a very successful meeting in 2015 at the Sheraton Society Hill in Philadelphia.
  - c. Hosting that event gave our club a “big boost.” As volunteers helping with the meeting, many members became acquainted with each other and the vitality of the club took a big step UP!





# Membership Musings

April 2025

By: Tony Tinari

With your indulgence, I'm going to step away from my usual duty of reporting on membership goings-on (which, let's face it, I only do occasionally anyway) and instead relate some personal experiences regarding the Annual General Meeting of the Jaguar Clubs of North America. In March of 2024 I had the privilege of representing DVJC as one of our two delegates to the JCNA Annual General Meeting in Charlotte, NC. Together with our colleague, Jay Greene, we had the full "AGM Experience" which was quite memorable. As we prepare for this year's meeting, which will be hosted by our club later this month, I'd like to add some thoughts and hopefully provide some additional incentive for you to take in all or part of the agenda which is planned.



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While we all enjoy the bi-monthly *Jaguar Journal*, and love to commiserate about the recent dues increases (which DVJC has absorbed, by the way), there's a lot more to JCNA that I did not appreciate until the previous AGM. Carolina Jaguar Club, last year's host, did an excellent job of managing the formidable production of the meeting, including special events, the business meeting, technical sessions, and the banquets. I'm quite certain that our DVJC AGM team has done all of the necessary to replicate that success! The

website which has been established ([agm2025.com](http://agm2025.com)) will provide complete details of all that is planned, as well as registration information. Please check it out.

Last year, it was a revelation to attend the Saturday morning business meeting of JCNA, which by the way is open to all club members and not merely the delegates. Jay and I were amazed by the passion evidenced on such seemingly mundane topics as esoteric changes to the judging rules. Just as interestingly, the business session provided some real insight and familiarity with the leadership of JCNA. It's worth attending this just to see the inner workings of the association.

I could go on at length about all of the meeting events (but I promise not to!). You can discover that on your own or on the website. What I'd really like to discuss is a meeting benefit which I'll call "the friendship dividend". An AGM brings together Jaguar enthusiasts from all over the continent of North America, and among them are some of the most interesting people you are ever likely to meet.

An example: I bumped into a fellow in the hotel elevator last year who happens to be my counterpart Membership Director for the Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh, Stu Benson. It turns out that Stu is a fellow lawyer (a workers' compensation law expert) who resides in Gibsonia, PA. Without participating in the AGM, I doubt that our paths would ever have crossed. We struck up an immediate rapport, and have since remained in touch. Last summer Stu and his wife Ruth drove across the state to join us for the Philadelphia Concours dinner event at the Simeone. In fact, Stu helped out at the DVJC membership table that weekend and "closed the deal" on one of our member recruitments, a fact that he will probably never let me forget. He'll be joining us for the AGM in Valley Forge, and will be my "wing man" for the Covered Bridge Driving Event on Friday, April 25. Just another installment payment of the friendship dividend.

# Membership Musings *continued*



The Storied “E3A”

I am also a big fan of the technical sessions which are part of each year’s AGM. Again, you can see the full menu of session choices at the AGM website. I’d like to mention one in particular, entitled “Bootleg Racer: An E2A Homage”. Presented by our own Kevin Fitzgerald and Terry Lippincott, this session will chronicle the extraordinary story of transformation of a 1963 E-type Jaguar, redesigned and rebuilt over a period of two years. Kevin will describe the restoration stages of this bonafide racecar to its current road-registered and track worthy status. Using the famous E2A Jaguar prototype as inspiration, Kevin and Terry produced a sleek, sinewy European-styled sports racer with an array of new mechanical and aesthetic enhancements. Their sculptural and engineering work of art is unique among all Jaguars.



I’ve been assisting Kevin in the preparation of the slides for this session, and I can tell you the story is captivating. You don’t want to miss this one! AND, spoiler alert, as a bonus feature the actual E3A racer will join us for the meeting as part of a display of very special Jaguars in front of the Sheraton, courtesy of Terry.

I hope all of you can participate in the AGM in one way or another, and I look forward to seeing many of you there!

Happy April AGM Motoring,

*Tony*

## Member Anniversaries

Member		Co-Member		Join_Date	Years
Robert	De Lucia	Joyce	De Lucia	06-Apr-08	17
Michael	Detzky	Andorae	Detzky	19-Apr-10	15
Richard D	Samar	Sally	Harris	07-Apr-10	15
Terry	Robinson	Angie	Robinson	03-Apr-13	13
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<p><b>C1/PRE:</b> Classics (Pre-XK engine) Tourer, OTS, DHC and Saloons: Swallow, SS &amp; SS Jaguar (1927-51)</p> <p><b>C2/120:</b> XK 120 (1948-54)</p> <p><b>C3/140:</b> XK 140 (1955-57)</p> <p><b>C4/150:</b> XK 150 (1957-61)</p> <p><b>C5/E1:</b> E-Types, Series 1 (1961-67)</p> <p><b>C6/E2:</b> E-Types, Series 1.5 (1968) and Series 2 E-Types (1968-71)</p> <p><b>C7/E3:</b> E-Types, Series 3 (1971-75)</p> <p><b>C8/SLS:</b> Early Large and Small Saloons: MK VII, MK VIII, MK IX, MK 10, 420G, (1950-70), MK 1 (2.4 &amp; 3.4), MK 2 Series (2.4, 3.4, 3.8 liter, Daimler V8), 240, 340; S-Type 3.4S, 3.8S, &amp; Jaguar and Daimler 420 (1955-69)</p> <p><b>C9/XJ:</b> XJ6/12 Series 1 Saloons (1968-73); XJ6/12 Series 2 Saloons and Coupes (1973-79); Series III XJ6, XJ6 Sovereign and XJ6 VDP (1979-87); Series III V12 and V12 VDP (1979-92) <b>See Note 2</b></p> <p><b>C10/XJ:</b> XJ6 (XJ40) Sedans (1987-94), XJ12 (XJ40) (1993-94); XJ6/12/R, (X300) (1995-97) <b>See Note 2</b></p> <p><b>C11/J8:</b> XJ8/R Sedans (X308) (1998-2003), XJ8/R Sedans (X350 Alloy) (2004-2009) <b>See Note 2</b></p> <p><b>C12/JS:</b> XJ-S/SC (1976 - 1991 Pre-Facelift) Coupe, Cabriolet, H&amp;E Convertible, XJR-S Le Mans, XJR-S Jaguar Sport.</p> <p><b>C13/JS:</b> XJS (1991 - 1996 Facelift) Coupe, Convertible, XJR-S Jaguar Sport.</p> <p><b>C14/K8:</b> XK8 Coupe and Conv. (1996-2006), XKR (1999-2006)</p> <p><b>C15/XK:</b> XK and XKR Coupe and Conv. (2007-2015)</p> <p><b>C16/SX:</b> S-TYPE (1999-2008), X-TYPE (2002-2009) <b>See Note 2</b></p> <p><b>C17/PN:</b> Preservation Class (more than 35 years old) <b>See Note 2</b></p> <p><b>C18/PN:</b> Preservation Class (20 to 35 years old) <b>See Note 2</b></p> <p><b>C19/FJ:</b> XF Sedans (2008[as 2009 model-year]-2024), XJ Sedan (2010 [as 2011 model year] - 2019), XE (2016-2020)</p> <p><b>C20/F:</b> F-TYPE (2013-2024)</p> <p><b>C21/P:</b> F-PACE (2016 - On), E-PACE (2018-On)</p> <p><b>C22/I:</b> I-PACE (2018-On)</p> <p><b>Note 1:</b> All body styles are included for each model in each class</p> <p><b>Note 2:</b> Majestic, Daimler, Daimler Double Six, Daimler Sovereign, and Daimler Majestic models are eligible for Champion Division Classes <b>C9/XJ</b> and <b>C10/XJ</b> according to their years, engines, and body styles.</p>	<p><b>D1/PRE:</b> All Classics (Pre-XK engine) and XK 120, XK 140, XK 150</p> <p><b>D2/E1:</b> E-Types (1961-67)</p> <p><b>D3/E2:</b> E-Types Series 1.5 (1968) and Series 2 E-Types (1968-71)</p> <p><b>D4/E3:</b> Series 3 E-Types (1971-75)</p> <p><b>D5/SLS:</b> Early Large Saloons: MK VII, MK VIII, MK IX, MK 10, 420G, (1950-70); Early Small Saloons: MK 1 (2.4 &amp; 3.4), MK 2 Series (2.4, 3.4, 3.8 liter, Daimler V8), 240, 340; S-Type 3.4S, 3.8S, &amp; Jaguar and Daimler 420 (1955-69)</p> <p><b>D6/XJ:</b> XJ6/12 Series 1 &amp; 2, Saloons and Coupes (1968-79); Series III XJ6, XJ6 Sovereign and XJ6 VDP (1979-87); Series III V12 and V12 VDP (1979-92) <b>Note 2</b></p> <p><b>D7/XJ:</b> XJ6 (XJ40) Sedans (1987-94); XJ12 (XJ40) (1993-94); XJ6/12/R, (X300) (1995-97) <b>See Note 2</b></p> <p><b>D8/XJS:</b> XJ-S/SC (1976 - 1991 Pre-Facelift) Coupe, Cabriolet, H&amp;E Convertible, Convertible, XJR-S Le Mans, XJR-S Jaguar Sport.</p> <p><b>D9/XJS:</b> XJS (1991 - 1996 Facelift) Coupe, Convertible, XJR-S Jaguar Sport.</p> <p><b>D10/K8:</b> XK8 Coupe and Conv. (1996-2006), XKR (1999-2006)</p> <p><b>D11/XK:</b> New XK and XKR Coupe and Conv. (2007-2015)</p> <p><b>D12/J8:</b> XJ8/R Sedans (X308) (1998-2003), XJ8/R Sedans (X350 Alloy) (2004-2009) <b>See Note 2</b></p> <p><b>D13/SX:</b> S-TYPE Sedans (1999-2008), X-TYPE (2002-2009)</p> <p><b>D14/FJ:</b> XF Sedans (2008[as 2009 model-year]-2024), XJ Sedan (2010 [as 2011 model year] - 2019), XE (2016-2020)</p> <p><b>D15/F:</b> F-TYPE (2013-2024)</p> <p><b>D16/P:</b> F-PACE (2016 - On), E-PACE (2018-On)</p> <p><b>D17/I:</b> I-PACE (2018-On)</p> <p><b>Note 1:</b> All body styles are included for each model in each class.</p> <p><b>Note 2:</b> Majestic, Daimler, Daimler Double Six, Daimler Sovereign, and Daimler Majestic models are eligible for Driven Division Classes <b>D6/XJ</b> and <b>D12/J8</b> according to their years, engines, and body styles.</p> <p><b>Special Division Classes</b></p> <p><b>S1/PD:</b> Factory-produced and prepared Competition Jaguars, Factory-sponsored Competition and Limited Production Jaguars and Production Jaguars <u>privately</u> prepared and modified for competition.</p> <p><b>S2/MOD:</b> Modified</p> <p><b>S3/REP:</b> Replica (non-production, Jaguar powered)</p> <p><b>S4/CONT:</b> Continuation Vehicles (See Concours Rule Book, Chapter II, Section 5, Note 5, Page II-11)</p>

See JCNA Concours rules for: Entry Eligibility, Awards, Division and Classes at: [www.jcna.com/concours](http://www.jcna.com/concours)

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## Registration Form for DVJC Concours d'Elegance 2025

\*Please submit a separate Registration Form for each car you enter. Detailed instructions will be provided upon receipt of registration.

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Division - Please circle one only:    Champion    Driven    Preservation    Special    Display

Trailer – Please circle all that apply:    Yes    No    Length: < 16 ft.    16-20 ft.    > 20 ft.

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## *The XKR , April Calendar Car*

*By: Paul Trout*

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I'm not into naming my cars, so my 2001 Jaguar XKR is simply known as "The XKR". The XKR was a bit of a consolation prize, I guess. Unknown to me at the time, the 2011 Lime Rock Vintage Festival marked the end of my all too short vintage racing career. A health issue that surfaced prior to the 2012 season prompted the painful decision to give up what I had dreamed of doing since I was a little boy. Selling the race car left a hole in my garage and my heart.

I had admired the Jaguar X100 (XK8/XKR) coupe ever since I saw one during a business trip in the UK years ago. After the race car was gone, I thought "An XK8 Coupe would be a nice car to fill both holes". So I began the search. Initially I really wasn't interested in an XKR. I felt the supercharged engine might lead me into temptation. Also it could be an additional maintenance concern. Very quickly I discovered that coupes were not quite as popular as the convertibles, but undaunted I continued the search. After several months I located one in the Lancaster area that looked good in the photos. I was disappointed to find a sorry looking Racing Green coupe in very sad condition. I didn't even bother to drive it. The search continued.

Late one night in March of 2013 I saw an ad for a 2001 XKR Coupe in Anthracite Black over Warm Charcoal. The car looked stunning in the photos. Shying away from an XKR sort of evaporated that night. The car was offered by Motorcars, Inc. in Connecticut. The next day I called to make sure the car was still there and started positioning a drive to Connecticut with Sue. After all it was only a four hour drive.... each way. We planned a day the following week and drove up. I was smitten when I first saw it as we pulled onto the lot. On the test drive I gave Joe, the salesman, a bit of a start. We were approaching a tight uphill left curve and he said "You might want to take this a bit slow.....oh I see you have this in hand." The XKR handled quite nicely. We closed a deal which included fixing a couple of little things, and a copy of the service receipt for replacing the timing chain tensioners under the previous ownership. I left a deposit and agreed to return the following week to pick up The XKR.

So, on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 I rented a car and headed up to Connecticut to pick up The XKR. It was not an uneventful trip up. First, I got a call from my elderly father telling me that he had a strange buzzing sound coming from an electrical outlet in his bathroom. He was an electronic engineer in earlier days, so I was a bit taken aback by his concern. I called a close friend who is the kind of guy who could fix anything, lived close to my dad and knew him well. Then I got a call from Sue telling me that one of the Boston Marathon bombing suspects, who was still on the run at the time, was thought to have been spotted on I-84 so I should be careful and be on the lookout for a small white sedan. Small white sedan is pretty much the description of about every sixth car on the highway. I kept an eye out anyway, especially at the rest stop. I spent the night in a local motel in Plainville, returned the car to Hertz and was picked up in the morning by Joe in a very nice XJ8. The XKR was sitting outside shining like a black jewel.

Ther drive home was uneventful, but quite exhilarating. Oh, I did get a call from my friend regarding the mysterious buzzing. After throwing breakers and doing various other technical diagnostics they discovered, on a shelf way in the back of the vanity, an electric toothbrush that was turned on. We all had a good laugh.

Thus my Jaguar life with The XKR began. We have spent great times together just driving on the great roads in my area. When we weren't driving, The XKR sat quietly in my garage. I know some of you can relate to this; sometimes I would open the door to the garage and just look at it to appreciate its beauty. Life was good for both of us.... However, after a few months I started to notice the supercharger was making a slight rattling noise. I took The XKR to my mechanic, Dana Albitz. Dana had been servicing my wife's X-Type since 2007 and I trusted his diagnostic abilities completely. He said it sounded like the vanes of the supercharger were hitting each other indicating the bearings on the shafts were going bad. We quickly made a plan that included removal of the supercharger to have it rebuilt. Based upon a recommendation from the Jaguar Forum I selected PSE, a supercharger remanufac-

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## *The XKR (continued)*

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turer located in Edmond Oklahoma, to do the rebuild. After Dana removed it, I packed it up, shipped it to Oklahoma and waited. After several long weeks it returned. While we were waiting, I had Dana replace all of the hoses, clamps, PCV valve and any other things we thought might be easier to replace with the supercharger removed. About a week after I dropped the supercharger off, I got a call that the car was ready, BUT the supercharger was still making some noise. I brought the car home anyway, called PSE and held the phone up to the supercharger with the engine running. The technician on the other end agreed that it didn't sound good. When I told him it was one that they had just remanufactured he immediately said my mechanic had not installed it correctly citing the proper position of a unique bolt. Dana and I both knew there was one mounting bolt that was a few mm longer than the others and it had a specific placement on the supercharger. Dana verified it had been correctly mounted and spoke directly to PSE to no avail. Based upon the way PSE was handling our complaint, I was not comfortable sending it back to them. Knowing that shops are reluctant to try to fix other shops' mistakes I hesitantly send an email to JB Performance in Algona, Iowa. I explained very honestly the situation I was in and asked if they could help. Later that evening I got a reply from Jon Bond, the owner. He was very understanding and offered to repair the supercharger. So, off it came again and it was shipped to Iowa. Less than two weeks later I got a call from Jon telling me it was on its way back to me. He indicated the "remanufacture" was perhaps the worst he had seen. Rather than replace the bearing plate, PSE had ball peened the bearings in place and they weren't straight. That was the worst of the overall shoddy workmanship he found. He guaranteed the supercharger for 36 months as well. Shortly after it arrived, Dana had my XKR back on the road with a quiet, or quiet as they get, supercharger.

Over the years my XKR and I have had a lot of good times together. We took a couple of second places with high scores in the DVJC Concours. We ran the Slalom together twice. Once taking second fastest time of the day and another setting a time fast enough to secure the JCNA National Championship for our class. We took Sue for a ride around the New Jersey Motorsports Park

racetrack where I had raced several times. I got to explain the lines, technique and experiences of each turn while Sue's eyes glazed over. We drove up to Watkins Glen and again I got to glaze Sue's eyes over with tales of great races I had there.

The XKR has been to numerous DVJC events and various car shows over the years. And like any other long term relationship we have had our ups, downs and moments of pause. Last year The XKR, on the way home from the slalom no less, went into "Restricted Performance" for just long enough to get it safely off the road and shut off. After having it towed to Albitz Garage, the diagnosis from the codes was a faulty Throttle Position Sensor (TPS). Seemed like an easy fix; just replace the TPS. Well.... it's a twenty year old Jaguar. To start with, Jaguar never sold the TPS as a separate part. They only sold the complete Throttle Body, for a four figure price tag. Of course, they are no longer available from Jaguar. So, I decided to see if I could find an after market or used TPS. I found a few; but The XKR didn't like any of them. It was getting a bit like trying to find acceptable food for a finicky cat. Dana even built a bench test device to avoid having to remove the one on the car over and over. Finally, we gave up on the TPS replacement and I started looking for a Throttle Body. I found a used one in California and a remanufactured one in Florida. While more expensive, I went with the remanufactured one. Not only did it fix the problem, The XKR really liked it and it ran better than ever,

For the past couple of years, after purchasing a 2004 XK8 convertible, The XKR has been relegated to part time storage away from home. As much as I enjoyed driving the XK8, I always missed the XKR when it wasn't here. So just yesterday I sold the XK8 to a club member who will give it a good home. The XKR is now home again for good. Now I can peer into the garage again and admire its beauty. I knew from that first glance up in Connecticut, The XKR is a keeper.



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## *The XKR (continued)*

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## TIMINGS

**08:30** Welcome coffee & warming-up  
**09:15** Group picture  
**09:30** First T-time kicks off  
**02:00** Team Lunch & Winners Awards  
**03:00** Open end.



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# 2025 DVJC Concours d'Elegance and Cars and Motorcycles of England, June 7, 2025

By: *Ed Petrow, Concours Chair*

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I know it is hard to believe but our annual Concours d'Elegance is but a scant two months away on June 7, 2025! We have been hard at work collaborating with the organizers and sponsors of Cars and Motorcycles of England to make this year's event better than ever with some new features. Our online show information site is now live and registrations are steadily coming in, featuring a promising number of JCNA judged and display entries across various classes. We anticipate a record-breaking turnout! While



there is still ample time to consider your schedules and register, we have only about 50 openings in total which are filling up rapidly. If you haven't done so already, we encourage you to submit your application early to one of the numerous classes representing all Jaguars ever manufactured and even some special, modified and racing categories. Complete details are available anytime at <https://delvaljaguarclub.com>. Just pull down the "Events" tab and select "DVJC Concours d'Elegance" to find the latest information and registration form.

The success of every DVJC event and especially our JCNA Sanctioned Concours, depends on YOU!. Our dedicated volunteers are the heart of all events, ensuring that everything runs smoothly, efficiently and most importantly – remains a fun and memorable experience for all. This is especially true for our annual Concourse d'Elegance that requires the commitment and time from a large number of members. Now is the perfect time to get involved and become a part of this exciting tradition.

## Why Volunteer?

By volunteering, you'll play a critical role in making this event a success while enjoying the camaraderie

of fellow car enthusiasts. It's a fantastic way to meet new people, strengthen connections with other club members, and help welcome new faces who share



our passion for British automobiles and motorcycles. Even if you've never volunteered before, your time and effort will be immensely appreciated!

## Volunteer Opportunities

So far, we have 28 members signed to help with various positions leading up to, during and after the show. Their early volunteering is greatly appreciated but we still have several positions open. Here are a few and we need your help to fill them:

- Show Field and Spectator Parking Guides needed.
- Concours Score Sheet Tabulation – Manager, Runners and Tabulators needed.
- Set up and Clean up Thursday Evening and Sunday.

Each of these roles is vital to keeping the event well-organized and enjoyable. Whether you can help for an hour or the whole day, your participation makes a difference!

## How to Sign Up

If you're interested, please reach out to me or our Concours Co-Chair, Jay Greene, to discuss how you can contribute. We maintain a continuously updated list of volunteer commitments and open positions, and we'd love to add your name today!

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## 2025 DVJC Concours d'Elegance (continued)

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### Additional Benefits for Volunteers

- Volunteers who drive their Jaguars to the event will receive free parking adjacent to the show field. Parking in the Display area may be possible depending on space availability.
- Volunteers arriving in non-show vehicles will be provided special free parking in a convenient area adjacent to the show field.
- As a token of our appreciation, all volunteers on the day of the show (Saturday) will receive a cash lunch allowance. A free pizza lunch will be provided to volunteers during the set-up day (Friday).

### A Bigger and Better Event

This will be the ninth year of this spectacular event at the beautiful Hope Lodge in Ft. Washington, PA. As always, the day will feature an



impressive array of British cars and motorcycles, with over 150 vehicles registered under CMoE. The Ales & Petals Festival, hosted by Hope Lodge, will provide food, beer, and live music, creating a fantastic atmosphere for all attendees.

### What's New This Year?

- Expanded Car Corral: We are planning to invite a few local boutique used car dealers to showcase about a dozen pre-owned vehicles for sale that align and complement the CMoE theme. Any dealer or member interested in exhibiting a suitable car for sale should contact Ed or Jay for details. We hope to have about a dozen English cars and motorcycles at the show and for sale with special incentives arranged by the dealers.



- Concours Fees: Fees for all judged entries will be \$75 per vehicle. Entries to the Display category will be \$45 each. There is no discount for multiple entries.
- Increased Regional Participation: We're working hard to encourage more JCNA members to enter their cars for judging, ensuring a more competitive and engaging show.



### Mark Your Calendar! Saturday, June 7, 2025 – Rain or shine!

This is a rain or shine, no-refund event, so plan ahead to be part of this incredible gathering. Whether you're showcasing a vehicle, spectating, or volunteering, your presence helps make this event extraordinary.

Thank you in advance for stepping up to volunteer and support this signature event! Your dedication and enthusiasm are what make the Delaware Valley Jaguar Club (DVJC) such a great community. Let's make this year's Concours d'Elegance the best one yet!

See you on the field!

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## Estate Sale—1954 XK120 FHC



1954 XK 120 FHC. Numbers matching. Restored by same owner since 1968 who was a career Jaguar mechanic. All parts NOS or original down to the bolts except 5-speed tranny (original comes with car). Note unique spats over wire wheels. Located in central New Jersey. \$130K



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## 2009 Jaguar XK



Garage kept XK in near excellent condition. Lunar Grey/Charcoal leather. Interior is near mint. Clear Pa. Title. Clean CarFax. Original paintwork. Regular service. Luxury pkg. Leather and wood is excellent. Recent brakes and tires. 47,145 original miles. last year for the 4.2, and one of 1816 XK Coupes built in 2009.



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5.3-liter V12 engine from a 1973 XKE with less than 45k miles in excellent cosmetic and mechanical condition. All of the usual repairs have already been completed with some by prior owners such as cooling system cleaning and head rebuilds. Under the present ownership that included about 10k miles of driving on various vintage car events throughout the US, numerous upgrades and maintenance items have been completed. Notably, the troublesome OE Zenith-Stromberg carburetors have been replaced with reproduction SU carburetors that are currently available from Moss Motors for \$4300. These offer much better adjustment of idle mixture and fuel metering at speed and load. At that time, all fuel hoses and clamps were replaced. Also of note, the distributor has been re-



curved to incorporate vacuum advance rather than vacuum retard. This was done to encourage more suitable shifting from the OE automatic and better throttle response under load. These and other modifications retain much of the originality of these remarkable V12 engines but with notable performance improvement making this particular 5.3-liter V12 exceptionally well suited for use with a manual transmission. This engine runs perfectly and without fault as is shown in video clips that are available upon request. It is 100% reliable and in excellent cosmetic and mechanical condition and ready for installation in a suitable chassis. Most XKE Series 3 specific accessories are also included such as the recently rebuilt OE carbs, alternator, starter, electronic ignition and A/C compressor converted for R134. Some smaller trim and installation-specific parts such as hoses, balance pipes, wiring, accessory drive belts, etc. are also available. This is an ideal replacement engine for any Series III XKE with a bad engine but will require some parts salvaged from the engine being replaced. Asking \$6500 delivered locally but will also consider parting out some accessories. Will also consider buying your Series III with a bad engine but in presentable, not damaged or rusty condition.

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# *Save the Date—Scenic Northwestern Chester County Destination Drive for Brunch at The Inn at St. Peter's Village*

*By: Ed Petrow*

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When: Sunday, July 13, 2025. (Rain Date: August 10, 2025)



## **Schedule of Events:**

- 10:00 (or earlier) Meet at scenic and historic St. Peters Village near Rt 23 between Coventry and Morgantown, PA (See Google Map). Join a monthly, regularly scheduled and local Cars & Coffee Car Show as a special featured marque. The car show is open to the public and begins informally at 8 AM. Any DVJC members who are early birds or live nearby can come as soon as they wish and enjoy the unique cars at the show and explore the Village. Coffee and a selection of homemade pastries will be available at the Village specialty shops near the parking lot.
- 11:30 Assemble at the Inn where we will be seated at a private dining room overlooking the picturesque upper French Creek. Weather permitting, we may be seated outside on their deck that also overlooks the waterfalls. The Inn normally offers a variety of brunch entrees from their rotating menu but for our event, they will prepare a special buffet of these entries just for us at our seating location and at a fixed price per person included with your registration.
- 1:30 Following our brunch, we will assemble at our cars for a simple, 30-minute drive through some very scenic and lightly traveled, Jaguar-friendly back roads to nearby Birdsboro, PA.
- 2:00 We will assemble in the spacious and paved parking lot of the museum in downtown Birdsboro. We will visit the recently constructed Mascaro Auto Museum housing more than 50 special interest cars. The impressive building is a single level structure completed in 2022 and is climate controlled with ADA complaint entry and rest rooms. There is also comfortable indoor seating available. Your discounted entry fee will be included in your registration.
- 4:00 The Museum closes 4:00 PM and DVJC Members may plot their own scenic routes home.  
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## *DVJC Visits the 30th Annual Amelia Island Concours*

*By: Bob "Where's Bob?" De Lucia*

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The classic automotive weekend started at 11:00 p.m. on a Tuesday evening for several DVT members and one Delaware Valley Jaguar Club member, Lou DiFabio (1997 XK8), as they made the fourteen and one-half hour drive in a rental Jeep Grand Wagoneer. They broke it up into two days, stopping for a BMW Factory tour in Greer, SC, and then spending an evening in Savannah, GA.

Dave Hutchison (2006 S-Type) also made the drive down "solo" in the new spiffy Ragtops & Roadsters sprinter, with the Jaguar E-Type Coupe wrap on the sides and rear, certainly catching everyone's eyes on Rt. 95 south. Inside was a 1939 MGTB, one of two dozen cars in the states which won a First in Class at Radnor Concours (PA) last fall.

I (2000 XKR) opted to forgo the delightful drive and flew down that Thursday. DVJC member Bruce Menkowitz (1954 XK-120, 1965 E-Type Roadster OTS) and Gerrie Olivieri also flew down, arriving later that day.

The drivers, of course, made the obligatory stop at the iconic "South of the Border", to say hello to "Pedro" and use the restrooms. Hopefully nobody ate there! Dave Hutchison even got a "selfie" there.

We all thought the first stop on Thursday morning would be the Bonhams Amelia Island Auction preview, to view metal "eye candy". Unfortunately, they bailed out on "The Amelia". We then visited the goings-on at the host Ritz-Carlton hotel, which was a hotbed of motoring activities, motoring celebrities, and everything else motor related. While there, I had to pick up my all-important "Amelia Media" lanyard credentials and parking pass.

We ventured around The Ritz-Carlton to the new Broad-Arrow pre-auction preview, inside and outside, to see the great cars that would be auctioned off there on Sunday. Many resulted in huge high-dollar sales, including some impressive British metal.

This year's offering included 169 lots (166 cars, 2 tractors, and 1 child's go-kart). The incredible lineup ranged from the world's first supercar through today's most advanced engineering marvels. A special offering was a 1959 Ferrari 250 GT LWB California Spider Competizione, (estimate was \$10,000,000 - \$14,000,000), sold to a bidder for \$9,465,000. And of interest to Jaguar Enthusiasts, a spectacular 1954 Jaguar XKD-403 Factory Team Car Works Competition, which had been driven by the likes of Stirling Moss, Norman Dewis, etc. (estimate was \$6,500,000 - \$8,500,000), was sold for \$4,295,000.

Thursday evening after the day's events, many of us gathered at another favorite seafood place, Down Under, literally under the A1A South 8<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge. Great place, good pints, good seafood. [DownUnder Restaurant](http://DownUnderRestaurant.com) ([downunderfb.com](http://downunderfb.com)).

Friday morning found us attending the Gooding Auction, off-site, with more and more fabulous "eye candy" and multi-million dollar cars about to be auctioned off. Again, several Jaguars were on the block along with other British metal, several of which were in the million-dollar range. Thanks to my media credentials, there were gratis wristbands for all of us!

Later on Friday, "Classic Motorsport Car Show," featuring the magazine's Tim Soddard, had a show at nearby Fernandina Beach. Attendance was probably more than usual because Saturday's "Cars & Community" at "The Amelia" was cancelled. Many Jaguars were on that show field, including Several E-Types, XK-120's, etc.

We returned to the Ritz-Carlton for an excellent Amelia Seminar, "Behind the Mic" with Motorsport TV Commentators Ray Evernham, NASCAR's winningest Crew Chief of all-time, and Tommy Kendall, broadcaster, racer and four-time Trans Am champion. Also featured was Matt Yocum - long-time NASCAR pit reporter; Dr.



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## *DVJC Visits the 30th Annual Amelia Island Concours (continued)*

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Jerry Punch - physician turned auto racing commentator; Allen Bestwick – NASCAR reporter for NBC and ESPN; and Steve Letarte – NASCAR crew chief play-by-play announcer calling NASCAR and IMSA.

Friday evening after the day's events, many of us gathered at a favorite seafood place overlooking the water, Sandollar Restaurant & Marina ([sandollarrestaurant.com](http://sandollarrestaurant.com)), to reminisce about yet another fabulous Amelia Island gathering.

The Concours itself was moved to Saturday, because of expected heavy rain on Sunday. Thanks to my media parking pass, my "posse" and I, nine of us crawling out of the Jeep Wagoneer parked at the Media lot on the green, were able to get on the field before it opened to the public. We strategically placed our eleven or so lawn chairs behind a row of exotic classic cars. It was easy to find the chairs (and shade later).

The Concours d'Elegance vehicles started driving onto the field, in all marques. It was great to see the sight from "Camp DVJC/DVT" up on the hill, classic cars driving in, instead of just a static show. Our "Camp" was the envy of many people!

And this year, two people we actually knew had cars on the Concours field. A 1939 MG TB, owned by William Goble, that was restored at Ragtops & Roadsters, Dave Hutchison sponsor. It won an Amelia Class Award for "Sports and GT Cars Pre-1955". And friend Mark Terlecky was on the field with 1967 TVR Tuscan V8, a short wheelbase with a 289.

On Saturday, The Concours d'Elegance was yet another display of extraordinary classic cars on the golf course a/k/a show field. Perfection personified. This year's competition drew more than 275 historically significant vehicles vying for various awards and accolades in 35 car classes to the 10th and 18th fairways of the Golf Club of Amelia Island. Hundreds of spectators swarmed the field at the 9:30 a.m. opening to view the assemblage of world-class cars. There were almost too many on the several fairways, more people than I have seen in my years attending the show.

The show started with Donald Osborne singing the National Anthem. I was glad to see Amelia

acquaintance, Andy Reid, drive up to the award stands in a beautiful and unusual 1954 Hudson Italia, from the Maine Classic Car Museum in Arundel, Maine. It won "The Petersen Award". Also on the show field was a 1934 Swallow Sidecar SS1 (European Classic Closed, 1915-1948). Many unknowing Amelia visitors wondered about this "brand-name", not realizing it was an earlier version of the Jaguar name, changed for obvious and notorious reasons.

Also, it was good to catch-up and see Paul Sable again, the retiring Chief Judge for "The Amelia", who I have known for over 40 years. Paul lives locally in Jim Thorpe, PA.

Saturday evening saw us visit a new place, the "Italian Cove." Good food and drink, but a complaint of no salads among the rabbits with us.

"The Amelia" Awards, the two best automobiles which always have their photos lakeside, were as follows:

Best of Show, Concours d'Elegance Winner:  
1938 Alfa Romeo 8c 2900, Pre-War

Best of Show Concours de Sport:  
1967 Lotus 49-Formula One  
The Indy Motor Speedway/Tony Hulman Award

Since the Sunday show was moved to Saturday, another seminar was moved to Sunday, "Best of the Amelia, 30", featuring an all-star lineup of past Honorees of the Amelia Island Concours/"The Amelia." The panel included race car drivers David Hobbs (2009); Lyn St. James (2021), Chip Ganassi (2022) and Bobby Rahal (2011). Maintaining the order of the day again was former-NASCAR Crew Chief Ray Evernham. And a surprise guest, Helio Castroneves, the 2025 Honoree, was on hand.

The Amelia always gathers a group of cars that are associated with the honoree. This year about half of the entries were racers. There were some really cool race cars!

Yet another great time had by all!

# DVJC Visits the 30th Annual Amelia Island Concours Photos

By: Bob "Where's Bob?" De Lucia and Dave Hutchison







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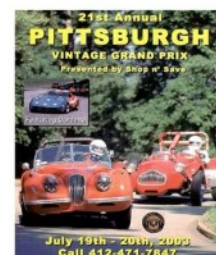
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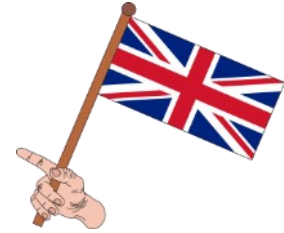
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- Holiday or special occasions involving your Jaguar.*
- Restoration efforts, successes, challenges.*
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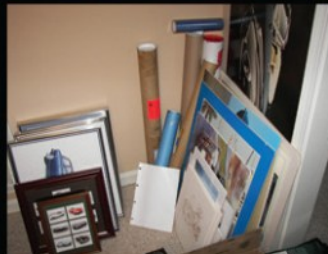
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